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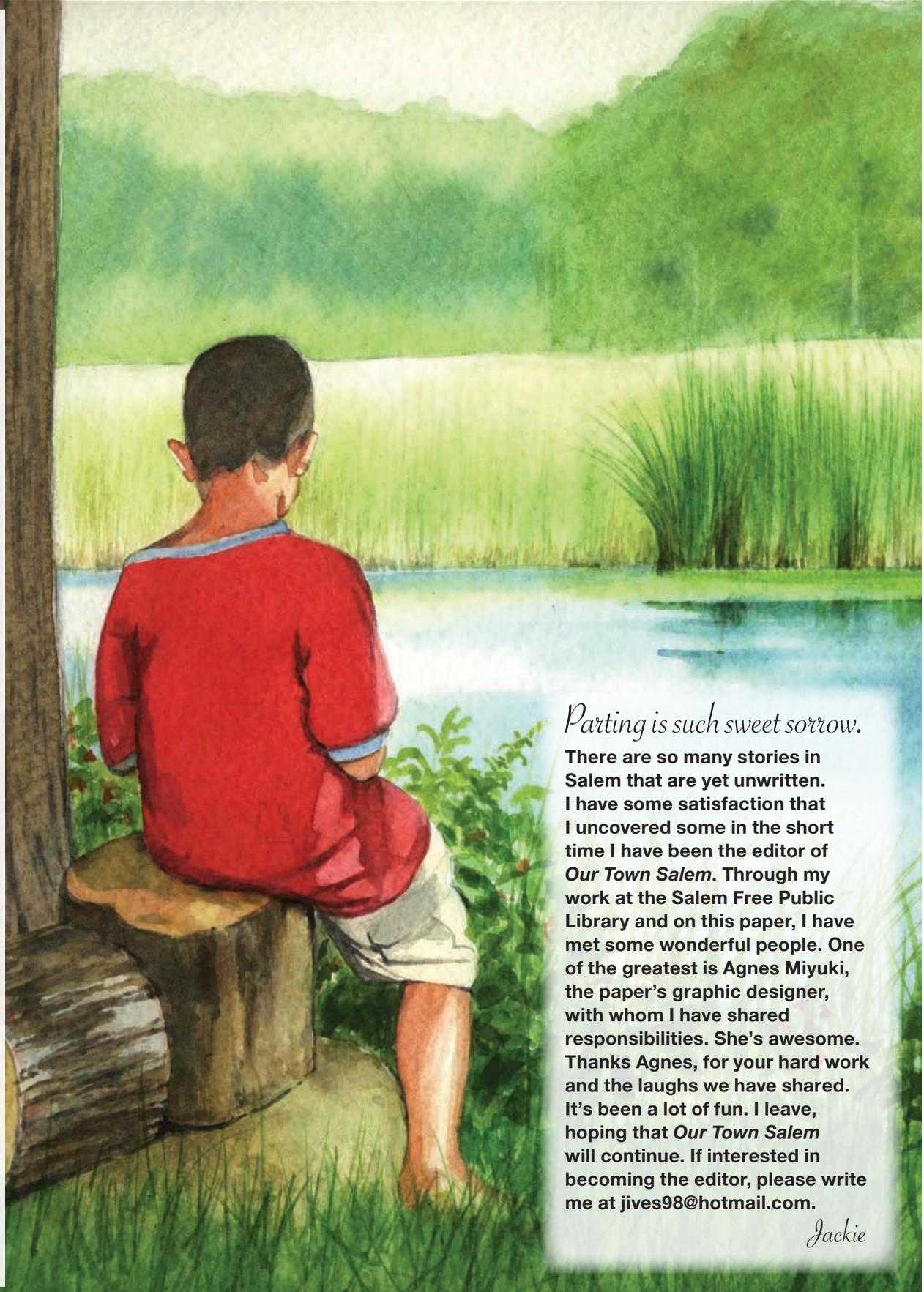
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By the Pond by Bopha Smith



Parting is such sweet sorrow.

There are so many stories in Salem that are yet unwritten. I have some satisfaction that I uncovered some in the short time I have been the editor of *Our Town Salem*. Through my work at the Salem Free Public Library and on this paper, I have met some wonderful people. One of the greatest is Agnes Miyuki, the paper's graphic designer, with whom I have shared responsibilities. She's awesome. Thanks Agnes, for your hard work and the laughs we have shared. It's been a lot of fun. I leave, hoping that *Our Town Salem* will continue. If interested in becoming the editor, please write me at jives98@hotmail.com.

Jackie

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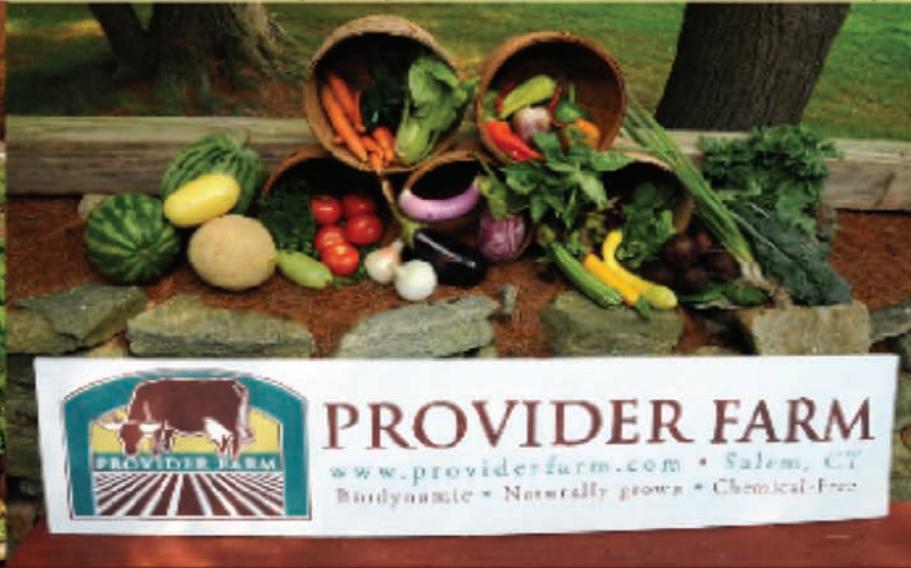
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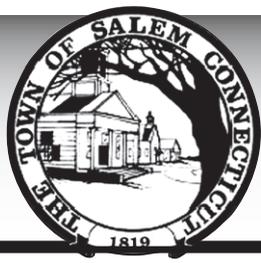


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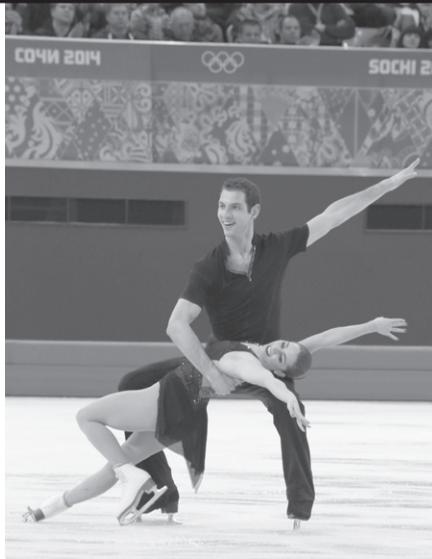




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THE PEOPLE OF SALEM

Find out what your neighbors are doing these days



Simon Shnapir and his partner Marissa Castelli at the 2014 Winter Olympics

SIMON SHNAPIR: OLYMPIC SKATER

By Anne Carr Bingham

How many Salemites know that working amongst us are the mother and the aunt of an Olympic champion? Here is a hint: their office is located at the Salem Marketplace.

Dr. Alla Gorenbeyn, principal of Salem Dental, and her sister, Inna Sinitsky, are sisters and professional colleagues. Dr. Gorenbeyn took over the dental practice of Dr. Michael Levine in 2006 and has expanded it since that time. Her patients not only benefit from her skill and experience, they also enjoy (insofar as a visit to the dentist can be deemed enjoyable) the lip-smacking colors of her examining rooms: orange sherbet, lemon sherbet and lime sherbet.

Dr. Gorenbeyn's sister Inna serves as her office manager. Also assisting in the office is Kathleen (Kathy) Kohl, the dental hygienist.

Here is where the Olympic story comes in. Inna's son, Simon Shnapir, is a world-class figure skater whose specialized style is pairs skating. He and his skating partner, Marissa Castelli, recently returned from the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where, representing the United States, they performed masterfully and each brought home a team bronze medal.

The back-story of Alla, Inna and Simon is as fascinating as it is inspiring. The sisters and their family, Russian Jews born and raised in Moscow, immigrated to America in 1989. They were part of

a broad exodus of Russians during the period — known as *glasnost* — immediately preceding the breakup of the Soviet Union. Their father, who had hoped to immigrate to Israel years earlier, died before realizing his dream, but their mother determined to carry out, in part, her late husband's wish to seek a new life elsewhere. However, the family's destination was to be, not Israel but America.

At the time of the family's emigration from the USSR, Alla was still in high school. Her older sister Inna was married to Boris Shnapir. Both Inna and Boris graduated from Mendeleev University of Chemical Technology, holding bachelors' and masters' degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering. They had an eighteen-month-old son, Simon, named for his late maternal grandfather.

And so, in 1988, the Sinitsky and Shnapir families boarded a flight at Moscow's Sheremetyevo International Airport, with \$150 and two suitcases apiece. Following several months in Europe, they arrived in Boston as refugees. Fortunately, they were able to settle quickly in the Boston area with family members. Alla, who had studied English

in Russia, fit in easily at Newton High School. Inna and her husband, as well as the sisters' mother, Mrs. Sinitsky, had to learn the basics of the language — which they rapidly did.

They all received "green cards," entitling them to permanent residency in the United States, and in 1994 became U.S. citizens.

Inna took a position at a chemical company as a research analyst. Alla, after graduating from high school, entered Brandeis University in Boston, where she earned her undergraduate degree in biochemistry. She then moved to Connecticut to matriculate at the UCONN School of Dental Medicine. Following dental school and prior to establishing her practice, she continued her training at St. Francis Hospital and the Hartford Medical Center.

Simon Shnapir developed an early interest in figure skating. By the age of fourteen, he began pair skating at the Skating Club of Boston and started to enter competitions. Meanwhile, as he grew in skill and artistry, he grew in height, to a towering 6'4" — tall by any measure, astonishing for a figure skater. After working with several partners

through his teen years, he and a young skater from Providence, Rhode Island, Marissa Castelli, teamed up, and it is this pair that eventually would make it to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

In 2009, Shnapir and Castelli took a bronze medal in the World Junior Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. They won another bronze in Osaka, Japan, in 2013, and two golds in U.S. National Championships: one in Omaha, Nebraska in 2013, the other in Boston in 2014.

And, after beautiful performances at Sochi this past winter, Simon and Marissa returned proudly home with their medals. A few months after the Olympics, the two, along with all of the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic teams, were invited to the White House to meet President and Mrs. Obama. Upon greeting Simon, the president observed that he was a tall drink of water for a figure skater. Not missing a beat, Simon shot back, "I can show you how to 'throw' Mrs. Obama." "That might not be so easy," replied the president, glancing sideways at the redoubtable (and statuesque) Michelle.

Good athletes are not just born. There is the demanding, almost unyielding requirement of total commitment — and this not just from the athlete but from his or her family. Simon's mother Inna reported many hours on the road at all times of the day and night, chauffeuring

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Dr. Alla Gorenbeyn; Kathy Kohl, dental hygienist and Inna Gorenbeyn, Simon's mother

JORDAN TEEL: FROM SALEM TO L.A.

By Nicole Warfield

When you meet Jordan Teel, it might not occur to you that he grew up on a pig farm. Mucking stalls with his grandfather, Hugh, and working construction with his dad, Mike, Teel was the epitome of a young man born and raised on a Salem farm. Now, when Teel gets up in the morning, he dons a pristine suit and occupies his role as Regional Sales Vice President for MetLife Investors Distribution Company.

Teel, 31, says he never saw himself in the field he is in today, never mind living in the suburbs of Los Angeles, California. For Teel, life in Salem was a good one. One of his fondest memories is the pig roast that was held by his family each year. With his family welcoming town members to join in the festivities, the pig roast became a legend memorialized by tee-shirts, some of which Teel still has. Teel smiles as he recollects the wonderful times he had on the farm and growing up in Salem. He often pictured himself staying on the property, as much of his family has, and getting married and having children.

Life often carries us down pathways we might not have originally anticipated. With a respect and admiration for hard work and dedication under his belt, Teel headed off to James Madison University to pursue study in the field of accounting. Knowing that he was interested in business and finance, accounting seemed like



Class of 2000 (East Lyme High School)

a perfect fit. After some time in the program Teel realized that accounting was not a field he would be content in. So, in his junior year he changed his major from accounting to marketing. "And I loved marketing," Teel said.

Leaving James Madison in 2004, Teel was greatly disappointed by his first job in his field. Teel was hired by a small financial investment company who encouraged their employees to sell insurance and investments to retirees. Their pushy tactics seemed "morally reprehensible" to Teel, and left him with a bad taste for the marketing industry as a whole. He feared that all companies representing financial products were robbers and crooks that were not concerned with the best interests of their clients.

Just when Teel was questioning the pervasive immoral and unethical strategies of companies in his chosen profession his brother, Matt, told him to check out MetLife. Matt was employed by MetLife and assured Teel that it would be different than his previous experience. Teel then went to work for Barnum Financial Group, MetLife in 2006, not only selling investments and insurance but providing financial guidance to clients. While Teel was much happier with this company than the first one, he still found himself getting burned out. "If you don't sell, you starve," Teel points out.

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MAUREEN COLLINS: VP OF CLINICAL SERVICES, SECT CENTER FOR HOSPICE CARE

by Eric Hemond

You might think that working with death, day in and day out, would be a gloomy and exhausting occupation. Maureen Collins, Vice President of Clinical Services at the Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut, would disagree. And she's got the authority that comes only with experience. Before she worked in hospice care, Maureen was at the Colchester Public Health Agency, which provided services to Salem. She was Salem's school and town nurse, sometimes getting to see her children, who went to Salem's public schools. She retired after 12 years, but didn't stay retired for long. She started volunteering for the coalition of public health entities that would later coalesce into the Center for Hospice Care, and when it was to be certified by the state as an independent hospice provider, she was asked to write the Center's hospice and home care policies. She's been working there ever since. Her current position is a dual clinical and administrative role, so, although she no longer visits patients, she still meets weekly with staff to discuss their situations.

Hospice care tends to take an interdisciplinary approach. Patients in hospice are expected to live for six months or less, so the emphasis is shifted from treatment to the management of symptoms. Many doctors are trained to maintain a level of emotional detachment, but

that's just not possible in the realm of hospice. Hospice staff visit patients in their homes, so a certain amount of tact and sensitivity is necessary. In addition, the patients and their families are grieving and often distraught, to the point that hospice care deals with the emotional as often as with the medical. To this effect, the Center for Hospice Care employs social workers and spiritual advisers to ease the emotional trauma that often accompanies the end of life. Employees talk with patients to discover what goals the patients have for their end of life, and what can be done to make the most of their remaining time. If all goes well, plans are made and loose ends tied up, relationships are healed, and patients can live their last days in peace, comfort, and dignity.

The work can be rewarding, but the path of hospice care demands a certain sort of person. Those who last, tend to be passionate about helping others. Even so, the realities of life can take their toll on the visiting nurses and hospice workers. However, the inherent teamwork of the hospice environment usually keeps the burden from weighing too heavily on any one individual, Maureen says. Maureen recalls that when she worked in the ER,



the nurses would often bear the brunt of the stress, having to coordinate the many services to assuage the needs of the dying. Maureen remembers thinking, "How can these nurses do this day after day?" At the Center for Hospice Care, employees can often avail themselves of the same services given to patients and their families that help mitigate the grief that comes with loss. Despite the sadness that can be a part of the process for employees as well as patients, Maureen describes her work environment as generally upbeat. "We laugh a lot," she says.

When I asked if working in hospice had altered her attitude toward death, Maureen seemed to indicate that it hadn't. She was familiar with death before she entered the hospice field, having encountered it earlier in her medical career. Maureen views it as a process that everyone must go through, a "great equalizer", and an integral part of life. Maureen believes that the general fear of death experienced by many is mostly a cultural trapping, arguing that other cultures view it with greater equanimity. This fear of death can also have real negative consequences, as it impedes open communication on the topic. Often, Maureen says, a patient knows he's dying,

but doesn't want to alarm his family, and the family knows he's dying, but doesn't want to distress him by mentioning it. This cultural reticence also can prevent people from making plans for the future, such as advance directives that detail instructions for medical treatment in the event the patient is incapacitated. Such directives can greatly ease the burden on remaining family members, but the majority of Americans never make use of them.

Maureen often encounters misconceptions about her line of work. The first is that the totality of patients are bed-ridden and in agony. In fact, Maureen says, many of the patients are able to travel and follow a relatively normal routine. "We have patients that go to the casinos," Maureen says. Often, patients will travel long distances to reunite with family members before they die. Although all patients have terminal diagnoses, pain symptoms can be kept in check with drugs without sacrificing the patients' lucidity or alertness. The second misconception that Maureen runs into is that all patients are cancer patients. While cancer patients comprise about half of the patient population, many patients are in hospice for cardiac, pulmonary, renal or other diseases. Another misconception is that all hospice patients are elderly. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

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Sat *Sri Akal* is a Punjabi phrase meaning hello and blessings. Sikhs say it when meeting and leaving. Panna and Devinder Pallan greeted me thus in their home, one day, when I went for tea. Punjabi is one of several languages that the Pallans know. Spread upon their dining room table were plates of food: pound cake and assorted American pastries, but also maathi, savory Indian crackers homemade by Panna and eaten by Devinder for breakfast and ganthiya, a snack consisting of deep-fried golden strands made from chickpea flour. I forsook the American-type sweets and dove into the Indian cuisine. It was delicious.

Devinder was born in Kenya. Panna is from India, she grew up in Bombay, now called Mumbai. She has four sisters and two brothers. She met Devinder when both were in college at the University of Bombay. They fell in love, married, and moved to Kenya, Devinder's home.

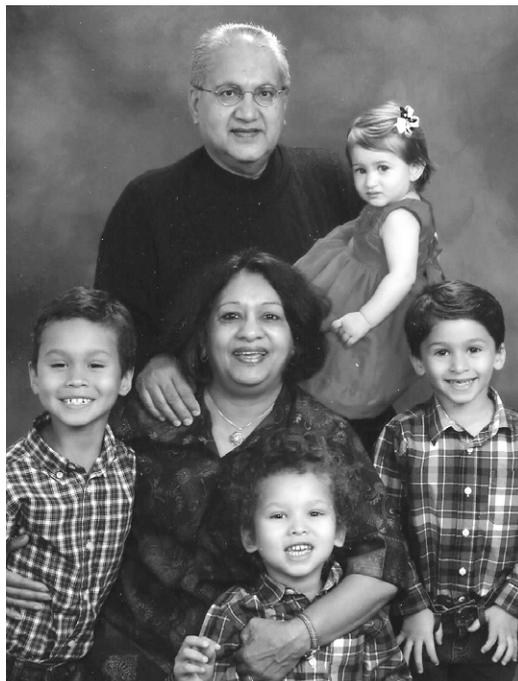
Years ago, during the time of the British Colonial Empire, Kenya was part of the empire. When the British wanted to build a railway line on the coast of Kenya, from Lake Victoria to the beginning of the Nile River, the work crew consisted of Indians, both Hindus and Muslims. After the railway was built, the British picked the skilled and literate members of the work crew to manage the day-to-day operations of the railroad, while the British oversaw the administration of it. One of the Indian managers was Devinder's maternal grandfather, who married an Indian woman from Nairobi and permanently settled in the country. Their daughter, Devinder's mother, also stayed in Kenya upon her marriage with an Indian husband who came to the country to live.

Kenya is a beautiful country. Panna and Devinder were very happy. They were surrounded by family; Devinder had eight siblings, and his parents were still alive. Panna taught high school science for eighteen years, in-between the births of their two sons, the fourth generation of Pallans in Kenya. Altogether, Panna and Devinder lived twenty-one years as a family in Kenya. However, the years since Kenya's independence in 1962 became increasingly uncomfortable for its Indian inhabitants. Upon independence, most of Kenya's white settlers were bought out by the British and left the country. The Indian minority, who dominated the retail businesses in the cities and towns, were deeply distrusted by the Africans. Then in 1981 and 1982, there was an attempted coup, which escalated tensions. Crimes increased substantially. High fences and security systems were built around Indian enclaves.

Adding to this problem were the educational needs of the Pallan children. In Kenya, there are two educational systems. The local public schools teach Swahili as a second language, the first language being English. The

THE PALLANS

by Jackie Hemond



Devinder (top) and Panna Pallan with their four grandchildren (clockwise from top right) Tablia, Kavi, Aman, and Vikram

Cambridge School, a British-based educational institution, offers a better education, but does not teach Swahili. To get into a Kenyan college or university, a student must know Swahili. Students who attend the Cambridge school, as the Pallan children did, have no choice but to study abroad when seeking higher education.

By the time their first son entered high school, the Pallans were considering a move to the United States. Even before their son entered Tufts University in Massachusetts, the Pallans had begun the long process of getting a visa. Luckily, Panna's brother was already here and he sponsored the family. They entered the United States in September 1993.

Having grown up on American films and hearing all their life that the United States was a rich country, some things surprised the Pallans. They were astonished that some Americans lived in poverty. They also marveled that there was no obvious press censorship. Since servants are common in Kenya, the Pallans were not sure how to work the blinds or automatic dishwashers.

Laundromats with rows of washers and dryers were a wonder since their clothes were washed by hand at home. In Kenya and India, it was a hassle to get things installed or big purchases made. In their native countries, every purchase or installation required standing in long lines, delays, and greasing palms. In this country, Devinder was amazed when cable connections were made in a day, and an incorrect bill was fixed immediately, with an apology. The abundance of food amazed them as well. People could buy as much milk and sugar as they could afford. There were no ration cards. However, the Pallans were also surprised by America's misconception of their native countries and cultures. People often asked about the snake charmers in India, and were surprised that the Pallans had only seen one in their entire life. When their son told a fellow student at Tufts that he lived in Kenya, he was asked if he lived in trees. *And how did he enter his house in the trees?* The Pallans laughed when they recounted their son's dry retort, "I go up in an elevator, of course!"

The Pallans embraced their new country. They opened a food stand, *Everything Yogurt*, in the Crystal Mall and ran it from 1994 until 2003. They also briefly owned a pizza restaurant. Panna worked as a teacher's aide in Old Lyme and Devinder was at Lowe's. Now, they are retired and happily visit their children and grandchildren. They make a trip to India and Kenya as often as they can, to visit Devinder's mother still in Kenya, and siblings, although some of their siblings have moved to North America. About ten years ago, Panna and Devinder sponsored Sunil, Devinder's brother, who moved with his family to Salem.

During my visit, the Pallans smiled nostalgically, remembering happy moments of their life in India and Kenya. However, they stressed emphatically that they do not wish to live in either country again. It is true that they miss the country-wide Hindu celebrations such as *Holi* and *Diwali*. *Holi* is the spring festival also known as the festival of colors, when there are bonfires and dancing in the streets, and swarms of people, particularly the young, chase each other, throwing dry, colored paint upon one another. *Diwali* is the festival of lights, which occurs in October or November, and is the Indian New Year. Businesses close up accounts, people pray to the God Ganesh and the Goddess Lakshmi, to remove all obstacles to success. Sisters make brightly colored rakhi string bracelets for their brothers to honor and bless them. Now the Pallans celebrate these and other Hindu festivals and traditions quietly at home while savoring Panna's Indian cuisine.

Before I left, Panna bagged some Indian snacks for me to take home to my family and Devinder pushed up his sleeve cuff, proudly displaying his rakhi bracelet from his sister.

Sat Sri Akal. Blessings upon you.

SIMON SHNAPIR *continued from page 5*

him, before he got his driver's license, to practices and competitions. But there was no hesitation on the part of his family. They have been loyally cheering him on for years now — and that commitment contributed to the phenomenal success of this exceptional young man who, when not competing, studies film production at Emerson College in Boston.

Which brings us back to Salem Dental and to Dr. Gorenbeyn and her sister, Ms. Sinitsky. They have organized their schedules so that they can, as their professional commitments permit, travel with Simon as he continues his remarkable career. And yet, when they are in the office, they, and Kathy Kohl, are in every way fully present and attentive to their patients. Their attentiveness, consummate skill, and unfail-

ing courtesy, as well as the delightful office renovations which create eye-catching examining rooms, allow the most nervous patient to relax, surrounded by cheerful yet soothing pastel-colored walls.

Even if you are not a patient of Dr. Gorenbeyn, stop by the office sometime and introduce yourself. We, in Salem, have among us two exceptional women whose lives and journeys emblemize the most profound and foundational story of the American experience: the enduring saga of those who came, and still come, to these shores. They come with little except for their determination and the cultural heritage of their native land. These courageous pioneers not only do well, they contribute mightily to the optimistic spirit and resolute vigor that continue to enrich our nation.

Anne Carr Bingham holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in history. She and her husband, Robert Kim Bingham, have been residents of Salem since 1995. They are the parents of two and the grandparents of five.

GEORGE JACKSON

I am writing this under duress for Jackie Hemond because she thinks I am interesting.

My naval career started at around age seven when an anonymous submarine surfaced in Long Island Sound not too far from the family's cabin cruiser. Ever since, I was enthralled with Navy ships and their actions in World War II. As soon as each volume of Samuel Elliot Morison's *History of US Naval Operations in World War II* was published, I was one of the first to buy. I assembled and painted every plastic warship model that my allowance would support, many times acquiring the whole class of a particular battleship or cruiser. I would weight them to float at their waterlines and spent hours monopolizing our one bathtub, dreaming of the actual ships. My best friend Billy Dickerson and I would make wooden toy ships and battle in a mud puddle in my back yard. Unfortunately, I had little use for school, and rebelled to the point of being home schooled and tutored most of my High School career, before there was even a label for it.

Somehow I did well on standardized tests and gained a NROTC scholarship to the University of Wisconsin. I chose to study nuclear engineering thinking it would give me an advantage in getting into submarines. That was a mistake. Later I learned that Admiral Rickover took a dim view of candidates for his program who were already educated by some other organization in his specialty, nuclear engineering. My academic rebellion continued, achieving sophomore high honors, flunking out, and finally graduating with honors in a double major but having to take 28 credits first semester of my last year (3.85 GPA). At least I wasn't bored. Admiral Rickover took a very dim view of my three D's in advanced physics, but I gave him the only acceptable answer, "I didn't study!" when confronted and was accepted into his nuclear power program and submarines upon commissioning as an Ensign in June of 1969.

Nuclear Power School was challenging but fun. Back then the Navy would let you pick your next assignment based on class standing so I got mine, the S1C prototype. Simply called "prototype" in the navy's lexicon, it was a land-based engineering plant of a submarine or part of the engineering spaces of a surface ship. This one was located in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Since decommissioned and removed, it served as the model and test vehicle for the USS

Tullibee SSN-597. Again I did well and got my pick of all the submarine billets available to my class. I chose the USS Bergall SSN-667 home-ported in Groton. It was the best choice I could have made.

The Commanding Officer was a true southern gentleman named Billy Faire Tally. I was so nervous when I met him for the first time, I could not answer when he asked me my name. He never raised his voice regardless of how close to disaster we junior officers were taking his submarine and career. The only way any of us could tell if he was nervous, was when the end of his cigar would twitch. Once following a mission of great importance to the Navy and one that won the ship a Navy Unit Commendation, he watched wordlessly on the bridge as I nearly snagged the sea buoy off New London harbor. My maneuvering required a right full rudder to get the bow on one side of the buoy and then a left full rudder to get the stern clear. His patience paid off though, as almost every one of his junior officers (JO) not only continued their careers in the service, but went on to command their own submarines.

During that tour each JO had to return to Naval Reactors Headquarters in Washington DC for a two day grueling exam on the propulsion plant. Eight hours straight with timed breaks totaling no more than 30 minutes. Eight and a half hours of hell, writing as fast as we could. As they said, the questions remained the same, but the answers changed and were specific to each of our ships. Later I learned that the exams themselves were selected by NR's senior staff from a bank of hundreds of questions embossed on GI dog-tags. An ancient "addressograph" machine then printed the test individualized to the test taker. The second day was three oral interviews each an hour long by NR's section heads to probe for any weakness in the candidate's knowledge. Results were then tabulated and we candidates were told our fate. Fate is accurate because then, if you failed the exam (less than a score of 3.2 or 80%) you were a marked man. You had to return to your ship and CO for more preparation and one last chance.



A second failure and your career was over and you never returned to your ship. If you passed, you might be given orders that day to be the engineer officer on another submarine. Yes it was a **BIG** deal.

You're never told how well you did or what your "final technical number"

was. I guess I did pretty well because I never again had a choice of assignments, only being sent to whatever hard engineering job existed at the time. Next was winning the hand of my lovely wife Caren in marriage and heading off to Newport News for new construction following Submarine Officers Advanced Course here in Groton. USS Richard B. Russell (SSN-687) was the last of her class and the last S5W reactor. Her turbine generators and main engines came as refurbishments from four different submarines. She was also the record setter in good ways for my department, which was noticed by the shipyard representative from NR, Mr. Palmer.

As we pulled alongside the tender on our Mediterranean deployment, a staff officer yelled down to me to call my detailer — never a good sign. The conversation, seared into my memory, went like this:

Detailer, "Hello George, you're going to Washington to work for the Admiral."

Me, "I don't want to go to Washington and I don't want to work for an admiral." You have to understand that I honestly had no idea who he was talking about.

Detailer, "Well you are going anyway." Click. In due time my orders to Naval Reactors, actually the Department of Energy which would be significant later, arrived. After a pleasant leave touring Italy, Caren and I went to Washington intent on leaving the Navy after my obligated service was up.

At NR, I was determined to keep my head down (the Rickover stories of firing people on the spot were legendary), stay in my foxhole of an office, and finish my time honorably. Well I have never been able to do that well and events conspired to force Paul Cripe and I to get out of our foxholes and take positions on controversial issues. The truly amazing thing was that the Admiral listened and made changes, spending millions because two

junior Lieutenant Commanders said that he needed to. My obligated service came and went. My two year tour was stretched to three at the Admiral's direction. One of my less pleasant memories of that time was standing in front of the Admiral, shaking with fear for my future, telling Admiral Rickover Admiral Rickover stories with his undivided attention. He knew the facts, I only knew the rumors.

Circuitously, I was assigned to USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN-636) in overhaul at Newport News as the prospective Executive Officer of the Gold crew, just before her overhaul was extended a year. Since her change of homeport to New London had already been announced, a pregnant Caren was there and every weekend I commuted 500 miles each way in the backseat of a VW beetle with other gold crew members. At the onset of labor, for the only time in my career, I went AWOL. She needed me and the ship did not. When the crews split and we left, the gold wardroom of seventeen officers was the most fun that my career provided. Lots of sea stories one of which tickled the E-ring of the Pentagon for a week concerning a minor international incident with a misspelled over-stressed "winch".

Naval careers are divided into three parts, four if you are lucky and political, and now it was time for command of my own submarine. USS Shark (SSN-591) was old, tired and immensely fun to drive. I became a shellback (at 033° 33' 33" West Longitude, Captains have great latitude on where they go), saw the green flash at sunset in the Caribbean, and the most amazing thing. We were transiting from Brazil to the Caribbean after a UNITAS deployment and I decided to let the crew sunbathe on the fairwater planes during the day. As the sun set, on the first night the sea filled with dolphins leaping, pirouetting, and all keeping pace parallel to our course—as far as the eye or binoculars could see—hundreds of thousands of them. WOW never expected that. Next day we would only see a few, but at sunset the same thing happened, only now 500 miles further on our voyage. Five days in a row those dolphins stayed with us until we submerged to rendezvous with a destroyer. You will never convince me that they do not have an extended society and deserve human respect. I cried when I had to give up command of Shark, but Caren and I will never forget

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CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDY ERIKSON



FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Last issue we reported that Lindy Erikson was the New London County winner of the Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Here is a photo of Lindy holding her \$100 check for being a county winner and her winning poster after the Award Presentation Luncheon on March 27.

Congratulations Lindy!



HELEN WORONIK CLASS OF 1948 (NORWICH FREE ACADEMY)

By Jackie Hemond

I met Helen Woronik before I met her. I really meant to write that. After Helen's husband died in 2004, she wrote a book following Bill Clinton's dictum that everyone should write their life story. I had only been at the library for a short time and saw her book on a pile waiting to be catalogued. I was intrigued to read the book of a true "Salemite".

One of the most amazing things I read is that Helen has lived in the same house all of her life, over eighty years. Upon marriage, she moved her husband into her house, promising him that she would move wherever he would like, if he would live only one year in the house. He never asked to move anywhere else. Helen knew that would happen.

Her house records the happiness and sadness in Helen's life. It recalls the memory of her parents. Her parents emigrated from the same region in Austria, arriving in this country separately. First, they settled in New York City, but city life did not make them happy. They wanted open space, enough for a farm. Eventually they settled in Salem. Despite the lack of electricity and other conveniences we consider essential in this age, the family thrived. They shared their farm abundance when they could with neighbors less well-off in the Great Depression. Reading Helen's book, her childhood sounds idyllic and wholesome. But life is capricious, especially when medical knowledge was not as sophisticated as today. In sixth grade, Helen contracted rheumatic fever. She convalesced in Backus Hospital for six weeks and then was transferred to the Children's Convalescent Home in New Haven for six months. During that time her parents could not visit Helen very often; once her father hitchhiked to New Haven and back again.

Her house recorded her loneliness when her parents died. First her father died when Helen was thirteen, shortly after she recovered from rheumatic fever. Then, a few short years after that, her mother died. It was 1949. Helen was nineteen and alone, except for her dog. Helen's siblings: two sisters and a brother were older and had embarked on their separate lives earlier. Helen inherited the house and 140 acres.

The loneliness ended when Helen met Stanley. Helen Kobyluck became Helen Woronik on August 9, 1952. The house was filled with noise and business, joy and sorrow. The Woroniks had four children: Stanley, Marie, Paul and Thomas. Sickness and injuries included a broken ankle, a gall bladder attack, allergies and then Helen's mastectomy when Thomas, the youngest, was six. Helen feared that she would not see her children grow up. She prayed and felt blessed when the cancer remained in remission. But others, dear to Helen her, died in increasing numbers: Stanley's parents, her sister Kate's husband, her sister Olga, Stanley's sister, a niece, grandson, more family and friends. Helen's faith is strong, she handles each hardship and death gracefully, believing that all is part of God's plan. Helen had other medical scares: an inflammation of the pancreas and heart problems. But the worst was when Stanley died in 2004. Helen and Stanley were married for 52 years.

Helen misses Stanley, the love of her life. It is hard, but her life is full with family, friends, and work. She has many grandchildren who look after Gram. Her most enduring and satisfying work has been in school systems. First at the Salem School where she worked for 17 years in various capacities, including one year as the art teacher. Later she moved on to Norwich Free Academy

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In 2008, Teel became a Product Marketing Manager for MetLife in Bloomfield, CT. This was the perfect solution to Teel's exasperation with sales. In his position as Marketing Manager, Teel was able to put his knowledge to work in developing campaigns and critical training pieces for the company. Teel describes this position simply: "Taking what you do, and putting it down on paper." Teel authored many campaigns, wrote software with a designer, and created a system that allowed preloaded software content to be available on agents' laptops. This streamlined the program sales representatives were using and made the delivery of crucial information more efficient. "I loved it," Teel said, "Commission based sales is so hard. This position allowed me to have an impact on a wider net of people."

It is clear that Teel's passion for his work set him apart from many individuals in his field vying for success and advancement within the company. His personality and determination paid off in 2010 when he was promoted to Regional Sales Vice President. This was a tremendous honor for the twenty-seven year old who only had six years of experience under his belt. Many individuals within the company work for many years before attaining what Teel had accomplished in his two years with MetLife. In 2013, Teel became Regional Sales Vice President of the year, out of more than one hundred nationally, as well as the MetLife Sales Volume Leader.

Chatting with Teel reveals that he is not pretentious about his success. He recognizes that it is with hard work and determination he has risen to his place within MetLife. Teel points out that he sees himself as a combination of his parents, Sharon and Mike Teel. "My mom is so smart. She is book smart. And even though she doesn't have a college degree, she has worked her way up from being a doctor's assistant to being the director of L&M hospital," Teel beamed. Mike Teel ran a construction company, River Pile and Foundations, for many years. "You can sit down and have an intelligent conversation with him about anything," Teel said. Teel points out that his parents played a huge role in his success as an adult, enabling him to become the man he is today: "I have the ability to think creatively like my dad but have the confidence to continue what I do like my mom does."

Teel now lives in Agoura Hills, California with his longtime girlfriend Tegan and their two dogs, Baxter and Khaleesi. It may very well be that Teel never imagined himself getting up each morning, putting on a suit and tie, and wholesaling investment products to large companies. His childhood in Salem prepared him to take the world by force, in whatever avenue that might be, and that is exactly what he is doing.



Jordan Teel with his longtime girlfriend Tegan

Nicole Warfield is a freelance writer from Norwich with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Eastern CT State University.

the “John Wayne moment” the crew gave me after the change of command ceremony.

The third phase is post command. Mine started as a deputy squadron commander at the old Submarine Squadron Ten in New London. Caren and I had built a house in Salem. My parents and Caren’s mother needed us close so I asked the detailer to just keep me in New London if possible. They understood the reason and were able to accommodate the guideline. After a year and a half of more sea time than I ever had assigned to a specific ship, one of the squadron’s ships was having trouble. I got my second command, USS Billfish (SSN-676) on two hours’ notice, in a fifteen second ceremony. At least the hull numbers were going back up again, but turnarounds are never fun. The stress of hard jobs was taking its toll and after three months, I had to be relieved for medical reasons. You see, I’d been serving on medical wavers since 1973 following a torpedoed casualty when I was Weapons Officer on Bergall. The crew of Billfish demanded a formal change of command ceremony over my objections. They gave me my most prized memento, a wooden and brass ship’s wheel (too big to hang on a wall), as a going away present inscribed with “You brought the spirit back”. The ship’s motto was “The spirit of 76”.

The Navy parked me at Submarine School as the Director of Tactical Training to try and recover my health. There, I was also one of three Prospective Commanding Officer instructors (the others were each on the two type commander’s staffs). It was while at Submarine School that my parents got to see my promotion to full Captain about two years before the contemporaries I started with. Somehow the navy managed to order me to be the Chief Staff Officer of Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, a unique job because of the submarine force’s tactical development unit being in that squadron, but it took two months before they found a relief at submarine school for me. As a result, I was unique in having two assigned parking places, one on lower base at the headquarters as well as my old one at Subschool — even the Admiral did not have that.

I was at the DEVRON for three years serving three

different commodores all of whom made flag rank. Two made four stars and one even became the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. I managed to be in actual command of the squadron longer than any of the three since they were always gone on travel. Commodore Giambastiani managed to finagle a Legion of Merit for me when I left. None of my predecessors had been given that award.

Things were different in the early 90’s and Trident submarines were O-6 commands. The Navy decided that I should learn how to build a sub at EB as well and I was assigned to the Rhode Island (SSBN-740). That created a big problem for COMSUBLANT. In their PCO classroom they have the class photo of each class from the earliest with a member still in command until the most recent. I got to Shark so early and Rhode Island so late that they ran out of wall space.

I decided I should make a call on Governor Sundland — what a mistake. We had a marching unit (I had to lead) in every parade he appeared in. I can’t keep step with a band worth a crap. The Governor asked President Clinton to have the ship commissioned in its namesake state to help his reelection bid. Since Sundland had been an early supporter of then Governor Clinton’s presidential bid, the President directed it to happen. The Navy was furious. EB thought it a good idea because of their facility at Quonset Point and picked up most of the extra cost with respect to something called ballast cans to allow it at Newport. Unfortunately, I will never forget passing out in front of 5,000 or so dignitaries at the launching ceremony as my health was becoming an issue again. In April of 94 everything came to a head concurrent with two of the elderly we were caring for passing on that month. This time I asked for relief. The circumstances were most unusual but the ship went on to more record breaking performances. My officers paid a price as the Navy in their lack of wisdom blamed them, thinking I took too much of the load.

I got sent to the Naval War College in Newport to finish my career as the Lockwood Chair. Remember that assignment to the Department of Energy, well that made me what was called a Joint Service Officer. When

Rear Admiral Stark was looking for a new temporary head of the Joint Military Operations academic department, suddenly I had a new job. It became permanent when under my breath I labeled an initiative of his as a “dumb idea” while seated next to him on an evening cruise with all his principle assistants aboard his barge. He heard it. I tried several times to go back to just being a professor, but neither Stark nor his relief would hear anything about it. There was no place else for me to go except commuting 71 miles each way every day to Newport for five years. I held that job until the day before mandatory retirement at midnight June 30, 1999. The War College surprised me with a retirement ceremony over my objections on the last day, but I got back at Vice Admiral Cebrowski by dumping my cake on his blue carpet.

After the Navy, I tried my hand at education as an aide in special education at East Lyme. That was a good three years, so I decided to get certified to teach Physics and Chemistry. I got a job at a new magnet school in Hartford which did not work for a variety of reasons you can guess at.

Now I pursue my lifelong passion for ships, using my CAD skills to design them in virtual space. One more thing about my high school career; I had to write a paper on the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 for a history project and became enthralled with the “what might have been’s” had it not occurred. That has led me to write novels about the WWII time period assuming the treaty did not occur—alternative history. My protagonist is a Captain named Sheppard McCloud suffering from PTSD but like myself assigned a demanding new job. I author under the pseudonym of G. William Weatherly since it sounds more nautical. The first novel *Sheppard of the Argonne* is available in manuscript form on Amazon (another of my many mistakes) and should be available in a more polished hardcover 2nd edition this summer. A second novel *Sheppard and the French Rescue* is at the Naval Institute for their consideration. A third is half done, and a fourth in outline.

I hope the VA and my many doctors can keep me going for many more. I don’t think I am that interesting.

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where she worked in the library. She has been a reluctant worm, pig, and Christmas tree farmer. Now Helen is retired, well almost, she is a sales representative for J.R. Watkins. And, having encountered death herself and with so many other people, she volunteers in a hospice to guide others through God’s plan.

*A Fond Farewell to Our Departed
Friends and Family Members*

Nancy Treen, January 7, 2014

Ida Rabena, January 23, 2014

Charles Sullivan, February 6, 2014

Mark Fogle, March 6, 2014

Philip Gaudette III, March 14, 2014

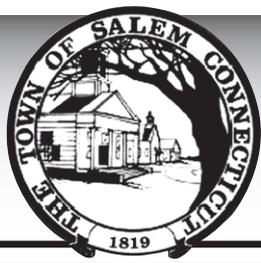
Linda Flugrad, Town Clerk

MAUREEN COLLINS *continued from page 6*

The Center for Hospice Care has had over 10,000 patients since its founding. Last year it treated 640 patients, and on any given day it is caring for 102 to 105 patients. Although by definition hospice patients are those patients who are expected to live for less than six months, the average length of stay is more like 60 days. In fact, Connecticut has the shortest average hospice stay in the United States. Maureen attributes this to the many teaching hospitals in the region, which makes it easy to obtain a second or third opinion on a terminal diagnosis. Late arrivals to hospice can be problematic because there often is little time to help the patients reach an emotional closure before they die, and prolonged aggressive treatment in futile cases often

causes needless suffering. Though it’s understandable that a patient facing a dire and inevitable doom may choose to fight to the end, in many cases the fight becomes an ordeal, rendering quality time with family members impossible.

The Center for Hospice Care’s vision for the future is that of a 12-bed residence on the property (donated by St. Peter & Paul Parish, in Norwich), so that even patients who cannot stay at home or who have no place to go to would be taken care of. As Maureen says, “it’s a long-term mission”. The project would cost an estimated \$8 million, and we are hopeful the hospice will be able to implement it in the next few years. Whatever the future may hold, it’s certain that the Center for Hospice Care Southeast Connecticut will continue.



Things to Do . . .

THINGS TO DO

Things to do, places to go around Town



3rd Annual SURF & TURF DINNER JUNE 28, 2014 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM \$20.00

(Advance Sales Only)

(TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE WITH PRE-PURCHASED TICKETS ONLY)

Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company
429 Old Colchester Rd Salem, CT
860-859-1743

**Clam Chowder, Steak & Shrimp, Baked Potato
Corn on the Cob, Ice Cream & Beverage**

Please support your local Fire Companies

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, MAY 26, 2014

The Salem Historical Society will have its annual fund raiser on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014 on the Town Green (Rt 85). The parade will begin at 10:00 AM.



Strawberry shortcakes and sundaes, made with Salem Valley Farms ice cream, will be sold prior to and after the Memorial Day Ceremony. There will be a table with homemade goodies for sale. Society members are asked to donate baked goods, preserves, or other specialties for the table.



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THURSDAY JULY 10
TUESDAY JULY 15**



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SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL BBQ

The Salem Volunteer Fire Co. on Rt 85 will be holding the 4th Annual BBQ dinner on **August 23, 2014**, from **5 - 7 p.m.** The past dinners were a huge success, due to the support of so many wonderful townspeople. There have been numerous requests for another event so the SVFC is pleased to announce the return of this world-renowned community event. The only change to the meal will be larger plates to hold all of the food. The menu consists of BBQ chicken and ribs, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. Dine in with friends and neighbors or take home and enjoy. *Advance ticket sales only.* Ticket prices are as follows, **Adults \$15, Senior citizens \$12 and Children under 12 years old \$8.**

As you'll note, we have not raised our ticket prices this year, so we are asking you to please bring a non-perishable food item for the local food bank. If everyone gives a little it will add up to a lot for our residents who need a helping hand.

Stop by the Salem Fire Co. for tickets or call **860-859-0942**. This year you can also purchase tickets online on our web site www.salemfireco.com and we'll hold them at the door. Mark the date on your calendar, August 23rd we hope to see you all there. Thank you for your support.

THINGS TO DO IN THE SUMMER

SUMMER READING at the Salem Free Public Library

Sponsored by The Friends of Salem Library

BEGINS THE WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2014

Submitted by Pat Aldrich and Sharon Geer

Summer Reading 3 by KOMUnews

The Salem Free Public Library has a wonderful Summer Reading program planned for Readers of all ages! The Collaborative Summer Library Program theme this year is "FIZZ, BOOM, READ!" Our youngest readers or pre-readers (Pre-K through 3rd grade) will receive a passport to log the books they read, or have read to them, on a weekly basis. Come in and get a cool prize and a sticker in your passport each week. Children 4th-12th grade will receive a raffle ticket for each book they read, and be entered in a weekly raffle! Cool Prizes and gift cards are awarded each week, the more you read, the better your chances! Adults can enjoy summer reading too! Stop into the library this summer to see all the exciting things we have planned!

Call to register for programs: 860-859-1130

PROGRAMS

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

CRAZY SCIENCE

Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Ages Pre-K to Grade 5
Limit 20 Children

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

COLOR EXPLOSION

Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Ages Pre-K to Grade 5
Limit 20 Children

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TIE DYE WORKSHOP

Presented by Jenna Morin
Ages 4 and up
Limit 15 Children

Wednesday, July 23, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

UNDER THE SEA

Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Ages Pre-K to Grade 5
Limit 20 Children

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

AMAZING MAGNETICS

Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Ages Pre-K to Grade 5
Limit 20 Children

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

ENGINEERING 101

Presented by the Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut
Ages Pre-K to Grade 5
Limit 20 Children

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Crafts & Refreshments

*Registration required but participants can come anytime during the program

Saturday, August 16, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

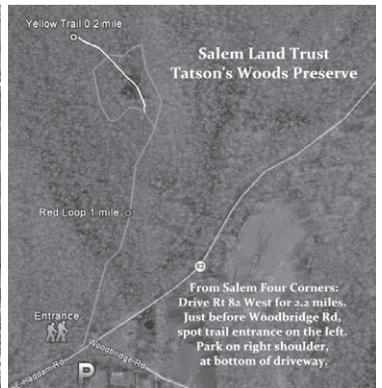
BEES! PROGRAM

Presented by Tim Grilley
Ages 4-12; Limit 20 Children

12-1 p.m.

END OF SUMMER READING CELEBRATION CAKE & ICE CREAM!

Join us after the program, or just Fizz, Boom Pop-in!



Zemko Pond (left); Walden Preserve (middle), and; Trail map of Tatson's Wood preserve (right)

Zemko Pond: megananne73, flickr.com | Walden Preserve: brownstonebirder.blogspot.com

TAKE A HIKE

Why walk along the side of Route 82 playing dodge-um with the fast-moving traffic when you could be hiking or strolling one of Salem's many paths and trails. This list can help you chose the one that is right for you.

The **Salem Recreational Path** is accessible to hikers, bikers, walkers, strollers and handicapped guests. This 10 foot wide stone dust path makes it easy to view shaded woodlands and a scenic brook. The gravel portion of the path takes you from a trailhead off Music Vale Road up to the Salem Athletic Field. More rustic trails will take hikers nearly all the way to Round Hill Road. Convenient off-street parking is available at the Music Vale Road trailhead and the Round Hill Road Recreational Complex (the ball fields). A brochure with a map and details on the path is available at Salem's Town Office and the Library.

The **Salem Land Trust** offers a variety of natural environments for the hiker on six different properties

in Salem. Detailed descriptions of each property, the trails available, directions, and parking information can be found at **SalemLandTrust.org**. The largest and smallest properties are accessed from Darling Road. The largest is the 101-acre **Darling Road Preserve**, where trails present both easy and moderate hills, while the four acre Alf & Sylvia Bingham Preserve offers an easy walk and a beaver pond.

Located off of Route 82, the **Tatson's Wood Preserve**, offers a mile-long loop trial over 8 acres. Traveling north on Route 85, you will find two additional sites to explore. The 6 acre **Ahnert Property** does not offer marked trails, but property is easily accessible. The **Big Brook Gorge Property** presents easy to moderate trails with a view from the top of the gorge. The sixth Salem Land Trust Preserve is off Rattlesnake Ledge Road. The **Zemko Sawmill Preserve** uses mostly old logging roads to explore its 72 acres. The Salem Land Trust offers

guided walks in several of the preserves. Check their website for additional information.

For additional variety and more challenging hikes, try the **Walden Preserve**. Located off of Hagan Road, Walden Preserve is owned by The Nature Conservancy and offers many different trials leading through 400 acres of fields, forest, wetlands, and streams. The main trail is relatively easy; other trails can be steep and narrow in spots.

Zemko Pond Wildlife Management Area off Round Hill Road has 464 acres managed by the Connecticut DEP (CT DEP). The Zemko Pond area has a mixture of woodlands, meadows, wetlands and beaver dams mostly accessible by old logging roads. Directions and parking information for Walden Preserve and the Zemko Pond Wildlife Management Area is available on the Salem Land Trust website **SalemLandTrust.org**.

HIT THE ROAD

Courtesy of the *Friends of Salem Library*.

Free and discounted passes are available at the Salem Library

FREE PASSES

Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art - Ridgefield, CT

Adult Pass Holder and Accompanying Family Members

CT State Park Pass

Waives vehicle fees to all state parks & beaches, includes Dinosaur State Park, Fort Trumbull & Gillette Castle

Custom House Maritime Museum - New London, CT

2 people

Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center - Westport, CT

1 Family up to 4 people

Florence Griswold Museum - Old Lyme

2 Adults & 2 Children (Ages 0-12)

Lyman Allyn Art Museum - New London, CT

2 Adults & 2 Children

Neuberger Museum of Art - Purchase, NY

Family Pass

USS Constitution Museum - Boston, MA

Family Pass

Wadsworth Athenaeum - Hartford, CT

2 Adults & 2 children (Ages 6-17)

DISCOUNTED PASSES

Children's Museum of Southeastern CT - Niantic, CT

50% off price per person per family

Maritime Aquarium - Norwalk, CT

\$2 off per person, up to 6 people

Mystic Aquarium - Mystic, CT

Save \$5 off admission for up to four people.

Regular prices: Adult \$29.95;

Senior (age 60+) \$26.95;

Children (age 3 - 17) \$21.95

Children (age 2 and under) Free!

Roger Williams Park Zoo - Providence, R.I.

\$3.00 off for up to 4 people

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FUN IN EAST LYME

East Lyme Youth Services (ELYS) has **programs and activities open to Salem youths. Registration begins June 2 for Youth Services summer programs.** Registration forms are available at Youth Services, the Parks and Recreation office, ELMS cafeteria, and online at www.eltownhall.com or call (860) 739-6788 for more information.

THE 5TH ANNUAL BLACK & WHITE BALL

June 27 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

East Lyme Community Center

Open to graduating 8th graders from East Lyme and Salem. Black and white semiformal attire requested.

\$7.00 and a signed ELYS registration form required for admission



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAMP

Tuesdays and Thursdays

July 1 - August 8 | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come and join the Outdoor Adventure Camp this summer for six fun filled weeks of adventure, exploration, and team building. This camp is focused on getting youth ages 10+ outdoors, exploring local destinations, and engaging in adventure based activities. You can expect to do plenty of hiking, rock climbing, paddle boarding, and zip lining, along with some beach days and an overnight campout!

Cost is \$100.00 EL & Salem Residents/\$115.00 for Non Residents.

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WHAT'S COOKIN' FOR KIDS

Wednesday Afternoons

July 9, 16, 23, 30 | 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The EL Community Center

Participants will learn cooking techniques, while preparing yummy meals. Participants will be given instruction and assistance in learning some basic meals they can contribute to their family's weekly menu! Parents please take note: Youth must be mature and responsible, as they will be handling sharp knives and hot items in the kitchen. Participants should bring Tupperware to bring leftover goodies home with them on some days. This class is open to children in grades 5-8. Youth will meet at the Community Center for instruction.

Fee: EL & Salem Residents \$50.00/\$65.00 Non-Residents.



LEGO CAMP

Come bridge the gap between learning and fun this summer with our new LEGO camp through All About Learning! All About Learning is a leading provider of enrichment classes for grades K-8. Participants will use customized kits, learn engineering concepts and practice 21st Century skills while they work with a partner to problem-solve. There will be a morning class offered for grades K-3 and an afternoon class for grades 4-8. All participants will be able to take home one of their projects that they build in class.

Fee: EL & Salem Residents \$129.00, Non-residents \$134.00

WACKY WHEELS

Grades K-3

August 11 - 14 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

COLLISION CARS

Grades 4-8

August 11 - 14 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



LET'S GET SEWING PROGRAM

July 14 to 18 | 2:00 to 4:00pm, Ages 8 and older

Here's your chance to learn how to sew on a sewing machine! You'll learn basic sewing techniques while designing and creating a colorful patchwork pillow, cute stuffed animal, felt pin cushion and more! Fabric and accessories included with tuition.

Claudia Mathison's classes fill up fast. Fee: \$175.00

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TAKE IN A SHOW

Collected by **Carl Nawrocki**

Take a leisurely 45 minute drive north and you will find yourself at UCONN'S Nutmeg Summer Series produced by the Connecticut Repertory Theater. This summer CRT presents three classic Broadway shows, with Broadway stars but without Broadway prices. Adult ticket is \$30 and kids ten bucks.

The shows are:

The Pulitzer for Drama winner, **"A Chorus Line", June 6 - June 14**

Followed by **Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys", June 19 - June 29**, featuring Jerry Adler and Richard Kline.

The final production is the Broadway classic, **"Gypsy", July 10 - July 20**, starring Tony and Emmy award winner Leslie Uggams.

For more information and tickets go to CRT.UConn.edu

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Our Favorite Family Staycations

A Note from the Sandbox
By Sarah Bernhardson

It may have been an incredibly chilly spring this year, but fear not: Summertime is around the corner! If you have school-aged kids, that means you have eight school-free weeks to fill with summer memories and fun. Whether your kids will be spending their days at camp, at home, or in childcare, this is a great time of year to plan for some family memories. Especially after our unseasonably cold winter and spring, I want to make the most of the beautiful weather that lies ahead of us.

One of my favorite parts of summer vacation is planning a few fun “staycation” days right here in Connecticut. Staycations are fun, relaxed, inexpensive daytrips that allow us to explore the local area whenever we find ourselves with a free day. We have the fun of a vacation without the added expense of travel and a hotel room. Looking for staycation ideas? Below are three of my favorites! Happy summer vacation to all...enjoy making memories together!

Brownstone Family Adventure Day



Spend the day at **Brownstone Exploration and Discovery Park** in Portland, CT. Admission ranges from \$19-39 per person depending on the activities you're interested in...a fairly steep price, but the cost includes a full day's worth of adventure for even the biggest adrenaline junkie. Activities include swimming, snorkeling, rock climbing, cliff jumping, wakeboarding, zip lines, kayaking, hiking, and biking. To save money, plan to pack a lunch (cooler sale allowed, but are subject to inspection). Visit www.brownstonepark.com for more information.

When your family is good and exhausted from a full day of adventure, cross the **Portland Bridge** into Middletown for a dinner out. There are many food options to be had in a variety of price ranges. Our all-time Middletown favorites include **Eli Cannon's Tap Room** (with **NoRA Cupcakes** for dessert across the street), or Mexican food from **Puerto Vallarta**, both located on Main Street.



A Day at the Shore

What would a Connecticut summer be without a few beach days? This is a great in-expensive staycation for families with young children. The day before, visit the library and check out the CT State Parks pass for free admission to **Rocky Neck State Park** and the **Children's Museum of Southeastern CT** pass for half-off or free admission here (depending on the library).



Have a quick breakfast at home, apply your sunscreen, and head to **Rocky Neck State Park**, just down the road from Salem in East Lyme. Pack your trunk with an umbrella, plenty of sand toys, a change of clothes, and lunch in a cooler. Spend the morning making sandcastles and swimming, and enjoy lunch on the beach.

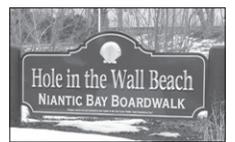
When you have had your fill of the sun, rinse off the sand, change, and head to



the **Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut** down the road on Main Street in Niantic. The Salem Library also has a 50% off discounted pass for this museum. Your children can spend their afternoon playing in the outdoor tree house, riding the beginner zip line, and enjoying the play-based learning activities inside.



Plan for an early dinner down the street at **Gumdrops & Lollipops**. Just a short walk from CMSECT, you can grab “bucket meals” for the kids (kid-friendly dinners packed in a sand bucket), and standard beach fare of burgers, hot dogs, fries, etc for yourself. Enjoy your dinner, and grab some **Salem Valley Farms** ice cream for dessert...best enjoyed at the **Hole-In-The-Wall** beach right behind the shop.



Dinos and Paintings and Cannolis...oh my!



As a former New Haven resident, I have a fondness for the Elm City and all it has to offer. For this staycation, start your day at the **Peabody Museum of Natural History**.

There is so much to explore here, from dinosaurs to birds to geology and so much more. Plan to spend a couple of hours, and consider packing a lunch to enjoy outside when you are finished.

Afterwards, head to the **Yale University Art Gallery**, where admission is free! This gallery has a great variety of exhibitions...perfect for exposing kids to a range of art and artists. With free admission, you can come for a short stay with younger



children, or have older kids pack sketchbooks and spend the afternoon here.



While New Haven has nearly endless dinner options, I find it hard to leave without pizza. Our favorites are **Pepe's Pizza** in Wooster Square or **Modern Apizza** on State Street.

For dessert, it's always cannolis from **Libby's**, also in Wooster Square. Be sure to pack **Ashley's Ice Cream** on York Street is always a good choice as well.



Whatever you end up doing this summer, enjoy the season and take time to have some fun together. Safe travels to all!

Sarah Bernhardson is a Salem resident and mother of two young boys. She writes a weekly column entitled "Wisdom Wednesdays" about parenting and education for the website www.CTWorkingMoms.com.

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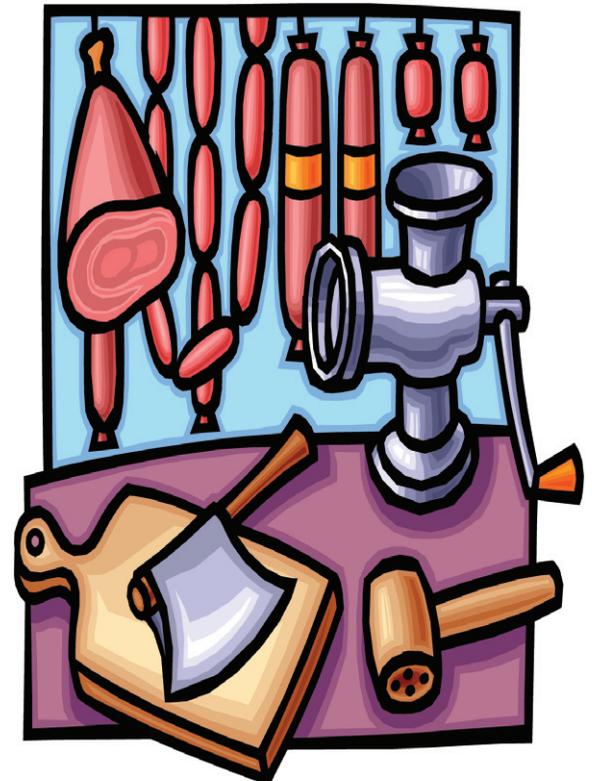


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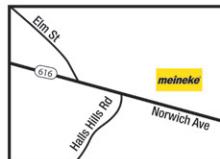
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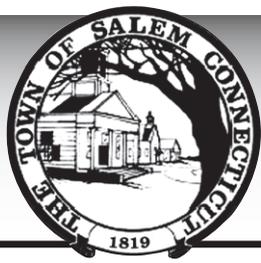
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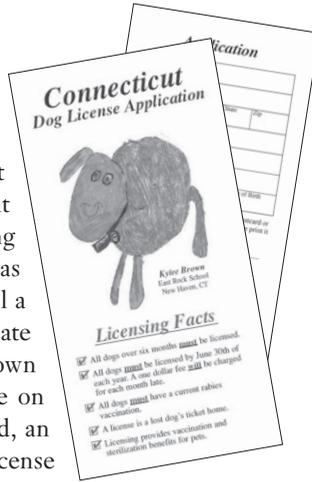
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REMINDER: JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH

By Linda Flugrad, Salem Town Clerk

According to Connecticut General Statutes §22-338 and 22-339, all dogs six months of age and older must be licensed. Dog licenses are issued throughout the year; however, renewal of current licenses takes place during the month of June. A current rabies certificate is required to license your dog along with proof of spaying or neutering. If your dog was licensed in Salem last year, you will receive in the mail a renewal notice the first week in June. The expiration date of the rabies certificate currently on file with the Town Clerk's office and neutering or spaying status will be on the renewal notice. If the rabies certificate has expired, an updated certificate will need to be presented before a license can be issued. The current licensing fees are as follows:



Spayed or Neutered	\$ 8.00
NOT Spayed or Neutered	\$ 19.00
Kennel License	\$ 51.00
Transfer from another Connecticut Town	\$ 1.00
Replacement for lost tag	\$.50
Per Month penalty for late registration	\$ 1.00

As of April 15, 2014, we have issued 426 dog tags and six kennel licenses. We have dogs with names from A to Z, starting with Abby and ending with Zoe, ages puppy to 20! We have miniature sized to extra-large dogs, beautiful AKC dogs and mutts who are not likely to win the prettiest dog contest. I read that 96% of pet owners say their pet makes them smile more than once a day. It has also been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, have fewer heart attacks and that petting your dog can lower your blood pressure.

FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR PUP:

- Spaying or neutering your dog before the age of six months can help prevent cancer in your dog.
- A dog's sense of hearing is approximately 10 times more acute than ours; therefore, dogs generally don't like rain. The noise is amplified and hurts their sensitive ears.
- As for smell, humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, whereas dogs have more than 220 million allowing dogs to smell approximately 1,000 times better than humans!
- Dogs have approximately 1,700 taste buds compared to a human's 9,000!
- Our dog's nose print is very unique and can be used to identify him much like a human fingerprint identifies us.

Most of us see our pets as beneficial members of our families. We appreciate your taking the time and responsibility to register your dog.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

With the warmer weather upon us again, it is good to see so many of our townspeople taking part in outdoor activities.

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



Thank you Jackie Hemond

On behalf of our townspeople a very heartfelt thanks to the fine work of our Head Librarian, Jackie Hemond. Jackie and her staff have made our library a welcoming and dynamic institution. We are fortunate for all Jackie has done for our town. We wish her the very best in her new position as Head Librarian of Suffield, Connecticut.



STEAP Grant

Our application is in for a Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant (STEAP). The STEAP Grant if awarded will fund streetscape improvements to enhance and promote our town business and municipal areas.



Uncas Health District

Effective July 1, the Town of Salem will become a member town of the Uncas Health District. This regional approach to our Health Department will enhance health services for our residents at a very economical cost to our town.



Community Pavilion and Park

After two years and numerous events our Community Pavilion is getting more use each year. Many residents enjoy leisurely walking the properly while others have a casual lunch. Feel free to use your pavilion and Park during daylight hours.

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Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our Town of Salem a better place in which to live.

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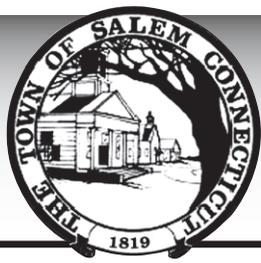
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SARAH BARNING: MARKETING INTERN AT THE SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

My name is Sarah Barning, and this semester I have been interning at The Salem Free Public Library. I have been a patron of the library since the new building opened nine years ago, and was thrilled when Jackie Hemond allowed me to do a marketing internship alongside her. I am graduating this May, with a Business Administration Degree and concentrations in Marketing and Finance from Eastern Connecticut State University. I have learned so much throughout my education, but nothing compares to the hands-on work I have been doing as a marketing intern at the library. I have been learning the ins and outs of operating and successfully marketing an organization. I hope to take my skills from my internship with me when I enter the career world. After graduation, I hope to do work in marketing, I have always been interested in and excited by all parts of marketing. Marketing classes have been my favorites in school. The work allows me to be creative and put my own spin on things. The work is challenging, but fulfilling.



I also came in on weekends to take pictures of events and post them to the Friends of Salem Library Facebook page. The events make the town of Salem feel like a close knit community. I also generated and planned new events to hold at the library. I made a bookmark making contest where kids could submit bookmarks they made. The winners' bookmarks were copied, displayed and handed out. I also started a new blog for the library. I interviewed staff, patrons, friends, and family about their favorite

books and movies and what they like about them. Patrons can then go on the blog and see what other people have liked and it is available at the library for them to check out. One big part of being a successful company is keeping an eye on the competition. Jackie and I visited all of the libraries in the area and some bookstores, and checked out what they were doing for marketing. I also went through all of the library websites in Connecticut and looked at what events and programs they were doing. I was then able to generate new ideas for the library that we have not done before. One great idea was compiling the best books of 2013 and best books of the month, so far in 2014. To keep the patrons interested, I identified the books and authors, included a review (mostly from New York Times, or an editor at Amazon), and gave a brief description of each book. I highlighted all of the top books that we have in the library. If the library has books from the lists, patrons may be more likely to check them out. One great idea that a local library has are bookmarks recommending books or similar to current favorites. For examples, since *Divergent* is the talk of the town because of the recent movie, I made some bookmarks indicating other books and series which might appeal to *Divergent* fans. This will hopefully bump up the use of our young adult readers. Teens are the least frequent users of our library and resources, so getting them excited about other series will keep them coming back.

I have had a great experience during this semester as a marketing intern at the Salem Free Public Library. I can now take my skills and new outlook on marketing with me when I start my career. I learned so much, and I am very grateful for this opportunity, I know it has greatly impacted me and has given me practical experience for my future. Time flies when you are having fun, and doing something you are passionate about!

At the Salem Free Public Library, I have worked on many projects. The Constant Contact Email Alert System was new to me, but I would now consider myself a pro. There are different parts to the site: adding and maintaining contact information of the patrons and making attractive emails to send out with the library's events. I get so excited when the e-mails come out. I tell my mom when she sees it in her inbox "Can you believe I made that?!" I put together all of the upcoming events, write up descriptions, and compile pictures into different spots on the page. Last month I went to a marketing conference and a partner for Constant Contact spoke about effectively using the resources and implementing creative strategies to draw in the patrons. Our emails were good, now they are great, and stand out. We have more people than ever signing up to be on the list for emails. We are now compatible with smartphones and have a cleaner, more inviting feel. I never knew how much work went into emails from companies. Now I have the skills to help companies improve their email alert system.

I started a Facebook page for the Friends of Salem Library, made a blog of my experiences at the library (sarahbarning.blogspot.com), and made bookmarks of the library's services, made posters, trivia games, and press releases. I researched grants for the library and attended a grant database training seminar. I analyzed survey results and suggested improvements.



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BALLSTON SPA

By Joe Newman

New York State Highway 67 runs north through the farmlands of Ballston Spa. The hay fields and tractors rusting at the margins remind me of my hometown in southeastern Connecticut, but here there's a sense that the rural gloom reaches all the way north to Canada, west to Lake Erie, and south to the Tappan Zee. "It looks like Donetsk out there," I joke with my brothers, because the Ukraine has been in the news. In Donetsk, they have tractors and worry, too.

We speed past a tumbledown Victorian farmhouse. In the front yard, nestled among forgotten yokes and wagons, is a shining silver Airstream camper trailer, its front bumper buried in the green highway berm. It's up on blocks. We laugh at this. We are used to trucks and cars without wheels in various stages of repair, but a whole Airstream is a little much. "That's the summer home of the Yellow King," I joke again, because *True Detective* has been in the news, too.

In about half a mile, my brother looks up from his phone and says he thinks the house with the Airstream is the address we are looking for. The tires crunch over the highway shoulder gravel as we roll to a stop. We decide he must be right. There are no other homes or driveways for miles.

Approaching the Airstream from the south, the sun glints off its worn silver roof. It looks brighter from this angle, and I think for a minute about hauling it out of the grass, slapping some tires on it, and taking my family on a road trip to California. I am always looking for reasons to drive across the country.

Our uncle is lying on a couch inside the farmhouse. He is awake but groggy. The window over his head is open and the damp air of April blows in. Beside him, a wood stove burns hot. When we enter the room, a blonde-haired woman is handing him a bottle of beer with a flex straw bent over the lip. Our uncle labors to lift his head to sip from it.

I apologize for not coming sooner. He holds my hand and forgives me.

The farmhouse is a commune of sorts. The blonde-haired woman, youthful and cheery, takes his hand from me and sits beside him on the coffee table. She

calls him their founding father. He takes another sip of beer, leans his head back, and smiles. There are other people in the house, rinsing dishes in the sink, shuffling about their rooms upstairs. Through the open window, a kitchen garden is covered with sagging deer netting.

Our uncle is asleep. The blonde-haired woman asks if we are the nephews from Connecticut. We laugh and say yes. It means a lot that you've come, she says. We wouldn't have all this without him.

Beside her on the coffee table is an open garment box filled with photographs. To pass the time, we sift through them. I am struck by how much our uncle resembles our father. I wish I did not view the photos, because now all I can see is our father on the couch.

This is ridiculous, of course, because our father is teaching seventh grade math near home and not dying on the couch of a new-age hippie commune with an arid vegetable garden and an Airstream without wheels in Ballston Spa. I look again at the photographs to see if I could, in those snapshots of their youth, spot the moment where our uncle went one way and our father the other.

A man comes in. He is tall and olive-skinned, with a bright smile. I am Pedro, he says. Your uncle is my friend. Who would like a beer? The blonde-haired woman rests her head on my uncle's yellowish arm while Pedro hands out the bottles.

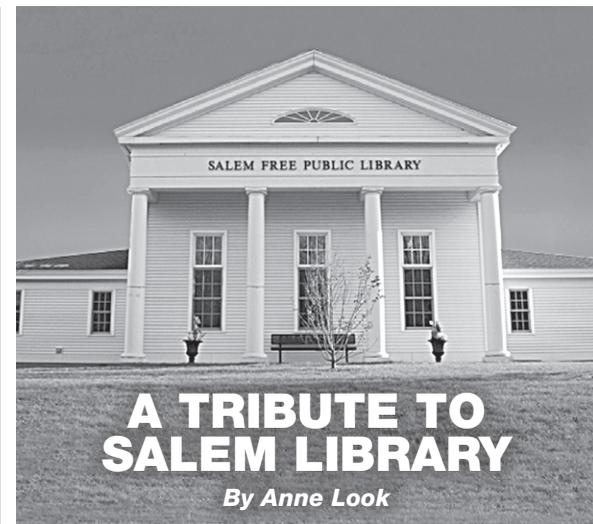
My brothers and I sneak a look at each other and shrug. The beer is good, the room is simultaneously cool with the air of spring and warm. Our uncle's little habitat is now crowded with five people — the blonde-haired woman, Pedro, and the three of us. Perhaps there are worse ways to go.

It occurs to me that I do not know our uncle well. I know that women entered and exited his life, and that his charisma likely confounded our father. I wonder whether our father feels the same way about our uncle as I do about my brothers. Paternalistic, frustrated sometimes with their choices, responsible for them even when that concern is condescending.

I look again through the photographs and it hits me that our uncle and our father rarely appear in an image together. There is our father on his wedding day. There is our father chopping wood. There is our father building our house. There is a man who looks like our uncle, living the life our uncle could never quite construct for himself or perhaps never wanted. I find it both endearing and voyeuristic that our uncle has taken these pictures, and that he has kept them.

This realization makes it easier to take up our uncle's hand again before it is time to go. I love you, I tell this man I

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Nearly four summers ago, on a wet, rainy day, my family and I took a five-hour-long drive. We were leaving Pennsylvania, the state where I spent most of my childhood. I remember taking a final glance back at the house we had occupied for eight years, and I vaguely recall the heartbreak that I felt when it finally disappeared from my sight. Five hours later, we turned into a long driveway, and thus began our residence in Salem, Connecticut.

The first few months of living in Connecticut were not easy. It was the middle of summer, and I had not met a single person who was my age. We had barely met our neighbors, and at the time, I was so shy that I did not interact with others often. I was confused, alone, and quite homesick. One day, my father and I decided to visit the Salem Library. We soon got library cards, and within weeks we were flocking back there constantly. Although I am a relatively fast reader, my father reads at superhuman speed. I would average approximately two or three books per week, while he would find a way to read four or five per week (to this day, he still maintains this pace). In this small town, we found that there is not much to do, so visiting the library every week provided us with an excuse to leave the house often.

Although the countless shelves in the library enthralled me, I had no idea how much the place would mean to me later on.

Over the following two years, I returned to the library whenever I could. It was a spring day when my mother signed me up to become a volunteer for the library. It was decided that I would come into the library on the following Saturday to help out with tasks. I still continue to volunteer at the library most Saturdays. It has become something I enjoy, mainly due to the sense of kindness I feel whenever I step through the doors. When one enters the library, he or she feels a great sense of comfort. Libraries are often known for their quiet, gentle atmospheres. I had never truly realized why this myth has always been true until I became more and more acquainted with Salem Library. Librarians are the ones who truly make up the overall ambience of the library. Salem's librarians are the nicest I have ever known. Because of this, being both friendly and helpful comes second-nature to them. By volunteering at the library, I have met all of the librarians, and have had the fortune of getting to know them very well. I have seen the respect all the library patrons have for these librarians, and it still astonishes me today.

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SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By David H. Wordell, President

As of Feb. 5, 2014, the oldest house in Salem, better known as the Reverend John Whittlesey House, is owned by the Salem Historical Society, a 501(c)3, non-profit corporation.

We are very grateful for the private donation of Jennifer E. Sims, Robert L. Gallucci and family, as well as the MacArthur Foundation who together created the funds necessary to purchase and save the house that brought fame and culture to our town of Salem.

This sizable Sims donation was made in the memory of Jennifer's mother, Ruth Bodman Leiserson, a descendant of Orramel and also the first selectwoman of Greenwich, CT.

Glenn Pianka of Lebanon, CT., a well-known Colonial restorer, has been contracted to make this 1690's home into a Music Vale Seminary Museum. Pat Crisanti has been very busy applying for grants. Bill Schultz and Bob Neddo have had a very busy fall and winter planning for a new "Salem Farm Museum" in the old Hearse House next to the Salem Historical Society Building on the Green. It has a new wood-shingled roof by Glenn Pianka. They also have been organizing the Society's vault and creating a new display venue for the exhibition hall.



Reverend John Whittlesey House Bopha Smith



The Music Vale Seminary in 1840

As I am sure you are aware, this Memorial Day Parade will display the authentic replica of Orramel's Concord Coach "Bluebird", which was used to transport young lady students from the Norwich train station to the Seminary. Following the VFW ceremony on the Town Green, a short program will be held in front of the Salem Town House (SHS), celebrating the 175th anniversary of Music Vale Seminary. Both the Salem Elementary School band and East Lyme High School band will play Orramel's compositions. Bluebird will take part with footman and students dressed in 1850 attire. The public is invited to attend.

To the right is a list of programs and lectures sponsored by the Salem Historical Society for the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2014. Your generous donations to the Salem Historical Society re: Whittlesey House Fund is much appreciated. The address is 509 New London Road, Salem, CT 06420.

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SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2014 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Thursday, May 8--Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Thursday, May 22- 7:30 SHS Program at our Town House Museum
Dorothy Hayden, Pianist, Graduate of Berkley School of Music and a Great Granddaughter of Orramel Whittlesey
Program - "Orramel Whittlesey: The Man and His Music"

Monday, May 26- 10am Memorial Day Parade

SHS Program Following VFW Speeches on The Town Green
Program in Front of the Town House Museum
"The 175th Anniversary of Music Vale Seminary"
with music of Orramel Whittlesey
played by Salem School and East Lyme High School Bands

Thursday, June 12- 7:30 SHS Program at our Town House Museum
Vivian F. Zoe, Director of Slater Memorial Museum
Program- "Contentment, Good Humor and Sociability, The Ladies of Music Vale"

Thursday, June 26 - 7:30 SHS Illustrated Program at our Town House Museum
Glenn Pianka, Colonial Restorer and President of Lebanon Historical Society
Program - "Creating a Museum in the Oldest House in Salem"

Saturday, July 26 (Rain Date 27th) - An Afternoon Tent Party on Music Vale Road
Hosted by Jennifer Sims and Robert Gallucci
Program - Talk by Evelyn Kennedy - Groton Textile Conservator
"Treasures From Murray Attic: Restored Music Vale Clothing"
Music by Oen Kennedy, Descendent of Orramel

Thursday, August 28 - 7:30 SHS Program at the Town House Museum
Cynthia Sam, Descendent of Orramel Whittlesey and Bela Pratt
Illustrated talk - Sculptures of Bela Lyon Pratt and his Salem Heritage (1867-1917)
also Jean Whittlesey Bodman of Trenton N.J. will unveil a Bela Pratt Sculpture of his mother , Sarah, and will present (gift) it to the Music Vale Museum

Saturday, September 27 (Rain Date 28) A Walk to Mosswood Glen Cemetery
Program - A Talk About their Whittlesey Ancestors by Ellen Leiserson (family historian) and Jennifer Sims with Lunch to Follow. RSVP - Tickets Limited

Thursday, October 16 7:30 SHS Program at the Town House Museum
Program - "Visual Summary of SHS 2014 Events and Programs"

It is a shame that there is only one week for teachers to be formally appreciated. [Editor's note: Teacher Appreciation Week was May 5-9, 2014] One week to show teachers how much people respect and care about what they do for a living is simply not enough. Students see their teachers for 45-125 minutes daily, and one week cannot cover the nine months that students attend school. Instead, students should appreciate teachers every day. Little actions such as showing up to class and turning in assignments on time, and listening to the teacher is how students can show their appreciation. By doing this, not only will teachers look forward to coming to school each morning, but students — as well as the teachers — will be more involved in school. This is not because it's a part of their job, but because there would be an established level of trust and respect between everyone. No teacher could ask for more.

However, the issue of teachers being under-appreciated goes deeper than students taking for granted the gift of teachers. It is common for a student to disrupt a class, and give the teacher a hard time. However, the teacher usually puts aside the distractions, and continues to give the students, who are willing to participate, a chance. It becomes personal when



the distractions occur too often. I have had experiences when teachers and substitute teachers have become overwhelmed by obnoxious students. These scenarios have resulted in the teachers leaving the classroom to calm themselves down, or yelling at the students, to showing their frustration. As a result, the teacher is suddenly labeled as "rude," or "unfair" all because the teacher had reached their final breaking point. It is sad to think that people, who dedicate their lives to something they enjoy and love, must face disrespect from their pupils. If the roles were reversed, students may be able to understand the heartbreak and helplessness teachers feel when they try to carry a daily routine, while dodging the obstacles of others who do not care for learning.

It is a common belief among students that their teachers are uncaring and do not have lives of their own. It is also typical among students to believe that teachers seek out ways to make students' lives miserable with lectures and piles upon piles of homework. However, all these myths are untrue. More recently, during an assembly, the students were taken by surprise when teachers began dancing to

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BIG DAY FOR SALEM KIDS!

SALEM ELEMENTARY 1ST GRADE VISIT, THE ANNUAL SLT AMPHIBIAN WALK, & THE RBV

By Diba Khan-Bureau

Once again Three Rivers Community College students and I went to the Salem Elementary School to visit with the first grade children. On April 25th we demonstrated what the rapid bioassessment for volunteers (RBV) is and why it is so important (we perform the RBV 2



TRCC students on the RBA looking through the samples to determine what insect larvae they found on April 26.

times per year for the towns of Salem, Lyme, and East Haddam). What is the RBV? It is a water quality test using benthic macroinvertebrates as biological indicators of water quality! What are benthic macroin-

vertebrates? Some are insects that live part of their lives in the river as larvae and then metamorphose into flying insects like dragonflies and damselflies. Others are midges and worms and other organisms. They are organisms that live under water on rocks (benthic) that have no backbones (invertebrates). You can see them with the naked eye (macro). Certain species tell us if the water quality is good or not

so good. We have been collecting data for over 13 years for the CT Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection (DEEP). We go into the river and scrub and kick the rocks, which flow into a net. Once collected we put them in collection bottles and send them to the CT DEEP for identification by the state entomologist.

Every spring my TRCC environmental engineering technology students and I go out early to prepare to see the first grade classes of Mrs. Mainville and Mrs. Puhlick. We have a river simulator that mimics a stream. We scrub rocks (to find insect larvae) in the Harris Brook, collect and bring water with the benthic macroinvertebrates to our river simulator. We place the water and bugs into the river simulator, start the filters to push the water for a riffle effect, setup microscopes and we are ready.



A salamander found by one of the children on the annual Amphibian Walk on April 25th

“THEY ARE SO BIG!!!”

at the microscopes to look at insect larvae or worms that we already collected while others use spoons to find their own organism. They sit on the floor with the TRCC students. My students help find the critters and tell the kids what species they may have in their spoon. The first graders have good eyes and find the bugs quickly, collecting them so that they can look under the microscope.

Often times we hear gleeful screams “They are so big!!!” and “Wow!!” It is a wonderful teaching tool and hands on experience for our kids to learn about keeping our water safe and healthy and to teach them about the importance of diversity in a river system. Later that afternoon after the elementary school visit we went on our annual Salem Land Trust (SLT) Amphibian Walk at Walden Preserve. We were fortunate to have Dr. David Bingham join us!! Some of the kids we saw at school were there too! We walked through Walden Preserve to see and hear the spring peepers. It was a great day and evening for folks and children of Salem and other towns too. My students love the experience almost as much as I do!!

For more information regarding the Eightmile River water quality and the rapid bioassessment please visit www.ct.gov/deep/rbv.

Diba Khan-Bureau is a professor and program coordinator of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Technologies programs at Three Rivers Community College and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Connecticut. A resident of Salem for over 20 years, she has been a member of the Salem Inland Wetland Commission for the past 12 years.



Jack Jensen looking under the microscope, wants to, maybe, be a scientist one day! (right) Troy Wood, a TRCC student, helps find insect larvae in one of the 2 containers. (left)

The kids circle around me so I can explain why we use benthic macroinvertebrates for water quality testing and why it is so important to have good water quality. We talk about the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Federal designation and why clean surface waters are important for the benthic macroinvertebrates, other creatures, as well as for us.

The kids always ask great questions. Then we split the kids up and they are off to their stations. Some first sit



First graders gather around the river simulator to collect insect larvae in Mrs. Mainville's class

TRIBUTE TO SALEM LIBRARY *continued from page 13*

Salem has always seemed to me the sort of town in which one finds someplace in which they can retreat to in dark times. For me, the Salem Library serves as my safe haven. I have always loved reading, and even to this day, I manage to visit the library at least once or twice a week. Books have provided me with an escape from the world around me. They allow me to step inside another person's shoes, and experience their thoughts, even their life; I get to see glimpses of their emotions, as well as their world. It is strange how something made of paper and ink can affect someone in such a strong way. During those first few months of living in Connecticut, the Salem

Library became a second home for me. I will always be grateful that I have found the library, because it has changed me in so many different ways: the books I have read have contributed to my writing style, and are the reason why I am able to write this article in this particular manner; volunteering has provided me with a way to help people; and I have learned how to become a kinder person in part due to the excellent librarians. I am most certainly not the same shy girl I was when I moved here. To the Salem Library, its patrons and employees, I extend my gratitude for affecting my life in such a positive way.

Anne Look is a freshman at East Lyme High School. She plays viola and piano in the school orchestra and also volunteers at the Salem Library.

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don't know, and he smiles and squeezes my shoulder. Pedro says, that is good for him to hear. I hope we will see you again.

Driving out, I think again of digging through the tall grass for some tires and hooking the Airstream to my truck. What a trip it would be if we could fix it. Just me, my brothers, and our father, driving to California. To kill the time, we'd shuffle through the box of photographs and listen to him tell us, here it went wrong, here it went right, and in the afternoon, the western sun would be warm and the breeze off the Pacific cool and full of comfort.

Salem native Joe Newman is the managing director of Salem's Treasure Hill Farm and is the executive director of the Lyme Art Association. He would like to personally thank Jackie Hemond for her extraordinary dedication to the Salem Library and Our Town – Salem. Good luck, Jackie, in Suffield!



NUISANCE WILDLIFE GUIDELINES

Late winter and early spring are busy times for most wildlife species. It is the breeding season for most mammals. Ones that can sometimes create nuisance situations are raccoons, squirrels, skunks, woodchucks and bats. Many situations resolve on their own but if you have a justified nuisance where there is real property damage or a qualified health threat, you can contact a nuisance wildlife control officer (NWCO). If you find the need to contact a nuisance wildlife control officer be sure to check that they have a current license to practice in this state.

An NWCO should help you consider all options available to remedy the situation. Many times educating the homeowner regarding the behavior of the animal and what they are doing can help to resolve the problem. During the birthing season, animals are looking for shelter, a den or nesting site. Our suburban wildlife have become very adaptable and opportunistic. Hence, poor structural maintenance of homes or buildings creates the perfect entry, enabling lodging for the mammal while raising their young. Animals can find their way into and under abandoned buildings and cars, decks, and sheds and they find their way into homes via chimney flues, broken screens or damaged attic vents. The NWCO can do a site evaluation, identify the type of animal creating the problem and make recommendations, suggesting the least invasive to most invasive strategies.

In many instances if you can delay intervention and tolerate the situation, the problem will resolve on its own, particularly if it involves a mom and her litter. Once a litter has weaned they will move on. Habitat modification such as removal of food and access to areas of shelter would be the next step. Eviction methods should also start with the least invasive (and least expensive) methods. Frightening techniques whether visual, auditory or olfactory can sometimes persuade a female to move her litter.

If the homeowner and the NWCO come to the decision that eviction through trapping is the only method available, please be aware that NWCOs are not supposed to trap any animal during their breeding/nursing season unless the absence/presence of young can be determined and they are accessible. If the mother and litter are removed then the NWCO practices reuniting strategies where the mom has the opportunity to relocate her family. There are many factors to consider when relocating wildlife. The health and age of the animal, the suitability of the release site, food supply and timing is extremely important. In general relocating decreases the animal's chance for survival. Because they are a rabies vector species, NWCOs are not allowed to relocate skunks, raccoons and foxes. They must be released on the owners' property or destroyed. Homeowners should be informed of this and have the option of considering on-site release.

Nuisance issues created by beaver, mink, muskrat, coyote and otters require a special permit.

Below is a guideline for birthing/breeding seasons for some of Connecticut's wildlife:

Animal	Breeding/Birthing season	Weaning
Bats	June – July	2-3 weeks
Raccoons	March – May	8-12 weeks
Squirrels	February - May, July - September	7-8 weeks
Flying Squirrel	February - May, July - September	5 weeks
Skunks	Late April – June	6-8 weeks
Woodchucks	April-May	5-6 weeks

Wildlife doesn't try to cause trouble. They are simply abiding by the laws of nature and their natural instincts. Good home and property maintenance can go a long way towards keeping the nuisance out of your yard!

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EIGHTMILE RIVER WILD & SCENIC WATERSHED

SUMMER STREAM MONITORING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee is initiating a stream monitoring program this summer. We are looking for a few volunteers that can work a couple of hours a week using hand-held instruments to measure temperature, PH, dissolved oxygen, specific conductivity and salinity at various locations in the watershed. Monitoring will begin in June and goes through August. The data will be used to help establish

baseline conditions and future trends. This is a great opportunity for college students to get some practical field experience or for others who simply want to help their communities and enjoy the outdoors. Must be 18 or over to participate. Field work requires ability to scramble down river banks, wade through streams and occasionally get wet. Contact **Pat Young** at pyoung@eightmileriver.org or (860)345-8700 for more information or to sign up.

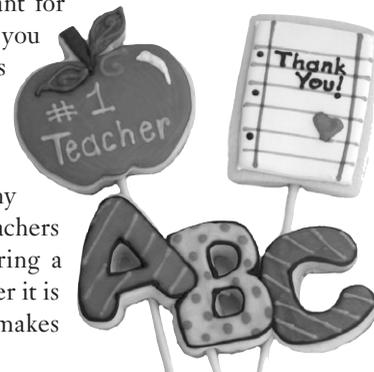
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Pharrell Williams' hit song "Happy". Ejay Hernandez, an 8th grader at Salem School, said, "It was a surprise to every student...all of a sudden, every single teacher was dancing!" With joyous activities, such as this, it is possible for students to recognize the value of their teachers. The fact of the matter is that teachers are extremely caring and considerate towards their students' lives. I remember at the end of my 8th grade year, my Language Arts teacher helped me realize that when I write, it is not necessary to ask others if the piece is decent. Instead, he helped teach me that if I thought the work was okay, then others' opinions should not matter. In addition to this, Anne Look, a former Salem student gave input on her music teacher. "In middle school [she] taught me to look inside myself and find my inner strength. She believed in me...and that constant rallying force helped me find that inner strength."

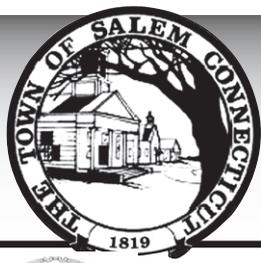
Little actions such as smiling or waving to teachers kick their day off to a good start. Even giving the teacher a simple gift (such as the infamous apple) shows appreciation for the hard work that the teacher puts forth daily. It is also important to realize that once upon a time, teachers were students as well, and have feelings of their own that they must shield throughout the day in order to teach. If a teacher comforts a student in their darkest days, who's to say students can't do the same? A simple hug, or the clichéd phrase "everything will get better" shows teachers that their students care about them, and want to see a smile on their face.

Through my personal experience as a former "Salemite," I can say that the silver lining to school is not receiving an education or making new friends, but building friendships with the teachers. In the eyes of a student, it is agreeable that most adults are difficult to approach during times of needed comfort. However, teachers are not only there to teach the basic Abc's and 123's, but also serve as a confidant for the students. Think of it this way, friends are people you respect, trust, and pay attention to. Likewise, teachers are no different. Morgan Anthony, an 8th grader at Salem School, says that her 8th grade science teacher is very nice. "She's very easygoing, and she helps out a lot...She's just a really great teacher in general!" Anthony Lee, also an 8th grader at Salem School, says that his teachers (especially his 8th grade Math teacher) "...always bring a sense of humor and a smile to class every day...Whether it is a tease or a joke..." "It [the teachers' positive attitude] makes lots of Salem memories for years to come!"



Aleigba is a freshman at East Lyme High School. Her interests are reading and writing, fashion and basketball. She is also on the East Lyme High School's tennis team.

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Things to Do . . .

AROUND TOWN

Find out what's happening in Salem



LIONS TALES

By Lion George Zieggra

A very busy spring has come and gone for the Salem Lions. April 12 was a day of Fun and Run for all ages. Starting at 9:00 a.m., 45 young runners (ages 12 and under) negotiated a 1 mile course in the **2014 Lions Fun Run** First place trophies went to 1st place female and male winners: Isabel Pazzaglia and Sean Barkasy. Congratulations to all you young runners.

Following at 10:00 a.m. on the heels of the 1 Mile Fun Run, the **2014 Salem 5K Road Race** started in a rush of 191 runners of all ages from 6 years (Tatum Young) to 74 years old (Ray Prest and Tom Sullivan). The first male and female to finish were James Jensen (19:06) and Jessica Roy (21:31). Each will receive a free registration and shirt at the 2015 Salem Road Race. First Salem runners to finish were Matt Kung in 9th place and Jessica Roy in 10th place. Prizes for the first 10 places were awarded according to age graded ratings to male and female winners with first places to Ned Kennedy and Dani Kennedy. Team 169 took top honors in the Team category. For complete results and scoring, visit our website, www.salemctroadrace.org. To cap a great morning, all runners and families enjoyed pancakes, pizza, fruit and beverages in the multipurpose room while awaiting the awards presentation. Thanks to all Lions and Volunteers for making this event so successful. See you all next April 2015 for our 22nd Salem Lions Road Race.

Next on the agenda at 1:00 p.m. on April 12 — **Easter Egg Hunt**. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored with Salem Recreation, took place with 52 excited children following the Easter Bunny to Bingham Field where a bountiful supply of candy was eagerly and quickly transferred to awaiting Easter baskets followed by jelly bean races and prizes. Face painting was a popular stop outside the gym. Prizes were also awarded to all participants for best picture coloring and best decorated eggs. Many thanks to Lion Dan Holle for chairing this great event, to all the Shoreline Leos who provided an outstanding Easter Bunny and lots of super help throughout the afternoon, and to all the Salem Lions who made this event happen. Mark your calendar for this same great event in 2015 on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

At our April 24th meeting, The Salem Lions held our 2014-2015 elections with the following results:

- President:** Lion Skip Dickson
- 1st Vice President:** Lion George Householder
- 2nd Vice President:** Lion Len Giambra
- Secretary:** Lion Dan Holle
- Treasurer:** Lion Elbert Burr
- Membership Chairman:** Lion Jim Fogarty
- Director at large:** Lion Gordon Gillaspie

The new officers will be installed at our June 26th meeting. Following a great Chinese dinner provided by Lion Norm Rabe, Lion Bill Martin gave a very nice video presentation of his recent travels to Ireland and Italy.

Our 2012 scholarship applications have been received and evaluated. Our two recipients will be announced at our June 26th dinner meeting. Both recipients and their parents will be our guests that night.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Calling All Bargain Hunters – Our Annual Tag Sale

Join us at the corner of Rte 82 and Shingle Mill Road on **Saturday, June 28**. Something for Everyone. Donated items are welcome. Contact **Lion George Zieggra** at 859-0609 or **Lion Norm Rabe** (859-0165) for information. Everyone is welcome; tell your friends and neighbors. This is our major fundraiser to support our scholarship awards and numerous community projects.



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.



SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS

By Marcella C. Maiorano

Ever wonder what the youth of Salem are doing during evening hours? Well, we can tell you what thirteen of them are doing every Monday at 6:30 p.m. They are training at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company on Route 85. These thirteen young men and women are learning about firefighting! They are members of our Junior Department, which started in 1981 and is open to all that are interested who are between the ages of 12 and 18. Our Juniors are trained by several of our senior members and are learning different firefighting skills.

The Juniors don gear — weighing between 60-70 pounds — and perform various tasks as if they were at an actual emergency scene. A recent training exercise required them to take the drop tank off the truck, set it up, disassemble it and return it to the truck. They are preparing for future positions with our fire company or at a career department. Of course, there are limits to what they can do because of their age, but every Monday they learn something new and exciting. They also learn to maintain the equipment, trucks and their gear. Firefighting is a serious business and the earlier we are able to introduce our future firefighters to the techniques of firefighting the better it will be for their safety and for the public.



Junior Firefighters working a controlled brush fire training with their advisers

We are proud to announce that The Salem Volunteer Fire Company Junior Fire Chief Tyler Martin was recently awarded a \$500 scholarship to attend the Connecticut Fire Academy's "Introduction to the Fire Service" from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry. Tyler will stay at the Fire Academy in Windsor Locks for a full week this summer to take this course.

Junior Chief Martin comes from a family of firefighters and EMTs and has been involved with the fire company for three years. He attends Norwich Technical School in Norwich. Congratulations to Chief Martin!

Whether these Junior members go on to become volunteer, career firefighters, or EMTs, they will never forget their experiences with the SVFC. They will take with them the knowledge, discipline and experience to help them succeed with whatever they will endeavor to do in the years ahead.

We are very proud of these young men and women and we thank them for their service to the Town of Salem.



Junior Firefighters working a controlled brush fire training with their advisers



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SALEM

By Rev. Tim Dubeau

Located on the Salem Green, Route 85, about 1½ miles north of the roundabout at the intersection of Routes 82 and 85. Visitors are *always* welcome.

Call 860-859-1211, email us at salemcongregate@sbcglobal.net, check out our website at www.congregationalchurchsalem.org and follow us on Facebook for more information.

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

You are invited to attend any of the following activities. For additional information, please call 860-859-1211):

Sunday Worship: Begins at **10:00 a.m.**

No Sunday School during the summer months.

Sunday School resumes **Sunday, September 7, 2014**

UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Please check our website: www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org

Every 2nd Sunday – 5:00 p.m.: “The Destination” –

Salem’s place for Contemporary Christian Worship!

5:00 p.m. in the Christian Community Center join us for a light supper.

5:45 p.m. begins an hour of Contemporary Christian music along with a Bible centered message. All ages are welcome to this lively alternative to traditional worship.

Child-care is always provided. Call 860-859-1211 for more info.

Friday, May 23 – 7:00 p.m. Piercing Word Christian Drama Presentation: As part of their New England tour, Piercing Word, a Christian drama troupe from Lancaster, PA will be here in the Christian Community Center. Piercing Word performs scripture word for word in compelling dramatic presentations. Join friends from area churches (Faith Community Church, Marlborough; Abundant Life Church, Colchester; Christian Life Chapel, Colchester) for an evening of drama, music, worship & refreshments as Piercing Word performs the Book of Ruth and The Last Supper, Trial, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no admission fee for this very special evening. There will be an opportunity to give a donation.

Saturday, June 14 – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm – Annual Tag, Rummage and Bake Sale – Christian Community Center – 249 Hartford Road, Salem. We welcome your donations of quality, clean clothing and household items beginning Monday, June 9. No large appliances, computers, printers or used building supplies, please! You may drop off your items all week up until Noon on Friday, June 13. Call 860-859-1211 with questions.



Monday, June 23 to Thursday, June 26: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

2014 Summer Vacation Bible School:

Weird Animals: Where Jesus’ Love Is One-of-a-Kind

IMPORTANT!! Please Note: All participating children must PRE-REGISTER. No walk in registrations will be available this year. Register online on our website (see below) or call 860-859-1211.

At *Weird Animals*, kids will learn about some of God’s most creative creations as they participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience cool Bible adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. In addition, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called *God Sightings*.

Each day concludes with *The Tail End*—a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they have learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11:30 each day.

Kids at *Weird Animals VBS* will join an international mission effort to share God’s love by providing water for schoolchildren in India. *Weird Animals VBS* is for kids from age 4 to completed 5th grade and will run from **9:00 a.m. to Noon** each day.

There is no fee for those children in attendance. However, to support the mission to India we will provide a daily opportunity for the children to bring an offering.

For more information, call 860-859-1211 or check out our website for online registration beginning in May. Go to www.CongregationalChurchSalem.org to register.

THE SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY INC. ANNOUNCES ITS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2014/15

Eugene R. Maiorano was elected for his 36th year as Chief Richard Martin will be starting his 4th year as deputy. Chief Ron Przech, Jr. will be starting his 3rd year as Assistant Chief Rob Oloski will be starting his 1st year as Fire Captain Chip Weston is starting his 3rd year as Safety Officer Deb Caldwell will be on her 22nd year as R-1 Captain, Warren Wright is in his 2nd year as Fire Police Captain Lisa Martin will be starting her 4th year as Secretary, and Marcella Maiorano is starting her 13th year as Treasurer The Vehicle Lieutenants are: Alex Blais, Jennifer Oloski, Bob Pokrinchak, Jeff Martin, Al Wlodarczyk, Mark Dickson and Ryan Teixeira. The Company Board of Directors consists of Eugene Maiorano, Lisa Martin, Brian Whitlatch, Al Wlodarczyk, Chip Weston, Ronnie Przech Jr, and Paul Canniff.



GARDNER LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

By Chief James Savalle

On April 17, 2014 the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company responded to O’Connell Road in Colchester for automatic mutual aid at a two alarm structure fire. Tankers from Gardner Lake, Salem, Bozrah, East Hampton, East Haddam, Hebron and Colchester. Bozrah Fire Company supplied an Engine Tanker to Draft water from a pond to fill tankers from a local pond off of Buckley Hill Rd in Colchester. Gardner Lake Ambulance 527 was dispatched to the scene for Firefighter rehabilitation and as a back up for medical transportation. The 3,800 square foot house sustained serious damage. The fire is under investigation.

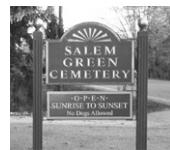


FRIENDS OF SALEM LIBRARY

By Gloria Fogarty, Vice-President

There is a new building in Salem, thanks to Head Librarian, Jackie Hemond. Salem now has a “Community Center”. Of course, it is also known as the Salem Library, but Jackie deserves much credit for having the vision to understand the needs of the community and the skills to create programs to serve those needs. She has brought incredible energy, enthusiasm, and ingenuity to the process of creating a Center that engages the citizens of Salem.

Each year, the Friends of Salem Library have worked hard to raise monies to support community outreach efforts. Because of their fundraisers, membership fees, and voluntary donations, FOSL has been able to annually provide approximately \$10-\$12,000 to the Salem Library staff. As head librarian, Jackie has been outstanding in her ability to find talented artists, musicians, craft experts, lecturers, teachers, writers, etc. available and willing to inspire library patrons. It has been a time of very successful collaboration between FOSL as the fundraising entity and Jackie as the creative coordinator of cultural, scholarly, and entertaining events. We are very grateful for all she has done for the Town of Salem, and we are sorry to see her leave. We wish her the best of luck. Our best wishes go with her to her new job and home in Suffield. Jackie is a truly special person and the people of Salem will sorely miss her.



SALEM GREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

By Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

The annual meeting of the Salem Green Cemetery Association was held on April 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Salem Town Hall.

Officers for the 2014-15 year are:

President: Catherine Teel

Vice President: Nancy Dytko

Treasurer: Carol Vasquez

Historian/Secretary: Helen Woronik

Sexton: Rev. Timothy Dubeau

Asst. Sexton: Michael Teel

On April 23, members of the cemetery association cleaned up the plots by removing all artificial flowers, spent live flowers, wild shoots, broken or damaged objects, tattered/torn flags and any remaining Christmas/Easter decorations. Artificial flowers will be allowed again after October 15.

Some friendly advice: Live flowers in pots and urns wilt quickly in the hot sun if they don't receive frequent watering. Those flowers planted in the ground will last longer. Try to choose a variety requiring infrequent watering. Water is available at the hand pump in the center garden. Use the jug(s) provided to prime the pump and then leave them full for the next person. Please insure that your plantings are located immediately to the front of each monument. Cemetery regulations prohibit plantings on the sides and backs of monuments. Any such plantings run the risk of being damaged during regular mowing of the cemetery. As always — shrubs/trees of any kind and oversized plants that hide/engulf the monument are not allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation. Cemetery appearance is every plot owners' responsibility.

For the period 01/22/2014 – 04/29/14 there have been no interments/inurnments.

Fourteen (14) full sized plots remain available in Section I. Some are single plots with deeded plots on either side. These full sized plots are available for \$550/plot. The 101 full sized plots available in our newly established Section IV are priced at \$700 each.

Contact the SGCA sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-859-1925 with questions or if interested in purchasing full sized or smaller cremation plots. Maps of the cemetery sections by plot, interment/inurnment records by name/plot, plot pricing and contact information are all posted on the information board located near the first row of plots.

Improvements planned: The SGCA is still developing plans for tree replacement. In addition, the SGCA is considering a do-over of the memory garden area by planting basic groundcover and deer resistant plants. The Town crew is working to improve the unsightly soil storage area in order to make it more attractive. Lastly, we have requested that the Town extend one leg of the Community Garden water line to the Cemetery side of the stonewall in order to make water more accessible.

The SGCA has authorized the training of another sexton. Any person interested in receiving training is encouraged to contact **Rev. Tim Dubeau** at 860-859-1925 or at tbubeau@sbcglobal.net.



SALEM SENIORS

By Irene Jarvis

The Salem Seniors started their new year on March 13th at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company with numerous speakers. We were pleased to have Becky Sullivan from the Colchester Senior Center invite us to join them with the numerous activities they have. We were also invited to partake in the many trips they offer.

Our next speaker, Nancy Lisee, from Senior Resources in Norwich was very informative about Medicare. Many rules and regulations were unknown to us. Her patience in answering the many questions from the floor was greatly appreciated.

Our First Selectman Kevin Lyden, as always, took time out from his busy schedule to bring us up to date on what is happening in our town and what projects are in the future. He is always willing to keep us informed and answer our questions.

Due to inclement weather in December, we held our Christmas party in April and had fun at PaPa Z's Restaurant with an exceptional turn-out. We appreciate all the restaurant did for us.

The Salem Seniors is open to anyone over 50. We meet the second Tuesday of the month March through December at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem Volunteer Firehouse, unless otherwise designated. Lunch is served following the meeting.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., an informal group meet at the Salem Free Public Library. We thank the Salem Recreation Committee for providing us with a way to relax and have fun. Wii Bowling provides us with some friendly competition and gives us some exercise. We have increased the variety of card games we play: *To Set Back (Pitch)* and *Cribbage* we have added *Golf and Hearts* to activate our minds. Refreshments are also served.

Our Library group would like to thank Jackie Hemond for all she has done for us. We will all miss her.

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THE DIVINE MERCY FAITH COMMUNITY

Our Lady of the Lakes Church | Saint John the Evangelist Church
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

By Rev. Robert F. Buongirno

The Parishes of The Divine Mercy Faith Community is a group of three parishes that share a collaborative ministry. Members of the three parishes are welcome to participate in the ministries and activities of any parish within our Community. New members, family members, guests, and summer residents residing at area Campgrounds are cordially invited to participate in our Divine Mercy Faith Community. We look forward to worshipping with you!

WEEKLY MASS AND RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lakes Church • 860-859-1575

752 Norwich-Salem Turnpike, Oakdale, CT. 06370

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00a.m. 10:15 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Monday 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 4:15 p.m.

Saint John the Evangelist Church • 860-848-1257

22 Maple Avenue, Uncasville, CT. 06370

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday & Thursday 7:30a.m.

Wednesday 12:05 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church • 860-443-1875

63 Old Norwich Road, Quaker Hill, CT 06375

Weekend Masses

Sunday 8:00a.m. 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses

Tuesday & Friday 7:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Friday 8:15 a.m.

Saturday 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Served by:

Reverend Robert F. Buongirno, Pastor
Reverend James J. Sucholet, Parochial Vicar
Deacon William Herrmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 29, 2014

MASS SCHEDULE

Saint John the Evangelist Church

Wednesday, May 28, Vigil Mass - 6:00p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Thursday, May 29, Holy Day Mass - 7:30a.m.

Our Lady of the Lakes Church

Thursday, May 29, Holy Day Masses - 8:00a.m. and 7:00p.m.

INSTALLATION OF REVEREND ROBERT F. BUONGIRNO, PASTOR OF THE DIVINE MERCY FAITH COMMUNITY

The Installation Mass of Reverend Robert F. Buongirno as Pastor of the Parishes in The Divine Mercy Faith Community will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at 4:00p.m. in Saint John the Evangelist Church.

Dinner following in Saint John the Evangelist Church Parish Community Center

All parishioners, family members and friends are invited to the Installation Mass and Dinner for Father Bob.



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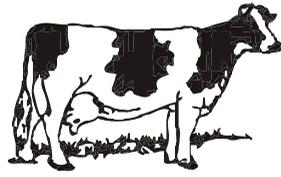
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Fri.: Closed for routine business
(elected officials available for urgent matters)

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264 Hartford Road
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www.salemschools.org

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