

NOISES FROM THE CENTER

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Here we go with more bits of history from my old town reports. Now that I am looking at reports from the late 40's and early 50's there is much mentioned of people I know. I saw in the 1946 report that the town now required that anyone doing a construction project that would cost more than \$50.00 would now need to get a building permit. The permit fee was 25 cents.

This was also the first year that Sam Pear was 1st Selectman. George Smith served in that position from 1933 to 1945 and he now continues as a member of the board of selectman.

In 1948 the town voted to buy two voting machines. I am pretty sure that they were used up till just recently when we changed to our current system.

This year I also saw that the school started to put fluorescent lights in the school. It was also stated that the most important need for the school was a gymnasium/auditorium.

In 1950 a study committee was formed to look into the need for school expansion. Their recommendation was to build an addition with six classrooms and a gymnasium/auditorium. This plan now needs to go before the town for approval. You may remember that in the early 1940's this was discussed and it was decided that it would have to wait till after the war.

In the spring of 1952 the contract for the construction of the addition was awarded for \$313,154.00. In 1952 the 26 students graduated from our school.

While writing this story and reading the 1952 town report, I saw that Wilson Brownell was a registrar of voters for the town. Wilson still comes to the Senior Center every day and spends a couple of hours in the computer room. He continues to be a strong community supporter 64 years later.

In 1953 driver education was added to the school program. The report also listed the prices for school lunch. The student price was 25 cents and 35 cents for teachers. Milk cost 7 cents.

The reports from the late 50s all seem to mention the need for more space at the school due to increased enrollment. This makes me remember moving into the new elementary school mid-way through the 4th grade in 1962.

In 1960 the town voted to establish a Planning and Zoning Board with the hope that good sensible zoning ordinances will be accepted by the town. So now I have shared pieces of information from old town reports from 1875-1960. One thing I noticed while doing this is that many of the issues the town has to deal with comeback again in a slightly different way. Not all decisions of the past were popular but from reading the old reports it is clear that the best interest of the town is what influenced our former town leaders and set the path for our leaders of today to follow. Let's all follow their example. We all can give to our community and support it in a positive way. As you all know this is small town U.S.A. and it doesn't get any better than this.



December Birthdays

- 2 Russell Bilodeau
Judy Grohbrugge
Susan Waide
- 3 Kathleen Hertweck
Marie Miller
- 6 Gloria Sikorski
Lois Tsolis
- 7 Dot Wocl
- 8 Barbara Boluck • Martha Cohen
William LaSalle
Joyce McCutcheon
- 10 Elizabeth Walter • Carol Faraci
- 12 Dave Miller
- 13 Mary Augustiny • Sarah Beckett
- 14 David Van Cedarfield
Carl Dill • Marianne Halpin
- 15 Marie McCain • Robert Northam
- 17 Dave Balcom • Carol Clulow
Michael Cornell
- 18 Walter Dixon • Joseph Parkos
- 21 Pat Burke
- 22 Donald Francis
- 23 Catherine Hunt
- 25 Dale Arseneault
- 27 Katherine Reynolds
- 29 Carol Bozena
Mary Ellen Klinck
Aileen LaChance
- 31 Anne Torning • Janet Levett
Stephen Brodersen



Birthday Alert!!

Due to the busy time of year, **this is the season**. There will be **NO MOVIE** for the month of December.

Cancellations & Closures

December is upon us, a busy time of year for many. So..... for the month of December, the Executive Committee meeting and the Senior Club meeting will be canceled.

Please make a note of our holiday hours: Friday, December 23rd: close at 12:00 pm. Closed, Monday December 26th. Closed, Monday, January 2nd. **Happy New Year Everyone!!!**



Shopping & Lunch Schedule

Fee: \$3.00

If desired, the bus will stop at the East Haddam Food Bank.

Tuesday, December 20th
Cromwell: Walmart, Aldi, Athenien Diner



Senior Community Cafe

Join us for Lunch
Monday-Friday 12^{pm}
Suggested donation
\$3.00



Have lunch with the **First Selectman, Emmett Lyman** will be here at the Senior Center every **3rd Thursday of the month for lunch**. Come, join him.



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This month I would like to recognize a group of high school students that is organized to do good for others. The name of the organization is "Straight from the Heart". For Thanksgiving, they made and delivered complete Turkey dinners to seniors in need. This nice gesture on their part made Thanksgiving a better holiday for some of our seniors. It was greatly appreciated. This is yet, another example of our community looking out for each other.



Thursday, December 15th

Lunch/Bingo....\$6.00 @ 12:00 pm

Bingo Only.....\$3.00 @ 1:00 pm

Please pay in advance, sign-up today

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Center Hours

8^{am} - 3^{pm} weekdays

Is Your Vehicle Prepared for Winter?

Mother Nature can make traveling during the winter months a challenge. Have you prepared your vehicle? Do you have an emergency kit in your car? The AAA Auto Club recommends a vehicle check up in the fall to check all systems to make sure they are prepared to work when the temperature drops. They also suggest a winter driving kit with the following emergency supplies:

- ◆ A bag of sand, salt or kitty litter
- ◆ Small snow shovel
- ◆ Snow brush and ice scraper
- ◆ Traction mats
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Window washing fluid
- ◆ Booster cables
- ◆ Warning flares
- ◆ Gloves, mittens and a blanket
- ◆ Cell phone
- ◆ Battery powered or Hand crank radio

In addition, carry a first aid kit and a supply of food and water just in case you get stuck. Granola bars, energy bars, or dried fruit and nuts can be good choices.

If you do get stuck experts recommend that you stay in your car, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine the dome light. Make sure to clear the exhaust pipe if you run your car for a short time to stay warm.

Don't get caught unprepared; plan for your safety now.

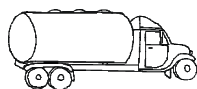
Additional information is available at <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/SafeDriving.pdf>

Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley wants you to be safe this winter. Check out our Facebook page and website for more information. www.visitingnurses.org

Here lies Ezekial Aikle aged 102
THE GOOD DIE YOUNG

November Donations

Hildie Aitken	Cranberry Sauce
Diane Beggs	Coffee
Barbara Boluck	Air Freshner
Nancy Borge	Candy
Terry Carpenter	Coloring books & pencils, Dry erase markers/Puzzles
Rasik Davda	Copy paper, \$ donation
Connie Donkin	Coffee
Darlene Dunbar	Candy
Rita Fiala	\$ donation
Sharon Fritz	Candy
Nancy Geysen	Cranberry Sauce
Sam & Gail Guy	Copy paper
Dick & Carol Harrington	Veggies, coffee cups
Val Laming	Needlepoint sets
Judy Metcalf	Coffee
Edie & Gary Nichisti	\$ donation
Peter & Trudy Novak	Candy
Brian Olson	Bottled water
Lorretta O'Mara	\$ donation
Louise Pear	Coffee
Gary Piehl	Peanuts
Carol Schweizer	\$ donation
Joan Sikorski	Coffee cups, hand soap
Rina Stevens	coffee cups, paper plates
Carol Thody	Tea, coffee
Jim & Pat Ware	\$ donation
Judy Westcott	Candy and Halloween cupcakes
Lois Zadroski	Candy



Fuel Assistance

The CT Energy Assistance Program/Community Renewal Team (CRT) will be accepting applications for fuel assistance again this year. You may come to the Senior Center to apply between Oct 1 and April 1st.

Please call the Senior Center for details.

December Craft Fair

The Senior Center will be sponsoring a Bake, Craft & White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, December 3rd, 9 – 2**. Lunch will be available for \$3.00.

We welcome donations for the Bake Sale & good, usable items for the White Elephant Sale (no large items, computers, or appliances). Please bring any items you wish to donate to the Senior Center on Thurs, Dec. 1st & Fri, Dec. 2nd.

Tables will be available for rent (\$10.) for crafters who wish to participate. Call to reserve your space.

As part of this event, we will also have a Christmas Tea Cup Auction. If you wish to donate an item for the auction, please drop it off at the Center by Monday, November 28th. Popular auction items are baskets of snacks, theme baskets, h&m made goods, bird houses, bird food, jewelry, Christmas décor, & lottery tickets. All ideas are welcome!

The auction will begin on Sat, Dec. 3rd & continue until Dec. 12th; the drawing will be held at our Christmas Party on Monday, December 12th.

Questions may be referred to Alice Sabo, Chairwoman, at 860-873-9217. Or, call Patti at the Senior Center: 860-873-5034.

wish list

Donations to the Senior Center are always greatly appreciated. If you are looking for ideas on what to donate to the Senior Center, here is our **“Wish List”** for the upcoming month: We would appreciate •Poinsettias and •any kind of Holiday decorations to help make the Center Festive. New or Gently loved. Thank you!

Cora is Back

The Massage Therapist

Wednesday,
December 28th
8:30^{am} – 2:00^{pm}

30 minute appointments, \$25.00

Call or stop in the Senior Center to make your appointment today

Massage

LOOK

Look what has already booked
for **2017**:

The Gatlin Brothers

Thursday, May 25th

Polka at the Aqua Turf

Tuesday, October 17th

Holiday Winter Wishes

Tuesday, December 12th

Watch upcoming Newsletters for
more details

New Year's at the Senior Center

Time to ring in the New Year! Our party will be on **Friday, December 30th**, at noon time. 50 & over are invited. Chef Brad will serve up his special pasta and salad. We ask that everyone bring an appetizer or a dessert. The One & Only Airbourne Trio will entertain us with old time Rock & Roll hits. Let's ring in 2017 with food, friends and fun!! Cost is \$5.00.

Please sign-up/ pay by Dec. 23rd.

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Holiday Happenings

We have three special luncheons in December to celebrate the season. Please sign up in advance.

Monday, Dec. 12:

Holiday Pot Luck Lunch, noon, free.

See next column →

Wednesday, Dec. 14:

See the enclosed menu: Cran-Apple Juice, Stuffed Chicken breast w/gravy, seasoned baby potatoes, vegetable medley, margarine, special dessert. Our food services provider is celebrating the holidays with a special luncheon. \$3.00 for seniors 60 and older.



**Fri., Dec. 30: Time to ring in
the New Year!**

← **See 1st column**

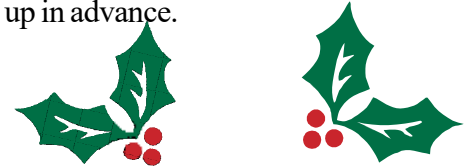
Christmas



Potluck

Monday, December 12th:

Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon, noon time, free. We will provide the main course (meat of some kind) and dessert. You provide the fixings: appetizer, hot dish, or salad. We are not fussy! Entertainment will be provided. 50 & over welcome. Please sign up in advance.



Christmas Luncheon

@ Windham Tech Uncommon Kitchen

Tuesday, December 13th

Roast Beef, Turkey, Shrimp and all the fixings & Dessert \$15.00 pp, \$5.00 for the bus

Bus departs Senior Center @10:15^{am}