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Some educational treats

Last Monday, an Ice Cream Treat and Book Giveaway was held for Greene-Hills School students at 254 Lake Ave. School principal, fourth from the left, was on hand. Children received an ice cream treat and a book. This was a collaborative partnership between The Bristol School Readiness Council, The Bristol Discovery Initiative and the Bristol Public Library.



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Getting closer to being the 'big kids'

Bristol kindergarteners-to-be had a chance to preview what it was like to be like the 'big kids' during 'Countdown to Kindergarten' last Tuesday. The program was designed to help new kindergarten students get ready for the first day of school. Children met other children, heard 'going to school' stories, rode school bus, and more. The program was held at the Imagine Nation Museum and the Children's Department at the Bristol Public Library, 5 High Street. Here, Valerie Toner of the library works with the youngsters.

Stand Down 2010 to help Connecticut vets in need

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced in press release that Connecticut veterans in need will have access to dozens of vital social outreach services during "Stand Down 2010" on Friday, Sept. 10, at the State Veterans Home campus on West Street in Rocky Hill.

"Like the nation and the world, our state is only now beginning to recover from the recent recession - and that can pose especially difficult challenges for veterans and their families struggling to live independently," Governor Rell said in the press release. "The practical and easily accessible assistance available at 'Stand Down' offers an effective way for veterans to regain their independence and dignity.

"These men and women have served their nation in one of the most valorous ways possible and we owe them a tremendous debt," the governor said in the release. "More than 50 government and private agencies will be there - all in one location - to provide medical screenings, social service assistance, legal help with misdemeanors, job counseling and referrals, VA benefits information and

new clothing and personal supplies.

"It is especially important that we continue to fight the problem of veteran homelessness," Rell said in the release. "Veterans' organizations, social service advocates and health professionals around the state can help by reaching out to veterans who could benefit from the program and helping get them to Rocky Hill on September 10. You can make a difference by registering and following up with just one veteran in need."

The number of homeless veterans in the United States is estimated at more than 200,000, representing about 25 to 30 percent of the nation's total homeless population. The Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs is the largest provider of direct services to homeless veterans in the state, providing residency to a daily average of almost 375 veterans.

"As unemployment remains steady, more and more veterans of all ages are struggling to maintain an acceptable quality of life," said state Veterans' Affairs Commissioner Linda S. Schwartz. "Stand Down offers a safe haven for any

veteran in need to gain valuable information and assistance."

Needy veterans or their advocates can pre-register and receive more information by calling (860) 616-3602 or (860) 616-3603 or by visiting www.ct.gov/ctva. However, pre-registration is not required to attend Stand Down.

Free transportation for veterans is available from pick-up locations around the state.

Organizations and individuals interested in contributing resources or services to Stand Down 2010 are asked to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs at (860) 616-3605.

Katelynne Beck graduates SCSU

Katelynne Sara Beck of Bristol graduated from Southern Connecticut State University on May 28.

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Obstetrician and Gynecologist Candice Shea, MD

Joins the Medical Staff AT BRISTOL HOSPITAL



Obstetrician and Gynecologist, Candice E. Shea, MD, has joined the medical staff at Bristol Hospital and has established her practice with CCOG Women's Health Group at 1131 West Street, Building 2, Southington and 25 Newell Road, Suite E-35, Bristol.

After receiving her undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Massachusetts, Dr. Shea received her medical degree from Saba University School of Medicine, Saba, Netherlands Antilles. She completed her residency at The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Macon, Georgia. Dr. Shea is board eligible in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Dr. Shea is dedicated to her work, and looks forward to starting her own family in the Bristol community.

Dr. Shea, who is semi-fluent in Spanish, is accepting new patients and can be reached at 860-276-6800.



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