

Grant Gives HVRHS New Salad Bar

The “kitchen ladies” at Housatonic Valley Regional High School are more than anonymous faces spooning unrecognizable glop onto the passing trays of bored students. Instead, the staff of four, led by food director Susan Harris, celebrates the seasons of the year, marking occasions big and small with a festive atmosphere. Tuesday, for instance, they celebrated Mardi Gras with a catfish lunch and each May brings Cinco de Mayo festivities with Mexican food and a visit from a Mariachi band.

As the holidays roll around, the kitchen staff joins in the spirit of the celebrations, donning wigs and costumes for Halloween, Santa’s hats and the like for Christmas and matching outfits for “Twin Day.”

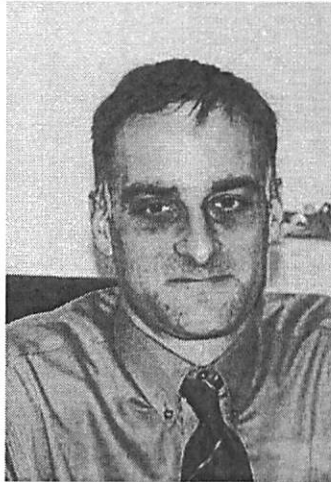
“This is a fun place to work,” Ms. Harris said cheerily Tuesday afternoon as she led a brief tour of the kitchen area. “It is a nice, nice school and a fabulous kitchen to work in as far as space

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Strever Named New Asst. Principal

FALLS VILLAGE—It’s taken a few months but normalcy is returning to the halls of Housatonic Valley Regional High School following the abrupt departure last August of the school’s top two administrators, principal Gretchen Foster Mosca and assistant principal Mary Ann Buchanan.

The professional environment at the high school is still being addressed by Region I administrators who have been charged with realigning areas of responsibility to reduce cliques of teachers and administrators who created what some have called a hostile environment at the school. In the meantime, the day-to-day operations of the school have been assumed by interim principal Herbert Tedford and, until recently, interim assistant principal David Bayersdorfer, a long-



Ian Strever

time HVRHS teacher who retired last year.

Mr. Bayersdorfer stepped down once again when Ian Strever came on board in late February as the new assistant principal. Mr. Strever, who grew up in Shelton, has been an English teacher and department head at Danbury High School for the last 14 years. While in Danbury, he also

coached lacrosse and in that capacity had visited Housatonic when his team competed against HVRHS.

“I loved the school when I saw it,” he said. “I am an outdoorsman. I like to bike and I have hiked the Connecticut Appalachian Trail from beginning to end. For a hiker and biker, this [Northwest Connecticut] is the place to be.”

His recreation may focus on the outdoors, but his job is located inside. He says he wants to bring “outside the box thinking” to his new post, which he describes as being largely disciplinary. “Creativity, imagination, empathy and flexibility are huge benefits,” he said. “My goal is not just to mete out discipline but to get to the underlying issues that cause some of the behaviors.”

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Tech Center Teaches Its First Lesson

When the old agriculture education center at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, built in 1961, was abandoned several years ago after a new \$8 million ag-science wing was built on the school, there was an immediate movement to save the facility from destruction.

A group began to advocate for its use for extracurricular activities by another group of students, those interested in science and technology, and energetic fund raising was undertaken. Initially, the committee assumed that it

could salvage the old vo-ag center for \$200,000, which would have brought the building into code compliance for heat and electricity. Then plans expanded to try to ensure that the center would be as “green” as possible and the price tag for making the envelope of the building as tight and efficient as possible topped \$300,000.

By this summer, thanks in large part to a \$100,000 anonymous donation in memory of Daniel Scott Parsons, '91, a grant from the 21st

Century Fund and a \$196,000 Block Grant made available through federal stimulus funds, work was ready to begin. Last week, the very first class to be taught in the science and technology center was given to members of the vocational science department’s mechanics classes, who then put their new knowledge to good use by helping to install radiant flooring in the building.

John Williams of Emerson Swan Co., a leading

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Another Appeal

Since our last newsletter a number of alumni have offered monetary support that has been gratefully received, but the need continues if the Alumni Association is to continue its efforts to keep former graduates apprised of the doings of classmates while boosting activities at Housatonic. In addition to the costs of printing and distributing the Blue 'n' Gold, the Association sponsors an annual scholarship award and supports events at the high school.

Individual dues are \$10 annually and \$100 for life memberships. Donations are also welcome.

We had a gratifying response to our request for current e-mail addresses following the last issue. A number of persons have indicated their preference for receiving the newsletter electronically. We encourage other alumni to help us update our records and to indicate their preferences as well. The more people who opt for electronic delivery, the more money the Association will have to directly benefit the school and its current students.

We welcome your news—after all, that is our primary calling. Tell us of what you are doing today by writing, e-mailing or via Facebook.

Ag-Ed Students Install Heating in Tech Center

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 manufacturer's representatives for plumbing, heating and HVAC products, spoke to the students about the physics behind radiant heating and why it is more efficient than regular heating systems. He also discussed how it is installed and lingered to work with students and employees of Perotti Plumbing in Canaan while the insulation was laid and tubing that would carry heated water through the poured floor was fastened in place. Students were later to work on pouring the cement floor.

"This is a tremendous project for the kids," said Frank Perotti as he watched the students. Mr. Perotti, former paving contractor Mickey Riva and architect Einar Lindholm have been largely responsible for guiding the rehabilitation of the ag center during construction. "Einar has been amazing," Mr. Perotti said. "He's been here almost every day, overseeing construction.

"The kids have been fabulous," Mr. Perotti continued. "This program helps them to see what job opportunities are out there."

A 1950s graduate of the school himself, Mr. Perotti predicted that the children of some of these students will someday know that their fathers had helped to install the heating system.

"The one thing I stressed is that there is a huge need for training and education to open their eyes to different opportunities," Mr. Williams said. He said the field is wide open to women, who already hold 50 percent of the positions in promoting HVAC products. "They are very talented," he said,

"and tend to have the computer and technical skills that are key to the industry when you are looking at how to market and drive market sectors."

Mr. Perotti said the committee is "working as close to green as possible and has been guided by a green subcommittee. "The Green Committee wants solar panels on the roof," he reported, adding that the current roof cannot bear the extra weight. He pointed to large areas in the floor that were not being pre-

heat installed in the equipment bays of the old vo-ag center. "We will not be losing 50 percent of our heat because of the way we bring it into the building," she said, adding that the building will have a high efficiency boiler.

All the work underway is expected to cut energy use in the 3,300-square-foot space from 300,000 BTUS to just under 100,000, Mr. Williams said. But he said there is another "green" factor to be considered as well—the fact that the building was not destroyed at a considerable cost, only to be replaced by a new structure that would have cost even more.

When the science and tech center is completed it will be used by such groups as the school's award-winning Robotics and Envirothon teams. "Robotics and the Envirothon kids will have a place as soon as we can open the doors," said retired principal Jack Mahoney, who has worked for the project from the start. "Then, over time, we expect to equip the center in the manner that a first-class science and technology center should be—which will call for a good deal of additional money. We always thought it would take \$1 million to properly equip it as a 2010 science and technology center.

"The third item in the sequence will be to worry about endowing the center so that it will never become a burden to the local taxpayer," Mr. Mahoney said. "We will turn to local business especially for that because we're expecting to crank out graduates with a level of science and technology training that is far higher than other public schools."

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*—John Williams
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pared for radiant heat. These areas would support pillars that could someday hold up an I-beam that would run the entire length of the building to support the roof.

Superintendent of School Pat Chamberlain said that there will be a heavy emphasis on installing solar panels in the future. Another \$50,000 is needed to finish the work on the envelop of the old ag center and she said "The one thing we hope is that people will see this as a worthy project and want to be part of it."

But she is happy for the present to have the radiant

Harris Seeks Grant for School Salad Bar Upgrade

goes. We do a lot of things over the year and try to mark all the holidays, sometimes pooling our money to buy the decorations or giveaways. If we can link a holiday to a special [educational] department, like Cinco de Mayo, sometimes it will supply some of the money from its budget. When we can afford some entertainment, the place explodes. We love it and the kids enjoy it, too."

The kitchen ladies make the school lunch program fun, but at its heart it is serious business. It is Ms. Harris' job to ensure that the students are supplied with healthy food that will help them work at peak performance throughout the day while helping them to maintain a healthy weight. She recently successfully applied for a \$3,000 grant through the Let's Move Salad Bars to School project in hopes that the new equipment will help to entice students to eat healthier.

"We already have a salad bar," she said, "but presentation is everything and this will enhance it more. A salad bar should have lots of color.

Enhancing the menu selection will only build on success, she reported. "Our salad bar is already popular," she said. "Donna O'Leary is in charge of it and she takes pride in it. She is always looking for something new, something fresh to offer the kids."

Ms. Harris was previously employed as assistant food director at Canterbury School in New Milford and then as cook manager at Sharon Manor before coming to Housatonic. She read about the salad bar grant project and

decided to make an application. "It grew out of Michelle Obama's 'Let's Move,' initiative," she said.

The project has evolved since it was first introduced by the upscale food chain, Whole Foods, which teamed up with chef Ann Cooper to help schools switch from processed foods to fresh, natural ingredients. That program, called the Great American Salad Bar Project, set a goal of collecting \$750,000 in donations from customers in their stores and online. Whole Foods pledged to open almost 300 salad bars in schools within 50 miles of its stores. The five-compartment Cambro salad bar kits came equipped with all the necessary pans and implements.

Soon this initiative helped to inspire a much larger project, Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools, a grassroots public health project with a goal of raising \$15 million to provide 6,000 salad bars to successful applicants across the country. To date, nearly \$1.5 million has been raised and 553 schools have received salad bars. Housatonic Valley Regional High School is one of 21 Connecticut schools to receive one so far.

The Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools Web site says that research and experience shows that school children significantly increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables when given choices at a salad bar. When offered different choices, the students typically respond by trying new items, incorporating greater variety into their diets and carrying this tendency over into their dietary choices outside of school.



Food Director Susan Harris in the HVRHS cafeteria.

In 2009, the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine concluded that schools need to add as many as two servings of fruits and vegetables daily to meals to meet children's basic health requirements. Ms. Harris said students at

HVRHS often make healthy choices when selecting from among the school's lunch offerings. "Of course, they want their pizza and hot dogs, but healthy eating is more and more popular," she said. .

Reunions

The **Class of '56** will hold a 55th class reunion dinner June 11 at the Canaan Country Club. For further details contact Fred Baldwin, 860-824-8449 or e-mail in-hazard@aol.com.

The **Class of '60** held a 50th reunion last July in Canaan and donated \$180 to assist the Blue 'n' Gold. The money was realized from the sale of DVDs made by Ed Dorsett. When the Class Held its 45th anniversary reunion it purchased a tree for the courtyard.

The **Class of '76** will hold its 35th anniversary reunion on July 16 and 17. Contact Diane Chinatti on Facebook.

From the Past

Connecticut Western News, Nov. 4, 1965

The Housatonic Valley Chapter Future Farmers of America was awarded a Gold Emblem at the National Convention held in Kansas City from Oct. 10 to Oct. 17.

Two members of the award-winning chapter, John Belter and Lawrence Stevens, participated in the livestock judging. **Lawrence Stevens** received a bronze emblem.

Robert Palmer, Housatonic Chapter president, accepted the Chapter's award for the group which is now in the upper 1 percent of those in the nation having a work program.

On Oct. 12, 13 and 14, **Barry Stanton** and **George Russell**, accompanied by Mr. **Clarke B. Wood**, attended the regional poultry judging and egg grading contest, which was held at the Northwestern Poultry Producers' Council Convention and Exposition in Harrisburg, Penn.

Barry Stanton, selected by the Council as "Best Poultry Boy", received the Star State Poultry Farmer Award for the northeastern states.

Beads for Life Raises \$2,000 For Africa

FALLS VILLAGE—The Housatonic Valley Regional High School PeaceClub/Water for Africa student activity sponsored a BeadforLife charity fund raiser just before Christmas that raised \$2,000 to assist impoverished African Women.

The event provided an opportunity to purchase vivid beaded jewelry made out of recycled paper by the women, who often live on less than \$1 a day.

BeadforLife is based in America and Uganda and has partnered with about 300 industrious women who support almost 5,000 others.

HVRHS teacher **Michael DeMazza**, advisor to the Peace Club/Water for Africa activity, said the student group has been in place for about five years and has made donations to various projects,

including Wells for Sudan, the Mekele Blind School, Haiti Relief and, already this year, to Charity: water, an organization whose mission is to bring safe drinking water to people in developing countries, and Care One Bit, a home building and jobs program in Haiti.

"The goal of our activities is to enhance cross-cultural understanding," Mr. DeMazza said. "We sometimes have a few boys, but this year our group is all girls. BeadforLife is run by women for women in Africa so it is interesting for our young women to be part of that."

He said the BeadforLife project was brought to the students by junior **Brynn Kallstrom** of Kent. "Brynn brought it to our attention and the group decided to go forward," he said. "BFL sends

the bead package party at no expense and then when it is over, you return the unsold items and the money you raise. For us, it's just a commitment of time."

BFL co-director Devin Hibbard said in a release that the group's belief is that "people want jobs rather than hand outs. We focus on ways for people to leave poverty behind forever." He said that every dollar the beaders make goes toward critical things such as sending children to school, paying for health care and building homes. BFL also encourages entrepreneurial development through micro credit for small businesses.

The beaded items are sold at house parties, businesses and community events such as the one planned by the HVRHS students.

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"The incredible thing about this school," he said, "is that it is a small school and there is such a community here that once you decide what you are going to do [for a student], everyone in school has an eye on that kid. There is a true community in this area raising these kids."

He notes Housatonic's school population, at about 600 students, is only a fraction of the 3,000 at Danbury High School. "You could work there all year and never meet some of the teachers in other departments," he observed. "But a place like this is fairly isolated and everyone knows everyone else. When I came here to in-

terview, I was invited to come to the school for a day and it was incredible to go into the cafeteria and see that there were no cliques. You see some kids who sit together, but they didn't seem to separate themselves by groups.

Part of his job will be to deal with bullying, but his first impression is that it is less of a problem in Northwest Connecticut than in other, larger districts. "Sometimes there really are instances of bullying," he said. "It is not the figment of someone's imagination—but it can be made worse by preceptors. And now, there is a whole different level in Facebook. Facebook can be

used to carry on bullying even after school."

He said that Housatonic has a cell phone policy that allows students to use their phone in the cafeteria but that, unlike Danbury, he sees few instances of young people concentrating on their phones to the exclusion of their companions. "I see very little of that," he concluded. "The kids are interacting face to face."

One challenge he sees facing the school is the need to prepare the students for the 21st century. "There will definitely be growing pains," he said. "What is our vision of where we are headed?"

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1940s

Elizabeth (Selfridge) Bauman, '47, recently celebrated her 58th wedding anniversary with her husband, Jerry. They live in Homestead, Fla., and until recently enjoyed summers in Falls Village.

"Our kids and grandkids are enjoying visits from N.J. in the summer," she wrote. "they have grown up loving time at 'Gram's' (Elizabeth's mother, who died in 2000). "She always was interested in what was happening at HVRHS, having lived on Lime Rock Station Rd. since 1961."

The Baumans may move to Orlando in the near future. "I am doing well, staying fit and enjoying time on the computer, especially Facebook—enjoying pictures and communication with family and friends," she concluded, adding that they recently welcomed their fourth great-grandchild.

1950s

Dolores Branche James-Johnson, '52, now 76 years old and retired, has dedicated her life to missionary work. Haiti has been a focal point of her travel and this March she expected to make her fourth trip. She arranges teams to work in children's orphanages, especially God's Littlest Angels, an adoption service that has been arranging international adoptions since 1997. Her husband, William, will travel to New York and New Jersey for visits with their children for Thanksgiving.

The Class of '55 had a dinner at The Bridge Restaurant in Sheffield, shared many

stories, and brought everyone up to date on their lives. The group, which has always been close, also creates a yearbook by sending out questionnaires with the notices of the reunion. Here are the updates on how everyone is doing:

Cynthia (Brazzale) Cantele works part time interviewing people who have applied for LTC insurance and setting up care plans when they need to use the insurance. She and husband, **Dick, '54**, spend a month or two in Florida during the winter. She enjoys golfing and bowling in her spare time. She says her greatest accomplishment since 1955 is getting married and raising three children—Rick, president of Salisbury Bank; Lori, a teacher of the deaf, and Michael, head athletic trainer at Gettysburg College.

Barbara (Breen) Victorien is a data processor at Nicholas Tobin Associates. She is still waiting to retire. She reports that her greatest accomplishment since 1955 was living in Ireland for several years and being able to travel to other European countries, including France, where she spent a Christmas with her husband Jacques' family.

Richard Carley works part-time as caretaker at a church and at an estate, so he can't say how he spends his time during retirement. He and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children and five grandchildren. He feels he has made two great accomplishments since 1955: marrying his wife 52 years ago and, on March 3, 2000 donating a kidney to a complete stranger. At that time he was only the third person in the USA to donate

to a total stranger. Dick has just finished writing a book about growing up on Sharon Mountain.

C. 'Bunny' (Cecchinato) McGuire is retired but is keeping very busy on the Board of Directors of the Douglas Library, the Blue 'n' Gold Board, as a Red Hatter and as a Justice of the Peace (she says weddings are fun) Her greatest accomplishments since 1955 include working 35 years, raising three wonderful children, and being happily married. She also has three wonderful grandkids.

Linda (Dean) Paradee is retired, having given up consulting work in 2009. She is now enjoying life, especially outdoors in the summer. She is an active trustee for Montpelier's T.W. Wood Arts Center. She has two stepchildren, four step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She considers "being here" her greatest accomplishment since 1955.

Duke Donsbough is now retired and is busy spending his kids' inheritance! He has two children and two grandchildren. He says his greatest accomplishment since 1955 is making it to 2010.

Helena (Dower) Bennett was unable to attend the reunion as she was vacationing in Europe, but issued an invitation to any of her classmates who may be living in or visiting the Sacramento area to get in touch with her, adding that it would be fun to get together and reminisce about the "good old days at HVRHS." She retired as a university counselor and is spending her time traveling, remodeling/renovating her home and spending time with children

and grandchildren. She lists as her greatest accomplishment since 1955 returning to school for a master's degree in counseling psychology while still raising a family.

Elizabeth (Dufour) Prindle could not make the reunion. Now that she is retired, she is busy with friends and learning golf. She considers her greatest accomplishment since 1955 to be studying for her broker's license and working as a trader in the financial industry while raising three children. She has also worked as a tour guide for six years, traveling up the East Coast.

Gwynne (Gillette) Lorenzo was scheduled for a knee replacement in October, with three weeks of rehab, so she could not attend the reunion. She reported, however, that she is a Red Sox fan, knits garments for the Merchant Marines, and the like. She also does lots of cooking and manages the condo association where she lives. Her greatest accomplishment since 1955 is surviving a near-fatal accident in 1986, she said.

Mildred (Lanfranchi) Testa says she's retired but she still has a part-time position at an assisted living facility. She reports her greatest accomplishments since 1955 to be having a wonderful experience as a registered nurse and getting married and raising a family. Millie and her husband, **Frank, '54**, have two children and six grandchildren. Her advice to us all is "enjoy each day!"

Eleanor (Mansir) Burch is spending her retirement traveling, painting, quilting and reading as well as community

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Julie (Smith) Cooke, '52, Jan. 30, 2009 in Pasadena, Calif.

Peter Arthur Lamb, '55, of Sharon died Nov. 12, 2010.

Tom Christinat, attended HVRHS, of East Dennis, Mass., a native of East Canaan, died Sept. 14, 2010.

Winifred (Wilcox) Grindrod, attended HVRHS, of Sharon, died Sept. 19, 2010, at her home.

John Christopher Carlson, '62, of Fallbrook, Calif., and Canaan Valley, died July, 26, 2010.

Bette (Francis) Freudenberg, '45, of Sharon died Aug. 29, 2010.

Doris A. Faedi, '45, of South Canaan Road, died Aug. 20, 2010. A lifelong resident of Falls Village.

Michele (Prindle) Eykelhoff, '82, of Litchfield, a native of Sharon, died Aug. 21, 2010.

Alta (Bierce) Schoonmaker, '46, of Clearwater, Fla., died May 17, 2010.

George Kenneth Ford, attended HVRHS, died at his home on Clayton Road on Aug. 6, 2010.

Brian K. Flint, '87, of Highland, N.Y.,

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and family activities. She and Reg have three children and six grandchildren.

Now **Walter Matson** is retired he is busy playing golf, doing prison ministry and watching the grandchildren compete in baseball, soccer, and swimming. He and Judy have three children and six grandchildren. He cautions the class "growing old ain't for sissies!"

Maragaret (McLane) Hunt is retired and able to spend a lot of time traveling. She loves living in Florida and coming to Connecticut and New York for a few months each summer. Margaret says her greatest accomplishment since 1955 is having eight children, 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Phyllis (Pidgeon) Walsh is retired and having fun traveling to Ireland, the Greek Islands, to U.S. state parks and sailing "The Irish Myst" along the Long Island-New York coast to Cape Cod and Maine. She considers her greatest accomplishments since 1955 to be celebrating 51 years of marriage to "her best friend" and enjoying their four grandchildren. She enjoys volunteering at the local hospital as well as golfing and swimming. Having survived a stroke in 2000, she leads a Stroke Support Group.

Patricia (Piretti) White is still in the restaurant business, currently at Higby's Restaurant in Canaan four days a week. She says her greatest accomplishments since 1955 are her three children and four grandchildren and being able to still work. This year her granddaughter, Victoria,

graduated from HVRHS, her grandson Ryan graduated from C.W. Post University in Long Island, a school of visual and performing arts, and grandson, Jason, is working with his father at Jay's Lawn Care.

Katherine (Schwab) McLaughry retired from college administration in Western Pennsylvania and moved with husband, Bill, to Colorado to be closer to their two sons. They are now volunteering, traveling and enjoying the grandchildren She feels her greatest accomplishments since 1955 are raising two sons (one an airline pilot; the other a computer software architect and Oregon track cyclist sprint champion). She earned her BA at 55. She and Bill designed and built an energy-efficient house in Pennsylvania in the '70s before the word "green" was popular. They have an "experiment in intentional living," building an energy-efficient house and adding more features such as solar panels in Colorado.

Emily Sheldon Whitford says she is not retired, just "between opportunities." Since leaving her last job in January, she spends lots of time with her five grandkids, gets to go more often to the cabin she and Bob built in Western Pennsylvania, and best of all—for the first time since first grade—she can stay up late at night reading and can sleep in in the morning.

Mary Ellen (Smedick) Beauchemin has retired and now has time to golf, swim, play cards, attend a book club and a religious group, and to

visit family. She has four children, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She considers her greatest accomplishment since 1955 has been raising her family.

Marion (Smith) Romer, after long career as an RN, is retired, but spends a much time volunteering with Hospice for the Salisbury VNA and giving weekly hand massages for patients in the Alzheimer Unit at Noble Horizon. She enjoys time with her five grandchildren and just relaxing.

Edward Tripp is retired now and has time to play golf and take an annual cruise. He says his greatest accomplishment since 1955 is getting to be 73 and in good health. His wife, **Judie (Jessup) Tripp, '57**, suffered ovarian cancer last October and has completed chemotherapy, but has to be checked every few months.

The Class recognized the class members who have died: John Blass, Kenneth Brown, Barbara (Goodnow) Kelsey, Cedric Hardy, George Kopf, Bette (Kyle) Collins, Sheila (Leonard) Bohren, Millicent "Molly" Moore, Helen (Peterson) Rogozzino, Keith Platt, Joseph Roberts, Doris (Rhodes) Traub, Rose (Sackett) Brazee, Barbara (Seeley) Greenwood and Jean (Tatsapaugh) Gobillot.

1960s

Marie (NeJame) Shaw, '61, and her husband, Gary, went on a 27-day cruise from September to October 2010. They flew into London and boarded a ship in Dover. The cruise took them to Norway, Scot-

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land and its surrounding islands, Iceland, Ireland and Portugal. There followed a transatlantic crossing back to Florida. A hurricane and 24-foot seas prevented the cruise from going to the Azores, but the passengers did experience seas that were 18 feet high. "That was rough enough," she reports. "It was a good trip and we got to go to places that were on our bucket list."

Lauri-ann Frueh Cardinali, '65, has retired after 20 years of public school teaching and five years with Barnes and Noble. That time was divided between residences in Scotia, NY, and Venetia, PA. She and her husband, Hank, live in Ballston Lake, NY, where they enjoy gardening, reading, walking and looking forward to visits from their four children and one grandchild. On game days, the "Steelers" and "Go Irish" Flags fly from their porch.

Walter Benesch ('67) retired from the Department of Homeland Security last year after a 30-year career in federal government (mostly in the Pentagon/Office of the Secretary of Defense). He currently works as a consultant for private firms. He was recently divorced from Marisol Aldahondo after more than 30 years of marriage. Walter remains very active in both northern Virginia and D.C. Freemasons, giving talks and publishing articles. He is a Distinguished Toastmaster and active in a local club.

Walter's daughter, Tara, graduated in May with honors (GPA 3.75) from Washington U. St. Louis, with a

psychology major. She has all the courses necessary for med school (and a good MCAT score), according to her father. While at Wash U. she was captain of the water polo team for two years, continued her violin, and her Spanish, including "Spanish for Doctors." Her teacher noted Tara's conversational Spanish was better than hers. Tara is currently employed by Teach for America in northern California in a bi-lingual second/third grade class, and is taking a two-year break before entering med school.

1970s

William F. Linkovich, '78, and **Kimberly (Carlson) Linkovich, '80** are the proud grandparents of a new grandson. **William J. Linkovich, '03**, and **Leah Tencza** are the parents of Joseph.

Douglas Carlson, '62, and **Crystalle Carlson** are the baby's great-grandparents.

William F. Linkovich started East Canaan Equipment Repair in 1985 with a small, custom hay farm. When William J. graduated eight years later, he joined the business and father and son expanded the hay business. They also started an excavation business, ECER Springs Farm and Excavating. They have both received their sub-surface septic installer license in Connecticut and Massachusetts and are serving the tri-state area.

1990s

Jeremiah Bickford, '94, of Ashley Falls, Mass., is pursuing his master's degree in special education at West-

field State College in Westfield, Mass. He is employed in the special ed department at Mount Everett Regional School in Sheffield, Mass.

Evan Schullery, '99, son of Robert and Susan Schullery of Kent, recently earned a Master of Education degree in school counseling from West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

He graduated from Ithaca College in 2003. Mr. Schullery currently works as a behavior consultant in the West Chester Area School district and is a safety manager at a therapeutic camp during the summer. He also coaches seventh and eighth grade boys basketball, writes screenplays, and records music.

2000s

Janell M. Mullens, '03, is currently pursuing her master's degree at the University of Southern California in Urban Planning. She lives in Los Angeles.

Matthew D. Bisenius, '07, was recently inducted into Beta Alpha Chi, the music honor society at McDaniel College in Maryland. Qualifications for membership include outstanding performance in at least two of the three areas of music study: academic music classes, solo performance, and ensemble performance. A senior majoring in Physics with a minor in Music, Matthew plays bass in the McDaniel Jazz Ensemble and the all-electric Bass Ensemble. He is the son of Joe and Anne Bisenius of South Kent, and a 2007 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

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died July 30, 2010, in Cornwall, N.Y.

John Spencer Barnett, '57, of Lakeville and formerly of Falls Village died Aug. 2, 2010.

Edwin Emmons, '47, a World War II veteran, of Canaan Valley Road, died July 11, 2010.

Jacob Wayne Henry Purdy, '07, of Lawrence Avenue, died June 28, 2010. **Barbara**

(Bumbaco) Morgan, '81, of Ashley Falls Road died June 28, 2010. **Theodore Stuart Hanna Austin, '02**, of Falls Village, died at home on June 20, 2010.

Dale Wayne Golden, attended HVRHS, of Canaan died June 11, 2010.

Bette Anne (Pidgeon) Dufour, '52, died May 16, 2010.

Allyn Hurlburt Jr., '48, of Cornwall died at his home on April 13, 2010.

Jack Douglas Riley Sr., '52, of Sharon, died March 16, 2010.

James W. Anderson, '76, formerly of Sharon, died at Yale New Haven Hospital on Feb. 9, 2010.

Leo R. Segalla, '42, of Canaan, died Feb. 5, 2010.

Anne Marie (Golden) Vanicky, attended HVRHS, died March 1, 2010.

Jo Anne Danforth, '55, of Dalton, Mass., a native of Sharon, died March 20, 2011, at her home.

Jamie O. DeBerry, '86, died March 10, 2011.

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