

Canterbury Town News

April 4, 2007

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE



I'm glad we had a mild winter and I hope you are looking forward to spring. Spring signals baseball and the Sprague-Franklin-Canterbury Little League Baseball have scheduled an opening day parade at approximately 9:00am on Saturday, April 28, 2007 from the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School to

Frink Field.

The emergency generator has been installed at the Dr. Helen Baldwin School. We are in the final stage of testing the generator. We are also currently working with Homeland Security to install an emergency generator at the Municipal Building.

A 4th of July Parade Committee was appointed in February and they have already started plans for the parade. I am looking forward to having a parade with lots of participants and many other 4th of July events for Canterbury families to enjoy.

Neil A. Dupont, Sr.

First Selectman

TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE



June is dog-licensing month. Please make sure that your dog's rabies vaccine is up-to-date. Notices will go out at the end of May, and you may purchase the dog license through the mail (please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope).

The town's annual meeting will be on Friday, May 18 at 7:00 in the Community Room. A budget referendum will follow within 14 days of the meeting. Tax bills will be mailed out once the citizens of Canterbury have passed the budget and the Board of Finance sets the mill rate.

The Town Clerk's office applied for and received a \$7,000 targeted grant that allows us to take our older index books and computerize them making them available from the public access monitor.

The municipal election will be on November 6, 2007. The primary will be on September 11, 2007. Anyone interested in running as a petitioning candidate has until August 8, 2007 to turn in their petition to the Town Clerk's Office.

THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Deadline is May 15 for the Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program. If you turned 65 in 2006, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's tax credit



program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$35,300 and for a single person the maximum income is \$28,800. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1 through May 15. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veterans Exemption. These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income is within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1 and October 1 for the 2006 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits.

Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing. If you last filed in 2005, another application needs to be completed in 2007 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Call the Assessor's Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or want to make an appointment to file an application for these programs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The EDC welcomed our sixth new retail establishment since November on Saturday, March 24. Kathy Lamb of Brooklyn Road and her husband, Ron have created a very attractive consignment store, "Canterbury Kidz Closet" which opened two weeks ago and features not only a wide variety of kids clothing but also toys, books, videos, games and small furniture. They are also looking for merchandise to display that is outgrown before it is outworn. A few new items are included in their inventory such as locally crafted greeting cards, jewelry and porcelain dolls. Canterbury Kidz Closet is located in the new Knollwood Plaza on Route 14 and is open Tuesday thru Friday, 9am to 5 pm and Saturdays 9am to 3 pm. Phone number is 546-9429. Please stop in to see Kathy and her new enterprise.

The town wide survey, which has been in the planning stages for two years, will start Wednesday, March 28. Over a period of two weeks, 350 Canterbury residents will be called and asked to answer questions about a number of subjects. All calls will be purely random. The findings will be explained at a town wide meeting in the early spring. More specific explanations will be presented at separate meetings of the Board of Selectman, the Board of Finance, the Board of Education and the combined Planning & Zoning Commission, Wetlands Commission and the P&Z Board of Appeals groups. Chris Barnes, whose company conducted the survey, will conduct these five meetings. His group typically calls statewide elections accu-

rately by calling one thousand voters here in Connecticut. Grants have funded this long overdue project.

The anchor tenant will be soon be starting to set up its operation at Knollwood Plaza. A convenience store-gas station will be the end-result of several months of negotiation. More about this company in the next newsletter.

"Shop Canterbury" will be promoted locally and in numerous surrounding towns. Our six new businesses are enjoying early success. Let's help them maintain this momentum.

Avery Tillinghast

EDC Chairman

DHBMS PTO NEWS

Spring has finally arrived! Throughout the long winter months, the Baldwin PTO has been busy preparing for many exciting events. With the generous support of parents, teachers, and students, we have had several very successful fundraisers.

In early February, the PTO sold Valentine carnations to parents and students to give to their special DHBMS Valentine. With the assistance of student volunteers, 300 flowers were delivered to the classrooms, for a profit of almost six hundred dollars! Students were thrilled to receive these Valentine gifts, thanks to all those who took part in this event.

Teaming up with the Booster Club, the PTO participated in the Butter Braid Pastry Dough Fundraiser in March. These delicious pastries were a big hit, and the PTO raised approximately six hundred dollars selling these products. Thank you, Amy Beckwith, and the Booster Club for assistance with this fundraising activity.

The week of May 7 is Teacher Appreciation Week. PTO very much appreciates all of the staff at DHBMS for enhancing the lives of our children through their dedication and hard work. We will be treating staff to a special luncheon on May 11, to demonstrate our sincere gratitude for all they do! If anyone is interested in helping out by providing a salad, dessert, or beverage for this luncheon, please contact the PTO at DHBMSPTO@Canterburypublicschools.org or by calling Pam Warner at 546-1034.

Be on the lookout for the PTO Basket Raffle, which will be held on May 11, during the production of the school play, Wanna Play. Each classroom will be given a theme for this raffle, and students are invited to donate items to fill their baskets. During the evening of the play, visitors may purchase tickets for the raffle. Please join us on this evening. These baskets are beautiful and filled with many great items. We hope to see you all there!

PTO strives to provide support through the purchase of educational materials and services to enhance our students' educational experiences. Money raised from this year's fund raisers will help to support our school in several ways including assist-

ing with the purchase of Nutmeg Books for the library, providing funds to defer the cost of transportation for class field trips, and providing flowers for the Eighth Grade graduation ceremony. Another exciting purchase that PTO is focusing on is providing the school with a SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard System, which the school has not been able to purchase this year. PTO is thrilled to provide DHBMS with this cutting edge technology tool, which gives students exciting and interactive ways to learn.

The school year is quickly coming to a close, but PTO is already planning for the 07-08 school year. The PTO Holiday Shopping Bonanza is scheduled for November 2007. We are seeking vendors and crafter who are interested in participating in this exciting event! If you are a crafter or vendor and would like to join us, please call Pam Warner at 546-1034 or contact us via e-mail for more information about participating.

It is wonderful to see new faces at our monthly meetings. We will continue to happily welcome new members. Please consider stopping by one of our meetings to see what we are all about. If you feel you cannot commit to meetings, we would appreciate *any* help, such as volunteering during fundraisers, baking for events, or compiling/organizing paperwork. All meeting are held at DHBMS at 6 p.m. The final two meeting of the year are on Wednesday, April 25 and May 16. For more information contact Pam Warner at 546-1034.

CANTERBURY SENIORS



The Canterbury Seniors had a change of officers as of January 17, 2007 when those members elected on December 14, 2006 were given their oath of office by outgoing president, Art LeBeau. Those installed were, President, Ernie LeBeau, Vice President, Carol Fitch, Secretary, Betty Bardsley, and Camille Fitch. Support for the officers come from Trip Chair, Joanne Sheridan, Program, Norman Bardsley, Municipal agent, Ella Sylvia and Kitchen Crew, Arlene Renaud.

The speaker at the January meeting works for Day Kimball Hospital as the Community Service Director, who spoke on the health and well being of our minds and heart, which proved very interesting to the seniors. In February, the seniors were treated to a Magician, who wowed the audience with his feats of magic.

The seniors were disappointed on February 19, 2007, when the Nor'easter that came rumbling through, forced the cancellation of their luncheon outing at the Windham Technical School.

At our March meeting, a member of the Connecticut Audubon Society presented a program about North Eastern Connecticut Wild Life.

RECREATION COMMISSION



Mrs. Elena Ferragatta from Brooklyn is planning to offer French and Italian language classes at the Canterbury Elementary School. These are 8-week programs that meet for an hour on Monday or Tuesday once a week after school. Elena currently does similar after school classes in Killingly. Registrations for these classes at CES are due by April 5 (soon!), and the classes are scheduled to start on Monday April 9th.

The weather finally cooperated, and the ice skating rink was set up at Manship Park this winter. We had several successful weeks of skating, and look forward to doing the job even better next year.

Repairs to the baseball field fence at Campbell Dr. Field are complete. This will be a big improvement at the field just in time for the start of the SFC baseball practice season.

Recreation Commission meets on the second monday of each month at 6 pm at the Town Hall Community Center – contact Prentiss Balcom (546-9085).

BOARD OF EDUCATION



Budget Season is upon us and the Board of Education has been working diligently with presenting a budget that focuses on the needs of Canterbury's children while remaining fiscally responsible. We have held many meetings with the hopes of hearing from staff and the community on the direction that we hope Canterbury Public Schools is heading. We have heard some tremendous feedback that has helped us shape the 2007-08 budget. There are still items that can affect the final budget that will be presented for referendum. The budget is a long and thorough process, but at the end, we know that we will be presenting the best possible budget that supports the educational needs of all children.

The Board of Education members are looking forward to meeting with members of our community to discuss the budget and answer questions regarding the budget and how it effects our children's education. We are attempting to really reach out and help answer questions and provide a better understanding of the whole budget process. We would love to hear your ideas on creative ways to help us get the budget message out to taxpayers.

The Baldwin Middle School will be presenting the annual school play on May 11 at 7:00 pm. The play will be held in the Baldwin gymnasium. Please mark your calendars so that you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see Canterbury's youth at their finest!

A CANTERBURY STORY

By Sheila Mason Gale

August and Maria Grab grew up in Wehr-Oeflingen Germany near the Swiss border. They moved to Connecticut and eventually bought a farm in Canterbury in 1919 and had four children, John, Charlie, Annie and Hilda. Many of the Grab decedents still live in Canterbury today. The youngest, Hilda, married William Veit and they lived with August and Maria in the big farmhouse located just north of the intersection of Tracy Road and Cross Road.

William was a butcher in Plainfield and Hilda was a homemaker, but found time to be a member of the Canterbury Board of Education. Together they had five children: Kenneth, Marilyn (Latham), Glen, Karl and David. Today Karl lives in New York, but the other four children still live in Canterbury.

David Veit remembers growing up on the farm and that there was a lot of work to be done. They had chickens, pigs, beef and dairy cows. As a kid he spent time with Henry Tetreault, the Becott children and his cousin, Noreen Grab. They did the usual fun things kids like to do like swimming in the summer, sledding, ice-skating and ice hockey in the winter.

David was in the first kindergarten class when the Dr. Helen Baldwin School opened. He also remembers when he was in the fifth grade. Mrs. Alva Lovell was his teacher. On May Day (May 1), it was a tradition for the students to put together a basket filled with goodies for the teacher, bring it to school, knock on the door and then hide and watch her find the basket. After the teacher discovered the May Basket, the children would go inside for a regular day at school. David's class, of about twelve students, had other ideas. They didn't just hide, they left the school, went down by the Quinebaug River and had a day off and nobody got in trouble.

David liked sports and played baseball and basketball. He also played trumpet in a school band. Mr. Dennison taught the music classes in the Dr. Helen Baldwin School boiler room. Malcolm Wibberley also taught band after school.

As a teenager David got a hydroplane boat from his brother Glen and would race it on the Quinebaug River. They would race from Jewett City to above Butts Bridge. He remembers racing against Ron Gluck from Plainfield.

David went to Griswold High School. A few of his fellow students who still live in Canterbury are Ruth Bassett, Helen Coombs, Martin Gluck, Joanne (Sheridan) Miller, Kalervo Ruuskanen, and Julius Vapper. He then went to Ellis Tech to study tool and dye. The preciseness he learned there would help him later on in his woodworking hobby. At eighteen he was hired by the owner of Phillips Garage in Plainfield to drive a school bus. His route covered Jewett City, Canterbury and Voluntown.

His community service started early when at sixteen he became

a member of the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Company. He worked his way through the Fire Company and held several positions: Secretary, Vice President and President. He agreed to take the Fire Chief position for one year, and every year he would tell his wife, Linda, he was going to take it for just one more year. Well, that one more year became fifteen years—the longest any Chief has held the position.

Speaking of Linda, he met her when his brother in law, Jason Lathrup, said "I bet you can't get a date with Linda". Jason lost the bet and David and Linda have been married for 43 years.

David was one of the men in the Fire Company who was instrumental in helping Canterbury have its own ambulance. He pointed out that the response time would be quicker and be beneficial for Canterbury citizens if we had our own ambulance. The Fire Company agreed and in 1974 Canterbury got its first ambulance. David became an EMT and also drove the ambulance as needed.

In the 1980's politicians were looking for a Selectman who was levelheaded, able to see all points of view and make good decisions to benefit the Town. David was that person and he became a Selectman from 1983 to 1987. In 1987, First Selectman, Bob Manship, "talked him into" becoming the Public Works Director. He enjoyed the work and held the position for 20 years.

David continued his public service throughout the years by serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, CIP Committee, Ambulance Director, Tree Warden, Sexton of five cemeteries and President of the Cemetery Association.

In his retirement, David is able to spend more time on wood-working projects. He not only creates pieces, but he also restores heirlooms. Mary Bergeron has a high chair that she estimates to be 100 years old. Her father, she and then her children used the family heirloom and over the years it had become damaged. David repaired it and restored it to its original beauty.

With regard to his many years of community service, David said, "the best part of the job was working with the public".

FRIENDS OF THE CANTERBURY LIBRARY



The Friends of the Canterbury Library would like to thank the citizens of our town for their continued outstanding support of our organization.

On February 16, we held our annual spaghetti supper fund-raiser, which had been postponed from last fall. It turned out to be a cold, icy night and our attendance was down accordingly but there was a definite bright side of the situation. The generosity of those in

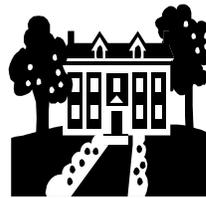
attendance was spectacular and resulted in over \$750 raised that evening. All of the money received goes directly to support our library's collection and programs. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in any way to this event.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00pm, the Friends will again hold its Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Canterbury Public Library's "Annual Patron Appreciation Night". Historically, this has been a great evening where those who support our wonderful library and its staff get a chance to congregate, learn what's going on at the library, and share some great refreshments. Also at this meeting, the Friends will elect its slate of officers for the 2007-2008 year. We invite everyone to come and find out what's in store at our town library and learn how you can be a part of its success.

Finally, looking a little further ahead, we have set the date for our next Spaghetti Supper and it will be Friday, September 28. Please mark that night on your calendar.

And thank you again to everyone for your great support of our organization and the Canterbury Public Library.

THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM



The Prudence Crandall Museum will be reopening for the season on Wednesday, April 4 (though the museum will be closed on April 6 and 8). Regular museum hours will be Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4:30pm, admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and youth, ages 5 and under free.

Join us on Sunday, April 15 as the museum opens its two new exhibits for the upcoming year: "A Bold Front - Leaders of the Abolitionist Movement in Support of Prudence Crandall" includes information on the individuals who came to Crandall's aid when she decided to change her academy from one for white students to one solely for African American girls. These men, both black and white, from throughout New England and as far south as Philadelphia, were some of the most influential and noted members of the Abolitionist movement at that time. Local individuals will also be highlighted, for example, Charles Burleigh from Plainfield and his sister Mary, both involved in the Anti-Slavery movement, assisted Prudence with teaching at the Crandall Academy.

Also opening on April 15 is: "Acquiring History: Highlights from the Prudence Crandall Museum Collection" which will have on display items from the museum's collection that have rarely, if ever, been on public view. As the exhibit explains, one of the basic problems most museums have is the lack of exhibition space - typically only the smallest portion of a museum's total holdings are ever on display. This installation gives the museum staff the opportunity to share more of the museum's collection with the public. Admission is free on April 15.

At 1pm on Sunday, May 20, the Museum will host an opening reception with the Canterbury Historical Society for a mini-exhibit of "New Acquisitions from the Canterbury Historical Society Collection." This display will include some newly acquired items from the society's collection having to do with Prudence Crandall and her school. Free admission.

Mark your calendars as the Friends of Prudence hold their annual meeting on Saturday, May 12 at 10am at the Museum. Anyone and everyone interested in becoming more involved in supporting and assisting the museum with its mission is invited. Nominations/election of officers will also take place. If you have an interest in local history, would like to share some of your time as a volunteer, would like to work with friends and neighbors, please attend! Refreshments will be provided. If you'd like more information, please call either the museum at 546-7800 or the Friends of Prudence at 546-9507.

The Museum will be participating with more than 180 other Connecticut cultural and historic sites in the state's annual "Open House Day" on Saturday, June 9. Free admission all day.

In addition to new programs, exhibits and activities, the museum has stocked the Shop with new and interesting items for all ages. The Shop is open during regular museum hours, and requires no admission fee.

For More Information please call the Museum at 546-7800.

Kazimiera Kozlowski Museum Curator

CES PTO

Greetings, parents and families! We here at the CES PTO have been busy gearing up for spring and planning for this coming fall. We have had a busy year up to date.

Our Family Movie Nights, offered monthly, have been quite a successful venue among Canterbury families this year. At the end of each showing, the PTO has a drawing to give away the movie that was viewed. Our next movie night is Friday May 18. Kids, bring your pillows and blankets. Get comfortable and wear pajamas!

Each year, the PTO makes the effort to give each child a chance to partake in the joy of reading through our Book Give-away. This project, spirited by the PTO, allows each child to pick a grade-appropriate book to take home and enjoy - theirs to keep.

We have had a bout of successful fundraisers; the Yankee Candle fundraiser in the fall, the Winter Basket Bash in December, and Charleen's Portrait Studios portrait opportunity this past March. Through Original Works, your child was able to create a masterpiece all their own, where it would then be transpired into the item of their choice, such as a t-shirt or a magnet.

This spring, we are exploring some new fundraising ideas, while entertaining the old ones. We are still collecting Box Tops; they may be left in the PTO mailbox at CES.

On May 11, the Third Grade Choir would like to invite you to see them perform at the Norwich Defenders Game. This spring, plan on a family evening of baseball and hear rapturous voices of our Canterbury Songbirds. Keep an eye out for flyers announcing ticket sales, coming home soon with your child.

These events help put the PTO on record as being an effective support system for your child's school; helping with field trips, assemblies, supplies, and the like. Even so, our support alone would not be possible were it not for the generous engagement of our community at large. We at the PTO encourage you to attend one of our meetings and see what we are about. We welcome new input, fresh ideas, and as always, helping hands. You can see us in the CES library on April 11, at 6:30pm. Babysitting and refreshments provided by the CES PTO. We hope to see you there!

CANTERBURY VETERANS' MEMORIAL



The Canterbury Veterans' Memorial Committee meets the second Saturday of the month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Names for the second phase continue to be collected and hopefully everyone will remember to provide the veteran's application and discharge paper to ensure no family member is left out. A dinner is tentatively planned in May with a date to be announced, as a fundraiser. No contribution is considered too small in completing this project.

The final memorial in remembering Canterbury's veterans will enrich our town's historical landscape and reflect favorably upon our character. Canterbury, during the French and Indian War, had a population 1260 colonists in 1755, and many of the young lads responded to the call to arms, some never returning. All were from our town, a place we call home.

Inquires concerning the memorial may be directed to 546-9547 or 546-0606

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Canterbury Historical Society has several great events planned for the spring where your presence would be most welcome. Join us for these upcoming meetings:

Friday, April 13 – Dale Plummer will give a presentation on *Early Cotton Mills in Eastern Connecticut*.
Friday, May 11 – Bob Schultz will reminisce about *The Golden Age of Radio*. (Note: this meeting will be held at the Community Room in the Town Hall).

Friday, June 8 – Canterbury native Anita Smiley will provide a *History of the Finnish Settlement in Canterbury*.

Unless noted, meetings are held in the library at the Baldwin Middle School. Our business meetings begin at 7PM, and the program portion of the meeting generally begins about 7:30PM. You need not be a member of the Society to attend a meeting. Light refreshments are served after the program presentation.

As you may remember, in 2006, CHS purchased several documents relating to Prudence Crandall. On Sunday, May 20, those newly restored documents will be unveiled for display at the Prudence Crandall Museum. Plan on visiting the museum that day, beginning with the presentation at 1:00PM.

At the January meeting, elections for 2007 were held. The new officers are: Amy Orlomoski, President; Carolyn Noiseux, Vice President; Bill Kivic, Treasurer; Judy Moffitt, Recording Secretary; Ellen Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Jackie Desrochers, Program Chair; Walter Moriarty, Curator; and Ray Moffitt & Steve Orlomoski, Trustees.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

October 20 – Harvest Dinner – Finnish Hall, Route 169
November 18 – Bluegrass show featuring *David Peterson & 1946* – Plainfield Town Hall, 8 Community Ave., Plainfield

In addition, we hope to schedule another Old Home Day/District School Reunion at the Green Schoolhouse in September. Visit our website -- www.canterburyhistorical.org – for more information.

CANTERBURY SENIOR TRIPS FOR 2007

If you didn't travel with us last year, you missed some great trips! We have a variety of exciting trips scheduled for this coming year - you can see flyers on the bulletin board in the library and for more information you can call 860-546-9830. Just a brief listing of trips to come. We are just about to leave on a fabulous trip to the canyons of the West! Other multi-day trips include a chance to see the ancient past along with glorious nature in a combination with the King Tut exhibit and the Brandywine Valley. We've been thrilled with the productions at the Sight and Sound Theatre and this year is the new offering "In the Beginning". Another trip reviving the past is to Mackinac Island where there are still no cars. What about a cruise to Nova Scotia?

Day trips include a shopping trip with 107 shops, a cruise on the Connecticut River and another on Narragansett Bay. There is great entertainment with Frankie Avalon, the Newport Playhouse, the play "Miracle on 34th Street", and a demonstration by Friesian horses in Vermont.

Enjoy looking over our list and perhaps join us

CANTERBURY LIONS CLUB

The Canterbury Lions Club Sight Saver Day event schedule for April 20 and 21

GREEN VALLEY INSTITUTE

Permanent conservation of important lands that provide protection of wetlands and watersheds, scenic vistas, significant habitats, vital forest products and important recreational areas has become a focus of the federal and many state governments as well as a large number of private, non-profit organizations.



Massachusetts and Connecticut have been at the forefront of this effort not only at the state level, but also at the local and regional level with numerous non-profit organizations and well-run statewide educational support organizations. This history dates back into the 1890's. In all cases, these protection efforts are designed to result in significant public benefits, whether that be recreational enjoyment, protection of biodiversity, preservation of scenic views and vistas or the continued health of vital forest and farming practices.

The U.S. Congress recently promoted land protection efforts when it passed the Pension Protection Act of 2006, providing significant federal income tax deductions to people and corporations that place permanent conservation restrictions on qualified conservation land. These deductions can be as much as 50% of one's adjusted gross income (as much as 100% for farmers) for up to 15 years. For more information, go to www.massland.org/pages/tools/documents/2006_tax_incentives2.pdf, or www.thelastgreenvalley.org/gvi.

SQUARE DANCING EVENT

The Windham Whirler Square Dance Club will be dancing at the Canterbury Community Center on April 20 beginning at 8 PM. All non-dancers are invited to watch colorful dancers in action. For more information, see the flyers posted at the Town Hall.

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Thur 10:00 – 1:00; 3:00 – 8:00
Sat 10:00 – 4:00

Website: canterburylibrary.org

Calendar of Events

Stamping classes with Arlene Sweet: Sign up is required

April 12 6-8 pm
Andy's Sanctuary Wildlife Video
Friday, May 4 at 7:00 in the community room
Featuring all-new wildlife footage for 2006 by Andy of the Pomfret Audubon Society. You will be amazed at what the infrared video camera captured at locations in Pomfret, Hampton and Killingly. You will see animal behavior rarely observed by humans.

Nutmeg Book Discussion Series
Discuss the newest Nutmeg Nominees with Teale
April 7 – *Professors of the Far North* by John Fardell
May 5 – *Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park
July 7 – *Bear Named Trouble* by Marion Dane Bauer
August 4 – TBA (To Be Announced)
September 1 - TBA
October 13 – *Escaping the Giant Wave* by Peg Kehret
November 3 – January 5 TBA
We meet the 1st Saturday of each month from 1:30-2:30.
Snacks and great conversations await you. So get reading!

Adult & Young Adult Book Discussion
We meet the 2 Monday of each month at 7 pm
April 9 *Echo Park* by John Connelly
May 14 *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel
June 8 *The Italian Secretary* by Caleb Carr

Our programs continue and grow thanks to the Jewett City Savings Bank. Sign-up is required for all.
Ladder to Literacy for ages 3½ -5 on Wednesdays at 10 am.
Story time for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 10 am.
Music and Movement for ages 18 mos. – 3 on Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15. Please call for details and starting dates

Summer Reading Fun
GET a CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY and YNK @ YOUR LIBRARY begins on June 20. You may pick up your packets on that date or anytime throughout the summer.

Movies
Our DVD's and VHS and our FLIC movies circulate for 1 week.
Swap and *new* movies continue to circulate for 2 days. We acquire new movies each month, stop in, and check them out.

TROOP 86 NEWS



Refurbishment of the Old Town Hall. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with giving our old town hall a new coat of paint, new curtains, etc. for a completely new look. It has gone from being a bare room to a Scout hall that we are proud of and we want to show it off. The boys are currently planning to do an open house before school lets out to show off our new hall and to show some of our history. Keep your eyes open for our flyer in the next month or two.

Snake Presentation. On Saturday, March 17, Troop 86 attended a snake program by Linda Krullikowski and sponsored by the CT Audubon Society. Her presentation included a talk and slide presentation on snakes found in New England. She ended her presentation by allowing the visitors to handle some of her live snakes. This was quite a treat for the boys and an education as well.

Kinne Preserve. This past March, Troop 86 spent a day at Kinne Preserve clearing trails and working on their cooking skills for their first class advancement. The boys cooked breakfast and lunch for everyone. Supper was a dutch oven chicken dinner fit for a king.

Boston Freedom Trail. On Saturday, May 5, the Boy Scouts and the Webelos Cub Scouts will be hiking the Boston Freedom Trail in Boston. This is a 5-mile hike throughout Boston and includes the Old North Church where Paul Revere hung the lanterns. They will visit his home, the cemetery where many distinguished statesmen are buried, and many more historical places. They also hope to have time to visit the U.S.S. Constitution.

Boy Scout Tag Sale. Troop 86 will hold their annual Memorial weekend tag sale from Friday, May 25 to Sunday, May 27 at 290 Brooklyn Road, Canterbury. The sale will run each day from 9 am – 4 pm. Please note that the Scouts are looking for donations for their sale. If you would like to donate good, usable items, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-6486.

Delaware Water Gap Trip. From June 24 – 30 Troop 86 and their families will be spending a week canoeing and camping on the Delaware River in the Delaware Water Gap. In addition to canoeing and camping, the boys will be working on their Canoeing and Indian Lore merit badges and their 50-miler afoot/afloat award. To earn the 50-miler award, they need to spend 5 days canoeing 10 miles per day and during that time they need to do a service project.

Want to join Boy Scouts? Troop 86 is always looking for new members. Boy Scouting is open to all boys ages 11 – 17 or who have completed the 5th grade. We have weekly meetings on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the old town hall below Baldwin School. Once school is out for the summer, the boys will meet weekly at Cindy's house on Brooklyn Road. Some of the activities they plan on doing this spring include rock climbing with ropes and harnesses, hiking, cycling, and other outdoor activities.

For more information, call Cindy Phillips at 546-6486. If no answer, leave a message.

Cub Scout News. Congratulations to Chris Nasios for earning his Arrow of Light award. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn and it is a lot of work.

Congratulations to Peter Button, Matthew Hare, and Evan Bright on earning their Webelos rank.

Scout Show 2007. Troop 86 will be joining approximately 3,000 other Scouts at the Hebron fair grounds doing all sorts of activities including visiting an Indian settlement, shooting skills, hi-adventure activities, military displays, and much, much more. Below are some of the displays and activities the boys will be experiencing.

National Jamboree Display	Friends of Webster Display	Catholic Religious Awards Display
History Scouting Display	Ham Radios Demonstration	National Guard Demonstration
Boot Camp Obstacle Course	Jim Show	Dept of Corrections Demonstration
Brown Sea Island Area	OA Village	TIP trailers
Reenactment groups	Buck Skin Games #1	BB gun and Archery
Sea Scouts Area	Scoutreach Demonstration	Buck Skin Games #2
Arts & Crafts Area	Photo Contest	Venturing Area
Camp Promotions Booth	Lego Lg Robotics Area	Echo Chainsaws Demonstration
US Army Climbing Walls	CT Valley Woodcarvers	Foothills BMX
CT AMC	CT YAKS	Cub Scout Games
Lions History Farming	Birds of Prey Area	Wood Badge

If you would like to learn more about the Scout Show 2007, go to www.crcscoutshow.org.

CANTERBURY WAR MEMORIALS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ELIGIBILITY

Do you know of anyone for which the following applies:

1. Lived the first eighteen years of life in Canterbury
and/or
2. Lived in Canterbury upon enlistment into the Armed Forces
(Copy of discharge paper or DD214 required if applicable)

Veteran's name _____

Date of Birth/Town of Residence at Birth _____

Branch, Rank at Discharge _____

Town of Residence upon entering service _____

Dates of Service _____

Type of Discharge (Honorable /Dishonorable) _____

Chairwoman
Ray Roode
Memorial Committee

Qualifying Dates of Service Required Below

World War I	April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
World War I - Russia	April 6, 1917 to April 1, 1920
World War II	December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
Korean Conflict	June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
Vietnam Era	February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975
Lebanon	July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984
Invasion of Grenada.....	October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983
Operation Earnest Will.....	February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987
Invasion of Panama.....	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf War	After August 2, 1990

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