SELECTMEN’S CORNER

Well, I do not know about you, but to me, the Summer of 2014 has flown by, much too quickly. It has been a cool Summer, but great nonetheless. I hope that each of you enjoyed your Summer and that the kids are ready for school. Please watch out for school buses and kids getting on and off the buses as we start another school year.

Several projects are currently underway here in town. First is the renovation project at Manship Park. Most of the work has been completed, such as three new volleyball courts, new play area for children, and the walking track has been redone. But there is still work to be finished. The ball field and soccer field need to be regraded and leveled in several areas, then new grass seed needs to be applied. The Summer has produced a lot of weeds on the fields, but this will be taken care of during the regrading and reseeding process. We have suffered several instances of vandalism at Manship Park over the past few weeks, which have had a direct effect on our Renovation Project. I would ask for everyone’s assistance in helping to keep an eye on activities at the park, and other recreational facilities. If you see something out of the ordinary, or any other suspicious activities, please contact the State Police by calling 911, especially during the nighttime hours.

A second project that will be starting soon is the construction of our new Public Works Garage. The new building, which will be 66’ by 100’, will be built behind the current town garage located on Kinne Road. The Public Works Garage is being funded by two grants under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program, or STEAP. The new garage will allow us to park most of our Public Works trucks and equipment out of the weather and will allow for maintenance to be accomplished on more than one vehicle at a time.

As we all know, as Fall approaches, there are many things to do here in the Quiet Corner and the surrounding area. Between the Woodstock Fair, Prudence Crandall Day, Old Home Day, and the other local fairs, including the Big E Fair in Springfield, MA, and Walktober, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Try to take full advantage of the many activities and events within our town and the region.

Roy Piper
First Selectman

CERT Team Changes Regular Meeting Time

The CERT Team has changed its meeting time to the first Thursday of the month.

As stated in our Mission Statement, it is the purpose of the Canterbury CERT is to assist the Town of Canterbury by providing assistance, as needed, for emergency disaster response to Canterbury and surrounding communities, and to educate and promote disaster/emergency awareness and preparedness to all citizens. We work to:

- Promote and educate residents on individual/family preparedness
- Operate a public shelter for town residents should the need arise
- Assist and support town emergency personnel during town emergencies and as otherwise needed
- Assist other regional CERT organizations as necessary
- Continue education and training of our members through both formal and informal course work and exercises.

The CERT Team is always looking for new members. Interested? Contact or any questions concerning the Cert Team feel free to call Ray Shinkiewicz 860-546-6717.

Canterbury Assessor’s Office

Attention Veterans: If you filed for the Additional Veterans and/or Local Option Veterans Exemptions in 2012, another application needs to be filed no later than October 1, 2014 in order to continue receiving the benefit. Please call the Assessor’s Office if you are unsure when you last filed.

Personal Property declaration forms will be mailed out at the beginning of October for the 2014 Grand List. If you receive 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. If you do not receive a personal property declaration but you have property that needs to be declared, please call the Assessor’s Office. All personal property forms are available to download. Remember to return these forms no later than Friday November 1, 2014 to avoid a penalty.

For those that receive the farm machinery exemption, please remember that these forms are due Friday November 1, 2014. The M-28 forms will be mailed with the personal property declarations to all those that currently receive the benefit. If you do not currently receive the benefit but think you may be eligible, please call the Assessor’s Office or go to the website.

PA490 applications for farm, forest, or open space designations are available in the Assessor’s Office and on the website. They must be filed on or before Thursday October 31, 2014. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Office.

Please remember the Assessor’s Office Staff hours are Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Assessor also works additional hours from home every week. These hours are posted both in the office and on the website. During those hours she can be reached at 860-204-7467.
Canterbury Seniors

Canterbury Seniors host a special bistro catered meal the third Wednesday of every month at noon in the Town Hall Community Center. All ages are welcome. Cost is $5 per person. The menu for Sep. 17 is spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, and peach cobbler. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

Reservations are required. Leave your name and telephone number with the municipal agent at 860-546-9845 no later than Sep. 11. Join the seniors for table games every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Canterbury Cares

Canterbury Cares is a once a month food pantry that serves residents of the town of Canterbury who are in need of food assistance. We are located in the lower level of the First Congregation Church of Canterbury, on the Canterbury Green. We distribute a variety of fresh, frozen, canned and dry goods once a month, on the third Monday of the month from 10 am-noon and the following Thursday from 5-6 pm. We are also available on an as needed basis to those requiring emergency food assistance.

We wish to thank everyone who has supported Canterbury Cares: those who have donated their time, run events to benefit the food pantry, and given so generously with financial support and donations of food. We are so blessed to see first-hand the wonderful community we have in our town.

Please contact Terry Poirier at (860) 546-9007, if you are in need of food assistance or would like to volunteer or donate. Donation bins are located in the lobby of the Town Hall for anyone who would like to drop off canned and boxed foods.

Thank you.

LAND USE OFFICE

I hope you all enjoyed the summer. Hard to believe it is coming to an end. The Land Use Office has been busy for the last several months. The former Land Use Director, Steven Sadlowski, left his position for another opportunity. We wish him well and miss working with him. This left the Land Use Office short staffed. I was named as Land Use Director in the beginning of August. As a lifelong Canterbury resident and employee for over fourteen years, I look forward to serving the town in this position.

The Board of Selectmen are currently working on filling the Land Use Administrative Assistant position. With the office being short staffed, I appreciate everyone’s patience. I have been diligently working to ensure it continues to run as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

The office had a large increase of inquiries regarding residential accessory structures in the last few months. As a reminder, anything over 100 square feet needs a Zoning permit. Structures under Anything over 200 square feet needs a Building permit. The size and foundations of some buildings MAY require approval from the Northeast District Department of Health.

Sheds, storage buildings, greenhouses, hoop houses, and similar buildings used for non-commercial or agricultural purposes shall have the following minimum side and rear setbacks from property lines:

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If proposed to be less than 75 feet from the front property line (not the road), the structure must be located in the side or rear yards of the principal dwelling.

If you have any questions about these regulations, or need permits, please call the Land Use Office at 860-546-6857.

With the cool weather coming, you may be planning to install a wood or pellet stove. As a reminder, you need permits for these activities to assure they are installed safely. If something were to happen, your insurance company will want to see that they were inspected and you want to protect yourself. Most stove permits are under $20. If you need an inspection on a wood or pellet stove, please call Building Official, Robert Kerr at 860-230-3012.

Melissa Gil

Canterbury Seniors Host a Special Bistro Meal

Greetings to all, especially those who took the opportunity to travel with us this year! We saw and heard many great things and places—the history of Pompeii, the story of Moses, the coasts of California and Maine, several Caribbean islands, the great music of Ronan Tynan, Elvis, country and an excellent production of “Billy Elliot”.

We will be finishing the year with visits to New York and Kentucky and enjoying performances at the Newport Playhouse and the music of the Texas Tenors.

In preparation for 2015 there will be a presentation for Costa Rica in our community room September 11, at 12:30. Many trips are being considered for 2015 and will appear in our October Newsletter.

For any information just call Joanne at (860) 546-9830. You don’t have to be a senior to travel!
Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Greeting, I would first like to take the time to introduce myself and many of you might remember when I held this position from 2006-2009. My name is Ella Hebert and it is a pleasure coming back to this office and working with the seniors and town employees. I was rehired in February 2014 and I have had a busy 6 months with hiring a new exercise instructor, attending conferences, informational, seminars and meeting regarding state agencies that my office works closely with. I have used the remainder of last years budget to purchase new art supplies for Art Classes and now the purchases of our own exercise equipment for classes are now available in lockable cabinets. My office hours are currently Thursdays 9 am -5 pm and I can be reached at 860-546-9845 or by email at ehebert@canterbury.org.

Many issues have been brought to my attention regarding transportation for seniors in Canterbury and clients trying to get information or applications from Dept of Social Services. There have been state wide complaints regarding the Department of Social Services not processing application forms and clients being taken off programs for unknown reasons. These issues have been brought the Commissioner of DSS attention and my office now has numbers to call for any clients who feel that they need further assistance with working with DSS who handles Medicaid, SNAP (food Stamps) program. Please call my office should you have any questions.

The programs for the fall are as follows:

Art Classes for over 50 of age with Mary Bingham Abbey
Thursdays 1-3:30 pm
Sept 4th- Dec 18th
Community Room
$3.00 a session
Bring your own canvas and picture, all other supplies provided
Mary is a lifelong resident of Canterbury and is also available for private lessons by calling 860-546-6933

Tai Chi Class with Instructor Paula McNally
Fridays 9:30-10:30
Community Center
$1.00 per session
Starting Sept 5th 2014

Senior Exercise Class with Instructor Christine Bernier
Tuesday 9:30-10:30
Community Center
$1.00 per session
Sept 16th, - December 16 2014
All equipment provided

Senior Flu Clinic with Crystal Garosshen, Rite Aid
Thursday October 9, 2014
11am at Community Hall
Most Insurance covered

Energy Assistance Program
My office will be processing applicants. If you would like to apply please call.

Bistro Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Every third Wednesday at Community Hall
A different Menu each month and will be posted in Library and my office,
Bring your own beverage.
$5.00 per meal due at Luncheon. You will be responsible for payment even if you don’t show.
Preregistration is required by calling my office 860-546-9845. Leave name and phone number of who will be attending by the Thursday before Luncheon.

Farmers Market Coupon for Seniors
At the time of this newsletter I am currently out and waiting to see if I can receive any more. If you would like one of these coupons which are a total of $18 per book and can be used at any local Farmers Markets Please call my office and leave your name and number.

Respectfully Submitted
Ella M. Hebert
Town of Canterbury
1 Municipal Drive
Canterbury, Ct. 06331
860-546-9845

The Canterbury Agriculture Commission invites you to the Wibberly Farm on October 25th at 10 am to 12 noon at 362 Lisbon Road, Canterbury. Join us for a leisurely walk on a working farm that has been in the same family for 7 generations (since the 1860’s). See historic woodlands with Chestnut trees that were blown down in the 1938 hurricane. The farm has 135 acres of forest, corn and hay.

We also encourage you to visit your local farmers markets and go apple picking at neighboring orchards with family and friends!
New Book Recycling Bin at Transfer Station

The Town of Canterbury’s Transfer Station will soon be accepting used book donations in a specially marked bin located near the clothing bins. This bin is the result of the Board of Selectmen looking for ways to reduce the growing costs of maintaining the transfer station and of waste removal. Recycling books rather than throwing them into the waste bin saves the town money by lowering the weight of waste to be removed and supports the worthy charitable projects of CT-ALIVE, The Connecticut Alliance for Victims of Violence; Their Families, Inc. CT-ALIVE’s mission is to empower victims and their families to heal after experiencing the trauma of violence and abuse by providing support, advocacy and education. CT-ALIVE’s Never Going Back to Abuse Project provides the critical “next step” for women who have been abused to break permanently out of the cycle of violence and reclaim their lives. Please recycle your old, unwanted hardcover and paperback books, CD’s, DVDs, audio books and even old textbooks. For other ways to participate, visit ct-alive.org/events. Sign up for CT-ALIVE’s Discount Power program and save money on your electric bill. It is a Win – Win for ALL of us!

Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum

Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum have again had a busy summer. We had the privilege of hearing from two distinguished scholars for our Spring Lecture Series. Dr. Lois Brown and Dr. Jennifer Rycenga shared with us some of their vast knowledge of Women's history and Prudence Crandall's influence. Our annual Music at Twilight was a success. And we’ve been busy helping to provide support for museum events throughout the summer.

Come out for Old Home Day on September 13 where we will once again be inviting the community to join us for period games and big bubbles on the museum lawn.

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our fall tea on Sunday, November 2nd. We will be offering seatings at 12:30 and 3:30 with an exciting new performance at 2:00. We are pleased to welcome Stephanie Jackson who will present her one woman play “They Called Me Lizzy… from Slavery to the White House” which tells the true life story of Elizabeth Keckly (1818-1907) best known as dressmaker to Mary Todd Lincoln.

With the close of the museum season on November 2nd we will begin planning for next year but we would love to see you before this season is up!

Canterbury Historical Society

This past year has been a busy one for the Canterbury Historical Society with even more great events coming up in September!

We’ve got some terrific presentations beginning on September 12th when we’ll be welcoming Dr. Walter Woodward, Connecticut’s State Historian, who will present “Leaving Connecticut, Shaping America” discussing the reasons behind Connecticut’s outmigration to the Western Reserve; on October 10th, State Senator Donald Williams will speak on his recently-released book “Prudence Crandall’s Legacy;” and on November 14th we’ll see the return of Gail Usher and Herb Loughery of Historic New England who will present “The Power of the Press: The First Decade of The Independent.” We invite folks to attend our monthly meetings which are free and held at 7PM in the Community Room of the Town Hall.

In addition to tours of the historic one-room Green District Schoolhouse over the summer, the Historical Society held a successful indoor tag sale on April 12th, participated in Connecticut Open House Day on June 14th, and hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on July 14th.

Coming up in September we’ll be holding our 11th Annual Old Home Day fall celebration on the Town Green on Saturday, September 13th from 10 am to 4 pm with live music; historical reenactors; children’s activities; traditional tradespeople and crafters; exhibits in the restored 19th-century one-room Green District schoolhouse and more. As always admission and parking are free and the event will be held rain or shine.

On Sunday, September 21st at 2 PM we’re holding a fundraising concert in the Community Room of Canterbury Town Hall where we will proudly present the two-time International Bluegrass Music Association’s Entertainers of the Year – The Gibson Brothers. This will be the fourth time that the popular band fronted by brothers Eric and Leigh Gibson have played in Canterbury and you won’t want to miss this afternoon of terrific toe-tapping music! Opening the show will be Bear Minimum featuring Canterbury’s own native son, David Orlomoski. Tickets for this special musical presentation are $30 each and can be reserved by mailing a check or money order payable to “Canterbury Historical Society” to Canterbury Historical Society, PO Box 2, Canterbury, CT 06331. Your tickets will be held at the door.

Finally, on Saturday, October 19th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm we’ll be holding a Giant Indoor Tag Sale Fundraiser in the Community Room of Town Hall that will also feature crafters with some great holiday gift choices along with a used book sale and maybe even some delicious baked goods, too!

We would love to welcome you as a new member, but are also happy to send email announcements of regular meetings and specials events to non-members. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please send a note, including your full name and email address to info@canterburyhistorical.org
Prudence Crandall Museum

The Museum has had a tremendous 30th Year season, hosting hundreds of visitors from as far away as Sweden and Australia. We hope that if you haven’t yet toured the exhibit “The Prudence Crandall Museum Celebrates 30 Years: 1984 – 2014” you’ll stop in soon.

Saturday, September 20 the Museum offers Free admission for Old Home Day. Children of all ages are invited to play period games on the front lawn, and the museum is open.

On October 10th, 11th and 12th (Fri/Sat/Sun) the Museum hosts a “New England in the Fall” art exhibit organized in conjunction with the Northeastern Connecticut Art Guild. Opening reception on Friday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 7pm, and the public is welcome to attend – RSVP Please!

Sunday, October 12 from 2 to 3:30pm, illustrated archaeology talk with Jerry Sawyer – “Uncovering the Truth of Connecticut’s Black Governors: The Archaeology of the Quosh and Roswell Freeman Homestead in Derby”.

The regular season comes to a close with this year’s “Tea with Prudence and Sarah”, Sunday, November 2, sponsored by Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum. Tickets are $30. per person & pre-registration is required.

Regular Museum hours through November 2 are: Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Remember that though the museum closes for regular tours in November, staff is still on-site to do tours by appointment, and the Museum shop is open at no cost.

To find out more about programs and events call: 860-546-7800, or go to cultureandtourism.org. Follow us on Facebook!

FINNISH AMERICAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

Our society has an active schedule this coming fall season with our annual Tori Open Air Market planned for Saturday September 27 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Finnish and American food will be available along with many different country crafts for sale including our Finnish pulla, coffee bread. During the month we also plan to participate in Canterbury’s Old Home Day event on September 13. Please visit our booth.

On the evening of October 4th, the Quiet Corner Fiddlers will again perform at the Finnish Hall and the featured food menu item will be smoked pork barbecue.

The following weekend the Hall will host on Saturday the 13th of October the annual FACES @ FAHS fine art and craft show with many artists from the region exhibiting and selling their works. In addition, many favorite foods will be available from our kitchen including our special salmon chowder.

The show will be held from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM.

On Saturday November 22nd, the Finnish Hall will host a Holiday Wine Social along with a Silent Auction from 7:00-9:00 PM. Many of the auction items will be unique for the Holiday gift giving season.

Although our summer at the Hall is relatively quiet, this year on June 16th it was an exceptionally busy day as we hosted a Piirainen Family Reunion which the Bob Robertson’s of Moosup and Richard Robertson’s of Old Lyme are members. The group consisted of well over 70 members including musicians and dancers from The Eskil Piira Family Society of Finland. This group was celebrating the 25th anniversary of the society and had also traveled from Boston arrival city to West Paris, Maine where many other relatives immigrated in the early 1900s.

Honorary Chairman Jorma Piirainen presented to FAHS President Stan Karro, gifts, the family coat of arms, and shared with the group a family book containing over 20,000 names of family members. Following the visit the Finnish group toured the region the next day and also had the opportunity to spend several days in New York City prior to their departure to Helsinki.

In July, Anita Smiley of Preston who was instrumental in developing the Sister City relationship with Canterbury and Hanko, Finland several years ago, met with the Mayor and other officials in Hanko during her tour groups’ visit to Finland. Anita and Stan Karro had previously met with Roy Piper and an instructor at Helen Baldwin School to review our Hanko connection and the desire to form an educational link in some way. Hopefully an interesting exchange may be developed between the schools.

St. Augustine Events

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 13, 2014  9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

All sorts of goodies can be found in the Church Hall, i.e. clothes, shoes, jewelry, housewares, and etc. There will also be vendor booths on the front lawn (rain or shine). Please stop by and “rummage”.

HAM & ROAST BEEF DINNER

Friday, September 26, 2014  4:30 PM—7:00 PM

Ham and roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coffee, tea, punch and desserts

Adults: Early Bird:  $11.00
(cut-off date for early bird purchases is September 21, 2014)
At the door:  $13.00
Child 5-10 years:  $5.00

Tickets will be available at Ed’s Garage and weekend masses.

TURKEY DINNER

Friday, October 24, 2014  4:30 PM—7:00 PM

Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, coffee, tea, punch and desserts

Adults: Early Bird:  $11.00
(cut-off date for early bird purchases is October 19.)
At the door:  $13.00
Child 5-10 years:  $5.00

Tickets will be available at Ed’s Garage and weekend masses.
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Dreams really can come true with your support.

Make a Donation

Volunteer Your Time

Sponsored by the FRIENDS of the CPL

School/Library Summer Reading Program: The Turtle Rescue League visited this May for our “Summer of the Turtle” kick-off. The Friends of the Library decided that they would donate one dollar for every book read during Summer Reading to the Turtle Rescue League. Our children read 314 books!! Thank you! This contribution will make a lot of turtles very happy.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
(Sign-up is required)

Nature Programs will continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:30 am-11:30 am. For ages 4 and up.
September 20th—Trees
October 18th—Leaves
November 15th—Camouflage
December 21st—Gifts for the Birds
January 17th—Tracking

Each program includes reading from a book, reading a poem, talking about the featured topic and a craft and take home activity.

Bouncing Baby Tales with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages birth to 18 months old.
8-week program
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30am—10:00am

Music & Movement
Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old.
8-week program
Thursdays, 2 sessions at 9:30 & 10:30

Ladder to Literacy with Melissa Lennon
Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old.
Program runs September—May.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:15-11:15

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS
(Sign-up is required)

Teen Movie Night & Popcorn Bar
Divergent (rated PG-13)
Friday, September 5, 6:00-7:30 Ages 13+

Card Stamping with Arlene Sweet
Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

October 9th and October 16th
Space Limited. Sign-up required. Future dates in December, January, and April.

Candy Sushi
Thursday, October 23 6:30-7:30 pm
Bring your sweet tooth & your friends to make your own candy sushi. —
Ages 11+

Canterbury Friends/Library Tea Party
Saturday, November 22, 2:00-4:00 pm.
Tickets: $15.00 each, which will include refreshments, te cup and saucer. Benefits the Friends of the Library.

FAMILY PROGRAMS
First Friday Family Movie
Library is open 5:00-8:00. The movie starts promptly at 6:00.

October 3rd—Homeward Bound
November 7th—Mr. Peabody and Sherman

Drop-In Family Crafts
Second Saturday of each month from 10:30-12:00

LET’S TALK ABOUT BOOKS
3rd Tuesday of each month 7:00 pm

Sept. 16th—Scotland—The Swerve by Steven Greenblatt
October 21st—Canterbury—The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
Nov. 18th—Scotland—Transatlantic by Colum McCann
Dec. 16th—Canterbury—Book Selection Party

SENIOR PROGRAMS
(Sign-up is required)

Medicare Basics
Monday, September 29, 10:30-12:00

Aren’t Trusts Just for Rich People?
Monday, October 27, 10:30-12:00

LIBRARY PASSES

NEW! The Children’s Museum: One free admission (up to 4) with each paid admission.

State Museums: Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youth (6-17 years).
Wadsworth Atheneum: Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children.
Mystic Aquarium: Discounted admission for up to 2 adults & 2 children.
Roger Williams Park Zoo: Reduced admission for up to 4 adults, seniors and/or children.

Mystic Seaport: Half-priced admission for 2 adults and 3 children.
Florence Griswold Museum: Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children (under 12)

LIBRARY DATABASES
See our Website for easy access
Hello from the Canterbury Public Schools team!

With my first year as School Superintendent under my belt, I realize every day how blessed I am to be an educator. I love teaching, whether I am teaching myself a new lesson, a new recipe, or learning how to raft down the river, or maybe I am facilitating opinioned conversations, or working hard to bring communities of people together. There is so much to teach and to learn. Everything is a lesson and we are all teachers. We are so lucky as educators because every year, in August, we get to start all over again. Clean slate, new classes, new faces, seeing parents with mixed emotions: anxiety, happiness, relief, and sadness; watching the children run off the school bus, skipping and giggling, as they see their friend from last year or purposefully approaching that shy student from last year, just to welcome them back and say Hi. Those mixed emotions are shared among the teachers, as they bustle in the halls, reading through their class lists, making bulletin boards, and preparing for that first impression from the kids. This is sprinkled with a feeling of anxiety to meet the kids and try to remember all their names as quickly as possible.

Additionally, I want to publically thank all those voters who turned out to pass the budget on the first try. I give thanks to say the BOE chair, Walt Petruniw, and the BOE finance chair, Ray Sulich, and First Selectman, Roy Piper. In that light, be looking for the CES Solar panels to be completed by December, with a ground mounted system, fully fenced in for safety.

Another coming attraction is our new three-year strategic plan. A group of 11 stakeholders worked diligently over the past 6 months, on this plan. It will be unveiled at the September 23 BOE meeting. Be sure to watch for the completed plan to be posted on our website by the end of September.

This year, we have a new administrator joining us, Sarah Cary. She is our new Principal at CES. She comes to us from Griswold Pubic Schools administration. Her early years in education were spent as an Elementary school librarian and Sarah loves the Arts. What a great combination to bring to our very own CES.

CES Happenings as reported by Principal Sarah Cary:

Open House will be held on, Tuesday, August 26 during the following hours:
Grades 1st – 4th  5:30- 6:30 p.m.
PreK – K 4:00-5:00 p.m.

We have had a busy summer and we have many new faces here in the building, including a new school psychologist, Miss Ruberto, and a technology teacher, Mrs. Giuliano. Mrs. Merendina comes to CES from BMS to teach Grade 4. Mrs. Pisowloski will be teaching Grade 2 and our music teacher Mrs. May will be here full-time this year! Mrs. Sweeney will be a para-educator in our reading program. We have a new bus coordinator for the district, Ms. Wickiser. Mrs. Vallandingham will be teaching Pre-kindergarten full-time.

I am a new face as well, joining our team as principal. It is an honor to have been selected to serve here. I began my educational career as an elementary school librarian in a small community school much like the school I attended as a child in Vermont and similar to CES. For the past eight years, I have worked as an administrator at the middle and high school levels. I love children and I am looking forward to meeting all of our students and families. Thank you, Town of Canterbury, for your warm welcome.

BMS Happenings as reported by BMS Principal Brain Tedeschi

Back to School Open House will be held on Thursday, September 4 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The 2014-2015 school year is kicking off with staff reporting to school on August 25-26 for Convocation and professional development, and students returning to school on August 27. Our staff will be working to institute a Data Driven Decision Making process that will inform us on how best to instruct our students. We will also continue work incorporating the Connecticut Core Standards.

Our custodial staff has worked hard to clean and prepare DHBMS for opening day. Despite the heat and humidity, our classrooms and hallways are ready for the upcoming buzz of activity.

Grade level assemblies/meetings will be held throughout the first week of school to formally welcome students back to school and review various procedures and processes. We take pride in creating a culture of high expectations for our students for learning, and for maintaining a safe school climate. As always, our message to students is, “be active upstanders” and not “passive bystanders”. Also, many of our students will be recognized for their participation in the governor’s summer reading challenge.

This year, all DHBMS boys and girls soccer games will be played at Blackwell Field on 194 Wauregan Road. Manship Park is undergoing renovations and will not be ready for use until Spring of 2015.

Special Education Happenings as reported by Jodi Davie, Director of Pupil Personnel

The summer of 2014 has flown by for the administration, staff and students who have been working diligently over the last several weeks. Summer school programming concluded on August 7 at both the Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School and at Canterbury Elementary School. We also had some students enjoy their summers at Camp Quinebaug in Danielson which provided a learning experience for students with disabilities.

The Pupil Services Office is very excited about the upcoming year and all the hope that it brings. We will continue to provide stellar services to our entire population with ongoing support and collaboration with their families! We are committed to making the 2014-2015 school year the best yet!
There isn’t any indication how old Hannah Baldwin or her mother are when they take this journey. Hannah could be a teenager and her mother in her late 30’s. No matter what the age, would you be brave enough to ride on mostly dirt roads by horse (Fan) and buggy from Canterbury to Holyoke Massachusetts and back in 1888?

It was the most charming ride we had yet. All the way, a smooth hard road. The day was like the Indian summer, warm and smoky. After leaving Longmeadow that morning, we had our first enchanting view of the Connecticut River from the hill above Springfield. You must have repeatedly seen this beautiful view during your visits to Longmeadow so any word painting of mine would seem uninteresting.

Of course, the foliage is more gaily colored every day now and the shading in the mountains with the evening shadows was very fine. We had eaten our noon lunch in a quiet shady little glen by the roadside beyond Chicopee Falls, then drive on toward South Hadley Falls with the high wall-like cliffs on the one side of the narrow road and the frightful precipice to the river on the other.

I forgot to tell you how disappointed I was in Chicopee. One of the few sensational novels which I had the opportunity read in my childhood was Ethelyn’s Mistake (by Mary J. Holmes), and ever since that reading, I had longed for a glimpse of the “stately elms” of Chicopee, and the “huckleberry hills.” But alas, for the charming pictures which my vivid girlish imagination had painted, I looked in vain for an elm in Chicopee and for a huckleberry bush in the prosy manufacturing town. They must have been blessed with a village “improvement” society since the writing of that story.

We had planned for a long drive that day and so did not explore the more attractive streets of Chicopee Falls and my remembrances of the town are confined to the innumerable drinking saloons with the men lounging around the doorways and of the drinking fountain for horses which we were glad to find, for Fan’s refreshment. Beyond there, we passed great brick yards in the suburbs and then smooth fields where herds of beautiful cows were feeding.

The thick October haze, which during all this day shut out the distant landscape, was very exasperating. All day long we followed the beautiful river and the scenery was constantly changing. Cities, quiet country villages, manufacturing towns, hills, valleys, mountains in the distance in the enchantment of their azure hue, and the same mountains, so near as to show the Grand Old Rocks and the rich colors of the autumn foliage.

Mrs. Cowles would approve of South Hadley as a seminary town for girls. It is a pretty country village with beautiful seminary grounds and fresh rosy school girls walking about the streets. We had planned to spend last night here in Old Hadley and today, drive about Northampton, East Hampton and Amhurst, climb Mt. Holyoke and go back to South Hadley to spend the Sabbath, but the storm today had spoilt that little program and we shall be obliged to cut short our explorations in this section. The weather is growing colder and we are very anxious to go to Saybrook at the mouth of the Connecticut River. They say the finest scenery is below Middletown.

Yesterday we reached Old Hadley toward evening and then began the disheartening search for accommodations for the night. First, in importance, a barn for Fan with feed and someone to care for her. Second, a comfortable place for Mother and me. Well, after a tedious search, involving my inquiries resulting in numerous contradictory directions, but we found a minister’s house. He and his wife were not at home. The chilly evening was fast shutting down upon us. I had never before been obliged to appeal to the village doctor because the minister’s wives along the route having been able to give me all the information I needed. I dreaded going to the village doctor, but there was no other help for us--the case was desperate.