



# THE PRESTON PIPELINE

FINAL ISSUE

FAREWELL TO A PRESTON TRADITION

## THANK YOU JANET...FOR THIS GIFT TO OUR COMMUNITY

*By Gail Rigney*

Going into this last edition of the Pipeline, Janet asked, "It's only a little paper, are you sure it's that important?" Well, Janet, your little paper is very important for several reasons. The Pipeline picked up where the Preston Dairy and Thurstons left off. By providing a forum for Preston's residents to share their stories, your paper captured our history, connected us to our neighbors and reinforced our sense of community.

With the larger daily papers publishing only headlines of crisis, crime and violence, Janet's town newsletter helped to balance our perspective. Over the years, the Pipeline charted the little day-

to-day events that define our Preston lifestyle, bringing to light all of the warm and fuzzy stuff that makes small town life so enjoyable. Thank you, Pipeline, for recording the wonderful things that happened in our time.

Meeting my neighbors through Pipeline Profiles and other tidbits of news reassured me that I live in a vibrant community of interesting people. Our fast paced lives tend to draw us away from simple social interaction, so I rely on the Pipeline to keep me connected. Babies are born, animals are rescued, kids are having fun, adult children are proud of their parents, family connections carry on for another

generation, volunteer coaches continue to guide our children, and (amazingly) couples stay married for 50 years or longer!

By publishing the common theme of our lives, the Pipeline uncovered our shared values and provided us with a deeper sense of who we are as a community. As I look through the past 179 issues, patterns of change and persistence emerge. This is the substance of our community – the context of our existence – the backdrop against which we trace new lines as we live our lives. Thank you Janet, for sustaining our community during some pretty trying times.

### FROM THE DESK OF THE SELECTMAN

*By First Selectman Bob Congdon*

**Development Status** – The Norwich Hospital Advisory Committee has entered the phase of selecting a developer for the former Norwich Hospital property. Preston is in the fortunate position of having two qualified developers who are both capable of successfully developing the site. The committee well understands the importance of this decision to the Town and to our community and are taking the complexities of this decision very seriously. "No decision" is not an option as this would likely take the course for the future of the property out of Preston's control.

**Final Issue of Pipeline** – I'm sad that this is the last issue of the Pipeline as we know it. The Pipeline has been an incredible asset to our residents and businesses and has been instrumental in providing a sense of community in Preston. For the last fifteen years, the

paper has been the work of a small group of volunteers to whom the Town owes a huge "thank you" and in particular to Janet Perkins. Janet put her heart and soul and at times, much of her patience, into putting together the monthly issues. It's our hope that another group of volunteers will step forward and fill the gap to provide Preston with a community paper that reports local issues and good things done by our residents, reminds us of our historical past and highlights the activities of our youth. Again, thank you, Pipeline!

**Issues and ideas** - If you have something you'd like to present to your elected officials, please attend a Selectmen's meeting held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm, contact me at (860) 887-5581, or e-mail me at [congdon@preston-ct.org](mailto:congdon@preston-ct.org)

### *Celebration of the Preston Pipeline*

**February 21, 2008**

**6:00 pm**

**Preston Public Library**

*Join us for a night to honor  
the Preston Pipeline  
volunteers. Light  
refreshments will be served.  
Past issues of the Pipeline  
will be on display.*

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Mickey & Nancy Spicer**

*January 25, 2008*

## **REMINDER**

January taxes on real estate & personal property are due January 1, 2008 - January 31, 2008. Last day to pay without penalty is February 1, 2008.

*Hattie Wucik  
Preston Tax Collector*

## **Note Of Democratic & Republican Primary**

A primary will be held for Presidential Primary, Tuesday, February 5, 2008, from 6:00 am – 8:00 pm at the Preston Town Hall (lower level) 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk Office during regular business hours.

*Hattie Wucik, CCMC  
Preston Town Clerk*

## **VOTER MAKING/REGISTRATION SESSION**

The Preston Registrar of Voters will be holding a special primary election registration and voter enrollment session on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ the Preston Town Hall from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The session is to register new voters and enroll electors who will be entitled to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The cut-off for voter registration for the primary is noon time on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. New voter registration cards must be postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008, or presented in person at Town Hall by noon on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

***Only electors registered as Democrat or Republican are eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary.***

Electors who are registered as “Unaffiliated” (not enrolled with any party) and change their party affiliation to Democrat or Republican before noon on February 4<sup>th</sup> will be eligible to vote in this Primary.

The last date for electors, who were affiliated with another party, to change their party affiliation and be eligible to vote in the primary was November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, and has already passed. The Registrars will, at such time, hear requests by persons removed from the voter list to add their names back to the registry list.

Questions concerning voter registration, present party enrollment, or changes, can be answered by calling the Registrars Office at 887-5581, ext. 7 or the Town Clerk’s Office at 887-5581 ext 2.

*Parke C. Spicer & Barbara Ware  
Registrars of Voters*

## **TOWN OF PRESTON WEBSITE: [www.preston-ct.org](http://www.preston-ct.org)**

*By Bob Payette, Webmaster, Town of Preston Website*

Many months back, at the request of members of our town’s Building and Facilities Committee, I established a small website for them to showcase their work in looking at the Town’s current and future facilities needs. Shortly after that we set up a site for the newly formed Preston Ethics Commission of which I am a member. Our Town’s Website had been run as an off-shoot to the Preston Library’s site and I was asked by the Board of Selectmen to consider setting up a full website for Preston. We have done that, incorporating the Building Committee and Ethics Commission sites into the Town site which now encompasses most of the activities, committees, boards and commissions and agencies of our wonderful Town of Preston.

The site is and has been updated daily, and is the repository of the Boards, Committees and Commissions meeting minutes and agenda’s. There is an on-line Calendar that lists not only the date and event, but in many cases the Agenda’s well in advance of the event

There are RSS (Real Simply Syndication) feeds under the Current News Page to the NL Day, the Norwich Bulletin, the Hartford Courant, NY Times and many others to help keep our readers up to date with local and state news that might affect Preston. There is an extensive use of video to help show just how wonderful this town is, and to highlight events such as our recent municipal election, Historical Society activities, and other visually interesting matters. Our Home Page has a “Recent Updates and Town Happenings” column that showcases what is happening now, and in the immediate past for current reference.

Our most recent and ongoing project, is the digitization of the Preston Pipeline. The Pipelines have been placed on the Preston Historical Society pages. Our Pipeline has not only been a source of town-wide news, but an integral part of the sharing of this community’s spirit. History is not only made up of what is way in back of us, sometimes it is made up of our recent past, the time of our children

and grandparents, and neighbors who we know and love and care about. This recent history shows the challenges of the day, be it the annexation issue, the remodeling or building of schools and community properties, and the day to day challenges that we all face in different ways and in different times....but with a commonality that shows our links to this past and so to our future. I call reading the old Pipelines a visit to “Memory Lane”....and it is not at all boring! It is us, way back when, and there are lessons to be learned and smiles to be made...for sure☺.

Our intention for the Preston Website is for it to be an interesting, ever-changing resource for the people of Preston. Take a look and tell your neighbors and tell us what you’d like added or changed. Unlike a book, that once published is pretty well finished, a website is a continual “Work In Progress” and we’re trying every day to make it better.

[www.preston-ct.org](http://www.preston-ct.org)

## TIM RYLEY: EAGLE SCOUT

*By Eleanor Miller*

On Saturday, December 29, 2007, Timothy Ryley was presented with the Eagle Scout Award. The ceremony was held at St. James Episcopal Church in Preston.

Tim began scouting as a Tiger Cub of Pack 75, Preston in September 1996, and it was here that he earned his first award the Arrow of Light. He became a Boy Scout of Troop 75, Preston, in September, 2000. He earned several awards which were: two Fifty Mile Afoot-Afloat Awards, Historic Trail Award, Polar Bear Camping Award, Paul Bunyan Award, and 6th Year Round Camper Award. He also earned 32 merit badges. Tim served leadership as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader. He earned the Top Ten Award at CITA Training at Camp Yagoo, R.I. Tim attended many High Adventure trips with Troop 75: biking on Block Island, hiking the White Mountains, several canoe trips on Penobscot River, Connecticut River in Vermont/New Hampshire and white water rafting. Now it was time to work on earning an Eagle Scout Award.

Tim earned his Eagle Scout Award for constructing a much needed stone path at St. James Episcopal Church. It begins at the church parking lot and proceeds to the front entrance to the church. Prior to this there had never been a path to the front entrance and parishioners entered through the side entrance. This was a need that Tim recognized which would be an improvement to the church. He received assistance from Peter Lambert, owner of Absolute Landscaping, in edging out the pathway and then digging out the pathway. Mr. Lambert

also assisted in locating the flat field stones needed from Rick O'Keefe of Putnam. The procedure after the pathway was dug out was to cover it with a layer of sand. Then the flat stones were positioned. The spaces between the stones were filled in with stone dust and hosed down with water. The sand and stone dust were donated by Peter Lambert. Tim expressed his appreciation for all the assistance he received from Mr. Lambert and the scout members of Troop 75.

Finally, the congregation may now enter through the front door of the church, due to the insight and labor of Tim Ryley and his assistants from Troop 75.

Tim's parents are James and Mary Lou Ryley. He has an older brother, Sam, who is an Eagle Scout and a twin sister, Katie. He graduated from Norwich Free Academy in June 2007. He was on the soccer team and a member of the ski club and the outdoor club. While attending NFA he worked at Dunkin Donuts. He currently works for Benjamin Basement Waterproofing. He plans to attend Kennebec Valley Community College in Maine to study electrical Lineworker Technology.

The Pipeline congratulates Tim on this great achievement and knows that his scouting experience will serve him well in the future.



## FROZEN IN TIME

*By Sue Theve*

As winter's hold keeps the ground frozen and the daylight shorter than we would like, contemplation becomes a natural exercise for the mind. Down on the farm it is time to shuffle through the seed catalogs and place the orders for the upcoming planting season. It is also a time to enjoy the rewards of last year's harvest. At no time do the preserved fruits and vegetables from the previous year taste better than during the dead of winter. They remind us of the warm sunny days that help produce the yield and of the satisfying sense of accomplishment of growing your own food.

As the Preston Pipeline ceases its existence, it seems to be a metaphor for the rural life style enjoyed by so many. The same shared community spirit that started the Preston Pipeline with a handful of dedicated volunteers, was an integral part of Preston succeeding as a farming community. The farmers were a group who could depend upon each other in times of need and accept the challenges as government officials, volunteer firemen, and more. The farms are disappearing and with them much of the community spirit that once helped to preserve the "rural character" of our town.

Some of the current writers, photographers, and contributors of the Pipeline are willing to participate in a new version of a community-based periodical, should more volunteers be willing to step forward. Preston has some incredible people who have given so much for so long. It is time for others to emerge and accept some new challenges. Just as the Preston Pipeline's last page is turned, a new era has evolved for Preston. Who will be our next generation of volunteers?

I am forever grateful to the volunteers who created and continued the Preston Pipeline for 15 years. Thank you for caring about Preston and giving of yourselves.

### PRESTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Come and share your local genealogies. Genealogists from across the area are invited to share their genealogy information with other local enthusiasts. Come prepared to give and take!!

**Wednesday, February 6 • 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm • Preston Library, Route 2**

Call Phyllis Lawrence (887-8832) if you are unable to attend, but would like to be part of our group or would like more information

Special thank yous go out to the following: Roger Galliher for his help completing the CT Council on Culture & Tourism Grant; Allyn Brown for donating the tree at the old Library; Craig Perry from Barry's Garage - for helping us to restore the finial from the library roof.

# A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...

# PRESTON Pipeline

Volume 1 Issue 1

August 1993

Monthly Free

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 31, 1993

PRESTON NEWSPAPER FINALLY HERE!!

Editor:

The Preston Pipeline offers an area of news neglected by our local newspapers. Thanks to you and your staff for an interesting newspaper. It seems appropriate at this time to address the issue of the traffic impact on our highways; in particular our two colonial villages. Poquetanuck is truly a gem and it is a piece of history we are so fortunate to have inherited. The increased traffic is surely to jeopardize its future. Is it not our responsibility to continue preserving this historical area as it has been protected in the past? Perhaps the attached article will help to instill a sense of pride in this very fine village.

A. Palmer Steffenson

August 5, 1994

To: Pipeline Publisher & Editor

The Board of Selectmen wish to congratulate you on your first Anniversary. Your commitment to cover good news, not often carried by the local newspapers, has been uplifting.

The Pipeline has opened areas of personality profiles, Town history, young folks, and a greater sense of the Community itself; just to name a few

The Board recognizes the efforts of the volunteer staff, as well as all the advertisers, for making a major contribution to the Town of Preston.

Very truly yours,

Parke C. Spicer  
Thomas Maurer  
Christine Schmidt

## Preston Public Schools Art Show

The Annual Preston Public School Art Show will be held on Wednesday May 25, 1994 from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at the Preston Plains School. There will be additional hours on Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Activities will include the art show, a book fair, a dance video, music videos, and a preview of EXPRESSIONS, the literary magazine.

**NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER FABULOUS FRITTERS**

## TAKE A BREAK' SHARE THE FUN

# FREE ADMISSION - RAIN OR SHINE

# SUMMER FESTIVAL 97

JUNE 19, 20, 21

FREE ENTRY TICKET For a chance to win a PRIZE Drawing at 9:00 p.m. each night. Winner must be present.

FREE SILENT AUCTION

WILDLIFE BOOTH

Array of Beautiful Flower & Vegetable Plants For Sale

MUSIC

PRIZES

CLOWNING

1/2 PRICE COUPON CLUMP THE DUCKBY (see ad page 10)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 19 6-10 pm**

7:00 P.M. - 1.8 MILE ROAD RACE  
7:00 P.M. - FLATBOOK SAND  
For an evening of enjoyable fun!

Flotile Motor Boatting opening tomorrow! Following 4:00 p.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. - Children's Activities with Fawn Farming, too for get 5:00 p.m. - Mike Bogdanowicz's School of Karate

**FRIDAY, JUNE 20 6-10 pm**

6:30 p.m. - Happy High Tech Dance Group  
7:30 p.m. - Connecticut Tardis Flip City  
8:00 p.m. - Cruise with the Clones  
Music from the 40's to Today's "Top 40's"

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

7:00 p.m. - Relax with an evening of easy listening with Joe LaPrade and Country Friends  
8:00 p.m. - Drawing 1985 Raffle Winners

COTTON CANDY  
PIZZA  
SUPER SUNDRIES

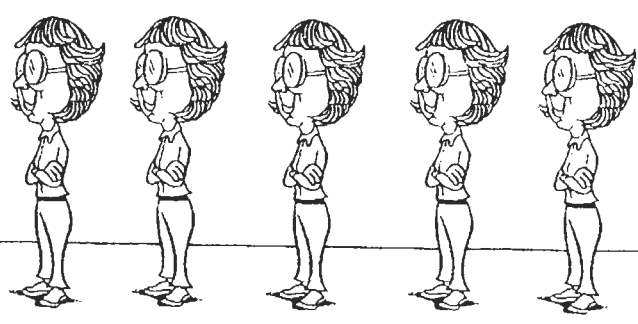
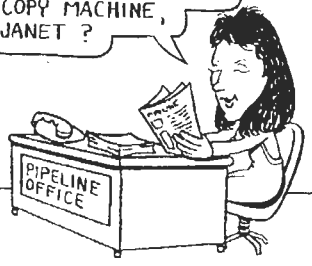
GAMES OF SKILL

PONY RIDES

1/2 PRICE COUPON PUTTING GREEN (see ad page 10)

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE - You never know what you may find  
**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH - RT. 164 Preston**

DID YOU SAY THERE'S TROUBLE WITH THE COPY MACHINE, JANET?



MARK DREHLL © 1993

## Top Dog A Contest

Do you think your dog is the best dog in town? Has it done something really outstanding? Or is it just a nice, cute companionable dog? Either way, send us a picture of your dog and a short note on why you think your dog should be Top Dog. The winner will become TOP DOG of Preston and will be awarded Dog Tag # 1 by Town Clerk Hattie Wucik along with having its picture in the Pipeline and receiving a certificate. Please get all entries in by May 25, 1994.

Entries may be mailed to the Pipeline, 48 Schoolhouse Rd., Preston, CT., 06365- or left in the Pipeline mailbox, or at Town Hall, either in the Town Clerk's Office or in the Parks and Rec. office. Whatever is the most convenient for you. If you wish the photo returned, put your name and address on the back of it.

# ...A CELEBRATION OF THE PRESTON PIPELINE

Dear Inez: I'm sixteen years old and my mother still wants me to go to bed at 9:00pm on schoolnights. I think its too early and I'm not tired. Signed J.

Dear J. Maybe its not so much that you aren't tired, but that your mother is. You'll be on your own soon enough and making your own decisions.

Dear Inez: My neighbor has geese that chase me when I go out in my yard. What can I do about it? Signed C.

Dear C. Heat oven to 350 degrees, stuff with your favorite stuffing, roast for 4-5 hours or until tender, serve with sauce.

Dear Inez: My mother won't let me read a book that I like because it uses some swear words and she's afraid I'll use them. Signed P.

Dear P: Do you know what GIGO means in computer language? Garbage in, garbage out. Mom is probably right.

## Preston Pleasant Personality - Janet Perkins

In the past year the Preston Pipeline has highlighted a number of "Preston Pleasant Personalities". In this our first anniversary issue, we wish to acknowledge one of Preston's nicest residents; the Pipeline Editor, Janet Perkins.

In Janet's 20 years of service to the town, she became a friend to many. Her willingness to help others and the concern she has for the town was the seed that grew into her dream of a special newspaper for Preston - full of Preston news - good news - people news - a rare commodity these days.

All of Janet's time is now consumed with editing, composing, layout, reporting, soliciting ads and distribution of the Pipeline.

So much for retirement Janet - WE APPRECIATE YOU.

## LIGHTING CONTEST

Love your neighbor's lights?  
Worked hard on your own display?  
Entries accepted until 12/22/95  
Call 889-2482

Leave name & address  
of your nomination  
Judging 12/27/95  
6:00 to 9:00 PM

## Preston City Fair

by Jacalyn Yonta, Secretary and Monique LaBonte, Assistant Secretary  
The 47th Annual Preston City Fair will take place this year on August 19, 20, and 21, 1994. The first Preston City Fair was held on August 21, 1948. The fair has expanded from a one day event to a 3 day and 2 night event. Through the years the proceeds from this annual event has enabled the fair and the Preston City Fire Company to enhance their building and grounds.

FUNDRAISER FOR PRESTON COMMUNITY PARK

# PRESTON'S

1st ANNUAL

# CAR SHOW

# AND SWAP MEET

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

## PRESTON PLAINS SCHOOL

ADMISSION - \$3.00 (KIDS UNDER 12 FREE)

COME VOTE FOR THE CAR OF YOUR CHOICE IN THE "PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD" FOR EACH CLASS OF BEAUTIES

KID'S AREA, CRAFT AREA, FOOD, MUSIC, FLAG CEREMONY, RAFFLES AND MORE!!!

CALL: 889-2482

## THE PRESTON PIPELINE IS CELEBRATING ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH!!




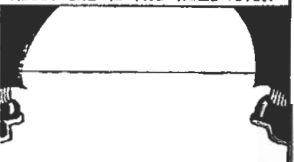

To: Preston Pipeline Editor and Staff

The Board of Selectmen congratulates you and your staff on the fifth anniversary of the Preston Pipeline. The Board of Selectmen would like to personally thank the Pipeline staff for their countless hours of hard work and commitment that has made the Pipeline a success. The Preston Pipeline is a resource that all residents of Preston can and should be proud of.

The Pipeline has taken the place of the town bulletin board of years past, as a means of informing local residents of what is happening in our town. The Pipeline provides Preston residents with a wealth of local news and information. Individuals and local organizations effectively utilize the Pipeline to communicate upcoming activities or to state a position on an issue. It is often our only forum to learn about local history, personalities, activities and news.

The Pipeline would not exist without the loyal support of many local businesses and individuals that have faithfully advertised in the Pipeline. Without the revenues generated through advertising and financial contributions the Pipeline could not be produced. We wish to thank the many businesses and individuals that have financially supported the Pipeline. The Board of Selectmen encourages readers of the Pipeline to support the local businesses that advertise in the Pipeline whenever possible.

We wish you many years of continued success.  
Respectfully,  
Bob Congdon, First Selectman  
Tom Maurer, Selectman

<p>JERRY LUTY... THE ULTIMATE STATE TROOPER</p> 	<p>CAPABLE OF ENFORCING THE LAW WITH A GUM-CHEWING GLARE.</p> 	<p>HIS ARMS COME IN TWO POSITIONS: FOLDED OR AT HIS SIDE...</p> 
<p>AND HIS FEET STAND FIRMLY... ABOUT ONE TO TWO YARDS APART</p> 	<p>AS PRESTON'S LONG-TIME, LAW-ENFORCING, WIDE-STANDING, GUM-CHEWING, IMPOSING YET CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL ULTIMATE STATE TROOPER RETIRES FROM HIS POST WE THANK HIM AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL ENJOY HIS NEW LIFE... AFTER, PERHAPS, A DAVED PERMAN NEMENT</p>	<p>HONER, YOU KNOW THAT YOUR IMPOSING GEAR DOESNT WORK WITH ME. NOW, PLEASE, ITS MY TURN WITH THE TV REMOTE.</p> 

The entire collection of Preston Pipelines is available for viewing at the Preston Public Library or on the Town of Preston's website at [www.preston-ct.org](http://www.preston-ct.org)

# ~ \* ~ PRESTON PARKS AND RECREATION ~ \* ~

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## **GENTLE YOGA**

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. ~ 3/11 - 4/29  
St. James Church, 95 Route 2A, Preston  
7 classes \* \$52.50 Preston residents & Srs (65+)  
\$63 non-residents ~ Visit [www.yogahealsus.com](http://www.yogahealsus.com)

## **OVER 30 MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Thursdays through March 27 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Preston Plains Gym ~ Fee: \$15 for the season

## **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Tuesdays, 1/8 - 5/27 (not 2/19 or 4/15)  
Preston Plains School Gym ~ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
\$20 per person ~ 19 sessions

## **COOKBOOK KIDS**

Thursdays ~ March 6 - April 3 (not 3/20)  
3:15 - 4:45 p.m. ~ PVMS Science Room  
Boys & Girls in Grades 3-5 ~ Learn to read a recipe,  
follow step-by-step instructions & enjoy the results.  
Experiment with cooking tools & food prep.  
Fee: \$35 per child ~ Four Week Program

### **For program information:**

[www.prestonparksandrec.com](http://www.prestonparksandrec.com)

Watch for flyers distributed through the schools  
Call 889-2482x113~add your name to our mailing list.

## **FREE SOFTBALL SKILLS CLINIC**

Wednesdays ~ March 5 - April 30  
Preston Plains Gym  
Grades 1-3 ~ 6-7 p.m.  
Grades 4-8 ~ 7-8 p.m.  
Pitchers & Catchers ~ 8-8:30 p.m.

## **FREE BASEBALL SKILLS CLINIC**

Mondays ~ February 3 - April 28  
Preston Veterans Memorial Gym ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Boys ~ Ages 6 through 10

## **BASEBALL ~ SOFTBALL ~ T-BALL**

### **Register in Person Only**

### **Registration Forms MAY NOT be mailed this year**

- February 2, 9, or 16 ~ 8:00 a.m. - Noon  
Preston Veterans Memorial Gym
- Preston Softball League is now affiliated with Little League. Games will be in Preston and neighboring towns. Volunteer coaches are needed for Grades 1-3. Softball players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to be turned in with their registration.
  - Preston Baseball League is affiliated with Cal Ripkin. Games will be played in Preston & neighboring towns.
  - Preston T-Ball will remain an in-town program with all games played at Preston Community Park.

## **TROOP 75 ACTIVITIES**

*By Barry Black and Merrill Gerber*

**Appreciation-** As this is the last Preston Pipeline, Troop 75 Scouts and Leaders thank our readers for their loyalty and support. We also thank Ms Perkins for creating the "*Pipeline*" and providing the opportunity for us to tell the Troop 75 story each month.

**Court of Honor** - The Eagle Court of Honor for Tim Ryley was held on December 29<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church. Read more about Tim and his Eagle Project in this month's Preston Profile.

**Our 15<sup>th</sup> Year of selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths!** We set up at the landfill to demonstrate wreath making, then moved to the Preston City Fire House to sell trees donated by Albert Lambert & Russell Fishkin. Thanks to Mrs. Liebal & Peter Lambert for co-chairing this event.

**Ski Trip** - A crew of 17 enjoyed a ski trip to Mt Wachusett on December 26th. With plenty of snow and wonderful weather, we all had a great time and came home sore and tired.

**Klondike** - The Mohegan District Klondike will be held at Camp Tadma, February 22 - 24. Think snow; sled races

are no fun in mud!

**Eagle Projects** - Bob Thiffault is cleaning up an ancient cemetery in Poquetanuck. Life Scout David Derenski plans to rehabilitate the Preston Dog Pound.

**Thank You Leaders** - Scoutmaster Barry Black, former Scoutmasters Jim Ryley & Dwight Hopkins. Assistant Scoutmasters & Committee Members: George & Lisa Carr, Merrill Gerber, Ken Hedler, Chip & Tina Knight, Peter and Sue Lambert, Doug & Heidi Liebal, Christine & Tim Shultz, Bob Thiffault, Gordon Conrad, Russell Young and Tom Fessenden. Our Committee Chairman Charlie Hobbs. Eagle Advancement Chairman and former Scoutmaster Phil Ludlow. Thanks to the many parents and volunteers who are "always there" to support us, our sponsor Preston City Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Benjamin for the use of his "campground", and Preston residents for supporting our activities.

**Scouting Opportunity** - Scouting is alive and well in Preston! If you are at least eleven years old and want an outdoor experience that teaches leadership skills, Scouting may be the answer. Call Scoutmaster Barry Black at 887-2414.

## **PIPELINE SWANSONG**

*By Gail Rigney*

I've gained a lot during my years as a Pipeline volunteer. I've come to know a group of terrific people who worked hard to get the paper out each month. From the advertisers and writers to those who handled finances or drove the copy to the printer each month... all of us on the Pipeline staff shared the common goal of celebrating life in our small town.

As this last issue of the Preston Pipeline goes to print, I am hopeful that a new generation of dedicated volunteers will come forward to carry on the tradition of producing a Preston newsletter. Any funds left in the Pipeline account will be dedicated to this cause and technical support is available from our current Pipeline volunteer base. Please contact us at 889-2482 x113 if you might be interested in this rewarding project, or attend our *Celebration of the Pipeline* at Preston Public Library at 6:00 p.m. on February 21, 2008 for more information.

# Preston Youth Service Services

389 Route 2 Preston, CT 06365 (860) 889 - 2482 ext. 117 www.prestonparksandrec.com

## **BABYSITTING TRAINING**

**Tuesday, February 12 & Wednesday, February 13**  
(Both days are half days for Preston Plains School)  
**1:00 pm – 4:00 pm ~ Preston Plains School Library**  
**Registration Fee: \$35**

Get your American Red Cross Certification. Learn how to: make decisions; choose safe, age-appropriate toys & games; learn interview skills for a babysitting job; and diapering & feeding techniques. **Must attend both days for certification.**

## **CPR TRAINING**

**Tuesday, January 23 & Thursday, January 25**  
**9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Preston Public Library**  
**Registration Fee: \$35**

American Red Cross Certification. Learn to recognize illnesses and how to handle an emergency and check victims. Perform first aid. Child & Infant CPR covered. Bring bagged lunch with you. **Must attend entire session for certification.**

*Sign up for safety sakes package, Babysitting & CPR training, both classes for only \$60. Classes are open to students who are 11 years old and over. Registration deadline for both classes is February 1. All registrations received after deadline, will be assessed a \$5 late fee and placed on a waiting list.*

## **YOUTH DANCES**

**Friday: February 8; March 14; April 11; & May 9**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Preston Plains School**

**Dance for Preston Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders ONLY.** Soda & snacks will be available for a small fee. DJ Bob Nason, of SoundMasters DJs, brings all the special effects of a dance club - - strobe lights, disco balls, colored lights. Join us for an evening of fun and dancing with your friends.

*To register for any of the above listed programs, please visit the Youth Services Office at Preston Town Hall, 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365 or visit us on the web at [www.prestonparksandrec.com](http://www.prestonparksandrec.com)*

## **SWEET TREATS**

**Tuesdays: February 26 – April 8, Not March 18**  
**3:00 pm – 4:45 pm**  
**Preston Plains School**

**6 Week Program: \$25 • All materials included**

Want to learn how to make and decorate your own candy? Learning has never been this fun and tasty. Enjoy the impressive, delicious finished products!! Open to grades 6 – 8.

## **LEARNING TO KNIT**

**Mondays: May 5 – June 9, Not May 26**  
**3:00 pm – 4:45 pm**  
**Preston Plains School**

**5 Week Program: \$25 • All materials included**

Have you always wanted to learn to knit but thought it would be too difficult to do on your own? This class will help you learn to knit as well as learning the names of different knit stitches and how to accomplish them. Learn the basic skills involved in learning to knit, such as: making a slip knot and casting on; forming the knit stitch; forming the purl stitch; and casting off.

Once you've got the basics down, it's time to pick your first project. Once you've reached the end of your knitting, all is not quite finished. Depending on the project you have picked you will need to done one of several other stitches before your work is done. This is the place to learn knitting stitches, how to start a project and how to finish off a project. Open to grades 6 – 8.

*Please log onto our website at [www.prestonparksandrec.com](http://www.prestonparksandrec.com) to see a complete listing of all our programs & activities. The website is updated all the time! So be sure to check it on a regular basis, so you don't miss anything.*

## **PRESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365

Phone: (860) 886-1010

Fax: (860) 886-4952

[www.prestonlibrary.org](http://www.prestonlibrary.org)

[library@prestonlibrary.org](mailto:library@prestonlibrary.org)

Mondays: 9 am -3 pm

Tuesdays – Thursdays: 9 am -8 pm

Fridays: 9 am -5 pm

Saturday 9 am -1 pm

**WINTER STORYTIMES:** Session II ~ February 26 – April 2

**TODDLER TIME** • 1-3 years old • Tuesdays at 10 am or Wednesdays at 10 am  
Join us for books, songs and finger plays. Play & socialization time.

**PRESCHOOL FUN** 3-5 years old • Tuesdays 11:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Join us for books, songs, movement and art & crafts.

**BOOKS & BABIES** • Wednesdays 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Join us for books, songs and finger plays. Parenting discussion and support.

*The Spring Session will begin on April 22 and run through May 27.*

## **PRESTON BOOKCLUB**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>: Mayflower**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>: Omnivore's Dilemma**

Call Library for information

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

**BookTalk 1P & 7P @ the Library**

**Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Prince of Fire**

**Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> The Zookeeper's Wife**

## *Final reflections from townspeople about the Preston Pipeline...*

"I'm optimistic. I believe rumors of The Pipeline's demise are greatly exaggerated, and that one fine day it will return. It was indeed a unique endeavor and Janet Perkins and the other folks involved in producing it deserve kudos..."

At the risk of sounding sentimental, the publication kept the town informed and connected and entertained."

- Roger Zotti -

When Janet Perkins retired as town clerk for the Town of Preston, she "had a dream" which was to publish an exclusive newspaper for Preston. She made that "dream" a reality for fifteen years which amounts to 180 issues. I was privileged to be one of the writers and what an enjoyable experience it has been - meeting so many wonderful and productive residents of this town. Janet - it has been a marvelous 15 years picking up that monthly Pipeline issue in the mailbox. I cannot find the proper words to adequately express our gratitude, so I will just say "thank you."

- Eleanor Miller -

"Progress is wonderful and the advancement of technology makes the world better for all of us. However, I think that maintaining a connection to the past is imperative. To see where we are going, we need to remember where we have been. The Preston Pipeline is a strong reminder of our small town roots and cohesive community despite the rapid growth of highways, populations and casinos. At one time or another, each Preston resident has opened their monthly edition of the Pipeline and smiled because of a touching story, a town event or seeing their name in print for an anniversary or birthday. The Pipeline would be missed and without it we are saying goodbye to a valuable Preston tradition."

- Linda Kent-Farinha -

"The Preston Pipeline has kept us on the pulse of Preston with their monthly, informative town newspaper. Thank you Janet Perkins, Gail Rigney, Amy Brosnan, Eleanor Miller, Sue Theve, Harriet Rosiene, Wanda Anderson, Phyllis Lawrence, Kate Johnson, Roger Zotti, Mark O'neill, Troop 75, Bob Congdon, Merrill Gerber, Preston Historical Society, Preston Public Library, Preston Parks and Recreation, numerous monthly advertisers (and any other contributors I didn't mention) for putting in your time and effort each month. We truly appreciate your involvement with The Preston Pipeline! It will be missed."

- Kristina Gregory -

## What has the Preston Pipeline meant to YOU ???

Share your thoughts; send an email to [prestonpipeline@hotmail.com](mailto:prestonpipeline@hotmail.com) or send a note to Preston Pipeline, c/o Preston Parks & Recreation, 389 Route 2, Preston, CT 06365

### FINAL WORDS FROM THE PIPELINE'S EDITOR:

"Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the Pipeline the past 15 years, the ones who kept track of the finances, did the billing, etc... and to the writers, who worked hard each month to find items to make it interesting. Thank you to the advertisers who supported the Pipeline for so long. It has been a long journey and we did our best, but it is time to call it a day - and for someone else to take over."

-- Janet --

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