



Arboretum Committee Wages War On Invasives

By Ellery "Woods" Sinclair

The HVRHS Arboretum and Landscape Committee has initiated a program to manage and eradicate invasive vines and shrubs that are out competing our native species in the natural areas of the campus. Our recent attempt to establish the memorial grove in the vicinity of the tennis courts was thwarted by the presence of aggressive woody invasive species and especially by Asian bittersweet, causing forest collapse.

As a first step, the A&LC has engaged the Northwest Conservation District cartographer to gather field data and prepare GIS maps showing the distribution and density of

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Mahoney-Hewat Science & Technology Center

This past October, before a large audience, the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center, formerly the Clarke B. Wood Agricultural Center, was officially dedicated. The project, undertaken by members of the 21st Century Fund, was a labor of love and endurance for many who made it a reality.

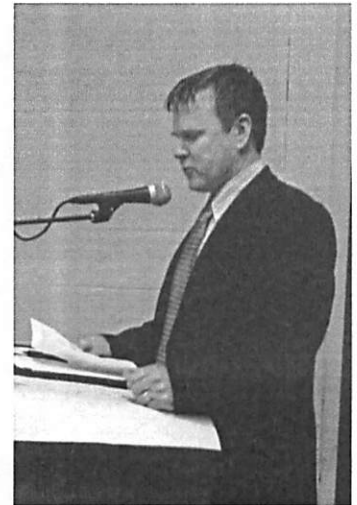
The facility is named for the late Jack Mahoney, long-time teacher and principal at Housatonic, and Diane and Don Hewat, strong supporters of the fund.

During the ceremonies, **John Perotti, '64**, of Sharon, emceed, and began by accepting a check from Lance and

Ann Beizer of Canaan to be put toward an aquarium. He also announced that a conference room would be named in honor of Linda DiCorleto, a retired Housatonic teacher.

Mahoney's son **Michael, '82**, said his dad, who died in the spring of 2011, would have wanted to thank everyone for their intellect, materials, labor and funds and would have been honored to be sharing the name with the Hewat family. He said the center embodies his father's philosophy of the need to teach children to learn.

When, during her presentation, Diane Hewat said, "I really miss Jack Mahoney



Michael Mahoney

and he should be right here," someone in the audience called out, "He is." Hewat

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Envirothon Team in Top 10 in North America

The Housatonic Valley High School Agriscience Envirothon team once again placed in the top 10 teams in North America last summer when it represented Connecticut at the 2013 North American Envirothon at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Matthew Matsudaira, Cornwall, Becket Harney, Salisbury, Nathaniel Brooks, Canaan, Jordan Long, Canaan, and Brian Saccardi,



The HVRHS Envirothon team in Montana.

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China Trip Introduces Students To Far East

By Ian Strever

For the past 10 years, former HVRHS teacher and current Salisbury Central School Principal Lisa Carter has been leading groups of Region 1 students on a field trip to the Far East to study Chinese culture as intimately as possible. During a two-week tour of the country that includes an extended home stay, students toured Beijing, Xi'an, Jinan, and, this year, Shanghai. They spent three or four days living with a host family in Jinan while attending classes at the Shandong Experimental High School there.

With Carter's departure to SCS, Assistant Principal Ian Strever assumed the leadership of the trip. After months of planning and fundraising, and thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses in Region 1, the trip finally became a reality on April 6 when,

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Science & Technology Center Now Open

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said it is a real honor to have her name with his.

The 6,000-square-foot building was slated for demolition when a new agricultural center was conceived and then carried out 12 years ago. Many people are credited with stepping up and working hard to save it.

Since opening, the center has been used for a variety of activities. Several science fairs were held in the large room that has ample space to allow for spreading out the projects. Workshops and teacher in-service classes have also taken place. "I think this shows the power of

interest and commitment, starting with Jack Mahoney and all the wonderful people, time and money," said David Bayersdorfer, chairman of the 21st Century Fund. "There are no two better names to have on that building. This is an example of people who have vision and make it come true."

Envirothon Team Maintains its Excellence

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Cornwall, competed on team Connecticut against 57 other teams from across the United States and Canada. They were joined by a supporting Housatonic Envirothon cast of Patricia McGuire, Sharon, Cristian Umana, Lakeville, Christian Allyn, Canaan, and Patrick Purdy, Sharon.

The team placed eighth in the competition and garnered \$5,800 in scholarships along with other Canon equipment.

Canon USA and Canon Canada, along with the Montana Conservation Districts, were the sponsors of the week-long competition, which also featured trips to Paradise Valley, Big Sky, the Gallatin and Yellowstone Rivers, Yellowstone National Park and Lewis and Clark Caverns.

More than \$100,000 dollars in scholarships and Canon equipment were dis-

tributed to the top 15 teams. Envirothon is North America's largest environmental education competition for high school students featuring in-depth studies in the areas of forestry, wildlife, soils/land-use, aquatics and a current issue, this year rangeland management.

The team focused on issues such as irrigation, proper management of rangeland, gray wolf and bison populations, and protecting Montana's fisheries, particularly the cutthroat trout population.

This is the 10th year HVRHS has participated in the Canon Environthon, having advanced to the North American competition seven times. In Manitoba, Canada, in 2006, the team placed 11th; in Geneva, N.Y., in 2007, it took first place; Flagstaff, Ariz., in 2008, brought a 16th-place finish; in Ashe-

ville, N.C., in 2009, the team placed 10th; in New Brunswick, Canada, in 2011, it was fifth, and in Selinsgrove, Penn. it placed sixth.

The competing students were sponsored by the Connecticut Envirothon and the Northwest Conservation District. The team would like to thank the greater school community for sharing its expertise in natural resource management throughout the year.

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China Trip Brings Appreciation of Asian Culture

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at 2 A.M., 18 students and three chaperones boarded a bus for Bradley International Airport. HYSB staff members Nick Pohl and Erin Curry joined the group and their counseling background came in handy as students wrestled with the challenges that come

with an extended time away from home in a place that is so different from what they have known.

During the trip, students visited historical and cultural sites, ate exotic foods and generally had an incredible experience both sightseeing and participating in the home stay. Sightseeing highlights

included a trip to the Great Wall, a visit to the Forbidden City, and a chance to see the Terracotta Soldiers in Xi'an. During the home stay, students had the opportunity to live an authentic Chinese experience for a few days, and in many cases, it completely changed their perspective on not only China but the global commu-

nity. Our students continue to correspond with their new friends in Jinan, and we hope to host those students when they visit us in the future. Housatonic Valley Regional High School continues to enjoy the fruits of this strong relationship with our sister school on the other side of the planet.

Asheville Reunion for Class of 1967

On Aug. 11, 2012, six classmates of the class of 1967 gathered in Asheville, NC, for a mini-reunion. The event, was instigated by Terri Tatsapaugh Sergi of Asheville. She found Dave Caranci also in North Carolina, and Sharon Seymour in nearby Virginia. Linda Jewett Brown, Dave Becker and Henry Costanzo all migrated up from Georgia. Terri declared the small reunion a success as they spent a wonderful evening together.



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six dominant invasives. We anticipate that the mapping program will later be integrated into the ag-ed curricu-

lum with students gathering data and updating the maps.

The work continued this summer with an approved safe

eradication program. These efforts are largely afforded through funds raised by the A&LC with support of the board. Alumni and alumnae interested in supporting this

effort can contribute to the Campus Stewardship Fund, c/o the Arboretum & Landscape Committee, HVRHS, 246 Warren Turnpike Rd., Falls Vil-

Alumni News by Class and Decade

1940s

Helen Wike Humeston, '40, holds the distinction of being among one of the first graduates of Housatonic. She then attended Henry W. Bishop School of Nursing in Pittsfield, Mass., and after completing her training she worked at Canaan Hospital (now Geer) and Sharon Hospital until 1946. She was a stay-at-home mom until embarking on a new career in 1971, taking a job in the Sharon assessor's office. She went on to become a Certified Municipal Assessor and eventually served as chairman of the Board of Assessors, retiring in 2004 at the age of 82. Helen married John D. (Don) Humeston in 1946 and they had two daughters, Donna '66 and Lynn '70. She served as a volunteer and certified EMT with the Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Squad from 1978 to 1993. She remains active working in the yard, caring for her golden retriever and playing with her great-grandchildren. Helen has fond memories of Dr. Stoddard as an English teacher who tried his best to get his class to read Shakespeare and as a principal who ran a tight ship.

David Keener, '46, lives in Asheville, N.C., and says hello to everyone. He visits local sports bars and watches all UConn Women's basketball games.

Barbara Bartram, '47, said when she took shorthand and typing in Miss Gesell's classes, she didn't know it was going to land her lots of volunteer secretarial jobs: for the telephone union, Eastern Star chapter, bowling league, church, Grange. "I still like to jot things down in shorthand." After high school Barbara worked for the telephone company for 34 and a half years, first in Sharon until the dial system started, and then in Canaan and Torrington. "I retired in 1981 and later worked as a home health aide for 13 years. Am still taking photos and raising bees," she said.

Peter Marcon, '47 retired in 1993 after serving as a director of guidance for many years. A graduate of Springfield College in 1951, he served in the U.S. Army in Korea and then attended graduate school at Fordham University and Springfield College, earning an M.ED and predoctorate degree. At one time he worked at Rye High School as Coach Americo Bedini's (legendary coach at Housatonic) assistant, coaching football, basketball, baseball and wrestling. He continues to work as an adjunct professor at Long Island University Graduate School in Westchester County, N.Y., where he teaches college admission

process and high school counseling. Peter is married to the former **Kathleen Tobin, '49**, and they have five children. As for his best memories of Housatonic he mentioned, "the great teachers, strong administration under Dr. Stoddard, classmates, athletics, including our undefeated at-home football team, and our great cheerleaders. We didn't have buses to transport us to away games, but how could we forget 'Ricky' driving us. Also, those after-practice rides in Nippy's Model A to Lakeville."

Note from **Eloise (Cecchinato) Koneazny, '48**: "Just wanted to tell my old friends that I had a wonderful time this past spring visiting my grandson in Florence, Italy, where he was a student. His mother (my daughter), her daughter, and I made our home base in Florence, and from there traveled to Assisi, Siena and Venice, visiting the many beautiful churches and basilicas. We also (get this!) rode the Vespas in the vineyards of Tuscany -- how's that for being an 'oldie'? Never say never...."

1950s

The class of '52 had its 60th reunion on September 15, 2012 at Limey's restaurant in Canaan. A total of 44 attended, 23 of them classmates. **Cynthia Barnett Smith** writes, "We had great food and a wonderful time catching up on years' past and with 'old' friends. A bracelet [pin] of blue and gold beads was given to each classmate. **Joan Olsen Smith** made a special gift for everyone." On Sunday morning many class members gathered at the Town Grove in Lakeville for a small breakfast donated by the committee. Classmates came from California, Washington, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois and Connecticut. Cynthia reported that in the spring of 2012, **Orville "Ditto" Andrews** had a sargent crabapple tree planted at the school in the name of the class

The class of '58 will held its 55th reunion September 20-22.

1960s

Tom Segalla, '61, was recently selected by his peers to be included in the *Best Lawyers in America*. He continues to practice with the law firm of Goldberg Segalla LLP in Buffalo, N.Y. The firm has offices in New York (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, White Plains, New York City and Garden City), Connecticut (Hartford), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), New Jersey (Princeton) and recently opened an office in London, England. While residing most of the year in Buffalo, he and his wife, Mary Lou, and Mary Lou's mom (age 95 years) winter in Naples, Fla. Tom's dad (age 88) resides in Venice, Fla.

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The 50th reunion of the Class of '63 was held on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Limey's restaurant at the Canaan Country Club.

1990s

Ian Kennedy, '95, writes that he is an independent filmmaker currently living in Maine. A 1999 graduate of Hampshire College, Ian's short documentary film won "Best Documentary Short" at the 2012 Greenpoint Film Festival (<http://greenpointfilmfestival.org/films-2012/lost-in-america/>). In addition his latest music video for Drag City Recording artist Black Bananas for their song "It's Cool," was selected for the Chicago Movies and Music Festival held in April (<http://cimmfest.org/>).

Ethan Mechare, '96, was recently here to attend the National Stationery Show in New York City where he launched his line of products. Now living in London, he has created a successful business called Fracas Studios, in which he hand makes individually designed greeting cards, gift wrap, journals and notebooks, among other items. Ethan lived in Los Angeles for 10 years before crossing the ocean. He has a career in acting and while in California he produced documentary films and hosted a television show. He continues to host a web show called "Doing It With Ethan," in which he interviews authors, musicians and actors. To contact Ethan visit fracasstudios.com.

2000s

Ben Osborn, '08, lives in Falls Village and works for R. Wright Services.

2010s

Dylan Vadakin, '10, of Canaan was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Matthew Rogers '10, of Lakeville was named to the dean's list at Saint Michael's College for the fall 2012 semester. He studied abroad at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, for the spring 2013 semester. His major is sociology/anthropology.

Alexa Curtiss, '12, was named to the dean's list for the first semester at Wheelock College in Boston. She is majoring in child psychology and plans to complete a five-year dual degree program that will provide her with a master's degree in child life.

Nathaniel Purdy, '12, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. His major is mechanical engineering.

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In Memoriam

Richard M. Dineen, '40	Patricia Walsh Bellini, '56
John Feathers, '41	Jacqueline E.C. Margall, '56
Eleanor Curtis Mechare, '42	Claire Johnson Pedersen, '56
Margaret Braman Paluzzi, '43	David Patrick Clancy, '62
Helen Hayde Silta, '44	Christopher S. Church, '62
Roberta Tischofer Donovan, '44	Mary Suzanne Rossire
Janet Vail Maus, '44	McLaughlin, '63
Harriet Frink Gifford, '45	Michael Murtagh, '63
Beverly Walp Boult, '47	Alexis M. Welsh Bye, '65
Gladys Williams Tobler, '47	Robert Paine, '67
Peter G. Lawson, '47	Kay Giddings Mochulsky, '68
Edward Matson, '47	Albert D. Jack, '69
Peter Frost, '47	
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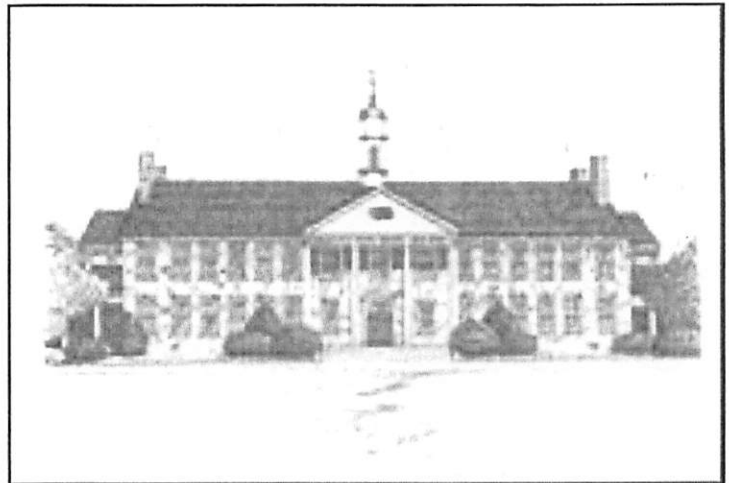
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