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U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) spoke at the Save Sharon Hospital rally in Sharon on Sunday, Oct. 16.

Sharon Hospital

Rally draws hundreds as hearing postponed

By Leila Hawken and Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — A crowd of more than 300 people, including U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), came to the Sharon town Green Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, to protest the plan to close Sharon Hos-

pital's labor and delivery unit and reconfigure the intensive care unit. The rally was originally intended to serve as a lead-in to a public hearing (online) before the state Office of Health Strategy on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

However, OHS announced Friday, Oct. 14 that the hearing has been postponed to an undetermined date due to "recent activity on the docket."

Save Sharon Hospital, the organization that is leading the effort to block the closing of labor and delivery, has petitioned for intervenor status for the hearing.

The notice of postponement

requires Nuvance Health, the hospital's parent company, to respond to the SSH petition by Oct. 21, and for SSH to reply to that by Oct. 25.

Lydia Moore of SSH opened the rally by noting OHS had postponed the hearing "in part because of all the testimony."

Moore said last time she checked the OHS website there were 54 letters posted. "So who knows what kind of backlog" OHS has.

Moore said the SSH cause has significant political support, noting that Gov. Ned Lamont has expressed his concern about the situation for the hearing.

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Issues affecting women highlighted at Kent rally

By Lans Christensen

KENT — U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz (D) headlined a women's rally in Kent on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The event was sponsored by the Kent Democratic Town Committee and held at Golden Falcon Field, in the center of town.

Joined by State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and Stephanie Thomas, who is the Democratic candidate for Secretary of the State, the politicians spoke about issues facing women.

Abortion, and was the central theme but the speakers also addressed access to health care, the need for more female leaders, the right to privacy, and access to legal justice.

"We have work to do to get the vote out," said Blumenthal. "I trust you to make your decisions"

Bysiewicz said "We are the



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Kent First Selectman Jean Speck (D) and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz (D) at the rally in Kent on Oct. 15.

champions of women's reproductive rights."

The rally closed with Eva Bermúdez Zimmerman, Democrat-

ic candidate for the state Senate (30th District) leading the crowd in a unanimous and hearty chant: "Women. Life. Freedom."



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Run & Wag

Brittany Telke and Mazikeen cross the finish line at the Little Guild's Run and Wag 5K. The defending champions repeated victory and set the new record in the dog and female team category with a time of 18:49. Turn to Page A8 for full story.

IMS celebrates its centennial

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Indian Mountain School celebrated its centennial with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new field house and soccer field Friday, Oct. 14.

Head of School Jody Soja noted she came to IMS in 1999. "I have spent half my life with this school."

She ran through the school's founding in 1922 by Francis Behn Riggs, with eight male students and wondered if Riggs could have ever imagined today's IMS, with almost 300 students, coeducational, and with a significant group of overseas students.

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Indian Mountain School Head of School Jody Soja and IMS Board of Trustees President Christopher Sanger cut the ribbon on the new field house and soccer field on Friday, Oct. 14.

Making windows safe for birds this fall

Whack! The sudden and dramatic sound against your living room window brings you hurrying in to see what occurred.

As you look toward the ground, you see something – a bird! – and rush to its aid, hoping it didn't hit hard enough to kill it. You have seen this happen in the past, where a bird hitting this exact windowpane was momentarily immobilized before flying off.

This time, however, the spectacularly small black and white bird you hold lies motionless in your hands.

Unfortunately, this experience is not an uncommon one. Window collisions are a leading cause of bird mortality, behind habitat loss and cat attacks, killing as many as a billion birds annually.

NATURE'S NOTEBOOK

BETHANY SHEFFER

That's right. One billion. Such a number is borderline incomprehensible. What's happening to cause such a staggering mortality rate?

Birds cannot see glass. When they look at it, they see one of two things: nothing at all, which might indicate a safe corridor for them to fly through, or the reflection of their surrounding landscape.

Both scenarios are highly problematic. Perhaps unsurprisingly, research has thus concluded that

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Art & appetite

Made by Erika Crofut, this plate was one of the items in the D.M. Hunt Library's current art show, "Amuse-bouche: An Appetite for Art," which opened with a reception Saturday, Oct. 15. The show runs through Nov. 18.

Bird tracked at Sharon Audubon arrives in Costa Rican rainforest

SHARON — A Swainson's Thrush that was the first bird to ping the new 34-foot antenna tower at the Sharon Audubon Center on Sept. 14 as it flew southbound from Maine has arrived in the Veragua Rainforest in Costa Rica. "Somehow it managed to navigate the obstacle presented by Hurricane Ian," wrote Center Director Eileen Fielding.

On Oct. 1, the small flyer was recorded on a tower in the Central American rainforest, a flight of more than 4,000 miles. Its flight path, after registering in Sharon, included: a tower at Deer Pond Farm, a Connecticut Audubon Society property

in Sherman; on Sept. 21 by a tower at Mountain Meadow in Pennsylvania; on Sept. 22 at Buck Run, Pennsylvania and then at Bluestem Farm in Maryland.

By installing a 34-foot tower, the Sharon Audubon Center joined the international

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Struck from behind

On Oct. 6 at approximately 3:30 p.m. a 2015 Ford Transit T-350 driven by Christopher Birk, 56, of New Hartford was traveling southbound on Route 63 in South Canaan and was slowing down to turn into the Route 7 Fuel station. Michael Siddell, 38, of Morris was driving along Route 7 in a 2012 Toyota Camry and struck the Ford. Siddell was cited for failure to drive a reasonable distance apart.

Hit guardrail

On Oct. 13 at approximately 7:40 a.m. Mario John Genova, 68, of Falls Village was driving a 2013 Ford Econoline southbound on Route 126 near Pine Grove Road in Canaan when he reported getting a fever, headache and sweating. Genova said he blacked out and subsequently struck a wire rope guardrail. He was cited for failure to maintain lane.

Deer in the road

On Oct. 13 at 3:47 p.m. Shenaka Williams, 36, of Peekskill, New York, was traveling north on Route 63 in

Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus), a fast-expanding technology that gathers data about bird movements across the globe.

The system includes a network of antennas that is being deployed worldwide — so far, over 1,000 on four continents.

Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at www.tricornernews.com.

Indian Mountain School marks centennial

Lakeville's Indian Mountain School celebrated 100 years Oct. 14. See video at www.tricornernews.com/multimedia

Run & Wag race in Cornwall

Runners on two and four legs competed. See video at www.tricornernews.com/multimedia

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

Canaan when a deer crossed the roadway. The vehicle left the road and struck a metal guardrail. Williams was uninjured and cited for operating without a license and failure to maintain proper lane. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Asleep at the wheel

On Oct. 11 at approximately 6 a.m. Troopers responded to Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon on a report of a one-car accident. A 2012 Toyota Prius driven by Samuel Schrader, 33, had left the roadway near the area of Red Horse Hill Road and struck a wire rope guardrail. Schrader stated that he fell asleep and drifted off the roadway. He was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain lane.

Turned self in

On Oct. 5, Clement J. Hils, 32, of South Egremont, Massachusetts, turned himself in at Troop B headquarters and was placed under arrest for reckless driving and engaging police in a pursuit, following an incident on March 3,

2019, at approximately 10:30 p.m., when Hils was traveling southbound on Route 7 from Massachusetts into North Canaan. It was reported then that Hils was engaged in a road-rage incident, and Troopers later engaged in a motor vehicle pursuit. Hils was released on a \$10,000 bond.

Domestic disturbance

On Oct. 12 at approximately 9 a.m. Troopers responded to reports of a domestic disturbance at 12 Church Terrace, North Canaan. It was reported that a female subject had left the premises. Troopers determined that Christine Milot-Jowdy, 55, had struck a male victim with an electronic dog collar, which also struck and damaged a computer monitor. Milot-Jowdy was charged with criminal mischief, 3rd degree, and disorderly conduct and released on \$1,500 bond.

Active disturbance

On Oct. 10 at approximately 4:30 p.m. Troopers were dispatched to 26 Granite

Ave. in Canaan for an active disturbance. Monette Dubin, 59, of the same address, was arrested on charges of criminal trespass, 1st degree, and breach of peace, 2nd degree, and was released on \$500 bond.

Vehicle hydroplane

On Oct. 5 at approximately 9:20 p.m. Westyn Doyen, 16, was driving a 2002 Chevrolet S10 northbound on Route 7 in Canaan when the vehicle started to hydroplane, then oversteer into the northbound lane and into the ditch. He was cited for failure to maintain proper lane.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to johnc@lakevillejournal.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 11, 2022:

Approved with Conditions - Application 2022-IW-083 by Dana Beardsley to construct a new swimming pool in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 23 as lot 43-2 and is known as 3 Lamotte Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is C. Adrian Marshall.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

10-20-22

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2021 is due and payable on October 1, 2022. Payments must be

received or postmarked by November 1, 2022. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2022, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall in Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm., Monday - Friday. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 15th day of September, 2022.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC

Tax Collector

09-22-22

10-06-22

10-20-22

**Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Zoning Board of Appeals**
Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town

of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 11, 2022:

Application #2022-0203 for a variance from 304, 305.1 & 300.2 for an addition to a single-family dwelling. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 35 as Lot 6 and is known as 16 Woodland Drive, Lakeville, Connecticut. The owner of the property is Aaron and Alycia Zimmerman.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
10-20-22

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF SHARON, CT
October 28, 2022
SHARON CENTER
SCHOOL
ATTENDEES
MUST FOLLOW
CURRENT CDC
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Sharon Center School, 80 Hilltop Road, Sharon, Connecticut, on October 28, 2022 at 6:00PM for the following purposes:

1. To see what action the Town will take in re-approving the expenditure of \$105,432.89 from the Capital Non-recurring Account for Phase 2 of the Green Rehabilitation Project, as approved by the Board of Finance.

2. To see what action the Town will take in expending a total of \$310,402 to purchase a 2022 F350 truck and a MACK truck, with \$150,000 to come from the Equipment Replacement Account and the balance of \$160,402 to come from the Undesignated Fund, as approved by the Board of Finance.

3. To see what action the Town will take in expending \$800,000 out of the Undesignated Fund for the COMCAST Broadband Partnership, as approved by the Board of Finance.

4. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with COMCAST for the Broadband Partnership. Dated at Sharon, CT this 27th day of September 2022
Brent M. Colley
Dale C. Jones
Casey T. Flanagan
Selectmen
10-20-22

TOWN OF SHARON LEGAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern, notice is hereby given that on

Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 6PM the Sharon Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the petition submitted for Speed Humps to be installed on Hilltop Road. The hearing will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street. At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communication received.

Dated at Sharon, CT this 12th day of October 2022.

Brent M. Colley
First Selectman
10-20-22

WARNING November 8, 2022 State Election

The Electors of the Town of Sharon are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the following purposes:

I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller,

Attorney General, Judge of Probate.

II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval,

and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?

enmendarse la Constitucion del Estado para que la Asamblea General pueda facilitar el voto anticipado?

The full text of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the

General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

Location of Polling Place - Sharon Town Hall - 63 Main Street - Sharon, CT

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at 6:00a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Dated at Sharon, CT this 30th day of September 2022
Linda Amerighi-CCTC
Town of Sharon

10-20-22

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

Our Towns

Autumn is Ungardening's High Season

While garden work is winding down, it is high un-gardening season and those of us working in the woodland and meadow are busy with a myriad of tasks. I had a conversation with Cornwall Garden Club comrade Heidi Cunnick, who is a PhD of environmental science, to compare notes on our fall un-gardening work and talk about our 'to do' lists for the next few weeks.

Moving saplings

Dee: So many trees have sprouted up over the past few years; in the woods they are welcome but around the house they are getting in the way of established planting. This week we moved an elm and several sycamores — all about six feet tall — from behind the house and replanted them in spots that could better accommodate them. I am always torn between the aesthetics of the landscape and the need for tree recruits; I get emotional about cutting down trees!

Heidi: I know how you feel but I am at a point where the removal of a few saplings and larger trees in the woods would either extend the view and create greater light-shade complexity, or allow a tree they are crowding to thrive. I look from the edge of the lawn and through each of the windows in the house to envision how the change in trees will change the view. Sometimes taking out just one small sapling can suddenly bring great beauty to a tree that was blocked behind it. This is the time to do this as in spring the birds nest so you don't want to bother them. Gardens are more beautiful your eye can travel



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON



The Ungardener
Dee Salomon

through the trees and when birds move through the open spaces.

Removing Invasives

Dee: This is also the time of year when some of the main invasive instigators are easiest to identify. Burning bush and bittersweet turn a

bright pinkish red but also bright red are the berries of bittersweet. It's like they are signaling 'come and get me!' But also, as you taught me, fall is actually the best time of the year to tackle them.

Heidi: I concentrate mostly on these woodies in October and my methods in the fall are different than in the summer. It's helpful to know some plant biology here. In fall, plant sap descends from the leaf to the root and so a minimal amount of full-strength glyphosate or triclo-

vir applied directly to the cut stem will be super effective. I use a Buckthorn Blaster applicator but a paintbrush also works well.

Dee: Herbicide always feels like a last resort so great to know that there is a time of year when it will be most effective.

Heidi: I have also been trying to rid my field of the invasive grass Reed Canary grass aka Phalaris and will plant native grasses after I do my best to reduce the Phalaris. My neighbor has goats and

I gave them a sample of the phalaris to see if they will eat it — they will!

Dee: Cute, and certainly easier on the back than picking it, which is what I am doing with stilt grass where it has grown next to ferns and small trees. The blow torch worked wonders on the wide swaths of it in the swamp and in that space I have already planted about 100 plugs each of tiarella, (in the shade) and *Acorus americanus* or Sweet Flag, on the banks of the stream. I am filling in with seeds I collected of Solomon's seal and transplants of *Thalictrum* from areas that are still crowded with stilt grass. I would say this year that stilt grass is enemy #1 — what is your scourge?

Heidi: In addition to the usual suspects, multi-flora rose, bittersweet and barberry, two plants that have come into the woods under my watch are wisteria and forsythia. They appear in the woods just beyond the border of our lawn. And yes on stilt grass. This proliferated really quickly in West Cornwall, in part due to road crews that cut the verges of the road. When it hits the forest, that is all you get. Hope people reading this heed the advice and act quickly.

In the woods

Dee: I love working in the woods in the fall. The scent is musky from the leaves and mushrooms and the migrating birds give me a new soundtrack. Which is helpful as I get through some of the more tedious chores like putting tree guards around saplings to protect them from young bucks and scraping spongy moths off trees. Is there anything fun on your list?

Heidi: Pick up a bale of straw from Agway is high on the list. I plan to use the straw to draw a meandering path through the woods. I saw this done at the Wild Gardens of Acadia on Maine's Mount Desert Island. Using straw for paths will allow me to more easily create the most ideal meander and identify where to plant a select few of the small native trees and shrubs I have been harboring in a nursery bed. I'd like to plant these at points in the path where, when they grow a bit, they will add to the enjoyment of a woodland wander.

Dee: That sounds like ample payoff for a year of woodland restoration; I look forward to walking on those paths next year!

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

Flu vaccine clinic schedules set

SALISBURY — Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County has flu clinics throughout Litchfield County for anyone 18 years and older for the upcoming flu season.

Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious viral respiratory infection that can result in mild to severe illness.

North Canaan Town Hall
Friday, Oct. 28, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Sharon Pharmacy
(8 Gay St.)
Thursday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to noon.

Lakeville Town Grove
(42 Ethan Allen St.)
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Investing in Sharon Hospital's vibrant future

Over the past three years, Nuvance Health has invested more than \$14.5 million in upgrades to imaging equipment, technology and facilities, including our updated MRI scanner and 3D mammography technology.

As healthcare evolves, Sharon Hospital is growing the services our community needs most: Our doors are open. The Emergency Department is open 24/7/365 — and that's not changing. Our community can always access advanced care when they need it most.



- Our proposed new Progressive Care Unit will provide the essential care currently offered in our ICU. This plan requires prior state approval.
- Investments in primary care, including recruiting new primary care doctors and providers and partnering with community organizations to expand our region's access to primary care.

Most recently, Dr. J. Keith Joseph joined our primary care office here in Sharon. Join us in welcoming him!

- Expanded access to specialty care through our new Telehealth Kiosk. Patients can now come to Sharon Hospital for virtual appointments with a Nuvance Health Medical Practice specialist from infectious disease, neurology or oncology. We expect to expand access to other specialties soon.
- Investments in behavioral health, so we can continue to address the growing behavioral health crisis.

We are listening. Please reach out to sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org with any questions.



OBITUARIES

Harris David Dienstfrey

SHARON — Harris David Dienstfrey, 88, of Sharon, Connecticut died at home while in hospice care on Oct. 4, 2022, after a brief illness.

A beloved husband, father, brother, friend, and neighbor, Harris was born in New York City in 1934 to Joseph and Elizabeth Dienstfrey and grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended the University of Chicago for both undergraduate and graduate studies, receiving an M.A. in Sociology in 1956. Harris served in the Army for two years before moving to New York City, where he began his career in publishing as an associate editor for Commentary Magazine for which he wrote about film, literature, and sociology. In the late 1960s he co-founded the independent book publisher Outerbridge & Dienstfrey, a short-lived but influential venture. Later, he served as an editor at Charles Scribner's Sons, Cosmopolitan Magazine and Psychology Today. In 1983 he became the founding editor of ADVANCES: The Journal of Mind-Body Health for the Institute for the Advancement of Health (which later migrated to the Fetzer Institute). It was during this period that Harris became an expert and advocate for alternative medicine and played an important role in mainstreaming the concepts related to mind-body interaction in health. Harris was the author of two books, *What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Old?* (with Joseph Lederer, 1979) and

Where the Mind Meets the Body (1991).

In 1970, Harris married his second wife, Jane and they were together for 48 years until her death in 2018. Harris and Jane moved to Sharon full time in 1990, where Harris continued to work as a freelance editor of numerous books, essays and articles until several years before he died. He and Jane enjoyed traveling internationally including to such destinations as Finland, Australia and Jordan among many others. Harris was a great lover of world cinema and literature and served on the book selection committee of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon for many years. He was a devoted daily walker and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Harris had a curious mind and spirit; he was kind-hearted and good humored and was always ready to lend his counsel and energy to helping others. Over the years, Harris loved and cared for three dogs, Kiddo, More, and Lily, and published an essay in *The Antioch Review* commemorating his adoration for Kiddo.

He is survived by his three stepchildren, Elizabeth, Natalie, and Lincoln, his granddaughter Cecilia, brothers Ted and Steve, sisters-in-law, Patricia and Anita, and numerous nephews and nieces. The family requests that donations in his memory be sent directly to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon CT. A memorial will be held in Spring 2023.

Lauren M. Welsh

WASSAIC — Lauren M. Welsh, age 76, of Wassaic, passed away at Sharon Hospital. She was the loving wife of the late Robert J. Welsh.

Lauren was born April 26, 1946, in Winsted, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Lucy (McAvoy) MacNeil. Lauren graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School and later Dutchess Community College. She worked at Kimberly Clark for a period, then became a Social Worker at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center where she worked for over 20 years. When the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center ended services, she transferred to The Center For Change and became an Instructor for another 18 years. Lauren retired from the State of New York with over 40 years of service and was then hired by Dutchess County at The Office for the

Aging where she devoted another 10 years to community seniors.

Lauren was a faithful and vital member of Christ Church in Sharon for many years. She served on the vestry and managed flower donations as well as altar guild duties.

Mostly, Lauren will be remembered as the Fellowship guru as she prepared coffee and a feast every single Sunday and welcomed everyone!

She is survived by son Roderick and daughter Rebecca, three grandchildren: McKenzie, Kaylyn and Garrett.

A memorial service will be held at the Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, on Saturday Oct. 22 at 11:00 a.m. All other services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Audubon Center. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



William 'Bill' Poglitsch

LAKEVILLE — William 'Bill' Poglitsch died peacefully on Sept. 21, 2022, with his wife of 50 years Sue by his side. He was 78 years old.

Bill was born on April 21, 1944, to Anna Poglitsch of East Lyme. He was raised by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gleason of Norwich, who he affectionately referred to as Ma and Pa. His mother Anna was a loving presence throughout his life.

Upon graduation from Norwich Free Academy in Norwich, Bill enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he specialized in communications. His service then took him to Camp Smith in Hawaii where he ended up playing football for the Marines, citing that "We never lost a game!" From Camp Smith Bill received orders to go to Vietnam where he served several months as a field radio operator. Sergeant Poglitsch returned from Vietnam to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, to finish out his service until October of 1966. Bill was proud of his military service and remained a true patriot throughout his life. He loved the Marines.

After serving his country, Bill returned to his family in Amenia, where he worked for the family business the Cunningham Market. He eventually began his career with Taconic Telephone, an independent telephone company, where he worked for 45 years. On October 7, 1970, Bill met Sue Hickey. They were married on Oct. 14,

1972. They have one daughter, Karen, She was his pride and joy, and his role as husband and father defined him.

Bill was loved and admired for his calm nature, work ethic, Catholic faith and genuine kindness. He and his wife built their home in Lakeville, where Sue resides. He had a passion for The Outer Banks in North Carolina, where he and his family enjoyed many vacations. Bill cherished these times at the beach with family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years Sue (Hickey) Poglitsch, and daughter Karen Poglitsch of Lakeville. He is also survived by a sister, Rosalie Kasper of Towson, Maryland, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gleason and Anna Poglitsch, and siblings Margaret G. Cunningham, Edward Gleason and John Gleason.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11a.m. at The Church of Immaculate Conception in Amenia, followed by a burial with Military Honors at the St. Mary's Cemetery, Salisbury. All are welcome to attend. Funeral arrangements under the Newkirk and Palmer Funeral Home in Canaan CT.

Bill would say "I'm in the wind" whenever he departed from a place. He will be remembered by his wonderful sense of humor, keen wit, his gentle ways and his genuine kindness to all.

Aurelia Graham Blodgett

FALLS VILLAGE — It is with sadness that we share the loss of Aurelia Graham Blodgett, who on Oct. 14, 2022, found peace and comfort in eternal rest. The daughter of Samuel and Laura (Dickinson) Graham, she was born at home on March 1, 1930, in Falls Village, across from the Falls Village Hydroelectric Power Plant. Aurelia enjoyed working many years as a Home Health Aide for Salisbury Visiting Nurses, appreciating immensely the diverse backgrounds of all her clients.

She was known for her signature lemon squares that friends and family enjoyed on many occasions. Passionate about cake decorating, she would create unique cakes that reflected the essence of the recipient.

She loved the holidays, especially Halloween, when she would dress up with her friends and go Trick or Treating to many of the area shut-ins. Christmas was a special time to resurrect her collection of snowmen and bake her pumpkin bread and banana sour cream coffee cakes for her many friends and relatives.

Aurelia was the oldest member of the Falls Village Congregational Church and

for many years volunteered her time and efforts.

She was a dedicated member of the Falls Village Senior Center community where she enjoyed camaraderie of friends and its regular lunches and outings.

Aurelia is predeceased by her husband James and daughter Jill Polito. She is survived by her daughter, Laurie Parmelee and her husband Dave of Shelburne, Vermont and her daughter Allison Blodgett of Naples, Florida; her son-in-law Frank Polito of Naples, Florida. She leaves her three grandchildren: Kate Pierce of Rockford, Michigan; Kieran Parmelee of Halifax, Nova Scotia and Susan Parmelee of South Portland, Maine. In addition she leaves two great-grandchildren, David and Adeline Pierce of Rockford, Michigan. Calling hours will take place at the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan on Friday, Oct. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Falls Village Congregational Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Falls Village Congregational Church, P.O. Box 72, Falls Village, CT 06031.

Kathleen Ann 'Kathy' Dance

SHARON — Kathleen Ann "Kathy" Dance, 69, of Sharon, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, in her home. She was the loving wife of the late Thomas Dance.

Kathleen was born Jan. 14, 1953, in Port Chester, New York, the daughter of the late Joseph and Veronica Dzaluk Grandison. Kathleen was a graduate of Greenwich High School.

She began her career at Fawcett Publications in Greenwich. After moving to Sharon in 1984, Kathy worked for several local businesses including the Kenny Funeral Home.

At the time of her death she was a customer service representative for Superior Plus Energy Services, where she worked for 22 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Carrie-Ann

Dance of Sharon, and Jamie Kennedy and her husband Thomas of Harwinton.

She was the beloved Nana of Autumn, Thomas, and Sophia Beman, and Kayden and Kolton Kennedy.

Also surviving are her sister Tina Spinelli and her husband Ludwig and their sons, Matt, Geoff, and Justin.

She was predeceased by her son Woodrow Dance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, Oct. 19, at St. Bernard's Church, New Street, Sharon.

Calling hours were at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT. 06069. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



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Worship Services

Week of October 23, 2022

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT WE ARE NOW MEETING IN PERSON! Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services In-person Bible study will be held Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., light supper included Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
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<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 513 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

Kent flu clinic set for Oct. 28

KENT — A flu clinic will be held on Friday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Blvd., sponsored by Foothills VNA and Salisbury VNA, with assistance from the Kent Community Fund.

Participating insurances are: Aetna, Anthem BCBS, Pilgrim, Connecticut, Harvard Pilgrim, Medicare, UHC Medicare and Meritain. Costs for self-pay are \$30 for a regular dose and \$80 for a high dose. Participants are asked to wear a mask. For further information, call 860-379-8561.

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Mary Grace Erbacher

LAKEVILLE — Mary Grace Erbacher, 87, died peacefully on Sept. 28, 2022, at The Osborn, in Rye, New York. She was a long-time resident of Larchmont, New York and Lakeville. Born on Nov. 17, 1934, in New York City, she was the daughter of James David Walsh and Anne Prior Walsh. On July 1, 1961, Mary Grace married Edward J. Erbacher, her loving husband of 57 years, at the Church of Our Lady of Peace in Manhattan.



Church, Lakeville, a dedicated volunteer at Noble Horizons, Salisbury, and an active member of both Habitat for Humanity and Voice of the Faithful. Mary Grace believed in service to others and while many benefited from this, the primary recipients of her kind attentions and devotions were her family and friends, who count themselves fortunate to have had her in their lives.

Mary Grace was predeceased by her husband Edward and her sister, Kathleen Walsh Errett. She is survived by her cherished sister, Deirdre Walsh Lambe of Manhattan, and three devoted daughters: Maria Csenge (Geoffrey) of Larchmont, Deirdre Price (Huw) of Oxford, England, and Amy Jackson (Bruce) of New Rochelle. She will greatly be missed by her seven grandchildren: Justin and Emma Csenge, Dylan and Madeline Price, Kiera, Calvin, and Oscar Jackson.

A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Church of Saints John & Paul, Larchmont, New York. Burial will be private.

Mary Grace first worked as an elementary school teacher in Manhattan and in later life as an insurance broker in Pelham, New York. For many years, she was a volunteer for Ursuline Outreach Adult Learning Center in New Rochelle, New York, and St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Eastern, America; Planned Parenthood; Alzheimer's Association.

Larry R. Rabideau

MILLERTON — Larry R. Rabideau, 73, a forty-five year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at his home in Millerton surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Rabideau was a self-employed carpenter and builder who owned and operated LRR Builders in Millerton for over thirty years.



and her companion Kyle of Sheffield, Massachusetts; two great grandchildren, Emma and Wyatt Bloodgood; a brother, Frank Rabideau and two sisters, Carol Defayette and Christa Swiesz all of Plattsburgh and several nieces and nephews and many friends. Larry was predeceased by his infant daughter, Jennifer Lynn Rabideau in 1975 and his siblings, Arthur and Gary Rabideau, Dora DeLello, Virginia Mayhew, Florence Rabideau, Shirley Agoney and Joanne Gordon. On November 20, 2020, Larry was the recipient of a donated lung for transplantation, the family wishes to extend its sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the lung donor and to the donors' family for this selfless act of humanity.

Born June 11, 1949, in Plattsburgh, New York, he was the son of the late Frank and Florence (Mayette) Rabideau. He was a graduate of Webutuck High School and attended Stamford Community College where he studied computer-aided design.

Calling hours were Wednesday, Oct. 19 from at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

Larry served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1971. On August 30, 1971, at the Millerton Methodist Church, he married Elaine M. Dawson and they shared a loving marriage for over 51 years. Mrs. Rabideau survives at home. Larry was a life member of the Millerton Legion Post #178 and was an avid poker player who enjoyed gambling at Foxwoods Casino and traveling to Las Vegas in his spare time. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.

A Graveside Service and Burial with Standard Military Honors was held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Route 22, Amenia. Rev. Robert K. Wilson officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Advanced Lung Disease and Lung Transplantation Program, c/o New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, Presbyterian Hospital Bldg., 14th Floor, 622 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

In addition to this loving wife, Larry is survived by his daughter, Lori and her husband Jeff Riley of Millerton; three granddaughters, Cady Bloodgood and her husband Eugene of Falls Village, Meghan Hammond and her husband Taylor of Peru, Vermont, and Mackenzie Riley

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Honoring Noble's 50th anniversary

The Salisbury Association's Jeanette Weber presented the organization's 1741 Award to Bill Pond of Noble Horizons and Patrick Gilland, CEO of Church Homes, Saturday, Oct. 15, at the opening of an exhibit honoring the 50th anniversary of Noble Horizons. From right, Rich Reifsnnyder, Weber, Pond and Gilland.

Amenia housing project aired

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — Whether considered as workforce housing or affordable housing, area communities grapple with the needs of working families and senior residents who struggle to find adequate housing.

A forum led by the Amenia Housing Board and the Hudson River Housing (HRH) organization was held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Town Hall.

Intended to focus on visions for development of affordable housing units on a 15.9-acre parcel along Route 22 North near the Freshtown Plaza, the two-hour conversation among the 30 residents and Hudson River Housing representatives expanded to a wider range of topics, including funding, regulations and management intricacies.

An earlier public hearing on Thursday, Oct. 6 presented detailed statistics illustrating the need for affordable housing options.

A dearth of rentals led Housing Board chairman Charlie Miller to describe the situation as "shocking," and to add that families or individuals who can find rentals are paying more (and a greater percentage of their earnings toward housing).

"And there are more renters out there," Miller said.

"Affordable housing needs to be affordable," Miller explained. If it costs, say, \$300,000 to construct a modest home and the buyer could only afford to finance \$200,000, that would leave a gap of \$100,000 to be made up by funding programs and alternative sources.

Government programs that might supply some of the funds, Miller explained, come with complex guidelines. For example, affordable housing can conflict with fair housing regulations stipulating that towns cannot offer a housing development only to employees of local businesses.

"We need housing, period," Miller said. Accessory dwelling units, known as ADUs, are an option where a homeowner might create a rental apartment perhaps over the garage or within the home. The main obstacle there is that home's septic capacity that is based on the number of existing bedrooms. To add a tenant and another bathroom would conflict with the septic allocation for that home and its

existing bedrooms.

Adjusting local regulations to accommodate affordable housing was suggested by Miller as a possible solution.

An affordable housing development is being proposed for the 15.9 acres of land purchased last summer by Hudson River Housing (HRH), collaborating with the Amenia Housing Board for the planning stages. Plans call for seven units located on the west side of Route 22 North.

Representing Hudson River Housing was Mary Linge, vice president for Real Estate Development.

Reviewing the proposal, Linge said that the first step in developing the parcel is to be sure that there is no conflict with local zoning regulations. The aim is to proceed without needing to apply for a zoning variance. The next steps are to identify how the project can be funded.

HRH is looking to build seven 2-family houses to provide 14 housing units, expecting that the owner will live in one half while renting the other half to provide support for the mortgage payments. One ACD can also be incorporated as an additional rental.


To qualify, families would need to fall below \$50,000 in total annual income.

"You can't build affordable housing without some form of subsidy," Linge said.

The HRH anticipates that owners of the two-family units would not own the land and that the development would be created to remain as is for at least 50 years. Regulations would prohibit


absentee owners who would see the possibility of using the property as an investment enterprise.

Town board member Leo Blackman commented that many local jobs are in the hospitality sector. "There is a need for working people," Blackman said.




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Sports

Award-winning columnist mails it in

By the time this edition of this award-winning fishing column is published, I will be in the middle of a week's vacation near the Esopus Creek in Phoenicia, N.Y.

It's a pleasant situation. The best feature of the ancestral estate is the almost complete lack of electronic communications.

We do not have cable or internet. A usable cell signal requires a five-mile drive. And every time it rains, the landline sounds like a transmission from a cold and distant star.

So no streamside updates this time. This edition is filler. Darn good filler, but filler nonetheless.

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The Esopus, like the Housatonic, is big water for an 11-mile stretch from Allaben, N.Y. to the Ashokan Reservoir. Here an angler is patiently working pockets at the downstream end, below the Five Arches bridge in Boiceville.

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youtube.com/c/DrewLooknFishy): This guy has figured out how to spend a lot of time driving around the West fishing and camping out of his truck. Lots of dry-dropper rigs on small and medium-sized streams. Never gives directions, which is good, as these locations are mostly unspoiled. Bonus points for chanting "Hey, bear!" as he

makes his way through the undergrowth, and for securing his net to the frame with zip ties.

Alvin Dedeaux (www.youtube.com/c/AlvinDedeaux-FlyFishing): The chatty and humorous Alvin Dedeaux is a Texas guide specializing in fly-fishing for bass. Lots of in-the-boat stuff. When I retire, I'm going to hunt Alvin up and spend a couple days on his turf, if only for the running commentary.

At the Orvis website, there is a "how to" section that has lots of good material (www.howtoflyfish.orvis.com).

The king of this particular hill is Tom Rosenbauer, who is to fly-fishing what Bob Vila is to home improvement. (I am not the first to make this observation.)

Rosenbauer has the gift, in print or on video, of making the obscure comprehensible. One video has him with Euro-nymphing guru George Daniels, who writes books I don't understand.

When Daniels is talking and demonstrating, however, prompted by regular guy questions from Rosenbauer, all becomes clear. Bonus points for shooting this video on the Farmington River.

Let's wind this up with Connecticut's own Steve Culton, the courteous and popular proprietor of Current Seams (www.currentseams.com).

Culton is something of a boss fisherman, equally enthused by stripers and wild brookies.

I had the pleasure of fishing with him on the Housatonic a couple years back. Neither one of us did much, which pleased me in a perverse way.

And I learned a lot. You will too.



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The Esopus Creek near Phoenicia, N.Y. offers big water and a good look at the autumn foliage.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School loses 3-2 at Northwestern



PHOTO BY SAVAGE FRIEZE

HVRHS goalkeeper Caleb Rand in action during an Oct. 11 game at Northwestern Regional High School.



PHOTO BY SAVAGE FRIEZE

Carlos Lopez-Gonzalez scored two goals in Housatonic Valley Regional High School's 3-2 loss on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL



Rally thank yous!

Thank you to United States Senator Richard Blumenthal, United States Representative Jahana Hayes, State Representative Maria Horn, and State Representative Stephen Harding for standing with our local officials and community on October 16 as we rallied against the pending closure of maternity and the downgrading of the ICU at Sharon Hospital. We signed 336 letters that will be mailed to the Office of Health Strategy, and copies will be sent to the other CT State officials!

Public Hearing

The public hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 has been postponed, **but you can still submit testimony to ohs@ct.gov.** We will update our website and social media as soon as we know the new date.

We will still meet to testify together at the Sharon Town Hall for those who would like to join the Public Hearing via Zoom as a group **once the hearing is rescheduled.** You will still be able to access the Zoom link and testify from anywhere you have internet access.

Learn more at www.saves Sharon Hospital.org

HOSPITAL

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tion, and that Blumenthal has sent his own letter to OHS.

Several political figures spoke, starting with State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64).

She noted that Nuance is not arguing for closing labor and delivery in terms of safety or quality of care.

"It boils down to an assertion of high cost, and that can't be the end of the discussion. It should be the beginning of a conversation" about how to combine state, federal and community resources to keep the unit open.

Horn introduced Blumenthal, who reminded the crowd that he was state attorney general in 2000 when the hospital was purchased by Essent Healthcare.

Blumenthal said he was skeptical about changing the intensive care unit to a "progressive care unit."

(The reconfiguration of the ICU is the subject of a separate application by Nuance before state regulators.)

"I'm a progressive, but I want an intensive care unit," he said. "Once you start putting profits before patients, there is no telling where it will end."

U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) said she has sent her own letter to OHS, and expressed irritation that Nuance is going ahead with



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U.S. Representative Jahana Hayes (D-5) spoke out against closing Sharon Hospital's maternity unit.

its plan after Hayes voted for legislation that provided funds for community hospitals.

"Not on my watch," she said to cheers from the audience.

Gregg Pulver, the chair of the Dutchess County, N.Y. Legislature, said residents of Amenia and Millerton and other nearby towns in New York have just as much at stake as their Connecticut counterparts.

Pulver got caustic. "The idea that the CEO who made \$2.5 million two years ago and \$18 million last year can't figure out a way to keep maternity alive? That's bullcrap!"

Christopher Kennan, Town Supervisor of North

East (which includes Millerton), said towns such as Millerton and Amenia have young families who need women's health care services.

"We are just as much a part of this as you."

Several local residents told their stories of how Sharon Hospital responded quickly and efficiently to their obstetric emergencies.

State Representative Steven Harding (R-107), who is running for the state Senate's 30th District spoke. Chris DuPont (R), who is Horn's opponent in next month's election was on hand but did not speak, as was Harding's opponent, Democrat Eva Bermúdez Zimmerman.

Physicians Howard Mort-

"Once you start putting profits before patients, there is no telling where it will end."

Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senator (D-Conn)

man and David Kurish and financial expert Victor Germack also spoke at the rally.

Series of Roundtables

Their remarks were similar to what they said on Wednesday, Oct. 12, when Kent residents gathered at St. Andrew's Church to voice opposition to the planned reduction of Sharon Hospital services.

Similar roundtables were held in recent weeks in Sharon, Salisbury and Millerton, each led by a panel of Sharon Hospital physicians and SSH board members.

The audience heard from financial expert Victor Germack who spoke of the exemplary quality of care offered by Sharon Hospital, one of only four independent hospitals in the state.

"The devil is in the details," Germack said, urging listeners to delve more thor-

oughly into what is proposed and likely effects of those changes.

Kurish, a cardiologist with 43 years of local service at Sharon Hospital, opposed the proposed change, reducing intensive care to progressive care. He claimed an increasing delay in getting patients' test results back.

"Patients are needing to wait longer for their test results," Kurish said. He added that nurses want to use their depth of professional experience helping patients in intensive care, not in a progressive care unit. He warned that the hospital could degrade into an urgent care center.

"I can't understand why the community cannot support the full-service hospital, rather than losing services," Kurish said. "You have to have an ICU, or else you don't have a hospital," he

added.

Resident David Sturges of Kent spoke at the Oct. 12 roundtable. "Their job is to heal the sick, not to make money. You have a good full-service hospital at Sharon and it should be preserved," he said.

With 31 years of experience at Sharon Hospital, obstetrician Mortman reported at the Kent roundtable that in all his years of practice in Sharon, "I have not lost one mother"

"Patients' voices and experiences need to be heard," Mortman said, reminding listeners about the high volume of patients from New York who rely upon Sharon Hospital and who must not be overlooked.

Mortman spoke about emergencies to be dealt with speedily, within minutes in the case of obstetrical complications when there is no time to transport the patient to another facility. He hoped that Nuance would "come to the table" and find a way forward.

Little Guild's Run & Wag brings out 188 competitors

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The Little Guild's 9th Annual Run and Wag 5K took place in Cornwall on Saturday, Oct. 15 with 188 registered runners.

More than 70 competitors were six-legged teams consisting of a human and a dog.

"This is Connecticut's premiere human/dog race," said race director Rocco Botto.

Runners competed to win The Connecticut Doggy Cup, which denotes the fastest human/dog running team in the state.

Defending champion Brittany Telke ran with canine teammate Mazikeen. Telke held the dog and adult female team record with a time of 18:56.

"I set the record with another dog [in 2015]," said Telke.

The race included runners from eight categories: adult male; adult female; youth male; youth female; dog and adult male team; dog and adult female team; dog and youth male team; dog and youth female team.

Winners Telke and

Mazikeen lined up front and center as the race kicked off. 18 minutes and 49 seconds later, the duo crossed the finish line to claim victory once more and set the new record in their category.

"[It feels] good. We're actually a little faster than last year," said Telke.

In addition to the race, competitors, spectators and canines enjoyed live music and food on the village Green. The event benefited The Little Guild in West Cornwall, the Northwest corner's largest animal shelter.

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most window collisions occur at residential and low-rise buildings where sheet glass and plastic are widely used, often where good habitat is present.

Collisions tend to increase during spring and fall migration when birds are moving to the wintering grounds, but also during the breeding season when fledglings are learning to navigate their world.

Fortunately, we as homeowners, businesses owners, and people who simply appreciate the joy that birds bring us can take simple steps to reduce window collisions.

The first step is selecting a product that makes glass visible to birds. These include decals, strings, washable window paint, dots, and films that are often inconspicuous to us but highly visible to birds.

Second, the spacing of the items should be no more than 2 inches vertically and 4 inches horizontally to reduce the chance of birds flying through an opening.

These barriers should always be placed on the outside of the window.

For a full list of options to make your windows bird-safe, visit The Acopian Center for Ornithology's website at: www.aco.muhlenberg.edu

A final step we can take is making our windows safer for birds is considering our bird feeders.

Research recommends placing your feeder either within three feet of the near-



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Black and white warbler

est window (so that birds don't injure themselves upon liftoff) or more than 30 feet away so that feeding birds have plenty of distance to clear the house.

If you have a lot of birds visiting your yard, consider the potential impact of these solutions.

And that's just in one yard! The cumulative impact for towns across our county, state, and nation could save many millions of birds each year.

Remember that scenario of the small black and white bird? She's a real bird. Except in the real story, she survived and is currently receiving care in our wildlife rehabilitation clinic at Sharon Audubon Center.

Black and White Warblers will fly as far as Ecuador in South America, where they will overwinter in the lush tropical forests feeding on insects. She may yet have a long journey ahead of her. Let us all do our part to give birds like her a better chance.

To learn about making windows safer for birds, there is a program at the Sharon Audubon Center on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. For more information go to www.sharon.audubon.org/events.

Bethany Sheffer is Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center. Vicki Dauphinais of the Litchfield Hills Audubon Society contributed to this article.

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Indian Mountain School celebrated its 100th anniversary last week with the opening of a new field house and soccer field.

"Have we carried his vision?" she asked. "I believe we have. I believe he would be amazed."

IMS alum Emmett Morehead, who plays football at Boston College, thanked the

school for setting the stage for his subsequent success.

After the ribbon-cutting there was a soccer game on the new field, activities for children and a party for the grown-ups.

Salisbury Republican Town Committee

Meet Jordan Richards

Candidate for Litchfield Hills Probate Court

A graduate of Cornell University and Quinnipiac University Law School, Jordan has spent his entire professional career practicing Probate Law and has represented hundreds of clients in probate courts throughout Connecticut. While the primary business of the Probate Court is administering wills and adjudicating disputes over them, the court is also responsible for administering Guardianships for minors and Conservatorships for disabled or incompetent persons.

Jordan is a lifelong resident of Litchfield, where his family has lived for six generations. In addition to his law practice, Jordan is active in the Litchfield-Morris Rotary Club and serves as a member of the Litchfield Planning and Zoning Commission and is Vice Chair of the Litchfield Conservation Commission.

Jordan's opponent is a relative newcomer to Litchfield with little experience in probate law. Jordan believes the probate court needs an experienced and compassionate judge. If elected, he will be dedicated to "serving and protecting every person in the Litchfield Hills who finds their way to the court, including those who are unable to hire or afford an attorney."

Paid for by the Salisbury Republican Town Committee and approved by Mr. Richards.

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Can sex sell outside of the city?

The body was politic at the Spring/Break Art Show this September. Acting as alternative programming to the prestige Armory international art fair, Spring/Break showcases the off-beat and the underground, this year in the former offices of Ralph Lauren on Madison Avenue, New York. Under the banner of "The Naked Lunch" there was a healthy depiction of bare breasts, but there was also, in soft, dreamy acrylic, something unusual — large-scale, full frontal, male nudes.

Represented by Andrew Craven of Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., the work of Montreal-based painter Bruno Leydet is perhaps jarring to some by nature of its distinctly queer, casual approach. These aren't academic male nudes, Michaelangelo-style studies of power, but real men as seen privately through a voyeur's gaze — the viewer's, Leydet's, and their own. "Watch me watch me." Based on selfies taken by his subjects, the nudity echoes a sense of loneliness, but also anticipation. The mirror reflects

the gay man's desirous self-assessment of his body, alone at home before the arrival of a lover, or a stranger.

Leydet described his work to me as "definitely playful, it can be sexual, but it's also showing someone who's totally vulnerable. I'm trying to portray something that I find to be beautiful."

Craven has shown clothed works by Leydet in Kent, but admitted bringing a show of the full nudes to the country might pose a challenge.

The New York City art world exists at the intersection of three spheres of influence: economic privilege (the ability to buy art), mainstream liberalism (public-facing claims of inclusion), and the borderless, global interests of the major tech companies — Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Facebook (now called Meta), and Google's parent company Alphabet — whose surveillance-based market has largely supplanted the throne where once sat the global financial system. So the art scene of Litchfield County and its surrounding areas is an interesting parallel, a kind of heavier hourglass

— the sand falls the same way, even at a slower rate.

A challenge rural communities may face in a changing economic climate is high competition rates from e-commerce and their own slowed engagement with online capitalism. Small businesses that exist here but profit from a global audience are a rarity. John Kanell uses the backdrop of country life for his online cooking channel Preppy Kitchen, which reaches millions of subscribers on YouTube (owned by Google). That Google ad revenue would garner a creator like him an approximate yearly mid-six-figure, not counting additional revenue from sponsored ad deals on Instagram (owned by Meta). Designer Bunny William's brick-and-mortar retail store in Falls Village, Conn., is able to be backed by profit from her larger brand, which includes her partnership with Ballard Design, an omnichannel commerce division owned by the Fortune 500 company Qurate Retail.

Most local art-adjacent businesses — theater, cinemas, publishing — faced with a limited population of customers and our government's disinterest in arts funding, have taken on a nonprofit model. They exist thanks to donations by a circle whose personal wealth largely

reflects savings from a past financial market, not engagement with current tech.

In contrast, art galleries, whose profit is based on commissions from works sold, must succeed financially. They're also one of the few sectors of rural business reaching for a broader online audience.

"Since COVID, the art world has gone largely digital," said James Barron, whose eponymous gallery in Kent, Conn., operates under an appointment-only model as he shows and sells work online. Barron points to Instagram as not just advertising for his exhibitions, but a direct connection to buyers. When it comes to sexuality in art, Barron hasn't exactly shied away, previously showing exhibitions by the legendary transgender rock singer Jayne County, which included paintings titled "Attack of The Sodomites" and "Moses And The Burning Penis Bush."

"I would show anything in the gallery that I felt had artistic merit," Barron said, adding, "but that material would not work well on Instagram, it would be censored. Instagram is a viable selling platform, and even more viable after COVID, so I'm careful to crop or just show details online."

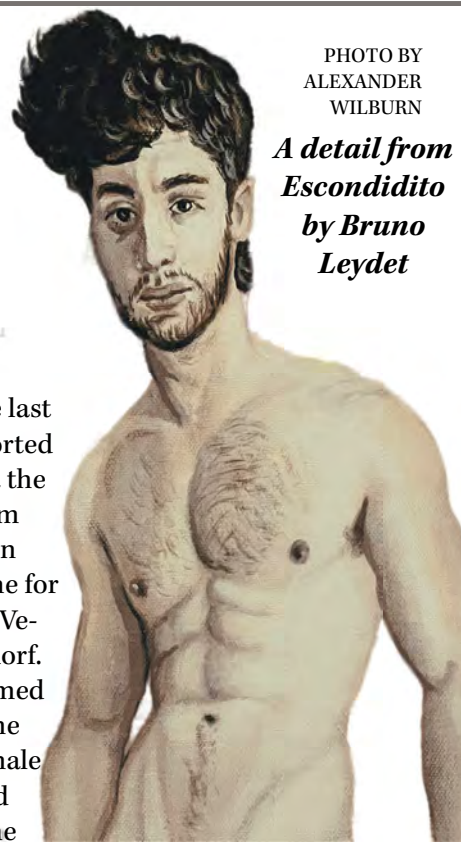
Barron is hardly the only one in the art world with online censorship on his mind. Despite creating pathways for community, social media as a democracy is an illu-

sion. This time last year, NPR reported that in Austria the Vienna Tourism Board had been censored online for a photo of the Venus of Willendorf. Facebook deemed the image of the Paleolithic female figurine carved from limestone

30,000 years ago to be downright X-rated. The Board mockingly protested against Meta by instead posting classic art to OnlyFans — a less regulated platform where users upload adult images behind a paywall. VICE also reported on the story, noting The Albertine Museum in Austria had their account on TikTok (a video-hosting app The New York Times called "Google for Gen Z") suspended for showing the work of Nobuyoshi Araki, a Japanese photographer of female nudes. For individual emerging artists, freedom of sexual expression can be a financial risk. This year in New York, as detailed in The Art Newspaper, Robert Andy Coombs, a disabled queer artist whose intimate photographs depict him nude in his wheelchair with other men, had his Instagram account deleted after his work was re-posted by the Lower East Side's 1969 Gallery to promote an exhibition he was in.

Bruno Leydet, who primarily finds his audience through Instagram, told me that censorship from the app's algorithm

PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN
A detail from Escondido by Bruno Leydet



has influenced his style — creativity from restriction. After an early painting depicting a model with an erection was flagged, he's painted his men in a more semi-flaccid state. He said the fine line of tiptoeing around the guidelines turned out to be beneficial. "I think it's more interesting and more exciting. It's not full-on erotic, there's ambiguity. It's good to have a little mystery."

Despite their intersection with the avenues governed by tech, galleries are still physical, open spaces — not storage for online sales. Especially outside of metropolitan centers, they are pillars for cultivating and expanding their region's cultural identity by showcasing tangible, contemporary art to the small-town public. But the question stands, when economic privilege and liberalism intersect in rural areas... just how "liberal" is that public?

Next week, the major voices of the area's art world on what they would and wouldn't show here.

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A Little Life

In 2015 Hanya Yanagihara, author and editor-in-chief of *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*, spoke to a packed room at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Conn., on the success of her novel, "A Little Life." She was — especially in an old New England inn surrounded by old New England preps — savvy, stylish, sardonic. "She was fabulous," one guest summed it up, and having not actually read the novel, turned to me to ask, "is the book fabulous?" I could only reply, "It's not that kind of book."

Despite being the certified book of the year in 2015, the kind of novel that not only winds up as a finalist for the National Book Award but also on Andy Cohen's Instagram, "A Little Life" is so unrelentingly, fantastically grim it's nearly operatic. An account of continuous child sexual abuse

and torture resulting in deep-set wounds in adulthood — both psychological and physically self-inflicted — "A Little Life" is the best-seller still deemed unfilmable. But not unstageable, according to Ivo van Hove. Despite being in his 60s, the Belgian director is still the bad boy of theater, luring and repelling audiences in equal measure with his stark, broad and extreme interpretations of classics like "West Side Story," "All About Eve" and "The Crucible." Like vampire plays, van Hove's works are cold to the touch and brimming with rage, but it is perhaps only on the stage, where events are both interpretive and immediate, that Yanagihara's harsh fairy tale can unfold.

"A Little Life" will have its U.S. premiere at BAM (*The Brooklyn Academy of Music*) in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Oct. 20.

Medea at The Met Opera

And you thought your ex was bad. The mythological mother of bad mothers, Medea remains a puzzle in the pantheon of Greek tragedy — victim and villain, young lover and crone, a mad lady of sorrows and a rueful, scheming sorceress. Made infamous by the classical tragedy by Athenian playwright Euripides, Medea's plot against her ex-husband Jason (of *The Argonauts* and *The Golden Fleece*) by murdering their sons, and his new wife, has enraptured audiences for centuries with its primal, feminine rage. The opera comique by Romantic composer Luigi Cherubini premiered in Paris in 1797 and now comes to The Met Opera for the first time with Canadian-American soprano



Medea by Frederick Sandys

Sondra Radvanovsky taking center stage in the grand, challenging role as one of mythology and art's most brilliantly, unabashedly angry female antiheroes.

"Medea" will broadcast as part of *The Met Opera Live in HD* on Oct. 22 at both *Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.*, and *The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.*

The Myth of Persephone

For those seeking a family-friendly version of Ovid is a new show from Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater. The grassroots children's acting workshop is the brainchild of artistic director Leslie Elias and has been engaging elementary school actors for over 40 years. Elias' open atmosphere of play grants stage opportunities for budding thespians at all levels, giving roles to autistic performers and fostering a range

of gender expression for her young ensemble. *Il ratto* is now *mito* in "The Myth of Persephone: How The Seasons Came to Be," which will also act as an ASL (American Sign Language) lesson, with children signing their parts to the audience, helping introduce other children to the manual language of the U.S.'s deaf communities.

Grumbling Gryphons will perform on Nov. 5 and 6 at *Cornwall Library, in Cornwall, Conn.*



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Bones And All

After the success of his Best Picture-nominated "Call Me By Your Name," Italian director Luca Guadagnino, a kind of Visconti heir apparent known for his sun-dappled films of simmering emotion and European beauty, turned to horror. His 2018 re-imagining of Dario Argento's ballerina bloodbath giallo, "Suspiria," sharply divided audiences, but horror seems to be where Guadagnino is staying for the moment. His new art-house film, "Bones and All," based on the novel by Camille DeAngelis, teams the director once again with his "Call Me

By Your Name" muse Timothée Chalamet in a romance between two teenage cannibals. Yes, you read that correctly. Gritty, grizzly, and poignant, at the New York Film Festival screening Guadagnino said, "It's about our heroes being these two young, beautiful creatures who have to face a lot of adversities, and they have to overcome probably the biggest one — being who they are, and how they can survive being who they are."

"Bones and All" will screen as part of *Film-Columbia at Crandell Theater in Chatham, N.Y.* on Oct. 24.

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The 20th Harp Guitar Gathering will take place October 28-30 in Sharon, Connecticut, at Silver Lake Retreat Center (223 Low Road).

It'll be hosted again by Stephen Bennett - who, along with his wife Nancy, moved to the Northwest Corner last year.

In case you're interested in hearing some harp guitar music, and really, why wouldn't you be?

A pre-Gathering concert will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, 7:30 PM

at The Center on Main in Falls Village. \$15 admission.

It will feature Harp Guitarists Andy Wahlberg (FL), Travis Bowman (AR) and Matt Thomas (VA).

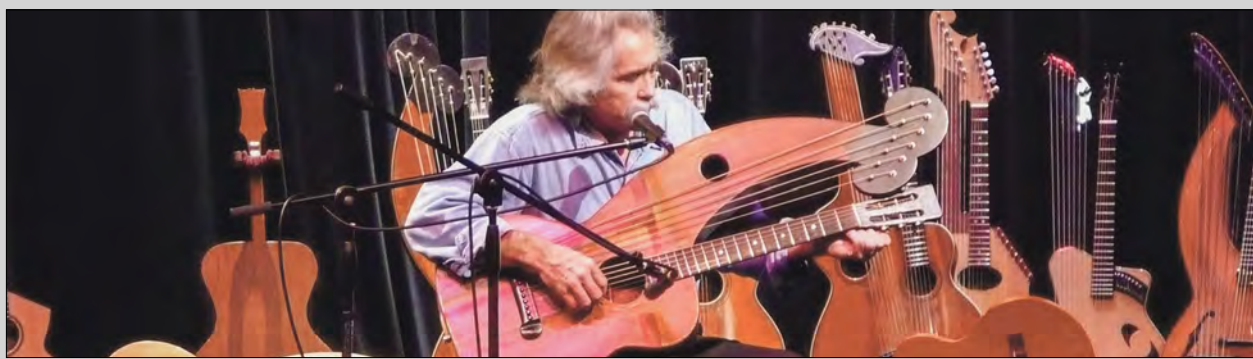
There are two concerts which are open to the public: Saturday, Oct. 29th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, Oct. 30th at 3:00 PM.

Both will be in the building at Silver Lake called The Cedars. \$15 admission at the door.

Appearing at these two concerts will be Stephen Bennett (CT), Muriel Anderson (TN) (*Sunday only*) and Dave Powell (ID), along with Andy, Travis and Matt (of the Wednesday night concert), among others!

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EDITORIAL

We should all feel safe in our own homes

There are some reading this who have experienced violence in their homes in the past year. For some of us, it may have been the first time such ugly and unwelcome treatment surfaced in what should be a place of refuge. But the repercussions of the life- and society-changing pandemic still affect all our lives, no matter what we may try to gloss over out of self preservation.

Would it be better to be able to go back to pre-COVID life? Few of us at the time, say 2019, would have said, "This moment is the ideal, to which we will always ever after strive." Yet that happened.

So we try to make the best of what we do have. And bear in mind that we may look back on this time, too, and hold it up as the new ideal for one reason or another. But for those who have found too much too overwhelming to handle and resorted to abusing their closest companions, and those who are their targets, it's important to remember there is help available to deal with it. One such place is Women's Support Services (WSS) in Lakeville.

Speaking with WSS Executive Director Betsey Mauro recently, she was clear about the fact that the reasons for patterns of abuse in any home are complicated, and that it's hard to point to one cause for it. There are behaviors and patterns of power and control that people use to harm a partner, and cause and effect aren't that easy to pin down.

But, over the pandemic shutdown phase, she said, it was less safe for people to reach out to hotlines for help. The level of violence escalated, there was much more stress, but people waited longer to reach out for help because they were often in constant proximity to their abuser.

Mauro said the client need has gone up about 30% in the past two years. Their shelter, and all those across the state, are busy and full. The shelters all cooperate to be sure clients are cared for, however. "It's an honor for us to do this work," she said. "We couldn't do it without the support of the community."

WSS is in its 40th year serving area communities, and Mauro said they are here because of a commitment, their own and that of regional residents, to a healthier community. Abuse cuts across all lines. "It's often hidden," she said. But it's likely that each of us has been affected in one way or another by violence in the home.

Mauro was also clear that donations are crucial to their being able to continue their work. Community support and encouragement keep them going. Their mission is to build trust with their clients, to make sure that traumatized people feel safe. "We want to support them and want them to succeed."

This is Domestic Violence Awareness month, so a time to consider healthier approaches to our own relationships and to support those who have continuing challenges that may cause irreparable damage.

Women's Support Services Key Statistics and Services July 2021 to June 2022

Provided support services to 821 clients, 412 of whom were new clients. This is a nearly 30% increase in two years.

The composition of new clients includes 381 adults and 31 children, 297 female, 111 male clients and 4 clients who chose 'Other.'

Responded to 1485 hotline crisis requests — a nearly 65% increase in two years.

Provided emergency shelter to 20 people for a total of 2,135 nights of shelter. This included 11 women, 2 men, and 7 children. Provided criminal and civil court advocacy and support to 670 victims of family violence — a 44% increase over two years. Conducted 194 prevention workshops to children and teens in area schools.

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Geographic breakdown of new clients:

- 134 our six towns
- 220 New Milford, Roxbury, Bridgewater (court clients)
- 15 Out of State (NY border)
- 43 Other Connecticut

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Witchy visitors to Salisbury Central's lawn

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revenge against Alex Jones

Last week Alex Jones' extremist lies finally caught up with him to the tune of almost a billion dollars. A Connecticut jury ordered him to pay up for calling the Sandy Hook massacre a "hoax" and its victims "crisis actors." Those families have been vilified, threatened, and harassed mercilessly ever since Jones decided that their misery could be translated into higher ratings and millions in ad revenue. But thanks to phony bankruptcies, secret accounts and legal delays, Jones may never pay anything.

We know why he has picked on Sandy Hook and other mass shooting victims. The conspiracy theorist and right-wing radio loudmouth has been trying to discredit those of us who want to end to gun violence in this country, and grieving families are an easy target for a coward. But that won't work here. Our best revenge: passing more sensible gun laws in Washington.

Thanks to the efforts of our 5th District Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the first major law

to curb gun violence in 30 years. As the wife of a Waterbury police officer, she recognizes that there are many law-abiding gun owners here, but she also supports reforms like banning assault weapons and ghost guns.

And that's exactly what will infuriate Alex Jones. Let's show Jones and his wacko followers that we will continue our efforts to stop gun violence. We need to reelect Rep. Jahana Hayes on Nov. 8th to the U.S. Congress.

Frank Fitzmaurice Sharon

Hayes' tight race is no surprise

Jahana Hayes deserves to be re-elected as Connecticut's 5th District United States Representative to Congress. But her close race is not surprising. While 5th District Democrats have rallied behind her, she needs to win over independents and the undecided. Lawn signs do not do that. Political ads can. Hayes' opponent, George Logan, is unfit for office. But his ads appeared early on and have been compelling. In contrast, Jahana Hayes ignored his attacks for months; resulting in a tight race. She not only lost momentum, but put herself at a disadvantage in having to now change opinions rather than shape them. While her advertising campaign has finally taken off, it does not appear to be a winning one.

As an effective incumbent, Jahana Hayes has a distinct advantage over Logan. She can tout her accomplishments in concrete terms, as has been the case with Ned Lamont and Richard Blumenthal. So, for example, she has a solid track record in addressing the economy, healthcare, climate change and the envi-

ronment, to name a few areas of important concern. Instead, she talks primarily values, "leaving no one behind" and displays the wide grin portrayed by those demeaning her as "laughing off" problems confronting us.

Importantly, she has refrained from responding to Logan's unfair attacks. The 2004 presidential campaign should have taught Democrats a profound lesson. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate, ignored the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ads that questioned his Vietnam service. He was advised that by ignoring the ads, their impact would go away. But that did not happen and he lost the election. Hayes and her campaign advisers have not learned from history.

On the positive side, it is not too late for Jahana Hayes to widen the gap and win. Hopefully, her campaign moves forward into full gear and showcases her track record; letting everyone know why she is the proven candidate.

Danella Schiffer

Salisbury

Vote for Harding on Nov. 8

Despite the landscape being blanketed with blue yard signs, perhaps you've seen the few for Stephen Harding's low-budget campaign for state Senate and wondered, as I have, about his bid for that office.

Steve was up here again from Brookfield for the Fall Festival, and I had the plea-

sure of getting to know him. Even though he's a practicing attorney, I found him to be very personable, spirited, and well informed. From Steve we can expect constructive solutions based on common sense rather than his supporting the longstanding tax-and-spend policies of the Democrats.

What a refreshing change it would be to vote for the better qualified candidate rather than a partisan hack.

Peter Becket

Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1922

Miss Jennie Clark who was injured by falling in a ditch which was covered with leaves, near the residence of D.P. Fackler, has now sufficiently recovered to be able to get around the house, having been suffering with a badly injured knee for a number of weeks.

The many friends of Mr. Richard N. Barnum, formerly of Lime Rock, will be very pleased to learn that he is fast gaining a very enviable position for himself in the auto manufacturing world. Some time ago he was elected vice president of the Mercer Motor Co.

Louis Goderis has added a Chevrolet truck to his market delivery.

LIME ROCK — John Lowe Jr. had the misfortune to fracture his wrist while cranking a car.

50 years ago — October 1972

U.S. Air Force 2nd Lieut. Ralph H. Stanton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Stanton of Salisbury Road, Canaan, has arrived for duty at Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana, on his initial assignment. Lieutenant Stanton, an administrative officer, is assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

All gasoline tanks at service stations along Route 7 from Lime Rock to Cornwall Bridge will be tested for leaks, Dr. G.S. Gudernatch, town health director, said Tuesday. A leaking tank at the Phillips 66 station just north of Cornwall Bridge was discovered Sept. 9, more than a month after routine water tests by Jon Baran, State Sanitarian, showed gasoline traces in the water of the Elms Restaurant, the Housatonic Motor Court and Dun Rollin Motel.

Lottie Goslar, described as "one of the funniest things on legs" at the opening of an important dance series in New York earlier this month, will be performing on what is now home ground when she brings her Pantomime Circus to the Hotchkiss School Theater Nov. 1. Born in Dresden, Germany, Miss Goslar now resides in

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Thanks from former Millerton News editor Whitney Joseph

As many of those reading this newspaper may know, I stepped down as editor of The Millerton News in September, after 20 years on the job.

In May I returned to my home state of Florida, and was well aware that my leaving the paper was the next logical step. After all, The Millerton News built its reputation as an award-winning local community newspaper due largely to its hard-working and dedicated staff — and it needs boots on the grounds to remain relevant and productive.

When my publisher learned of my plans to move, I was given a three-month grace period to remain editor. That stretched to six months, thanks to my capable and diligent staff and colleagues. I am extremely grateful to them all, and for that extra time. Making the decision to step away from my job and my life did not come easily, yet it was the best decision for me personally and, hopefully in the near future, professionally.

Please know how honored I was to helm such a lively paper, covering news that affected your — our — everyday lives. It was a privilege to get to know so many people in the community while reporting on important news and events. My goal was to also always write editorials that were respectful of all

sides and of all people no matter my personal position. I hope I succeeded in that effort.

Thank you to all who read and supported The Millerton News during my editorship, for welcoming the newspaper into your lives and for sharing a bit of your world with us. To those with whom I chatted, interviewed, photographed and perhaps even grilled during my tenure, I so appreciate your time and your willingness to let me do so.

A special thanks to the local leaders and volunteers for their service, and for sharing their time and their expertise with me. That spirit of community and conviviality — threaded throughout the Harlem Valley and its environs — is why I loved being your editor. It is what makes Millerton, North East, Amenia, Pine Plains, Millbrook and Washington, plus all of our other communities, so special. It is what makes The Millerton News so special, too.

Best of luck to you all, and please continue to support this amazing little newspaper — and each other — as you move forward.

Whitney Joseph
Former editor,
The Millerton News

Tallahassee, Fla.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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Cornwalls. Last April she purchased the country home of the late Dr. and Mrs. Russell Potter, her closest American friends since her arrival in this country in 1938 with the famed Pepper Mill Revue.

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Those small white objects that fell in Lakeville and elsewhere in Northwest Connecticut during several periods Sunday weren't confetti, Grandma — they were honest-to-goodness snow as a cold front passed through accompanied by high winds. Snow flurries as early as Oct. 15 aren't unheard of, but they

are unusual. Some areas reported brief flurries earlier, on Oct. 9.

Sixth District Congresswoman Ella Grasso called on the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission this week to delay further decisions on abandonment of rail freight lines in Connecticut and elsewhere until Congress has the opportunity to consider her bill to provide a federal-state subsidy for such rail operations over short routes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart Vining of East Canaan will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday. They will attend services at the Colebrook Congregational Church where Mr. Vining has been a member for over 60 years and Mrs. Vining for nearly as long.

25 years ago — October 1997

The state has turned down an application for a loan for much-needed exterior repairs at Wangum Village inn Canaan. The letter from the Department of Housing said only that the application was "not being considered," North Canaan Housing Au-

thority board member Trudy Washburn said this week.

The Town Grove's septic system may have to be linked to the town's sewer, forcing the town to pay for a 710-foot connection to the sewer system on Elm Street. John Whalen, the director of the town's sewer plant, said First Selectman Robert Smithwick first asked him about tying into the town sewer last week.

Meryl Streep and Sam Waterston will headline "An Afternoon of Poetry and Peaceful Song" Sunday at Hotchkiss School. The event will feature poetry readings from Ms. Streep and Mr. Waterston, along with songs from The Berkshire Children's Chorus, and will benefit the Northwest Center for Family Service and Mental Health.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harding is the one for the 30th

In this year's race for the 30th State Senate District, voters are faced with a clear choice.

Stephen Harding has spent his entire life living in and serving the 30th District. He's a graduate of Brookfield High School, and is married to a schoolteacher in the New Milford public school system. Steve served on the Brookfield Board of Education before being elected to the state legislature. Steve is serving his fourth term in the legislature and is currently the ranking member of the environment committee. Working alongside Senator Miner, Steve has worked to protect Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon, other public spaces and local

natural resources. Steve has also worked hard to protect educational funding to our local communities. Steve is well liked by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in Hartford, and helped craft a bi-partisan budget curbing tax increases.

Steve's opponent, Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, is not from the district and has never held any elective office. Ms. Zimmerman, a Hartford native, is in reality a classic political opportunist shopping for a district to run in. She only registered to vote in the 30th district around one year ago. Once appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Newtown town council, she lost her attempt at election to this same town council the

following year; was trounced for election to the state Legislature in 2016; and lost her party's nomination for lieutenant governor in 2018. Her only record of "public service" is as an "organizer" for the far-left Service Employees International Union (SEIU). There's little doubt on how she'll vote on state contracts affecting public service unions.

In the 30th district State Senate race, Steve Harding far better reflects the mainstream values of our community. He has a record of accomplishment, and he's a lifelong resident of the district.

Thaddeus Gray

Lakeville

Steve Harding for the 30th District

Connecticut's 30th State Senate District, stretching from Brookfield and parts of Bethel and Danbury all the way up to the Massachusetts border, has long been represented by a distinguished line of moderate Republicans. From Dell Eads, who held the seat for 20 years, to Andrew Roraback to Craig Miner, who is retiring after three terms, these moderate Republicans have not only attracted votes from Democrats and Independents, they have a long track record of working across the aisle to achieve solutions to problems facing the State.

Steve Harding, currently serving his fourth term in the General Assembly where he represents Brookfield and parts of Bethel and Danbury,

is a worthy successor to these public servants. In the General Assembly, Steve is the ranking member of the Environment Committee and has served for seven years on the Judiciary Committee. In addition to his law practice in Danbury and his service in the Legislature, he has served on numerous town boards and commissions in his hometown of Brookfield, including the Board of Education and the Zoning Board of Appeals. His wife Kelly is a teacher in the New Milford schools and Steve has been endorsed by the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut.

Steve's opponent, Eva Zimmerman, is a newcomer to the District and has run unsuccessfully for the

Newtown Town Council, the General Assembly's 106th District and Lt. Governor. She serves as an organizer and leader of the Service Employees International Union in Connecticut and Massachusetts, which would raise conflict of interest issues in connection with voting on state labor contracts.

Steve Harding has a track record of advocating for lower taxes, support for Connecticut law enforcement and protecting our open spaces. Steve will ably represent the interests of the 30th District and deserves your vote on Nov. 8.

Tom Morrison

Chair,
Salisbury Republican Town
Committee
Salisbury

Loss of police should lead to thinking of new de-escalation

After the ambush in Bristol on Oct. 12, the crime of Officer Alex Hamzy and Sergeant Dustin DeMante being killed intentionally by a pair of biological brothers, the time for mourning and reflection has spread across Connecticut and beyond. There will be a joint funeral service in East Hartford on Friday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m., which we can all join in by taking time for at least a moment of silence but hopefully longer with some quiet time or a walk or connecting with another for prayers and reflection. We can find time then or over the following days to give thanks and even ring a bell or making a toast to the heroic officers who lost their lives and their families as well as a third brave Officer Alec Iurato who was able to stop shooter Nicholas Brucher, unfortunately only by firing a fatal shot.

All of the people in service fields especially those that can put their lives in danger deserve our utmost respect and ways to de-escalate the risk that they may face. That can include

driving and living as safely and reasonably as possible, with plans and agreements that are followed for asking for help and not allowing small things to become major issues.

Having medical check-ups and allowing others to drive and assist one in making longer-term care or life plans then finding support to make the transitions over time to follow through with needed steps is a pattern more can join in with team efforts. All of these routine matters and bigger efforts can involve a kind of ministry of care and support. Living, driving and walking across streets with care and looking both ways especially during this time of school and colder weather are simple ways to remember to take precautions.

De-escalating conflicts and finding support are also ways to honor the legacy of those lost but never forgotten.

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village

Sara died too young, in the 1960s

I remember Sara, I knew her when I was growing up in a small town in northwest Connecticut. She was a lovely blue-eyed girl with streaky blond hair and a quick smile. She was four years older than I. She went to New York City and found a job in an office and sadly got involved with her married boss.

She was not ready emotionally or financially to become a mother but finding herself pregnant in the late 1960s she had no safe alternatives. A friend drove her to Harlem and said Sara was

very scared and nervous getting out of the car. Later she was found dead, having bled to death on the table used by the illegal and untrained abortionist.

When Roe vs. Wade went through, I thought of Sara. That ruling would have saved her life. The Supreme Court has now annulled that right, and Sen. Lindsey Graham confirmed that Republicans want to pass a 15-week national abortion ban. Make no mistake, more women will die like Sara.

That is why we need to

re-elect Democrats like Congresswoman Jahana Hayes. She will vote for a women's health bill in Congress and get it signed by the president, which would finally bring women's reproductive health rights to all women in the country. Only through this legislation, which Congresswoman Hayes supports, will we not have to see more young women like Sara needlessly suffer and die.

Liz Piel

Sharon

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PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Viewpoint

Democracy in decline, prey to numbness and inaction

This infrequent column always strives to take the long view. Here is a very long one: Governance by representative democracy is but a hiccup in the history of the world. From time immemorial, human societies have been ruled by autocracies that oppress the vast majority of people who are not in the tiny ruling class.

Autocracy was our collective past, and may well be our collective future.

Montesquieu (1689-1755) wrote that the basic principle of democracy is “the love of the laws and of [the] country,” and that it requires “a constant preference of public to private interest” on the part of individuals who aspire to hold public office, and “self-renunciation” in favor of service to the greater good. Democracy can be fatally corrupted, he wrote,

by “the spirit of inequality,” which he defined as some citizens seeking to advance their own agendas and private interests at the expense of the others, including the acquisition of political power over those others. Montesquieu believed that democracy would only work for modestly sized states.

In the 22nd century — should human beings survive that long on Earth — it feels to me at the moment that the era of representative democratic governance will be gone. Looking back from then, historians will judge that the era notable for such attributes as fair-mindedness, attempts to better the lives of the poor, and capitalism that “works” for the benefit of the majority of people lasted less than 300 years total, from the latter part of the 18th century until

the middle of the 21st.

Democracy’s initial blossoming coincided with the onset of capitalism. Adam Smith’s major work on capitalism and the Declaration of Independence were both issued in 1776. Future historians will take as a given that large-scale democracy could not have prevailed if not in tandem with capitalism.

However, today we are in the throes of what has been termed “end-stage capitalism,” with the vast majority of added wealth increasingly going to a very privileged few, and the remainder of us dividing a smaller pie. The decline of democracy and the updraft of wealth to the very

top tier are inextricably tied, and one of the characteristics of today’s vote-denial movement is that the very wealthy are using the undereducated and the severely impoverished to accomplish their ends, while allowing that underclass to take the brunt of the criticism for what the privileged want and from which the very rich will benefit the most.

To maintain our democracy requires that citizens are able to vote in a free and fair manner for our leaders, and to do so while taking for granted that the decision of the majority will then be accepted by those who backed the candidates who did not win. In this regard we should remember that other coun-

tries such as Russia regularly hold what they label as votes of the populace, and then tout the results to show that their leaders have been “democratically” chosen and their decisions validated, even though that is far from the truth. The recent votes in the eastern provinces of Ukraine, to become part of Russia — votes held at actual gunpoint, by armed men going house to house — are a case in point. We should also remember that Hitler was elected more-or-less democratically.

Today’s American election deniers, and those pledged to overturn the votes of the people if those votes don’t agree with the pledgers’ picks, and the racially and politically motivated gerrymanderers, and the judges bent on destroying the Constitution in the guise of defending it, are

gaining ground rapidly. I am not sanguine that their rising tide can be stopped, because the vast majority of us are so content with our lot that we cannot believe we will lose anything of value to us should the deniers take over.

So please vote in the upcoming election. It will likely be your last chance to do so in a free and fair way, and in a representative democracy, and for candidates pledged to the continuance of our democratic institutions and way of life. If you don’t vote in 2022, by 2024 the issue may be moot.

Democracy will likely not die in fire but in the ice of numbness and inaction.

Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written more than two dozen books and many television documentaries.

THE LONG VIEW
TOM SHACHTMAN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need to protect our fragile democracy now

The chaos and political discord in the United States now is both demoralizing and chilling. Where is the respect for each other and the truth? It is clear our democracy is in trouble.

The polarizing effects of social media is one reason for all the havoc in our country. Through social media, fear can be manipulated toward Jewish people, Black people, Muslims, immigrants, Latinos, etc. This fear is used by the rich and powerful to their advantage. What is worse is, it’s happening globally. The rise in nationalism and bigotry is history repeating itself, echoing World War II. Have

we gotten to the point where repeating a lie long enough becomes the truth?

The current dysfunction of the United States government didn’t just happen with the appearance of Donald Trump. He certainly exploited the truth and used American’s divided issues of race as his platform, but racism has always been the rot of America. It pervades our society in every area: police interactions, job applications, housing, health care, equal pay, etc. Trump’s rhetoric heightened the fear and bigotry in people despite the increase of diversity in America.

Our political parties reflect the terrible discord of our country. It seems that the quest for votes excuses the strategies of extremism and lies. Immigrants are being used as human pawns to make a political statement. Groups are using violence to establish their opinions. The increase in tribalism in America is dangerous and becoming the norm.

Our nation cannot go down this road if we want to preserve our democracy. We are facing threats at home and abroad undermining our right to free and fair self-government. No one is or should be above the law. When we

start to excuse the rich and powerful from their crimes, we are eroding the faith people have in our Constitution and our nation. Have we forgotten about the effort to take down the Justice Department and the FBI?

Our standing in the world has declined enormously. How can our government give direction to other governments when we can’t fix our own?

I can only hope that as badly as our democracy has been bruised, we protect our country from further damage.

Gretchen Gordon
Sharon

Sidney Poitier

He and his wife visited Salisbury looking to buy a house. Could you have had a cooler experience than seeing him at the yogurt counter?

My dear likker lady who professes to love him said he always played parts which did not demean him. He would never play a

thief, she said. I can’t think if she’s right.

This all comes to mind because, at the behest of my extraordinary middle daughter, she and I went to the Sharon Playhouse to see their production of “A Raisin in the Sun”.

I have seen the play many times, but of course nothing will obliterate the great Sidney Poitier as Walter Lee Younger. I did not see him on stage, I was a tad too young, but I have seen the film many times and taught it many more.

The Sharon production was excellent. Well cast and directed.

And what a thrill to see so many Blacks on our stage, which was imaginatively moved so that we were all sitting on it!

Lorraine Hansberry, who became hugely famous with “Raisin,” was asked to opine on the state of Blacks, or perhaps Negroes, in America.

She said, and of course I paraphrase, “I’m not so much writing about Negroes, but about a particular Black family in a particular flat on Chicago’s South Side.

I make no general statement.”

She died of cancer at 34.

I am friends with the Chair of Writers’ Theater in Glencoe Illinois, right up the road from the now infamous Highland Park.

When Writers does a Black play, East Texas Ho-

links by Eugene Lee, comes to mind, the company leaders take the company to the police department to introduce them so the coppers know these are not robbers

or worse and should not be stopped for a frisk. Or worse. These are artists. And they will regale you.

Can you believe this

has to happen? Again, as I have written, this is the North Shore of Chicago.

We’ll get you half price! Says the theater.

I guess that surveillance did not have to happen in Sharon, God willing.

The Johnny Carson show comes to mind. Forty years ago he had Poitier and Harry Belafonte on for their 50th birthdays.

Both Island lads and now a half a Century.

Carson asked Belafonte, what is it like. Belafonte talked. And talked. Carson, who had had a time with W. H. Auden — who are these artists? — Auden said, “The greatest evils of the 20th Century are the internal combustion engine and THE CAMera,” Carson went to a break — did not know how to quiet Belafonte. Finally, he quieted himself.

Carson turned to Poitier and said, Sidney, what is it like for you to be 50?

Poitier got up from his chair, went right to the camera, did a perfect pirouette and returned to his seat, having uttered not a sound.

O, Sidney, right here in the Northwest Corner, we would have counseled each other on the yogurt.

Lonnie Carter is a playwright, Obie winner and his signature play is “The Sovereign State of Boogedy Boogedy.”

Exit, voice, loyalty: Treatise still applies today

A slim, muscular treatise “Exit, Voice, Loyalty: Response to Decline in Firms, Organizations, and States” was published by Albert Hirschman of Princeton in 1970. Hirschman cited three ways people react to deterioration, dissatisfaction with any organization as Exit, Voice, and Loyalty. Exit is to leave, vote with ones feet while Loyalty retards Exit to exercise Voice, when permitted, to clarify dissatisfaction, advocate for change, promote betterment in product, policy, organization.

Daily we see this treatise in action. In Russia, a hundred thousand men have Exited in resistance to Putin’s move to beef up his large yet puny military through conscription. Roads at Russian borders are laden with abandoned vehicles as this Exit of Russians now adds to the thousands who fled at the outset of Putin’s Ukraine

Project (the invasion of Ukraine) in March.

Russia has no viable independent Voice mechanisms, the vote is rigged, Putin is always the far away winner in any election. Citizen Voice is muted and those individuals daring Voice opposition are silenced — incarcerated or assassinated. They are Exited; fear, not Loyalty, is the counterweight.

Some here at home assess the GOP as deteriorating. Its voting suppressions, its denial of a presidential election outcome, its pending laws to have state legislatures override voters, the slate of GOP candidates who are extreme, dishonest, over the moon on removing and intensifying constricts on women’s rights.

Many of us sincerely question why, given the prevalent violent rhetoric and daily incitements, traditional Republicans are silent — dead silent: Trump threatens Mc-

Connell, Trump takes government documents to his resort, Lake struts her denial script, Mastriano swells his violence rich rhetoric on women, on democracy, Vance espouses support for women being ready victims of marital abuse. MAGA conspiracy theories trumpet rampant pedophilia by Democratic opponents.

In this mayhem, Republican Sen. Ben Sasse is Exiting. Sasse of Nebraska, re-elected to the U.S. Senate in 2020 through 2026, is expected to resign his Senate chair. Sasse will return to academia as University of Florida’s president. He leaves a chamber of silence where traditional Republican Voice is seemingly repressed, snuffed out. Sasse perhaps is joining a cadre of former Republicans Exiting a party under the auspices of a conspiracy laden base with 45 in the lead.

Will more Exits come on

the right, for what is right? Will Senators as they resign/ Exit their offices this fall Voice appraise candidates running to replace them: Toomey in Pennsylvania, Portman in Ohio, Blunt in Missouri. One may not agree politically with those retiring but one didn’t question their character.

When Loyalty is tattered, when Voice is denied then Exit is imminent, demise is assured. Let’s hear from all — a plethora of Voices — for the principles and practice of democracy and decency.

November 8th is fast coming. Can we prevent here Joseph Stalin’s conviction: It is enough that the people know there was an election. The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon

What a group of women to vote for in northwest Connecticut this election season

Through the magic of re-districting, I feel like I won the Trifecta! There are three intelligent, well spoken, well informed, caring and feisty women that I get to vote for on Nov. 8: Congresswoman Jahana Hayes, State Senate Candidate Eva Bermudez Zimmerman and State Representative Maria Horn.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes is on two important committees: Education & Labor, where she fights for the education, well being and safety of America’s students and also for workers, making sure they get a fair shake; Agriculture, fighting for our small family farms, so they

have a say against the huge farming centers of the West, and so they can be there for our children and grandchildren.

Our congresswoman serves as the Chairwoman for the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight and Department Operations, believing that a hungry child cannot learn. She also serves on the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.

Eva Bermudez Zimmerman is a dynamo. Eva fights for union workers, education, the environment, LGBTQ rights and healthcare. Eva received the Latino Person of the Year from the

Connecticut Legislature for signing up 15,000 people for the Affordable Care Act. Eva fights for causes she believes in.

Representative Maria Horn is up for re-election in the Connecticut 64th District, but is new to the voters of Washington. Maria chairs the Public Safety Committee, and serves on the Environment Committee and Energy & Technology Committee. She previously served as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee. All this since coming into office in 2018! All three women work for Women’s Rights, small businesses, the environment, Vot-


ing Rights, Affordable Housing, Gun sense Legislation, First Responders, Veterans and Social Security and Medicare.

All three have worked on both sides of the aisle to promote bipartisanship. I admire all three women immensely.

Everything is on the line this year. I strongly encourage each of you to join me in voting for the entire Democratic slate of strong, qualified people who care about us.


Mary T. Weber
Washington, Conn.

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Koi harvesting proceeded in earnest at Broccoli Hall, home of author Maxine Paetro on Thursday, Oct. 13. Friends gathered to watch the herding and sorting maneuvers under the direction of John Clark of Northeastern Aquatics of Rhinebeck.

Pursuing koi breed as a serious passion

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — Not only is Maxine Paetro a celebrated author, she is also a serious breeder of serious fish, the genetically delicate koi, known as shusui, and more specifically, ki shusui.

The “ki” means “yellow.” The “shusui” means “autumn sky” in Japanese.

“We’ve been trying to breed these fish for 13 or 14 years,” Paetro commented during a walk to breeding ponds at her farm, Broccoli Hall, “and we’ve done it.” The project began in 2006.

The task of periodically gathering the koi within the pond in order to separate and cull them is essential to the project, allowing Paetro to identify and retain the ki shusui, while sending the others off to a commercial koi breeder.

Spectators and friends gathered pond-side under cloudy skies on Thursday, Oct. 13, to witness the process, under the direction of John Clark of Northeastern Aquatics of Rhinebeck. He managed the large net that was slowly gathered in as part of the herding process, bringing the fish together at the shallower part of the pond. The specially bred yellow (ki) shusui stood out against the other colors.

Clark, who has 40 years of experience with fish farming, would take away the larger, mature koi of other colors and markings. Koi is really a type of carp, he explained.

“Koi is one of the species I grow myself,” Clark said, adding that koi are incredible and highly prized for garden ponds.

Genetics are profound for koi, he explained. Paetro has intensely concentrated on ki shusui and she has achieved her goal, creating a population of

healthy, mature metallic yellow koi.

We term the fish “elusive” in part because there is no return on the investment, Paetro said. This ki shusui is the only fish I am going to make, Paetro added, indicating that her goal has been to stabilize the breed. Paetro is an American author who has worked for several years with novelist James Patterson, particularly on the Women’s Murder Club series and other fictional works.

“Unless you pay attention, the genetics will come unglued,” Clark said. The result is that the breeder loses the line.

Step one in the harvesting process is to pump the pond out, Clark said, although the pond was quite low to start, so for this one time, water was being added in order to accommodate the netting used to gather the fish in for sorting.

The fish have names, and Paetro, having donned waders, was actively pointing out individuals by those names. There was “Long Tall Sally” and another that Paetro recognized as “Bella,” knowing her by her distinctive face.

Assisting Clark was Jeremiah Hill of Millerton, who was learning the process for the first time. He said that he has seen lots of baby fish who are too young and small to feed on the normal helpings of fish food. Instead, they feed on micro-organisms when they are small. Their winters are spent under the pond ice without harm.

Wire mesh stretching above the pond keeps birds from feeding on the fish, and similar mesh on the ground deters hungry animals, including mink, Clark said.

GMF sets Mindful nature walk

Great Mountain Forest (GMF) will hold a nature walk with Stephanie Landau, a mindful outdoor guide, on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Landau will conjure wonder and awe of the natural world through a variety of sensory activities and mindfulness practices and

will be joined by a GMF naturalist to answer questions.

The walk for ages 18 and over will begin at GMF’s East Gate entrance, 201 Windrow Road, Norfolk. For questions contact Matt Gallagher at matt@greatmountainforest.org or call 860-824-8188.



Bethany Sheffer and Artemis, an Eastern screech owl, at a presentation on birds of prey at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, Oct. 15. Artemis has an injury to his right eye and lives at Sharon Audubon.

Birds of prey — on imprints and injuries

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Bethany Sheffer of the Sharon Audubon Center gave an animated demonstration of birds of prey at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, Oct. 15.

Before introducing the crowd of mostly small children to Bob, the American kestrel, Sheffer gave a briefing on birds of prey.

For instance, all birds of prey have talons and beaks. Owls have feathers which allow them to move silently as they zero in on their prey.

Of the three birds Sheffer brought along, two were “imprints” — birds raised in captivity — and one was injured.

Sheffer said none of them would fare well if released into the wild.

She then cautioned everyone to sit still and be quiet.

“Quick movements and noise makes them nervous,” she said.

The children then met Bob; Oban, a red-shouldered hawk, and Artemis, an East-

ern screech owl.

Artemis has an eye injury, suffered when he was hit by a car. Bob and Oban are imprints.

The birds and the children were very well-behaved and had a good time.



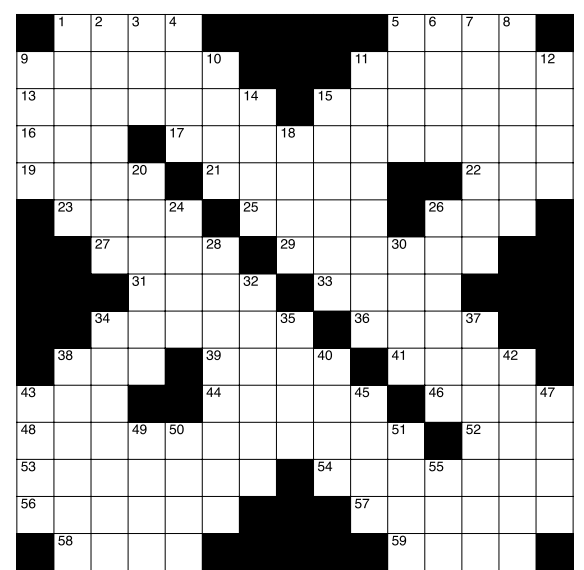
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Bethany Sheffer of the Sharon Audubon Center with Oban, a red-shouldered hawk.

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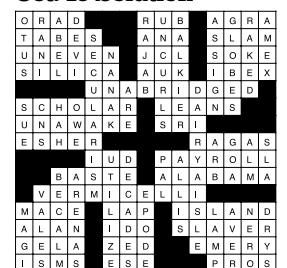
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5. Historic city
9. Not the same
11. Hitting a horse to clear a jump
13. One hurt the Titanic
15. Fine dense cloth
16. Architectural structure
17. Where Serena works
19. Stringed instrument
21. Estimate
22. Where sailors work
23. Popular Terry Pratchett novel
25. Popular slow cooked dish
26. Twisted Sister’s Snider
27. “Office Space” actor Stephen
29. Put the ball in the net
31. Ancient Greek city in Thrace
33. High school math subject
34. Looked into
36. Rhode Island rebellion
38. A pea is one type
39. You can put it on something
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Beheaded
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57. Sooths
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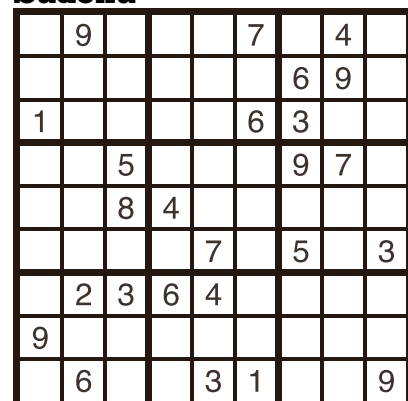


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9. A bottle that contains a drug
10. The most worthless part
11. Everyone needs one nowadays
12. Japanese wooden shoe
14. Antelopes
15. A way to cut
18. Brooklyn hoopsters
20. Gradually receded
24. Ripped open
26. College grads get one
28. Amino acid
30. Unruly gathering
32. Legislative body
34. Resembling pigs
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Some build hills
49. de Armas and Gasteyer are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
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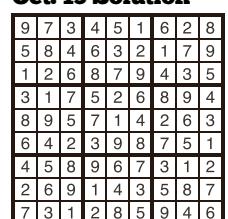
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Martin Johnson of Monument Conservation Collaborative was working in the graveyard behind Salisbury Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 14.

Restoring the past at Salisbury cemetery

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Passers-by may have noticed someone wielding a shovel in the graveyard behind Salisbury Town Hall the week of Oct. 9.

Pre-Halloween shenanigans?

No. It was nothing more sinister than Martin Johnson of the Monument Conservation Collaborative restoring gravestones.

On Friday, Oct. 14, a reporter wandered by to see what was what.

Johnson was working on a new base for a stone, and pointed out several that had already been cleaned and reset.

“Each one is unique,” he said, referring not just to the stones themselves but to the way they have been treated

over the decades (or centuries).

Johnson said he uses a proprietary treatment called D2 to remove accumulated grime and plant material from the stones.

The D2 is sprayed on and allowed to work its magic.

Then the stone is scrubbed by hand with a nylon brush, which is stiff enough to get the gunk off but will not further damage the stone.

Johnson and MCC (based in Norfolk) have worked all over the U.S. and abroad. Their list of restorations include the Wooldridge Monuments in Mayfield, Kentucky, and the Satala Cemetery in Pago Pago, American Samoa, which were damaged by a fallen tree and a tsunami, respectively.

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