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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

The long days of summer are upon us. I hope you have plenty of outdoor time to enjoy your favorite activities. Let's look at what is happening in our town:

Congratulations Graduates!

The Town of Salem has many of our sons and daughters graduating this time of year. Congratulations to each and every one of you. We wish you continued success on all of your future endeavors as you travel your path in life.

Welcome Vanessa Bunnell

We are fortunate to have Vanessa Bunnell as our new part-time Recreation Coordinator. Many of our townspeople already know Vanessa from her many years as a town resident and coach. With her energy and professionalism, Vanessa has many exciting programs planned for our residents.

Budgets, budgets and more budgets

With the continual news of the State of Connecticut budget deficit; I am pleased to report that our Town of Salem is in good financial shape. Our Fiscal Year ends on June 30th and we will be under budget for the 7th year in a row and returning unspent funds to the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance (rainy day fund). I want to thank all Departments for their Fiscal responsibility with our townspeople's money.

Board of Finance-Juggling Act

The Board of Finance did a fine job of crafting a fair budget for our next Fiscal Year. This was no small feat as the State of Connecticut continued to make reductions to our municipality after the Town Budget was finalized.

Decreased revenue projections from the State were forecasted accurately by our Board of Finance.

I commend the Board of Finance on their accurate forecast, as well as keeping a healthy unassigned fund balance for our Town.

D.A.R.E. Program

The D.A.R.E. Program is now offered by our Resident State Trooper, Luke Larue, to Kindergarten, 5th and 8th grade classes at Salem School. The philosophy of D.A.R.E. is to empower students to respect others and choose to lead lives free of violence, substance abuse and other dangerous behaviors. Thank you Trooper Pariseau and Trooper Larue for offering this valuable program to our students.

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A special thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our Town of Salem a better place to live. Enjoy your summer. I hope to see you around town at one of our many activities.

I am honored to be your First Selectman.

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UNCAS HEALTH DISTRICT



Social media is designed to engage members of the community, and is often used as a mechanism by public health organizations and practitioners for mass information dissemination rather than engaging audiences in true multi-way conversations and interactions.

The Uncas Health District has been exploring ways to engage the community using various communication formats. We have a website. We have a Twitter account and a Facebook page. We have a local access television show that is uploaded to our YouTube page. Residents can contact the office 24/7 through the contact box on our website. For those that need items from the file, we can often scan and e-mail the information without requiring a resident to visit our office. We can even accept credit card payments.

Now, we just need to get our residents to use these various forms of communication. The use of the various social media platforms will make the interaction with the Uncas Health District much less cumbersome and provide greater public access to our staff. Just as important, is our ability to use these resources in an emergency. We can upload content to YouTube in the event of a public health event, post information to our various websites and accounts, and interact with the community using social distancing when we are concerned about the spread of illness.

To begin exploring our social media sites or to learn more about other work of the Uncas Health District, please contact us at (860) 823-1189 or www.uncashd.org. The links to access us on Twitter and Facebook can be found on our website.



Submitted by: Patrick McCormack, Director of Health

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SALEM LIONS TALES

Our Annual Salem Lions Tag Sale is set for Saturday, June 25 starting at 7:30am on the corner of Rte 82 and Shingle Mill Road. Come and check it out: You name it, we probably have it! Something for everyone.

*****To All Golfers***** We are planning the Salem Lions Golf Classic on October 3 at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton. Details and information appear on page 8 of this issue of *Our Town Salem*.

On March 19, a small but eager group of young folk enjoyed a great Easter Egg Hunt at Salem School. Congratulations to all the winners. Prizes for the Egg Decorating, Easter Coloring, and Jelly Bean Races were awarded to Pre-K/K Lexi Pazzaglia, Madison Tuccio, Embry Kenney, Lanae Bouchard; 1st — 2nd grades Laurel Tierney, Brower Kenney, Nathan Bernardson; 3rd — 4th grades Amanda Noel, Andrew Renzi, Nikilos Renzi, John Ilvento. See you all next year on April 8, 2017.

Congratulations to all 167 PARTICIPANTS at our 23rd Annual Salem Road Race held on Saturday, April 9. Winners of the 1 Mile Kids Race were: Isabelle Pazzaglia from Salem and Tyler Bousquet from Griswold.

First male and female to finish the 5K run were Samuel Whittaker of Salem (#1 overall) and Karen Laverdiere of Haydenville, MA (#21 overall). After the race, prizes were awarded by age groups. Thank you to all sponsors, and workers. Mark your calendars for next year's 24th annual race on April 8, 2017. (www.salemctroadrace.org).

The Salem Lions are pleased to award the Knight of the Blind to Lion David Kennedy at our June 23rd meeting. This award is given by CT Lions Eye Research Foundation.

Congratulations to our 2016 Scholarship Winners: Isabelle Moore and Danielle Gaito: both of these young ladies and their parents will be honored at our June 23rd monthly dinner meeting. Isabelle will be attending Tufts University; Danielle has been accepted at a number of colleges but has yet to make her commitment. Congratulations, ladies, and good luck in your future plans.

It seems early, but our 2016-2017 Community Calendar is going to press. Important dates will be included: Salem and East Lyme H.S. school calendar dates; Salem Town Commissions and Committee dates; Town Events; Birthdays/anniversaries/memorials. Look for your copy (delivered to every home in Salem) just before Labor Day. Please patronize all of our 36 local sponsors.

New Officers for the Salem Lions for the coming year are: Lion Dan Holle (president); Lions John Houchin and Eric Belt (vice presidents); Lion Skip Stangeland (secretary); Lion George Ziegler (treasurer). Membership chairman is Lion Jim Fogarty. These officers will be installed at our June 23rd meeting.

Thanks to the dedicated effort of Lion Dave Kennedy for his time and corporate donations, the new electronic Score Board has been installed at the Babe Ruth baseball diamond (see page 9 for photo). Many thanks to all the Lions who worked with Dave on the construction.

We have just completed the 2016 District 23-C Journey For Sight, a 5K walkathon. One half of all pledges are retained by our club for local charitable projects; the other half is returned to District 23-C for District level charitable projects. Thanks to all donors and participants.

Are you interested in good friendship and service in Salem? The Salem Lions are looking for men and women of all ages and talents to help provide our charitable services in Salem. Contact Lion Jim Fogarty (859-0108), our membership chairman, for more information about Lions (Salem Lions and Lions International).

Submitted by: Lion George Ziegler



SALEM FREE LIBRARY

2016 Summer Reading Program Schedule
"On your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

Monday, June 27, 2016-Registration for summer reading begins today. The mascot of the Hartford Yard Goats Baseball will be here from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Limit 40. Call 860-859-1130 to register for the mascot program, but you can stop in any time during library hours to register for the summer reading program. Refreshments will be served during the mascot appearance. *The library will be participating in the Hartford Yard Goats' Reading Books in Summer program for ages 5-12. The Hartford Yard Goats will reward young readers with two (2) tickets to a Summer Reading Recognition Night game at Dunkin' Donuts Park on either August 16 or 17 at 7:05 p.m. Complimentary tickets and additional tickets must be reserved in advance through the order forms at the library.

Wednesday, July 6, 2016- Suzanne Cordatos, author of *Sneeze Fire & The Lost Crown of Apollo* will present a story time and book talk. *Sneeze Fire* story time & craft for ages 3-5 at 2:00 p.m. & *The Lost Crown of Apollo* book talk for middle schoolers @ 3:15 p.m. Limit 20 participants per session. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Saturday, July 9, 2016-Two sessions: 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Party Like Picasso! Participants will step on board the Art Truck to make color, shape and line come alive as they dip brushes into palettes of paint to create display-ready masterpieces to take home. Ages 5-12. Limit 20 participants per session. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.-Dancin' with Hoops! Interactive program! Hoop dancing entertainment and performance by Judi Ann Jones. Custom hula hoops will be available for use. Participants will get a chance to win a custom youth hoop donated by Judi. Ages 3 & up. Limit 25 participants. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.-Flea Circus! Program is presented by Ed Popielarczyk. Come see an entire big top circus in miniature! Ed will demonstrate balloon sculpting prior to the show. Ages 3 and up. Limit 40, including adults. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.-Nature Olympics. Presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Can you jump farther than a frog? Can you gather seeds faster than a bird? Become a "Nature Olympian" and try your hand at these feats and more. Design a flag to represent your team, and then compete in a series of fun, nature themed challenges. Ages 6-12; Limit 30. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.-Busy Bees- presented by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. Busy bees and fluttering butterflies are two insects among many which actively pollinate the plants of the world. Come learn all about the important job that pollinators have, and how they are perfect partners for plants. Play the sneaky butterfly game and become a budding scientist for a hands-on flower dissection. Ages 6-12. Limit 30. Call 860-859-1130 to register.

Saturday, August 6, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Summer reading closing party! Animal Embassy will present, "Athletes of the Animal Kingdom." Cake and ice cream will be served after the program. For ages 3 & up. Limit 40. Please call 860-859-1130 register.

All programs sponsored by the Friends of the Salem Library

2016/2017 Spring/Summer Events Calendar**Wednesday, June 29, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

"They Called her Reckless: A True Story of War, Love and One Extraordinary Horse." Book discussion presented by the author, Janet Barrett. When the Marines of the Fifth Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition up the steep hills to the front lines, what they got was a real-life hero, Reckless, the courageous and indomitable warhorse who stood with her buddies for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits, and winning the love and respect of all who knew her. (Description from Google books). Books will be available for sale and signing. Program is for ages 10 to adult. Please register. Call 860-859-1130. Limit 40.

Saturday, June 18, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Mini Terrariums-Come fill a mini, glass planter with plants for sun or shade. You can also add a miniature figurine inside for decoration! All supplies provided. Program is for ages 8 to adult. Limit 20. Call 860-859-1130 to register. Program is full; waiting list only.

Friday, June 24, 2016 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hooked on Llamas-Story time with Debbie Labbe of Country Quilts Llama Farm accompanied by one of her llamas. Debbie will read, *Is Your Mama a Llama?* and discuss interesting facts about llamas. Ages 3 & up; limit 20. Call 860-859-1130 to register.



Stay tuned for our summer reading program, "On your Mark, Get Set, Read!" The program will begin on Monday, June 27, 2016 and will end on Saturday, August 6, 2016. The program is for children of all ages!

Please register on or after June 27, 2016.

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SALEM GREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

In April 2016 Association members fanned out throughout the cemetery to clear it of unsightly holiday decorations, spent plantings, abandoned pots and tattered flags. Now that summer is upon us please be certain to limit your plot decorations to the area specified in our bylaws. This is necessary in order to ease the work of those town employees who mow and trim. We cannot insure that decorations outside of the prescribed limits will be safe from damage. Also, please note that any plant varieties seen to overwhelm the monuments they decorate will be removed at the discretion of the Sexton. All plot owners have a role in maintaining the beauty of our cemetery by keeping their own plots clean and neat.

The garden hydrant (behind the Salem Historic Society building) is now operational and the pitcher (hand) pump will be available in June for those who need water for flowers. Please remember to leave adequate water in the containers provided for priming the pitcher pump.

A new gate and roadway leading to the Town Maintenance facility now exists. This allows for the removal to another area on town property of the unsightly soil pile generated from opening graves. Further improvements to the cemetery are in the planning stages. Among them are a new roadway allowing potential access to another 300+ plots and some fencing to delineate the cemetery boundaries more clearly.

At the April annual meeting of the SGCA, the current slate of officers was ratified to serve from 4/2016 — 4/2017. They are:

Catherine Teel	President
Nancy Dytko	Vice President
Helen Woronik	Secretary and Historian
Carol Vasquez	Treasurer

Also renewed, Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton
Michael Teel, Asst. Sexton

For the period 03/08/2016 to 05/31/2016 there has been one (1) interment:

Date:	Section:	Row:	Plot:	Name:
04/07/2016	I	B	03	James D. Warren, Full vault

Plot availability: As of 05/31/16 there is one (1) full sized plot remaining in Section I priced at \$550. Section IV has 98 full sized plots available for \$700 each. Regulations allow for one vault or a maximum of three (3) cremation containers per full sized plot. The cemetery receives only human remains no traces of any animal remains are allowed.

Contact the SGCA sexton, Rev. Tim Dubeau at 860-705-1925 with questions or if you are 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.

Lastly, the SGCA is very interested in acquiring new members. Please contact any officer to discuss what is required. The association has also 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 tdubeau@sbcglobal.net.

Submitted by: Rev. Tim Dubeau, Sexton

SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

FIREHOUSE HAPPENINGS AT STATION 21

At our annual May meeting, the following officers were elected to serve the fire company for the 2016-2017 year.

Richard W. Martin	Chief
Charles (Chip) Weston	Deputy Chief
Ronald Przech, Jr.	Assistant Chief
Deb Cadwell	Medical Captain
Alex Blais	Captain
Ryan Teixeira	Safety Officer
Lisa Martin	Secretary
Eugene R. Maiorano	Appropriated Treasurer
Marcella Maiorano	Non-Appropriated Treasurer.

The following personnel were elected as Lieutenants of equipment: Paul Blais, Jeff Martin, Jennifer Oloski, Robert Oloski, James Rybak, and Al Wlodarczyk.

Board of Directors: Richard W. Martin, Eugene R. Maiorano, Jeff Martin, Lisa Martin, Robert Oloski, Charles Weston, Al Wlodarczyk.

This is the Salem Volunteer Fire Company's 73rd year serving the residents of Salem proudly!

We are always looking for volunteers, and if you are interested, please stop by the station to pick up an application or call 860-859-0942 and you, too, can become a member of SVFC.

The plans are ongoing for our Annual Bar-B-Que Dinner for August 20, 2016 starting at 5 pm. We once again will be collecting a canned good item for the local food bank. The need for food at the food bank never stops and the summer is especially a time when the shelves are a lot barer than any other time of the year. So mark your calendars for August 20th, call if you would like to purchase tickets, stop by the station or go online at www.salemfireco.com.

CAR SEAT INSTALLATIONS

With the summer driving season upon us, now is the time to make sure your car seats are properly installed. Please call the station to make an appointment for our certified trainer car seat technician, our own, Chief Rick Martin, to check an already installed car seat(s) or for first time installations. Let's keep those future fire company volunteers safe out there!

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Submitted by: Richard W. Martin, Chief

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FRIENDS OF SALEM LIBRARY

Library Spring Plant Sale: The Friends of the Salem Library held their Spring Plant and Used Book Sale from Thursday, May 12th through Saturday, May 14th. Led by Elizabeth Lane with help from The Friends, Salem seniors, and other volunteers, the sale netted \$1504.25. In addition to both indoor and outdoor plants, the sale offered an assortment of paperback fiction, children's books, and hardcover gardening and cookbooks.

Thank you! To all who helped make this sale a success including those who worked at the sale, those of you who donated plants, and our customers.

3-D Printer at Salem Library: At our Annual Meeting in May, The Friends approved funds to purchase a Maker Bot Replicator 3-D printer. We expect delivery sometime in June and hope to have the printer available for use sometime this summer. Notices of demos and classes will be posted at the library and on their web site. Also, discussions are underway with Salem School to make the 3-D printer part of the school's enrichment program.

Book Sorters Wanted: Now that the Spring Sale is completed, The Friends have turned their attention to the much larger Fall Used Book Sale. While the sale is not until the last weekend in October, collecting and sorting donated books has already started and we need your help. There are two types of sorting, Presorting and Category Sorting.



Presorting: All donated books are first separated into either saleable or non-saleable; then the saleable books are sorted into three groups; fiction, non-fiction, and children's. These books are boxed by group and moved to storage until the category sort occurs. Do you have a truck and a friend or perhaps a teenager who needs community service hours? One volunteer task is simply moving boxes of books between the sorting area and storage. That task is a couple of hours per week for someone with a truck. The schedule is flexible. We also need one or two people to presort and pack the donated

books. This takes a couple hours each week and is done in the Friends' Room in the Library. If you visit Salem Library once or twice a week, could you spend an extra hour or so sorting books?

Category Sorting: Each pre-sorted group of books (fiction, non-fiction, and children's) is then individually sorted into categories for the sale. Sorting with a few friends can be an enjoyable way to volunteer. This sorting takes place in the old library (non-fiction) and the Zemko Garage (fiction and children's). It begins in early June and lasts until late September. Usually the sorting is done in the morning for a couple of hours, two to three days a week. We envision assigning a team of volunteers to each type of sorting (fiction, non-fiction, and children's). We have an experienced sorter who will teach you all you need to know. And once you have learned to sort, you can sort on your own schedule. If you like books and good company, find a few friends and join us.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering even for couple of days or weeks, call Carl Nawrocki at 860 859-1641.

Friends Membership and Donations: Although the name of our library is The Salem Free Public Library, it is not free. Taxes pay for the library staff and for the building. But it is The Friends who raise the funds to pay for the programs, for the museum passes, and significantly contribute to collection updates.

The Friends is an independent group dedicated to supporting our library. If you or any member of your family has attended a library program or summer reading, or have taken out a bestseller, chances are the program or book was paid for by the Friends. Your membership and/or donations to the Friends are a vital source of funding for our library. We understand that some people are too busy to volunteer. So Friends' membership does not obligate you to attend meetings or sort books, but it does show support for the library we all love and share. A Membership / Donation form is available at the Library and on the Town of Salem Website. Go to Library and click on Friends of the Salem Library. Family membership is only \$20. Please consider becoming a member or donating.



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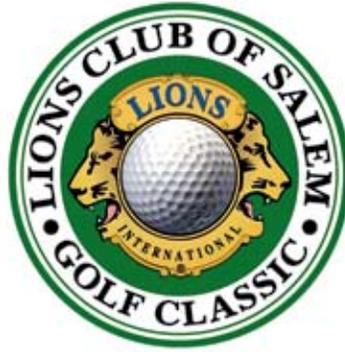
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Lions Club Members and the Lions Club-sponsored baseball team posing under the newly installed scoreboard at the Babe Ruth baseball field on Round Hill Road. The scoreboard was made possible by the dedicated efforts of Lions Club Member Dave Kennedy and the Lions Club and funding received by corporations and organizations, including the Salem Youth Baseball League (SYBL), the Paulino Scholarship Fund, and a \$5,000 donation from the Lions Club.

LOCAL RESIDENT HEADS PROJECT OCEANOLOGY

The Interdistrict Committee for Project Oceanology has named Captain James McCauley, USCG(ret), of Salem, as Executive Director.

McCauley, who retired from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy as Commandant of Cadets, started his new position April 4. He replaces Interim Directors Lynn Lynch and Michael Lovetere, who served Project Oceanology since October 2015.

“Lynn and Mike have clearly set a course for success at Project Oceanology,” McCauley stated as he took the helm, “and I am excited to be part of the meaningful and relevant marine science education programs that Project Oceanology has been providing to the public and to students across the region for more than 40 years.”

“Jim brings his years of management and on the water experience to move Project Oceanology forward,” Seth Yarish, Board Chairman stated. “The board is confident that Project O is on the right course for a bright future.”

McCauley arrived on Thames River in the early ‘80s as a cadet at the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, earning a BS degree in Civil Engineering and launching his career with an initial shipboard assignment in Florida. He retired from the Coast Guard Academy in 2015 after six afloat assignments including command of four cutters in Florida, Alaska, and Hawaii. His last command was aboard a 378’ high endurance cutter engaged in living marine resource enforcement from the Western Pacific to the Bering Sea. He earned an MS degree in Ocean Engineering from the University of Rhode Island.

Project Oceanology was formed in 1972 by a group of teachers and public school administrators from Southeastern Connecticut who recognized the potential and importance of the marine environment as an education resource. Armed with a grant of \$50,000, they obtained a vessel and retrofitted it into a floating marine science classroom.

Over the years, Project Oceanology has grown into a full fledged marine science and environmental education program with a 22,000 sq. ft. building and a variety of oceanographic equipment and vessels. Approximately 25,000 people each year, students and the general public alike, participate in Project Oceanology’s programs. Project Oceanology remains a non profit organization whose members are public school districts, colleges, universities and educational institutions.

Project Oceanology continues to offer public seal watch and oceanographic cruises, as well as visits to New London Ledge Lighthouse in partnership with the Ledge Light Foundation and Eagle Watch cruises in partnership with the Connecticut River Museum. In addition, Project O’s robust summer camp programs are designed for students to explore new environments, expand their science knowledge, and make lifelong friends!

Submitted by: Project Oceanology, Groton, CT

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Katie



Amy

Some exciting things are happening with Salem Recreation! To start we would like to say Congratulations to our 2016 Snowman Contest Winners, Matthew and Karena (left), Amy (right), and Katie (middle). They have each received a \$25 gift certificate to Salem Valley Farms Ice Cream. Thank you for participating in the contest this year.

Next we would like to say thank you to The Salem Lions for their generous donation and time along with the contribution from the SYBL and the Paulino Scholarship fund. We now have a wonderful new scoreboard at our Babe Ruth Field (see photo page 9). Thank you for all your time, help, and support!

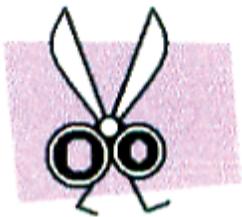
Now that we have hopefully said goodbye to our dreary soggy spring we look forward to summertime! The Salem Recreation is bringing some really fantastic summer programs to our town.

Join us in July for some great camps at Salem Elementary School and the Round Hill Rd. Ball Fields as we welcome Scienstational Harry Potter Science Camp July 11-15, Performing Arts Theater Camp July 5-8, SkyHawks Multisport Programs July 18-22, and Playwell Technology Lego Camp July 25-29. Chris Hebert will be giving summer music lessons at Salem Elementary School starting June 28. You can visit the website at salemct.gov or contact Salem Recreation for more information on how to sign up or register for our programs.

We are continually looking to add more to the lineup of what we can offer the residents of Salem. If you have any ideas, talents, or suggestions please contact our Town of Salem Recreation Program Coordinator Vanessa Bunnell by emailing vanessa.bunnell@salemct.gov or 860.859.3873 ext 275.

We will be starting our Summer Sand Castle Contest July 1st. Be sure to take your camera to the beach so we can see what creative Sand Architects we have in Salem. We need your help to spread the word about all of our great programs, please like us on Facebook and subscribe to the town recreation emails to get the most updated events and programs.

Submitted by:
Salem Recreation Program Coordinator
Vanessa Bunnell



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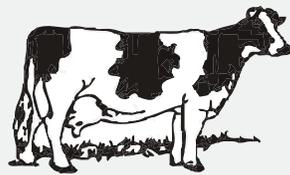
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While lifelong Salem resident David Bingham tends his Chestnut tree nursery, his dog Toby always accompanies him. Toby has kept David company since the nursery was first planted. David knows that neither he nor Toby will see the once grand American Chestnut reign again in the forest, but he is pretty certain that his, and your, children and grandchildren will see the start of its return.

As the glaciers of the last North American Ice Age retreated, the American Chestnut Tree started to spread out over the freshly uncovered earth to become the "Lord of the Forest." Growing 100'-120' tall, these majestic trees even towered over our beloved White Oaks. An estimated 4 billion chestnut trees eventually covered over 200,000 million acres of our eastern woodlands; in places comprising up to a quarter of all the hardwoods. The chestnuts from these trees were essential food for numerous wildlife species and the wood was a major building material for the Colonists, used for flooring, siding and furniture.

But, in the early twentieth century, a fast moving blight put an end to the American Chestnut's reign. Native American Chestnut trees are still found in our forests, but as very small ghost-like versions of their former selves. As these trees grow, this blight unenviably kills them back, often to have the tree make a futile attempt to grow once more. Very few survive to reach 30-40 feet.

The trees David grows on his farm are hybrids, being bred to be resistant to the blight. Since 1989 the American Chestnut Foundation under the direction of scientists, foresters and other technical experts, and since 2007, in partnership with local growers like David, have had a "backcrossing breeding" program producing hybrids with increasing resistance to the blight. Advances in DNA testing have sped this process up faster than anyone imagined 15 years ago.

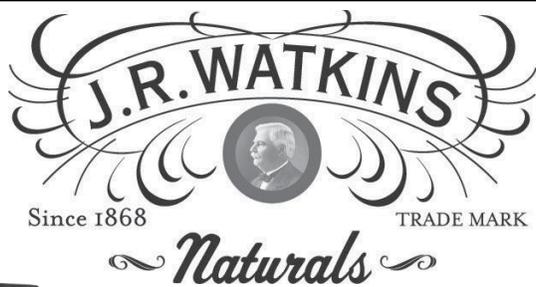
The hybridization process has progressed far enough that some of the hybrid chestnuts contain DNA with sufficient blight resistance to be planted in the wild to test how they fare. Even a few years ago David and The Chestnut Foundation thought this would not be possible for many more years to come.

So while David and Toby and the other volunteers who are developing the blight-resistant trees happily tend their nurseries, in their minds they picture what the New England forests may very well look like in the future. They are very pleased to know that their work should allow future generations to see the American Chestnut reign again in the forest.

For more information on this project please go to The American Chestnut Foundation's web site, www.acf.org.



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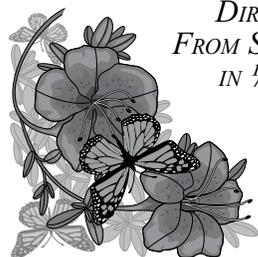
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My first year as Salem School's principal is coming to an end. While I do miss having my own classroom, I am honored to have the opportunity to work with all of the students here at Salem and to support the work of our talented staff. As a teacher I would meet a new group of Salem residents each year, but as the principal I have had the privilege of working with so many more community members who I have come to realize truly support the students and staff of Salem School. I would like to thank all of the members of the community, the Board of Education, Selectman, Board of Finance, our Resident Troopers, Fire Departments, our PTO members, Salem School Staff and our students for your continued support.

As the school year comes to an end I would like to share some of our students' accomplishments and experiences that have transpired as we finish out the 2015-2016 school year.

LIFE AT SALEM SCHOOL

Preschool

In Preschool they have been working on the life cycle of a butterfly by reading about *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. They started by making leaves with eggs on them that turned into caterpillars. Then they glued and stuffed 3D cocoons that turned into beautiful, colorful butterflies. Everyone was able to sequence this in order to put the entire project together. They even wrapped up in toilet paper to feel what it's like to be inside a cocoon. Some of the highlights for the preschool students at the end of each year are their musical performance led by Mr. Hebert in May, and then a day at McCook's Park in Niantic where they spend the day picnicking and having a scavenger hunt.

Kindergarten

Kindergarteners have continued to be very busy reading and writing, identifying letters and sounds, and mastering the sight word vocabulary. They continue to count, sequence, and order numbers, compose and decompose numbers, and identify and create structures with shapes.

Most exciting for the students is the focus on the love of their home, EARTH, and how to take better care of it. They are recycling and reusing items to create planting pots, recycled paper, and have promised to conserve water and energy by not running faucets, and turning off lights when not in use. This is but a snippet of the ideas our kindergarteners have for caring for our Earth.

With the help of Don Bourdeau and two of our custodial staff, Van and Kenny, we now have a plot to start a vegetable garden and compost so we can recycle biodegradable materials to build new soil. The students are very excited about these projects. They plan on growing mainly root types of vegetables so that they will be able to see the fruits of their labors when they return to school as first graders.

Grade One

First Grade students have been studying mapping in Social Studies and focusing on how culture is shared, national holidays that help us honor people,

and events and favorite events in spring. Their new unit in Science focused on living things and their life cycles. In order to bring this concept to life for the first graders, they raised butterflies in each of their classrooms during the month of May. The first graders observed, described and recorded information as these living organisms grew and changed right before their eyes. Raising butterflies is always an exciting event for the students.

In conjunction with this new Science unit, the first grade classes visited the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center in Mystic CT. They learned more about the life cycle of insects and other creatures in their environment. This trip was made possible through the generosity of the Salem PTO. We are thankful for their support all year.

Grade Two

Second grade students have been practicing their narrative writing skills and will write a narrative story that is published as a hardcover book. The project culminates with an end-of-year Young Authors Celebration! In math our second graders are telling time, working with money, analyzing data, and learning the foundational concepts of multiplication and division. They always problem solve and practice facts, too, of course!

Second graders are noticing spring flowers and closely studying the plant cycle. Wisconsin fast plants will complete the seed-to-seed cycle in their classrooms before school gets out for the summer. The second graders traveled to the Children's Museum in West Hartford for the opportunity to act as inventors creating a machine.

Grade Three

Third graders enjoyed two different field trips this spring. The first trip was in May for a program put on by the DEP called the Stormwater Classroom. This is an outdoor environmental classroom that showcases many of the latest technologies and techniques utilized to treat and reduce storm water runoff before it is discharged into Long Island Sound. Children rotate through five different learning stations that complement our science curriculum topics.

In June the students travel to Mystic Seaport to learn about life in a seaport town. The students will discover why coastal communities developed and flourished and how families lived. During a guided tour they will investigate a working craftsman shop and explore the important skill of rope making. Most fun of all, the students participate in a 19th century lesson in a historic school house.

Grade Four

Our fourth graders are well on the way to becoming fifth graders. The end of the school year brings opportunities to demonstrate a year's worth of learning in exciting integrated tasks. In Science, students are actively involved in a unit on food chains and webs. Students have planted producers (grass) in their own mini-ecosystems. Next, they will add primary consumers (crickets), then secondary consumers (lizards), and finally decomposers (earthworms). Green

plants have the unique capacity to use the sun's energy to produce food energy, but this food energy must continually be replenished by the photosynthesizing work of our producers. Fourth graders are realizing they are directly dependent on this food and are engaged in responsible dialogue about the importance of our sun and healthy soil in an ecosystem.

Our 12th annual Kite Day with Gary Engvall, a kite designer, judge, and competitor, will return to Salem to teach the students about the math, science, and history of kite flying. He will bring examples of kites he has made and flown, kites from around the world, and kites that help the students learn about flight and aeronautics. Mr. and Mrs. Engvall will then teach our students how to make their own kites. Finally, after lunch, students will fly their kites out on the Salem School field. If you are in the area and see over 40 kites overhead, please pull into the parking lot and join us!

In Language Arts, fourth graders are wrapping up their learning this year with two exciting and culminating experiences. First, students presented their final book report. All students completed a historical fiction book and created an artifact box to help demonstrate their understanding of the time periods in their stories. They have been learning about how critical the setting is to a story and how different the story might be if elements of the setting were changed. Setting includes both "the where" and "the when" of a story. The report itself is to showcase the "flavor" of this time. One artifact that must be included in the artifact box is a journal entry written in first person point of view of the main character. Students will be presenting their work to the third graders on Monday, June 6. Stop by and take a look at how poised and creative our fourth graders have become!

In addition, fourth grade students have begun their own book clubs! Each group has a book that they are exploring together through discussion and writing. As they identify significant parts of the stories, they are learning how to facilitate healthy discussions about the texts, using techniques designed to encourage discourse and a sharing and accepting of a variety of opinions. It is truly an amazing thing to experience!

Grade Five

Fifth grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Connecticut Science Center! Students interacted with exhibits and had a chance to explore and apply their science knowledge. Grade 5 also completed our D.A.R.E. lessons with our Salem Resident Trooper LaRue. Students are now working on a five paragraph essay to showcase their learning about using the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model to make good choices now and in the future. In Social Studies and in Language Arts students are exploring the life of American Colonists prior to the Revolution. They have been enjoying narrative nonfiction which builds their background knowledge of this time period while using their reading comprehension strategies to analyze the story. In math, students completed a unit multiplying fractions which culminated in a project where they created a restaurant menu involving multiplying, adding, and subtracting fractions. A fun way to use

SALEM SCHOOL NEWS

their knowledge! Students are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with field day to Lake Compounce.

Grade Six

Sixth grade students are learning how to solve real world mathematical problems involving area, surface area and volume. Students will also apply and extend previous understandings of arithmetic to algebraic expressions. Currently, sixth graders are discovering how to compose and decompose shapes to help them find area of a polygon. Students will then use this information to help them determine the surface area of prisms and pyramids. The students are truly enjoying this unit which heightens their awareness of all the geometric shapes around them.

Grade Seven

Seventh grade has been collaborating to create Public Service Announcements on a variety of topics. Students hope to raise awareness for issues like global warming, the dangers of smoking, bullying, and many others. Some 7th graders are filming their projects and incorporating graphics and sound, while others are using programs such as Frames or Scratch to create graphics based videos. Students will share their creations with the rest of the school when they are complete.

In Science, the students released the Atlantic salmon fry raised from eggs in the classroom. The salmon fry were released in the Salmon River, a DEP approved site. Students then traveled to the Eight Mile River at Devil's Hopyard where they conducted a variety of chemical tests on the water and completed a physical survey of the stream habitat. Through this activity, 7th graders learn that careful stewardship is important to re-establishing an endangered species to its historic range.

Salem School's 7th grade health classes have been certifying in CPR and AED use during this last trimester. This training is part of the middle school health curriculum. Each school year 7th grade students have the opportunity to earn the two year American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR and AED certification for adult, child and infants. Regardless of whether or not the students choose to purchase the AHA card they all receive this valuable training and education in health class. Our 8th grade students will receive a refresher class before the school year is over. Over the past five years hundreds of our middle school students have participated in this training during health education, many go on to recertify in high school. Our students take this training very seriously and work hard to become proficient in the skill set. Their ability to identify the situation, assist or perform CPR and AED use is a great asset to the community of Salem.

Grade Eight

The 8th Grade students completed a Performance Task in the spring where they investigated the current Presidential candidates stance on immigration and compared it to past immigration policies. They had to determine if the argument over immigration has

changed over time. They have also been keeping a close eye on the Presidential races on both the Republican and Democratic side, while analyzing and discussing each candidate.

The 8th grade class is enjoying their last few weeks at Salem School. They will soon be busy with their field trip to Holiday Hill and a night to remember at their Semi-formal in June. We will begin practicing for promotion ceremony which will take place on the last of day of school, June 13th, in the evening. We will miss this group of wonderful students and wish them all the best with their high school experience.

Technology

The year is quickly coming to an end and the technology room is buzzing with projects! The 8th graders are starting stop-motion videos. They are learning how to storyboard, photograph frames and put together a short animation of their choice. The 7th graders are finishing up their Public Service Announcements which will be shared at the end of the year. They are also learning how to use Prezi, a zooming presentation tool. The 6th graders are finishing an art tech unit using Sketchbook. They learned about layering, proportion and the use of drawing tablets. Their final projects include cartoon renditions of their own faces. The 5th graders are diligently working on their book trailers using Frames. These will be shared with younger students in the media center. The 3rd and 4th graders are doing a Google Earth scavenger hunt around the world! The 2nd graders are finishing a collaborative alphabet book that will be both printed and put into an animated show. The 1st graders have just finished their dinosaur research project. They searched online for information about a specific dinosaur and transferred that information onto a Dino trading card. Finally the Kindergarten students are starting to learn the position of letters on the keyboard as well as helping their monsters to read! This is an on line game that teaches letter and word recognition. We look forward to a relaxing summer. Please be diligent about limiting your child's device time. Get outside and enjoy the sunshine!

Music and Art News

The students in the Theater Club presented an amazing performance of the Broadway, Jr. Version of Peter Pan. They did a great job and had a fun time doing it. It was just so awesome to see the amount of people that came to see the two shows. The students really appreciated that. These shows are fun to put together. Mr. Hebert and Salem School is very thankful for all of the parent volunteers assisting with costumes, scenery, concessions, ticket sales and a plethora of other things that make the show so fabulous. Next year we are doing the Broadway, Jr. Version of The Lion King.

In the spring the students in Kindergarten and First Grade perform their spring concert. It's called "Squirm" and it's about all of those creepy crawly things they might find in their yards. The following week the Pre-K students perform their annual spring concert. Their show features songs about monkeys, clouds, robots, farm animals, elephants and bunnies.

They have made some great hats to complement their songs.

The Salem School Student Art Show was held again this year before the musical. Ms. Miller showcased artwork created by all Salem Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Their artwork is on exhibit in the front lobby and throughout the hallways leading to the gym. If you have not done so already, you should stop by and see what talented artists are here at Salem School.

The Talent Show with participants in all grades from Kindergarten through eighth grade was held again this spring. We also had a few staff members join in with the students to entertain us for the evening. All involved worked very hard to make this another memorable show. We were charmed by vocalists, pianists, guitarists, gymnasts, and an array of other talent that delighted the audience. Thank you to all that helped make this event a great success.

Sports News

Salem School has started an instructional basketball club for grades 2-5. Mr. Pugliese is running the club and has received 72 registration forms. The club began in the 1st week of March and will end just before Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Pugliese is hopeful that students will join and become interested in playing basketball as a competitive sport, as a cross training endeavor, or, simply to be more active and healthy. The program is both instructional in the fundamental concepts of basketball, and, developmental in the individual skills of basketball. Instruction and practice of various skills is followed by structured basketball games. Grades 2 and 3 meet on Mondays and Tuesdays, and, grades 4 and 5 meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Pugliese plans to run the club throughout the summer, extending it to our students in grades 6, 7 and 8. His goal is to foster greater interest in the game of basketball as well as getting kids to increase their physical activity on a consistent basis.

The Salem Track and Field team consists of 46 boys and girls from grades 5-8. The students participate in running races, relays, jumping and throwing competitions. The captains that were selected by their teammates are Samuel Bennett, Trent Lundgren, Emma Belleville, and Evan Tower. As I write this article, the season is just beginning; but the Salem Cougars are looking forward to a successful season.

May was National Physical Fitness and Sport Month. To celebrate, recognize and promote the benefits of regular physical activity, the first Wednesday in May, Salem School participated in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). Grades K-6 continued with the traditional music and dance session on the playground field with the fifth and sixth grade class council students leading most groups. Grades seven and eight had more choices for ACES; volleyball, basketball, wall ball or the nature trail for a hike. I had the pleasure of leading the hike on the nature trail.

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Kevin has also received a Grant from The State of Connecticut DEEP to attend Fire Training at The Connecticut Fire Academy this summer.

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