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- be a "lead feeder" – someone who lets our publisher know when you hear about something going on that would be interesting to others in Salem?
- deliver copies of the new issue to some of our distribution sites? Or make sure a distribution site stays stocked?

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After getting her bachelor's degree in graphic design in South Carolina, Rachel moved back to Salem and now owns her own freelance graphic design business. You can visit her portfolio website at www.rachelcrafton.com.

News and Notes from . . .
OUR TOWN

Read about what's new in Salem and learn how to become more involved in shaping the town's future

From the Office of the First Selectman

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Holidays are upon us again. Kathleen and I wish you and your family a safe and joyful holiday season.

Let's review what has been going on in our town.

Thank you, Selectman Fogarty

We thanked Jim Fogarty for his many years of leadership in our community. Jim served as First Selectman, on the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance, as well as countless committees all to the benefit of his fellow townspeople. Salem is a better place because of Jim, and we are happy and fortunate to have him as a resident and friend.



Generators in High Demand

Due to the power outage caused by Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter, Albert, many people have been in contact with our building department for information and permits for generator installations.

Please be safe when starting and operating a generator. Always follow the manufacturer's safety and operation manual.

School Renovation News

The new High Efficiency Boilers have been installed in Salem School to replace the 40 year old inefficient boilers. This is the first step of the renovation process. The Building committee and architect are finalizing the remainder of the building plans that will begin in the summer of 2012. Many thanks to the members of the building committee for their hard work.

Activity at Four Corners

We have several construction projects going on at our Four Corners.

To the north of Chelsea Groton Bank is a mixed use building that will have eight thousand square feet of retail space on the first level, as well as ten one-bedroom apartments on the second floor level. Access for this building will be from Route 85 as well as Center Street.

At the Four Corners, a contractor has been given the notice to proceed to move the water system that is located under the soon to be vacated white building.

You will also notice new utility poles being installed as needed for the roundabout.

Community Events

The Friends of the Library Book Sale and Apple Festival were again both a success on our chilly weekend in October.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale: The Book Sale had thousands of books and movies for the entire family. My favorite was a book written in 1903, "Grey Days and Gold," in which I found a four leaf clover pressed into the beginning pages.

The Apple Festival: The event was exciting to watch as resident and friends enjoyed all sorts of apple treats. Before leaving most people endured the wait for the delectable fritters.

It is wonderful to see so many of our townspeople volunteering and attending these worthwhile events in our community. My hopes are for more community events at our town center and our new pavilion.

Get Involved

We congratulate all our townspeople who ran for an office in November. You were a winner in my eyes as soon as you decided to step forward to serve our town.

If you have thought about helping your town, please come forward. We need good people to serve as part of the Emergency Responders, Friends of the Salem Library, PTO, Lions, Historical Society and many more organizations that serve our town. Salem runs on volunteers. Many volunteers comment to me that the rewards they receive from sharing their time and talents are priceless. Please call my office at 860-859-3873 ext. 110. I will be glad to discuss the many opportunities available for you to serve our town.

I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our town of Salem a better place to live.

Enjoy your holiday season. Mele Kelikimaka and Hau'oli Makahiki Hou from the Lyden Family to your Family.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lyden



New Law Helps Protect Teens from Dating Violence

By State Sen. Andrea L. Stillman, 20th District



Residents of Salem and those of other cities and towns across Connecticut will be interested to know that ongoing efforts to curb domestic violence in our state are manifest in a new state law that took effect October 1. The statute expands the definition of ‘family violence’ to include teen dating incidents and makes other changes to existing law in an effort to protect state residents from these types of assaults.

Perhaps the most striking change in the new law is inclusion of dating violence and ability of young people under the age of 18, who are newly susceptible to stalking and other forms of intimidation, to seek equal protection under the law.

Young people in Connecticut of both genders are particularly vulnerable to this form of abuse while experimenting with adult behaviors and new types of relationships, and since by some estimates as many as one in five young women have been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner, we felt it was imperative to act on this law. In case additional, compelling evidence is required: fully 68% of young female rape victims are said to have known their attacker as a boyfriend, friend, or acquaintance.

Suffice it to say: the potential for life-altering violence is as real and as devastating for adolescents as for any adult aged 18 or older. These adolescents need the provisions of this new law.

As recently as last year a national, nonprofit group called Break the Cycle, dedicated to this issue, rated our state’s teen dating violence prevention efforts. In that evaluation Connecticut received only a ‘C’ while each of our neighboring states was graded with a ‘B’ or better. With this in mind, another important aspect of the new law is expansion of the list of crimes and other allowable reasons for which a judge is authorized to issue a restraining order.

One of the simplest ways to reduce the number of domestic and family violence incidents is physical separation of the potential aggressor from the prospective victim, and this new law allows for the issuance of additional, legally binding criminal protective orders. These court orders effectively protect victims from violence or intimidation, and any violation of such an order escalates the consequences for an offender, placing him or

her in contempt of court and perhaps in commission of a Class A misdemeanor.

This is particularly important for minors because the majority of incidents of teen dating violence is said to occur in the home of one of the partners. Denying or preventing access to the aggressive partner is a common-sense first line of defense and protection.

Another reason we went to such lengths to protect young people is built into testimony received from UConn’s Center for Children’s Advocacy. It cites research statistics to suggest domestic violence among adults is likely to have origins in adolescence. In fact, a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association concludes that ‘Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims: Many will continue to be abused in their adult relationships and are at a higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, and suicide.’

The new law then serves the dual purpose of addressing an immediate need and gives young people legal recourse and increased protections if, when, and as needed. It also works going forward to ‘break the cycle’ of abuse, physical violence, and related anti-social behaviors as a result of unchecked domestic violence.

Andrea Stillman represents the 20th Senatorial District, which includes New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem and Montville.

Bi-Partisan Jobs Bill Offers Support for Small Businesses

By State Rep. Ed Jutila, 37th District



Upon adjournment of the 2011 regular legislative session back in June, Governor Malloy addressed the General Assembly. While recapping some of the major accomplishments, he also announced that he intended to call the legislature back for a special session on job creation and economic development in the fall.

That special session culminated on October 26th with passage of a comprehensive jobs bill (H.B. 6801) that will boost Connecticut’s ability to grow and retain jobs and ignite our economy.

The goal of the legislation is to jump-start job creation and foster long-term economic growth. Assistance for small businesses, cutting red tape, incentives for innovation, economic development tools and workforce de-

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velopment and training, among other things, are all addressed in the bill.

One of the key components of the legislation is the Small Business Express Package which will make available incentives, grants and loans ranging from \$10,000 to \$250,000 to small businesses.

Another vital component provides for the alignment of programs at vocational-technical schools, community colleges and universities with the high-demand job needs of employers, including the state's manufacturing and technology companies.

As a former small business owner, I am particularly pleased with a provision in the legislation that will effectively cut the annual \$250 business entity tax in half by making it payable every two years. This will reduce another burden on small businesses. Repealing the business entity tax has been one of my top priorities since I first came to the legislature. I will continue to advocate for its complete elimination.

Other important elements of the jobs bill include:

- Consolidating and increasing tax credits for new hires
- Further incentivizing investments in emerging technology
- Building innovation centers in key areas and investing in innovative ventures
- A second "First Five" program

- Streamlining the business permitting process
- Remediating old industrial sites or "brownfields"
- Computer upgrades to foster seamless communication between businesses and the state
- Allowing the Airport Authority to designate new development zones
- Main Street commercial centers improvement initiative

With all the talk about the partisan bickering and acrimony, especially in Washington, I was delighted with the manner in which this legislation evolved and eventually passed. After numerous amicable and productive meetings between legislative leaders of both parties and the governor, the bill passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate. In fact, only one member in the House and one in the Senate voted against it.

Governor Malloy didn't waste any time signing the bill into law the very next day surrounded by legislative leaders from both parties.

If you are interested in obtaining additional details on this legislation or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me at home (860) 739-7730 or at the office (860) 240-8568.

Ed Jutila represents the 37th Assembly District, which includes Salem and East Lyme.

News from the Salem School District

SALEM SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Submitted by Jennifer Kayser



On Wednesday, October 26th, Salem Elementary School honored National Fire Prevention Week. Students viewed age-appropriate fire safety videos and had an opportunity to check out the fire trucks and other fire prevention equipment and to crawl out of the Smoke House (free of smoke of course!). The children were full of questions and eager to learn about fire prevention and safety. On behalf of Salem School, we thank the Salem Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Drivers for sharing their time and important safety information with our students and staff.



Local Voices are the . . .

TALK OF THE TOWN

Residents share their stories in columns related to various aspects of Salem life

In Her Shoes

By Elizabeth C. Regan

Christie Borelli—Salem School French teacher, coach, and advisor—stands 4'11" in stocking feet. "I always feel like I'm the size of a third grader," she says. This nine year veteran of the Salem School system, however, cuts a more imposing figure than her diminutive stature might indicate. While her penchant for wearing six inch heels alleviates most of the height issue, it's her larger-than-life personality that endears her to students from grades one through eight. Ms. Borelli's students are some of her biggest cheerleaders as she works toward her next goal—becoming a shoe designer.

"I've always been somewhat obsessed with fashion, particularly shoes," she says. "It probably goes back to when I was a kid. I didn't have a blanket or a stuffed animal; I'd want to take a nap with my sneakers. My mother has a picture somewhere—me and my pigtails and my sneaks."

Borelli was raised in the Springfield, Mass. area by her father, a truck driver, and her mother, a teaching assistant. Her Italian grandparents on her father's side contributed to a love of languages that grew alongside her infatuation with footwear. She graduated with a degree in French from Westfield State, where she took advantage of the opportunity to spend a year in Montreal as a student at McGill University.

Through it all, Borelli found herself drawn to what other people were wearing. Clothing, shoes, make-up, perfume: she noticed it all. "Fashion is a very outside reflection of who you are and what kind of society you're in and what kind of statement you want to make," she says. "It's always been very interesting to me, all the different things that people find attractive."

In 2003, with teaching experience garnered in both East Hartford and Waterford, Borelli came to Salem School as a French teacher for grades five through eight. She received her master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. More recently, she developed and

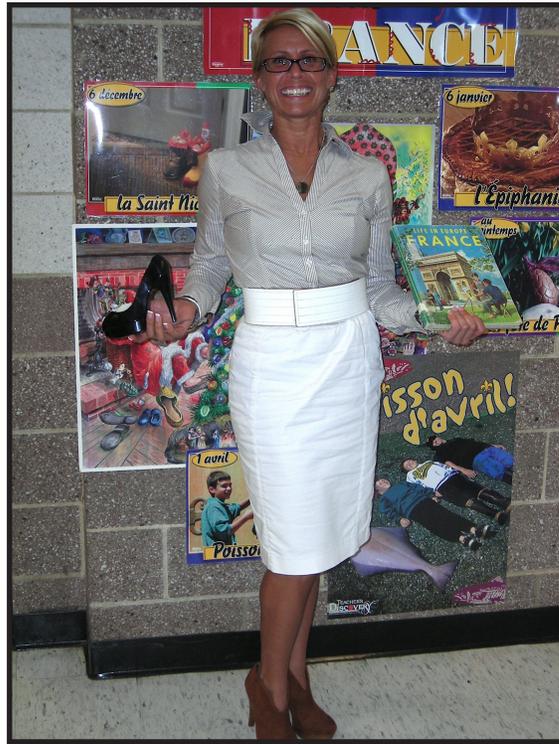


photo by Andrei Weber

implemented an elementary program that allows her to reach students at a younger age and develop a closer bond throughout their years at Salem School. In addition to teaching, she serves as the coach of the cross country, track and boys' basketball teams and the eighth grade class advisor.

Christie Borelli is now 37 years old, comfortable in both her profession and

her own skin. The process of morphing from shoe enthusiast—she owns approximately 500 pairs of shoes—to shoe designer has been an organic one. She hasn't been knocking on doors; instead, invitations to fashion and trade shows have come to her. Now, more than ever, she feels she is truly open to the possibilities.

"For the longest time, I tried to be what everybody else wanted," she says. It took many life lessons, including a long-lasting but ill-fated relationship and the death of her beloved father, to make her realize the importance of following her own dreams—literally and figuratively. "Sometimes I'll wake up in the middle of the night and sketch away," she says of the large collection of shoe designs she is amassing.

Though she has not yet had any of her designs turned into prototypes, she built around an existing platform to create a unique pair of shoes—"blinged out," as she likes to say, with gold, sparkles and tulle—that she wore to a fashion show in New York City this past spring. "I wore them because I said 'why not.' I don't really have anyone else's feet to work with right this second, so why

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not use my own? And people asked me about them.” In addition to questions, she received many compliments. Her shining moment came when the headlining designer of the show told her he loved her shoes.

That “why not” mentality drives her to pursue her fashion design dreams while at the same time fostering her teaching career. “How many people can say they do two things they absolutely love to do, especially in this economy? Why not take something that I am absolutely obsessed with and do the unthinkable? It’s not ‘why,’ it’s ‘why not,’” she says.

The home that Christie Borelli owns in the Quaker Hill section of Waterford is an example of the intersection between culture and design that represents her outlook on life. “My whole house is almost like a mini-Paris,” she says. She cites two pieces of architecture in Paris—the Eiffel Tower and I.M. Pei’s glass-and-steel pyramid at the Louvre—as the kind of design she most admires. While the structures were originally decried as eyesores by many Parisians, Borelli sees them as representations of the unique French spirit, which she characterizes as a contradiction in style. She tries to evoke the same sentiment in her own attitude, her classroom, and her designs. She likes to stand out: “not over the top, where it looks

like you’re trying too hard, but enough to make a unique statement,” she says.

The next step in Borelli’s loosely-laid fashion plan involves attending trade shows to find the right engineer to take her two dimensional designs to the next level. “It’s exciting. A little scary. I don’t know what I’m getting into, but I feel secure enough in what I’m doing now that I know this is a safe enough risk for me to explore,” she says. And while she doesn’t know exactly what form her first pair of shoes—or her future as a designer—will take, she knows that she will call her premier pair of shoes “Georgies” after her father. “He hated shopping, but he always believed in me,” she says.

Borelli acknowledges that it is now her students—whether in French class, on one of her sports teams, or at events she coordinates as class advisor—who are her most immediate, and oftentimes harshest, critics. “Sometimes the kids will look at me and go ‘what did you do?’! Other days, they’re like ‘that’s kind of cool.’” It’s an open kind of communication that she encourages.

“I hope the kids see that I’m trying something new and that, if anything, it’s better to try than not to try at all. To not be afraid. I just don’t want to live my life with the regret,” she says.



Who’s Working For You at the Salem Library?

By Jackie Hemond, Director, Salem Free Public Library

Many of you know our faces, but you may not know our names or background. Seven out of eight have had library training. This is an important fact for our small library. We take pride in our experience and knowledge.



Pat Aldrich has worked at the Salem Library the longest, about six years. During that time, she trained herself to become a library cataloger. At the end of 2011, she will receive a Library Technical Assistant (LTA) Certificate from Three Rivers Community College.

The LTA Certificate is a 30 credit program consisting of a core of library science and computer courses. Upon graduation, Pat has been asked to serve on the LTA Board at Three Rivers Community College. Pat directs the Story Hour on Friday mornings. In addition to cataloging, she selects the children and young adult books and manages the children’s programs. She lives in Salem with her husband and two children.



Millie Cullen moved to Salem from East Hampton in 2008. She retired from the State of Connecticut and started working for the Salem library soon after. Millie is a dog lover. She owns three Doberman Pinschers. She also volunteers for the New Hampshire

Doberman Rescue and is a dog trainer at Tails U Win in Manchester. She hopes to direct a basic dog training program at the library. She is married and has four daughters and two grandsons.

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Sharon Geer received her LTA Certificate and associate's degree from Three Rivers Community College. She also works at the Voluntown Public Library. In Voluntown, Sharon has taken on many of the head librarian's duties while the head librarian has been on a long extended medical leave. Previously Sharon was a dental assistant and a membership coordinator for Mystic Seaport. Sharon runs the Story Hour on Wednesday nights. She also does most of the interlibrary loans. She recently directed the popular Fairy House program. She lives with her husband in East Haddam.



Jackie Hemond received her master's in library science from Simmons College and an undergraduate degree from Wells College. She started work at the Salem library in 2008. Previously, she worked for many years at the Simsbury Public Library. She has also worked at these libraries: Otis Library, the Connecticut College library, the Barnes Group, Arthur D. Little and the Massachusetts State Library. Jackie selects the adult materials and plans adult programs. She lives in Ledyard with her husband and two children.



Susan Nye graduated from Southern Connecticut University with a degree in art education and obtained a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Connecticut State University. She has also taken art courses at the Lyme Academy of Art. She has previously worked at the Voluntown library, Ledyard library, and the Pequot Museum library. Susan directs many of the art and craft programs at the Salem library including the Art Group and annual art show held at the end of summer. She lives in Lisbon with her husband.



Karen Sanquedolce recently received her LTA Certificate from Three Rivers Community College, and will receive her associate's degree from there in 2012. She is the librarian at Field Memorial School in Bozrah. She previously worked at the Cragin Memorial Library in Colchester. She lives in Bozrah with her husband and two children.



Kathy Sasso received her master's degree in education and a bachelor's in business administration from the University of New Haven. She recently received her Library Media Specialist Certification from the State of Connecticut. She works full-time as the library media specialist at Griswold High School. Previously, she was a computer teacher in the Colchester school system. She has applied to be on the Nutmeg Awards for Young Adult Literature Committee. She tutors patrons in basic computer skills at the Salem library. She lives in East Lyme with her husband and has two daughters in college.



Jane Wellbrock received her LTA Certificate from Three Rivers Community College. She did her practicum for her certificate at the Salem library! She is a member of the Clamshell Quilt Guild, does yoga, and belongs to several book clubs. She and her husband are members of the National Corvette Society. She likes to travel, especially in a corvette! Jane lives in Salem, where she has lived since she was nine years old. Jane is responsible for the collection of fines and the magazine collection at the library. She has a daughter and three stepchildren.



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Shirley Diamond:

Poetry Matters

By Jackie Hemond



When Shirley Diamond was young, probably six or seven years old, her mother decided that Shirley should take elocution lessons. To train students in articulation and pronunciation, Shirley's teacher enlisted her students to perform a weekly radio show

on WDRG, a Hartford area radio station. The students performed dramatic skits, enthusiastically playing adult roles. The children also recited poetry. For Shirley, this introduction to poetry, voicing Edna St. Vincent Millay and other popular poetry over the airwaves, answered a need deep inside her. Through poetry Shirley found comfort and exhilaration. Although Shirley also studied violin at the Hartt School of Music, it was poetry that spoke to her. She became hooked on it. And she wanted others to get hooked too.

Shirley didn't become a poet. She graduated from Smith College and got a job in Detroit working for the Women's Bureau under the Department of Labor. While in Detroit she met her husband, Sigmund Diamond. When Sigmund became a professor at Columbia University, they settled happily in New York City with their two children. Along the way she volunteered at a school library in Boston, and then, together with other faculty wives, started a children's library at Columbia University. She worked for twenty-six years at the Thomas Watson Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Wherever she was, she raised money for poetry books, suggested poetry books to friends and children, and passed her love of poetry on to her children and grandchildren.

One of Shirley's grandchildren is enrolled in a master's degree program for poetry writing. Through her, Shirley is expanding her repertoire, learning newer forms of poetry. Shirley has three other granddaughters. Sig, as Shirley calls her husband, had wanted one more granddaughter so they could form a girls' basketball team. Instead of a basketball team, Shirley has the aforementioned burgeoning poet and an immigration lawyer

working in Austin, Texas. The other two granddaughters are at Swarthmore. One is a junior majoring in fine arts, with a minor in history, an interest of her grandfather; the other is a freshman.

In 1966, Shirley and her husband bought a weekend house in Salem. Often, she and Sigmund would attend the opera in the City on Friday nights and drive up to Salem afterward. Their thirty-five years in New York City were interrupted by stints in Paris, London, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Vienna when Sigmund took sabbaticals for research or taught in other universities. On vacation they traveled through Iran, Greece, Turkey, Germany, Italy, Spain and other countries. She loved New York City with its cosmopolitan excitement. But she also loved Salem.

In the late 1980s, Shirley and Sigmund came to live permanently in Salem. Shirley still visits New York City because her daughter lives there. She visited Paris during the past two years while her son lived there. But Salem is home.

Living in Salem, Shirley joined a local poetry group. She discovered another group intent on building a new, larger library for Salem, spearheaded by Carl Nawrocki. The library was built and became a focus of life in Salem. Then, to honor Sigmund, who died in 1999, she generously donated money to the Salem Free Public Library for a growing poetry and literary collection for adults and children, comprising nearly forty books. She is the inspiration for an annual poetry contest at the library which culminates in an Art & Poetry Reception at the end of summer. This year will celebrate the third year of the contest.

Shirley's life is coming full circle. In this town that she loves, which she characterizes as a Norman Rockwell painting, full of close friends and dear people, she is handing out poetry books, telling us that poetry matters.



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TRCC Environmental Research Students Explore the Woods with Salem First Graders

By Diba Khan-Bureau

It was a breezy and sunny but cool fall afternoon. With several of my Three Rivers Community College environmental research project students, I set out to the Salem elementary school to reinforce what the first graders already were being taught about biodiversity and the importance of stewardship. We thought it would be exciting to bring the first graders out into the woods to explore. We met Mrs. Mainville, a first grade teacher, in her homeroom. She gave us instructions on what trails the children were allowed to hike and explore.



My college students thought it would be a good idea to walk the trail before we brought the little ones on the walk and before the children were finished with lunch, so off we went. What a nice nature trail; it was full of wonderful places to find microhabitats in the fields, woods and wetlands. We were having so much fun looking at the things we were going to share with the first graders that we almost lost track of time. It was time to get the children in their classroom. My student Jorge grabbed his camera while Sam stayed on the trail to find fun organisms and habitats that could be showcased for the first graders to see. I grabbed field guidebooks just in case. The children were split up between me, my students, and Mrs. Mainville, and off we went into the woods!

We found salamanders, insect larvae, mosses, lichens, ferns and what appeared to be red backed salamander eggs. We saw and named several trees, plants and grasses. The children were thrilled. My students were

thrilled, too, to be mentoring first graders. The young students were exuberant and very willing to learn about the outdoors. These little scientists could one day grow up to become biologists, ecologists and scientists, teaching other little ones about the wonders of the woods and wetlands!

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Salem's American Heritage Day

By Paul Robillard

Salem's American Heritage Day, a patriotic, nonpartisan, public service event, was sponsored by the Salem Republican Town Committee on September 10th on the grounds of the Salem Herb Farm. The free admission event was held to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 1861. Approximately four hundred people attended throughout the day.



The Civil War re-enactors and the Republican Town Committee members who coordinated Salem's first American Heritage Day gather together.

A program book that was given to each attendee identified the sixty-five citizens of Salem who served, including nine who died, during the Civil War.

The opening ceremony included the presentation of the Color Guard and President Abraham Lincoln by members of Boy Scout Troop 123. An invocation was given by Deacon Vincent Larson of the Cornerstone Church, followed by a welcome by Chairperson Ed Chmielewski of the Republican Town Committee, and remarks by First Selectman Kevin Lyden.

Throughout the day, Phillip Chetwynd, an Abraham Lincoln re-enactor, engaged in conversation with those in attendance, held a press conference, and behaved in a manner that represented the highest office in our land during the 1860s. He presented a strong, convincing sense that he actually was President Abraham Lincoln. He strolled through the crowds in complete character, answering questions and giving attendees what felt like the authentic experience of interacting with the former president. When someone asked him about his assassination by John Wilkes Booth, he responded with a puzzled look and appeared to not understand as, at that moment, he was alive and well. When asked why he wore a top hat, he responded that it was his office as he tipped his hat and showed everyone all his important papers were inside. At the memorial at the end of the day, he gave his Gettysburg Address.

Also participating was the 9th Battery Massachusetts Volunteers, which was officially reactivated in April 1961 and is legally called the "Ninth Massachusetts Battery Light Artillery Army of the Potomac, Inc." Their encampment focused on camp life, bugling, medical and

surgical issues, and the unit's history. The battery owns a 10-pdr Parrott cannon and limber as well as a 12-pdr Mountain Howitzer with an original tube and new carriage. Cannon firing demonstrations with the 12 pdr Mountain Howitzer were conducted during the day.

Life during the Civil War was also represented by Geoffrey M. McLean, who portrayed U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ezra Gordon Seals, and by First Maryland Infantry, Company H, re-enactor Thomas Pruchnicki, who presented a display of rifles, bayonets and bullets used by the Confederate Army

during the Civil War.

David and Lois Wordell are the owners of the Antique Carriage & Sleigh Museum at The Olde Ransom Farm at 509 New London Road (Rt. 85). They presented information about the museum and about the vintage Doctor's Buggy, Civil War era documents, and an original architectural model of a single turret, iron clad Monitor that was planned but never built.

On the night before the event about thirty Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and chaperones from Salem's Boy Scout Troop 123 camped out overnight with the 9th Battery Massachusetts Volunteers. They were treated to a campfire rendition and discussion of what the soldiers' lives were like during the Civil War. When the Scouts were asked to rate the event on a scale of 1 to 10 they resoundingly yelled 10!



David Wordell of the Antique Carriage and Sleigh Museum speaks with Joseph Duncan, owner of the Salem Herb Farm.

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Diana Alligood, dressed as a young lady of the era, strolled the grounds during the day playing authentic fiddler music to the enjoyment of all. The Salem Fire Department also participated by having their small emergency response unit on site for all to see.

A closing ceremony held on the fields of the Salem Herb Farm served as a memorial for those who served America from the Revolution until today. President Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address, and a Benediction was given by Pastor Tim Dubeau of the Congregational Church of Salem. Taps was played and the cannon was fired as a salute to end the day.

Overall the event was a day to renew our sense of American and local history, stroll around the Salem Herb Farm's beautiful grounds and gardens, watch and inter-

act in the demonstrations by the re-enactors, have some great refreshments, and relive history.

Additional participants included representatives from the Salem Public Library; Choose CT; Voter Registration; Gray Davis Associates; and the Salem Historical Society.



Diana Alligood plays Civil War era music on her fiddle.

From the Desk of the Town Clerk

The Ancient Road: FORSYTH

By Pat Cristanti

Roads play an important part of our history as a town. I was researching and documenting the beginnings of the road system in our town. First I wanted to make a listing of how and when the roads were approved as town roads. It became more and more interesting as I went further back through time. Also, it became more difficult to locate some of the information I was seeking. I had difficulty finding anything for Forsyth road and when it was accepted as a town road...

Forsyth road is what we would call an "ancient" road. It was being used and was already named before Salem even became a town!

Some history of the Forsyth family, excerpted from the book "Connecticut Daughters of the American revolution; patriots' daughters":

The Forsyths came from the Highlands of Scotland, and were among the first settlers of Hartford, Conn. (about 1637).

Gilbert Forsyth is mentioned among the 'Hatfield Souldjers' in 1675. He was in the 'Falls Fight,' May 19, 1676. He was a resident of Hartford, Conn., 1682.

James Forsyth, probably his son, married September 9, 1708, Hannah Lester, probably daughter of Andrew and Lydia Bailey Lester. They had twelve children. Timothy, their son (born February 13, 1718), married Ruth (unknown).



Latham Forsyth, the patriot, was the son of Timothy and of Ruth Forsyth. Latham Forsyth was born in Montville, New London County, Conn., in 1761, and died at Salem, Conn., October 3, 1835. He entered the Continental Army in extreme youth, enlisting in New London and serving first under Captain Richard Deshon. He

served more than two years with the Connecticut State troops.

It was not until 1832 that he applied for a pension, and then only at the solicitation of a friend, who remarked when Mr. Forsyth said he could live without it, 'You are entitled to it, and I shall procure it for you,' which he did, and, sending for Mr. Forsyth to receive the first payment, he pinned the bunch of bills inside Mr. Forsyth's coat so that they should not be lost.

Mr. Forsyth was twice married, and seventeen children were born to him.

On the 1874 map of Salem, there is noted "Heirs of Latham Forsyth" and "Homestead Farm."

Dr. Forsyth lived on Forsyth Road, most probably in this house, which still stands today.

The Scoop from the School

By Megan Aldrich



Hi, my name is Megan Aldrich and I'm in the seventh grade at Salem School. I've always loved to write and have never really had a chance to use that love for something other than the enjoyment of my family and friends! So, the other day I thought I might want to do some reporting for *Our Town*. It took a while to come up with an idea but finally I came up with a topic that not many people know about...the school, and being a student there makes this easy! Over the next few months I will be writing "The Scoop from the School," because most of you don't know what's going on in sports, drama, and video club...etc. I'm planning on interviewing some of our students, athletes, coaches, directors, administrators, and even some teachers to see what's really going on in Salem School!

Editor's note: We are thrilled to have Megan on board as our newest columnist. Please join us in welcoming her to the pages of Our Town – Salem. We look forward to seeing what kind of scoops Megan will be dishing out about life at Salem School beginning in our next issue.

Words of Thanks

Submitted by the Heaton Family

TO THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

I would like to thank the Salem library staff for all that they have done. Under the guidance of Miss Jackie, my children have made their first stop to the desk to say hello, ask questions (which are patiently answered) and be informed of any new groups going on, activities, or new books that one of the librarians have thoughtfully put aside with them in mind. For those who have children who love to read or reluctantly read, this is the place that they ask to be brought to. There are many weeks when we are there three or four times to sit and read, use the computer, attend a group, get a movie, get information for a report, or be invited to display our collections. I cannot say enough about each and every one of the staff and the volunteers who give their time. I appreciate the attention and interest you have given to my family. The environment that is created there is one where people are welcome and their opinions valued.

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SALEM TOP 10 TREASURES

Compiled by the MOMS Club of Salem, CT

#1 Our incredible library – it’s a welcoming meeting place and a wonderful resource for the whole family.

#2 The fact that an organization like the MOMS Club is here in Salem to lend support not only to moms and families, but to so many community members and organizations.

#3 Our First Responders — the EMTs, firefighters, and state troopers who keep us safe, most of them as volunteers.

#4 Salem School – Many of us MOMS Club members are just beginning to experience what Salem School has to offer as our children become old enough to attend school (though in the case of those of us who grew up here, it’s more accurate to say we are beginning to experience it again!). We’re so grateful for the wonderful people and resources available to us at Salem School.

#5 Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream – it’s fun for all ages!

#6 The wonderful sports/recreation programs that local parents are so committed to coaching and supporting.

#7 Our great public works crew that gets it done during mere snow storms and also blizzards...not to mention hurricanes and tropical storms!

#8 Generous businesses – Many local businesses have supported us in our community service endeavors, from Babe’s Deli (with its donations to our pancake breakfast in support of Finley’s Fighters) to All About Hair and Hair Power (who came out for our “Show You Care, Cut Your Hair” fundraiser).

#9 Two Brothers Restaurant – a great restaurant that is kid friendly and VERY accommodating to large crowds (at MOMS Night Out, they never rush us out when we are enjoying that last Pumpkin Ale!)

#10 Events like the Apple Festival, Lions Club tag sale, and the Friends of the Salem Library book sale – it’s always great watching so many people from town come together.

The MOMS Club is an international, non-profit support group for those in search of opportunities to meet other families with young children. A full calendar of events allows members to take advantage of a variety of fun, educational activities. MOMS Club events are generally held throughout the week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information about the MOMS Club of Salem, CT, please contact Joanna Griffith, membership vice president, at mc-salemct@yahoo.com or (860) 425-0973.



MOMS Club of Salem members Sarah Bernhardson, with son Josh, and Deborah Pazzaglia, with daughter Lexi.

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Dining Around Salem

QUICK SERVE RESTAURANTS AT SALEM FOUR CORNERS

By Pat Aldrich

I thought it would be fun to sample and write about some of the little restaurants in and around the Four Corners (soon to be Roundabout) in Salem. I for one will miss referring to it as "The Four Corners." It is such a quaint term.

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We decided to try this the other night; I had not been to the Chinese restaurant in Salem in something like 25 years. We located the menu on-line, and I also found a coupon, which was a pleasant surprise! My husband picked up the order, and said the owners were very nice, and the place looked clean. This used to be Uncle Chong's, and is now under NEW management. We ordered a pint of Hot & Sour Soup (\$2.40), a pint of Boneless Spare Ribs (\$6.35) a quart of Pork Fried Rice (\$6.95), a quart of Roast Pork Lo-Mein (\$7.90), Vegetable Moo Shu (\$7.50), a pint of Curry Chicken (\$4.95), a pint of Chicken with Mixed Vegetables (\$4.95) and an order of Thai Coconut Shrimp (\$11.95), which was listed under the Chefs Recommendations.

Hot & Sour soup is one of my all-time favorites! Lee's Kitchen in Colchester made the best I have ever had, and I have been on a quest ever since to find one that measures up. Unfortunately, due to my high standards, and the lack of both hotness and sourness, this one was not quite there, but it certainly was not inedible by any means. The spare ribs and rice were good; the Lo-Mein, my husband's favorite, was lacking the "really hot wok" flavor (his words, not mine). The chicken dishes were fine, although the Curry Chicken, which was listed as spicy, was very lackluster, and contained mostly onions.

The Vegetable Moo Shu was the best dish; I actually have not had Moo Shu that good in a long time—I would go back for that!

My biggest disappointment was the Thai Coconut Shrimp. Has anyone noticed the frequency in which Chinese restaurants take the name of a "real" dish, and serve the equivalent of chicken fingers with sauce on top? Well, this was a similar twist: it was fried shrimp with pineapple chunks, drizzled with a small amount of coconut sauce. It was listed under "Chefs Recommendations"!

All and all, I think the food was good—not great, but good. If you like spicy food, I would suggest that you ask them to ramp it up a little when you order, as everything was on the mild side for my family. Next time, I would get the Moo Shu, and perhaps try one of the Thai dishes.

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Service: Friendly & Welcoming

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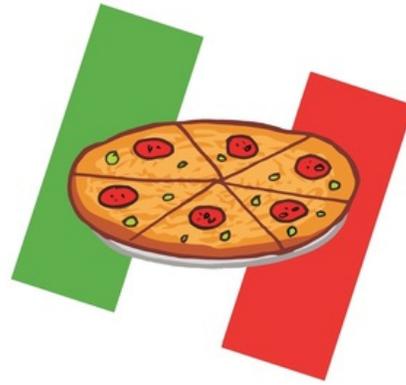


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THE PLUM TOMATO

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My family gets take out from The Plum Tomato several Friday nights a month. We love the thin crust style pizza and the eclectic toppings! Plus, the server—I should really learn her name—makes the best pizza!

On a recent Friday night my husband and I, desperate for even a few minutes to talk without being interrupted by our two tweenagers, went together to pick up the pizza. When we walked in the door, the guy behind the counter yelled “Hey, Mr. Jeffery!” I did not realize we went there that often—I felt like I was in an episode of “Cheers”! We paid for our pizzas and, when we got to the car, I said “What, do you hang out here after I go to bed?”

We arrived home with our usual pies:

The Mamma Rosa: I think we have tried all the pizzas, but this is my personal favorite. It features spinach, onion, plum tomato, sprouts (I NEVER get those), gorgonzola and mozzarella cheese with alfredo sauce drizzled over the top. Small \$14.99; large \$19.99.

The Sinatra: mozzarella cheese, sausage, and fire roasted red and green peppers. Small \$12.99; Large \$17.99.

The Vinny: BBQ sauce, BBQ chicken, bacon, onion, and gorgonzola cheese. My mother-in-law, daughter and husband love this one. It is not my personal favorite, but that is what makes this place so great—they have something for everyone, and they will make any pies ½ and ½ .

Lastly we get my son’s pizza: a large sauce-only. Occasionally he will get bacon or sausage, but he has a dairy allergy, and really prefers just the crust and sauce.

In addition to the pizza, they have these great Brickini sandwiches (whole \$16.99; half \$8.99; quarter \$5.99) which are kind of like an oven toasted sandwich on pizza bread. I just love them. A quarter is plenty for one person, although you will want to eat more! My two personal favorites are the Sammy the Bull (roasted chicken, bacon, spinach, onions, sliced plum tomatoes, gorgonzola cheese and ranch dressing) and the Magic Garden (spinach, mesclun greens, sprouts, black olives, fire roasted peppers, plum tomatoes, mushrooms, feta cheese and—the best part—a chutney dressing! (Is it Friday yet?)

I love all the fun names they use for the pizzas and sandwiches. The ingredients are fresh, the service is good, and the menu is huge (check it out on-line). They also have a larger location in Colchester with sit down service.

Cuisine: Salads, sandwiches, wood-fired pizza (a larger selection including appetizers & pasta available at the Colchester location)

Atmosphere: Take out & a few tables

Service: Friendly & Welcoming

Hours: Sun – Thurs, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

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Well, hopefully I have inspired you all to check out these restaurants. I was going to write about a few more, but will have to save them for another issue.



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Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau



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WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Childcare through age 5 available at 11:00 a.m. service

Exceptions: one service at 11:00 a.m. on 12/18 (Christmas Pageant) and 12/25

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 10 – 6:00 p.m.

Bluegrass Gospel Christmas Concert (Christian Community Center Fund-raiser) in the CE Building

Sunday, December 18 – 5:00 p.m.

Live Nativity at Maegog Farm on the corner of Rts. 354 and 82

Saturday, December 24 – 7:00 p.m.

Service of Carols and Candles

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESS

Plumbing, heating and electric installations are in process. Landscaping continues. Next up – insulation, sheetrock, flooring. We will be working in the building throughout the winter and spring with Memorial Day our target for a grand opening.

Salem Green Cemetery Association

Submitted by Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

For the period 07/30/2011 to 10/21/2011 there was one interment/inurnment.

Name	Location	Date
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Contact the SGCA cemetery sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-859-1925 if interested in purchasing one or more plots.

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LIONS TALES

Submitted by
Lion George Ziegra



Have you noticed new landscaping at town facilities? Lions Clubs International has committed to plant a million trees worldwide between July 2011 and June 2012. This is a global campaign focusing on caring for the environment and our communities through tree planting. On Saturday, October 22, Salem Lions, in partnership with Salem Recreation Commission, planted 23 trees and shrubs at the Round Hill Recreation fields, the Salem Green Cemetery, the Forsyth Road soccer field, and the Harris Brook Trail parking area. One tree or shrub was planted for each of the current Salem Lion members.

Congratulations to our new members. Salem Lions were pleased to host our District 23-C Governor, Lion Ken Tucker, at our October 27th meeting. After dinner, he highlighted his goals for District 23-C to support his theme "Lions Make a World of Difference." Lion Ken then inducted two new members into Salem Lions: Dan Holle (sponsored by Lion George Ziegra) and George Householder (sponsored by Lion Norm Rabe). Congratulations Lion Dan and Lion George.

The Salem Lions, in conjunction with other Salem groups, provides a Secret Santa to help some of our younger citizens enjoy a happy holiday. If you know any family who might require a little extra cheer for their young ones, contact Salem Lions president Bill Martin. All contacts will remain confidential.

Do You Know?

CT Lions District 23-C supports the Lions Low Vision Center. We now have over 1000 clients. This service provides information and visual aids at little or no cost to qualified persons who require visual assistance to read. The service is provided by our technician, Carol Dykas, who evaluates each applicant and supplies the visual aids. For more information, contact Salem Lions Bill Martin or George Ziegra.

Salem Lions collect used and unwanted eye glasses and hearing aids. These are shipped to centers where they are sorted, refurbished, and donated to Lions-run clinics in this country and third world nations. All donations may be given to any Salem Lion or dropped in the collection box at Salem Free Public Library. We currently have about 500 pair of glasses ready for shipment.

Mark Your Calendars

Give your spouse a dozen Super Bowl roses – we will be selling cut roses for \$15.00 per dozen throughout the week (delivered on Thursday evening or Friday) before Super Bowl XLVI (Feb. 5, 2012). Contact any Salem Lion to place your order.

Calling all kids – our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 31, 2012. There will be prizes for egg coloring and poster contests. Get your baskets ready for the egg hunt. Co-sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Serious & recreational runners – planning is in full swing for a bigger, better Salem Road Race on April 14, 2012. Details to follow. Want to help with the planning, or during, the race? Contact Lion Bill Martin at 859-1881.

Reminder – we have available cut and split firewood delivered free to Salem seniors and a limited amount for sale to all others in Salem. Contact Lion Jim Fogarty at 859-0108 for prices and delivery. Bundles of campfire wood are available for sale at Maple Shade.

Thank you all for supporting our projects and fundraisers; 100% of all donations and all the profits from our fundraisers are returned to our community charitable projects. Salem Lions are proud to be of service to Salem.



Lions Norm Rabe and E. Burr, along with Recreation Commission chair Sue Spang, plant trees on Oct. 22, 2011 in support of the Lions Clubs International commitment to plant a million trees worldwide.



Lions Skip Dickson, Arn Weiss, Joe Duncan and E. Burr.

-Photos by Bill Martin

Salem Town Clerk: *Notice for Residents*

Connecticut General Statutes 1-217 prohibits the Town of Salem from disclosing, under the Freedom of Information Act, the residential address of any of the following persons:

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- (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

If you fall within one or more of these categories, please inform us in writing or by e-mail at the following address:

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Do you have kids? It doesn't matter! We all have friends with kids, or kids in our neighborhood, who benefit from the field trips!



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1. You look at a form that shows (a) the companies participating in this program -- easily over 100 of them, (b) the dollar value of the gift cards available -- most offer a couple of choices, and (c) the percentage the PTO will earn -- it varies from one company to another. You can get a copy of the form by calling Sue Bennett at (860) 859-3426 or emailing her at cbflyer@yahoo.com (include "gift card" in subject line).
2. You complete the order form, attach your check payable to "Salem PTO", and address an envelope to *Salem School PTO Gift Card Fundraiser*. You can drop off the envelope at Salem School or mail it to 200 Hartford Rd, Salem CT 06420.
3. You will be contacted when the gift card(s) arrive so arrangements can be made to get them to you.

Field trips expand horizons. . . We all have to buy stuff anyway . . . This gift card program is nothing less than a WIN-WIN opportunity, available throughout the school year on a monthly basis.



Opportunities to support the activities of the PTO are wide-ranging in role and time required, and available to all residents of the Salem community! You can explore how you might participate by attending the monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Salem School Library.



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The Salem Girls' Soccer team, coached by Pam Henry and Chris Pugliese, played in its sixth straight SEMSAC Conference Championship this year. The victorious girls were led to their fourth straight undefeated season by team captains Isabelle Moore and Theresa Durkee. Departing eighth graders are, in addition to the captains: Nina Sanfilippo, Megan Whitlatch, and Abigail Damberg.

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SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

On Saturday, September 17, the Salem Volunteer Fire Co. held its first Chicken & Ribs Barbecue at the Salem Fire House on Hartford Rd. The company is planning on making it an annual event. The members served over 185 dinners that night. Everyone went home full of barbecue ribs and chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, corn on the cob and cake for dessert. Next year, the only thing different the company will be doing is using larger plates.

The Salem Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank all the people that attended our barbecue and made it such a success, with a special thanks going out to several business in town for all that they provided, especially Panfili's Farm Stand. Another special thanks goes to Two Brothers Restaurant for their support during the late October Nor'easter.

The members hope to see you there next year.



Veterans Day Celebration

Salem School held a day of celebration and honor for veterans on Nov. 15. The day, which was capped off by an assembly, also included a reception for visiting veterans, classroom visits, and a performance by the East Lyme High School Band. In the above photos, Boy Scouts present the colors at the school-wide assembly and Salem Middle School principal—and veteran—James Moran speaks to the students.


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Our Town Salem (OTS) is a magazine published quarterly to enhance the lives of Salem residents through articles that inform, encourage and celebrate the people, activities, businesses and organizations in town. OTS is produced entirely by volunteers and is distributed free of charge inside the *Lyme Times*, thanks to the businesses, organizations and individuals who place their ads! OTS producers feel strongly that:

**Forms for 2012 business and personal ads will be on town Web site.
Rates for personal ads reduced!**

At its best, OTS features the people of Salem and that will happen with your participation:

- Send us a photo and caption, write a story, or give us leads on stories one of our volunteers could write! Contact Elizabeth Regan at ecregan@sbcglobal.net or 860-859-2621.
- **New in 2011:** Take out a personal ad to recognize birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other achievements! Contact Kerri Salan at fivesalan@yahoo.com.
- Give us leads of businesses who would like to be featured in and/or advertise in OTS. Contact Sue Weber at msweber1@aol.com or (860) 204-9020.

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All articles submitted for publication must be accompanied by the writer's name, address, and phone number so that the submission can be verified. The chairperson and her/his designee must sign articles submitted by town committees.

Our Town – Salem reserves the right to edit all articles for grammar, clarity, brevity, and taste. All articles will be checked for factual content, and articles containing unattributable statements will not be accepted. *Our Town – Salem* is published quarterly by volunteer residents of the town of Salem. Your participation is welcomed!

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