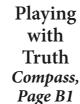


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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Horses helping heroes rebound

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Some 200 people came to a remote corner of Sharon on Saturday, Sept. 30 to hear from the veterans and first responders who have reclaimed their lives thanks to the efforts of The Equus

Founder Jane Strong addressed the crowd, saying that the veterans and first responders are best thought of as "guardians."

"These are the folks who serve us every day — because we can't."

When someone calls 911, or when American forces are deployed overseas, "We want someone who knows what to do."

But the work takes its toll, with veterans and first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and alarming suicide

Compounding the problem is the stigma attached to asking for

This is where The Equus Effect comes in, offering programming free of charge for veterans and first

Matty Frank, a former homicide detective from Mt. Vernon, N.Y.,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Matty Frank, former homicide detective, performed a demonstration at The Equus Effect with horse companion Babe on Saturday, Sept. 30.

led a grey draft horse named Babe around the pavilion.

After one turn, Frank and Babe started dancing while continuing around the circle.

Afterwards, Frank said he was shot in the line of duty in 2006. He recovered physically, but he strug-

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Two families that had been separated for two centuries reunited in Cornwall on Thursday, Sept. 28. From left, Madden Murray, Angus Calhoun Gracey, and Jed Gracey, descendants of Dr. John Calhoun, met with Kahu Wendell Davis and Puakailima Davis, descendants from the family of Henry Ōpūkaha'ia, at the fateful home where Dr. Calhoun treated Ōpūkaha'ia for typhus fever in 1818. The framed image of Ōpūkaha'ia has hung in the family home for generations.

Cornwall's unique Hawaiian kinship

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Although there lies a planet between Cornwall and Hawaii, a bond that spans centuries unites them.

On Thursday, Sept. 28, a delegation from the Island of Hawaii made pilgrimage to Cornwall to honor this bond and retrace the journey of their ancestor, Henry Ōpūkaha'ia: the first Hawaiian to convert to Christianity.

"This is something we've always wanted to do," said Kahu Wendell Davis, senior pastor of Kahikolu Congregational Church in Kepulu and descendant from the family of Ōpūkaha'ia.

It has been over 200 years since Ōpūkaha'ia became the first pupil at Cornwall's Foreign Mission School, where he learned the gospel and studied English to become a missionary among indigenous Hawaiians. The prevalence of Christianity in Hawaii today is largely attributed to Ōpūkaha'ia.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway welcomed Pastor Davis, his daughter Puakailima Davis, and congregation member Butch Fellezs at the town historical society on Sept. 28 to celebrate Ōpūkaha'ia's journey that culminated in Corn-

Ōpūkaha'ia was born in Hawaii

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New CT laws ban open carry, feeding bears and aids renters

By CT Mirror Explains

Many laws passed by the Connecticut General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session took effect on Oct. 1.

They range from strengthened gun measures and renters' rights to the elimination of "transcript withholding."

Here's a look at some of the legislation that now is law.

Connecticut gun law update

H.B. 6667, An Act Addressing Gun Violence, is the first comprehensive update of Connecticut's gun laws since the sweeping reforms enacted a decade ago in response to the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The law bans the open carry of firearms and strengthens rules for gun storage and reporting stolen firearms. It also expands a ban on



weapons passed in 1993 and updated in 2013.

AR-15s purchased prior to the bans still can be legally owned, if registered with the police. But the new law closed what proponents called a loophole that allowed the legal sale of now-banned weapons if manufactured prior to 1994.

The legislation also further tightens restrictions on military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines that were largely banned after the Sandy Hook school shooting.

Additionally, the bill regulates the sale of body armor to civilians, generally limits the sale of handguns to three in any one month, increases training requirements for gun permit holders, and raises the minimum age to purchase a semiautomatic rifle from 18 to 21, the same threshold as handguns.

The bill also bans the online sale of kits used to assemble "ghost

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Honoring an educator AR-15s and other so-called assault weapons passed in 1993 and up-

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE —About 40 people gathered in the parking lot at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) Wednesday, Sept. 27, for the dedication of a small garden to the late Katie Gannett, who died Nov. 17, 2022.

The garden consists of dahlias, one of Gannett's favorites.

Gannett joined the HVRHS staff in 1964 as a physical education teacher, and later moved to the guidance department, where she worked for over 20 years.

After retirement, Gannett served as chair of both the Cornwall and Region One school boards.

She was remembered as a tireless

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This plaque accompanies the dahlia garden planted in honor of Katie Gannett outside Housatonic Valley Regional High School's agriculture education wing.

Meet the candidates

Municipal voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. This election cycle will see contested races for selectman in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, and Salisbury. In 2021, just two of the six Region One towns had contested races.

With 25 candidates for selectman in 2023, there is a lot to learn ahead of the vote. Throughout October, profiles on participating candidates will be published in The Lakeville Journal in our 'Meet the candidates'

This week, read about Cornwall's candidates on page A4.

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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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.

Disorderly conduct

On Saturday, Sept. 23, at approximately 6:30 p.m. Troop B received a call about a dispute between two parties on Miner Street in Canaan. A subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Samantha Whaples, 19, of Canaan. She was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal lockout and was released on a \$500 non-surety bond

Driver hits tree

On Saturday, Sept. 23, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Lena Spellman, 31, of Lakeville, was traveling westbound on Route 341 in Sharon in a 2018 BMW 320i when the vehicle failed to maintain lane and ran off the roadway, hitting a tree. The vehicle was towed from the scene and Spellman was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

Struck from behind

On Sunday, Sept. 24, at approximately 12:15 p.m., Jorge Alvarez-soto, 63, of Lakeville, was traveling westbound on Wells Hill Road in Salisbury in a 2020 Nissan Rogue and was stopped at the intersection at Route 41 at a Stop sign. Francisco Proskauervalerio, 25, of Puerto Rico, was behind the Nissan in a 2022 Chrysler and struck the Nissan's rear bumper. Proskauervalerio received a written warning for following too closely.

Operating under influence

On Monday, Sept. 25, at approximately 8 p.m. Troop B received a call reporting of a motor vehicle accident on Lower Road in North Canaan. An investigation led to the arrest of Garrett Rogers, 27, of North Canaan, on charges of operating under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to drive in the proper lane. Rogers was released on a \$500 non-surety bond.

Disorderly conduct

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Troopers arrived at an address on Millerton Road in Lakeville where Maryanne Roddy, 64, of Lakeville, was taken into custody on an arrest warrant. When served the accused became combative and began resisting arrest. Roddy was taken into custody and was unable to post bond. She was charged with interfering with an officer, assault on a public safety officer and refusing to submit to photographs and fingerprinting.

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.

Mid-day music and meditation at Salisbury Congregation Oct. 6

Church of Salisbury will man Beeftink, and British present its monthly Midday Music and Meditation on Friday, Oct. 6 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m., and masks are optional.

This Meditation will feature Music Director David Baranowski, and flutist Cecilia Burns playing flute/piano music of Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, Dutch/

The Congregational American composer Hercomposer Ian Clarke. There will also be handmade quilts in the Meeting House, to be viewed as a part of Salisbury's Fall Festival. Please feel free to come and go as a part of the festival, or stay for the

> Free to the public, Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection with inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

Online This Week

Hydrilla worries linger at Lakeville Lake No hydrilla has been discovered, but the boat ban

remains. Full story on www.tricornernews.com

Falls Village looks at increasing parking

Falls Village Planning and Zoning discussed adding spots. Learn more on www.tricornernews.com

PROJECT

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Join us as we remember the victims of domestic violence at this year's

Community

Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 PM Community Field - Lakeville, CT

For more information, visit project-sage.org/events

24-hour FREE confidential hotline 860.364.1900

Regional



PHOTO BY BRIDGET STARR TAYLOR

Norfolk scarecrows

The Norfolk Library is decorated in October with an arrangement of freshly stuffed scarecrows thanks to creative elementary students from Bottelle School.

Two get top jobs at Community Health & Wellness

TORRINGTON — Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) announces the appointment of Kieu Stephens as the center's new Chief Financial Officer and Chris Martinez as its Information Technology Director.

Stephens has an extensive health care background in both the commercial and nonprofit sectors as well asexperience with start-up operations, and over 10 years in the finance-health care area. Stephens graduated from the State University of New York at New Paltz with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a minor in computer science.

Martinez has held significant roles as a Level 3 Information Technology Engineer, an independent Information Technology Consultant, and Information Technology Director. Martinez comes to CHWC with a background in Information Technol-

Meet Salisbury **GOP** candidates on Oct. 15 at the Grove

SALISBURY — On Sunday, Oct. 15, Salisbury's GOP candidates for selectman will be at the Lakeville Town Grove from 2 to 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Salisbury Republican Town Committee, the event will give voters a chance to speak with the nominees and honor the town's first responders.

There will be music, refreshments, pizza and items will be raffled off. In the event of bad weather, the occasion will be inside at the Grove.

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Kieu Stephens

ogy Management and a strong focus on Electronic Healthcare Records (EHR) systems. Martinez holds a Bachelor's Degree in information technology from The State University of New York and an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering from **Hudson Valley Community** College.

"I am pleased to welcome these two highly accomplished professionals to our team, who will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing growth and success

Clarification

The address of the SOLO Gallery, which was featured in an article in the Sept. 28 issue, was inadvertently omitted. The gallery is located at 29 Jackson Hill Road in Sharon.

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NBT bank gives \$40,000 for affordable housing

SALISBURY — NBT Bank has announced a special contribution of \$40,000 to Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC).

Following the merger with Salisbury Bank, NBT has pledged \$500,000 in support of the markets served by Salisbury Bank. This one-time grant to SHC is the first of these special contributions that are focused on addressing affordable housing, food insecurity and family and children services.

SHC intends to use the funds from NBT to support its building projects including 10 new affordable housing units at Sarum Village. Rick Cantele, NBT's Executive Vice President of Strategic Integration and the former President and CEO of Salisbury Bank and Senior Commercial Banking Relationship Manager Adam Higgins were in attendance for the Sarum Village III groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, Sept. 22.

Center on Main to host candidate forum Oct. 12

FALLS VILLAGE — The Center on Main is hosting a forum for candidates for the Board of Selectmen Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Candidates will speak briefly and then answer questions from an survey (available at www.thecenteronmain.org). The event will also be on Zoom.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR **TOWN OF SALISBURY CT**

Chris Martinez

of Community Health and

Wellness," says Joanne Bor-

duas, CEO.

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, 2022 is due and payable on October 1, 2023. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2023. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2023, 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 or e-check. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 13th day of September, 2023. Jean F. Bell, CCMC

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GERALDINE B. **DANIELS** Late of Salisbury (23-00365)

The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 19, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Erica J. Daniels

c/o Stuart A. Margolis, Berdon Young and Margolis, PC, 350 Orange Street, 2nd Floor, New Haven, CT 06511

Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk 10-05-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RONALD A. KURTZ Late of New Jersey **AKA Ronald Abraham** Kurtz (23-00369)

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> The fiduciary is: David L. Kurtz c/o Linda M. Patz Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP 7 Church Street P.O. Box 101 Canaan, CT 06018 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GEOFFREY M. GOTT Late of Salisbury (23-00347)

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Our Towns

Falls Village gets first look at POCD draft

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE Housing and traffic dominated the discussion of the Planning and Zoning Commission's draft of the 2024 Plan of Conservation and Development at a meeting at Lee H. Kellogg School Saturday, Sept. 30.

Consultant Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics ran the meeting. He said the POCD, which is required of each Connecticut municipality with updates every 10 years, is an "aspirational" document.

"It talks about things that make the community a better

And the POCD is an

advisory document. "The Planning and Zoning Commission can't tell the Board of Selectmen what to do."

During the discussion on the village center, several residents reacted with alarm to a sidebar in the draft POCD that envisions "construction of a road connecting to Route 7" in the event of commercial development occurring on Railroad Street south of the existing businesses.

Vance Cannon said "one of the things that makes Falls Village Falls Village is that Route 7 is 'over there."

A new connecting road would require relocating the town's public works facility. Lou Timolat said moving the town garage somewhere else



Consultant Glenn Chalder led the sometimes vigorous discussion of the draft Plan of Conservation and Development on Saturday, Sept. 30.

was considered and rejected years ago.

Jeff Tripp, who has lived

next door to Town Hall for 12 years, was not enthusiastic about promoting more activities in the village center.

Tripp said he's experienced increased traffic and noise, smoke, public urination and a broken fence during events and on weekends. During crowded times

in the village, "we sit in the house with the shades drawn and wish we could afford to move."

"It's way different than 12 years ago."

Also in the village vitality department, the draft POCD includes a provision to "continue to investigate the feasibility of a common sewerage system in the village area, and "apply to CT DEEP for a wastewater planning grant to determine possible wastewater management solutions and costs."

The draft POCD includes a renewed effort to get the state to address poor sightlines at the intersections of Route 7 and Route 126, and Route 7 and Route 63.

Several residents commented on affordable housing, including a suggestion that the term be changed to "available housing."

Denise Cohn said affordable housing efforts should include an effort to take advantage of state and federal programs that assist buyers with modest incomes. She said the programs exist and are funded, but are not widely known.

The draft POCD is available on the town website, www.canaanfallsvillage.org.



Andy "Forest Wolf" Dobos demonstrated how to start a fire in the wilderness.

Getting in touch with nature on Open Forest Day at GMF

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Great Mountain Forest held an "Open Forest Day" at the Yale Forestry Camp facility Saturday, Sept. 30.

Andy Dobos, aka Forest Wolf, gave a demonstration on how to start a fire in the woods using available materials and friction.

"Heat plus wood dust" was how he summed it up.

He got a clump of forest material started in just a few minutes and with no help from matches or lighters.

He acknowledged it would

"But to know how to do this is a really good feeling. When I'm deep in the woods I don't feel vulnerable."

how to modify a hiking stick Services (NRCS) arm of the made from an actual stick federal Department of Agrifound in the woods. Shaping the handle section of a stick with a knife, he said "I'm not going to spend too much time on it because I'm going to wear it out."

Erik Landgraf, president of the Friends of the American Legion and People's State Forests (FALPS), said his organization is involved in a collaboration with the state to remove invasive species in

the two parks that straddle the West Branch of the Farmington River.

David Hussong of the Nat-Tom Standsfield showed ural Resources Conservation culture said his organization was formed during the Depression "to combat the Dust Bowl."

NRCS works mostly with private landowners on a wide range of conservation proj-

Music was supplied by String Busters, an Americana group that included guitar, mandolin, upright bass, banjo and "suitcase percussion."

Markow wins big at The Big E

By Riley Klein

 ${\tt CORNWALL-Spencer}$ Markow placed first overall at Eastern Regional FFA's Safe Tractor/Equipment Operating Career Development Event at The Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts, on Sept. 16.

Each contender at regionals had previously been named winner of the event in their FFA chapter, district, and state prior to being invited to the Eastern Regional FFA competition, which included 10 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The contest consisted of six parts, each scored separately. A written test, tools/tractor parts identification, a two-wheeled manure spreader event, a four-wheeled trailer event, tractor loader event and a skid-loader event.

After some skillful tractor maneuvering and tactful demonstration of equipment knowledge, Markow brought home the overall victory for Connecticut.

HVRHS Agriculture Science Teacher Sheri Lloyd



During the timed competition, Markow drove a bucket tractor loaded with mulch through an obstacle course and dumped the mulch into the back of a trailer without spilling anything.

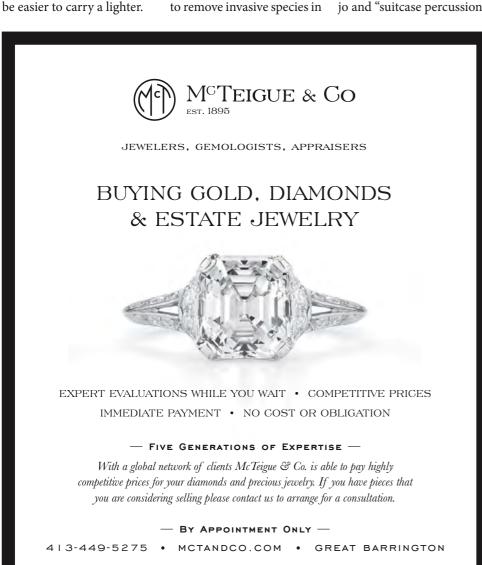
praised Markow's achieve-

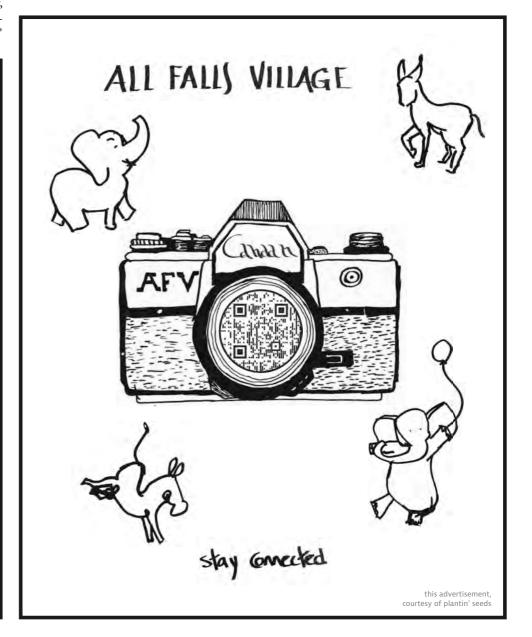
ment following the win. accomplishments and has encouraged his peers to practice backing up wagons or trailers until it's become natural. He is no stranger to hard work and has always enjoyed helping his family in Cornwall with hay crops

over the years," Markow graduated from

Housatonic Valley Regional High School in June of 2023 "He is so humble in his and was a member of Housatonic FFA. He is currently a freshman at SUNY Morrisville studying agriculture mechanics.

> HVRHS Agriculture Department Head Dave Moran said Markow's victory made him the first ever Housatonic FFA member to win at the Eastern regional level.





Meet the candidates: Cornwall

Get to know the selectman candidates ahead of the 2023 municipal election. In Cornwall, there are two candidates for first selectman and three candidates for selectman vying for a seat on the town board. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

FIRST SELECTMAN

FIRST SELECTMAN

Kenneth C. Baird

Republican Nominee for First Selectman

Gordon M. Ridgway

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

Currently First Selectman (16 terms), member CVFD, works on family farm with wife Jayne and son Ian. Daughters Elizabeth and Rebecca also live in Cornwall. Cornwall Consolidated School graduate.

Why do you want to be selectman?

There's a lot going on in town. We have a good team in place at Town Hall. I'd like to continue helping move Cornwall forward in meeting today's challenges. I am the only member of the current Board of Selectmen seeking reelection. It does not make sense to have a completely new Board of Selectmen. Experience and knowing who to contact to make things happen and solve problems is a big part of being first selectmen.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

1) Make it easier for people to live and work here.

2) Support the many volunteer efforts that define our



- 3) Complete the West Cornwall Wastewater Proj-
- 4) Decrease the Town's electric bill with solar cells.
- 5) Maintain Cornwall's Social Safety net.
- 6) Work to keep Sharon hospital full service.
 - 7) Compost.
- 8) Maintain Town infrastructure.
- 9) Prepare for more extreme weather.
 - 10) Teamwork.

How would you improve

the town?

Welcome new families to town. Tap their talents into contributions that enhance life here. Continue to encourage events that bring residence together to have fun.

Anything to add?

I have enjoyed being the First Selectmen for quite a while. I look forward to sharing my knowledge of Cornwall Town government with the next set of future leaders. There are complicated projects underway that would benefit from continuity.

Have served on the Board of Selectmen for 12 years and at least that amount of

time on the Board of Finance Why do you want to be selectman?

As First Selectman my top priority is to serve the citizens of Cornwall. The Board of Selectmen along with all boards and commissions will work as one to enhance the quality of life in the Town of Cornwall.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Current issues waste wa-

wall, bridge damage caused by this summer's rain and

ter project in West Corn-

housing. Although all these items are being addressed and committees are working hard on their tasks, there's so much more that can be done in town. Let's get to

How would you improve the town?

Economic, infrastructure and housing are issues that need improvement in Cornwall. As well, development and nurturing our future leadership in Cornwall is vital for our town. As First Selectman many decisions will be made. If the outcome is not favorable for our town I will admit making a mistake and fix the problem. After all, we are all in this together. Unifying, listening, and being accessible are in my opinion part of the job description.

Anything to add?

I would be honored to serve as Cornwall's First Selectman.

Election basics

Voting day for 2023 municipal elections is Nov. 7. Cornwall's polling station will be at Town Hall, 24 Pine Street from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots will be counted at the polls. Absentee ballots will be available on Oct.6 from the Town Clerk.

Cornwall's Board of Selectmen is composed of a first selectman and two additional selectmen. The first selectman is town chief elected official who administers town business on a day to day basis, the Board of Selectmen is responsible for superintending the town's affairs subject to control of town meetings.

Selectmen in Cornwall are elected to two-year terms. They are seated on the board two weeks after election day. The annual salary of the first selectman is \$64,301, and the annual salary of each other selectman is \$4,676.

The candidate for first selectman that receives the most votes will become first selectman through 2025. The remaining first selectman candidate then drops into the pool with the candidates for selectman.

The top two vote getters in the pool will become selectmen through 2025 (subject to state law on minority representation).

SELECTMAN

John F. Brown

Republican Nominee for Selectman

I have lived in the Northwest Corner my entire life and I have lived in Cornwall for almost 10 years, my family both past and present have had the privilege of calling Cornwall home. I was raised on the ideals of always be a good person and help those that need it. I have four children all who have gone to CCS, with my oldest currently a Sophomore at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. My political experience stems from my two terms as member on the Board of Finance and CRTC Treasurer.

Why do you want to be selectman?

The position to me is that of a public servant, an individual must be willing to put the needs of the public over their own feelings or wants. they must be able to be able to listen to those that they represent and not only one side of the argument, but to all constituents. I see the position as the best way to help people in town, not only in the present but the future and should be Neighbors helping Neighbors. In my talks with members of the community many people feel that change is needed.

If elected, what are your top priorities? I have three areas that I fo-

cused on, the first was talking and listening to everyone, to help make sure that their voices are heard and not buried. Second is Affordable Housing, having lived in Affordable Housing for most of my life, I have seen and see the benefits of this type



of housing especially in today's economic times. Lastly, I support small business initiatives, small businesses are the backbone of small towns and are required for towns to thrive.

How would you improve the town?

I want to return the position to that of a public servant who will stand for those that feel like they are voiceless. I believe that giving people a person that they can reach out to be listened to, not simple heard is important. I want to see Cornwall move into the future in a uniquely Cornwall way, while not falling into the traps that plague small towns. In the same line, the town can't keep doing the same thing and expecting different results while trying to move forward.

Anything to add?

Being a lifelong resident of the Northwest Corner, I see the increasing issue of people raised here are not able to live here, with housing and jobs limited. I hope that I can help lead Cornwall into a future where this isn't the norm.

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SELECTMAN

Rocco Botto

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

I moved to Cornwall with my partner, Iris Hermann, 15 years ago to raise our three kids. I have served on the Fire Department, Park & Rec, and coached baseball for the CCS team. I worked with the Little Guild to bring a 5k road race to town and was the principal developer of the new Cornwall Town website. I currently serve on the Board of Finance, Cornwall Housing Corporation, and the Cornwall Web Committee. Why do you want to be

selectman?

I have been committed to public service and moving Cornwall forward for many years now. I feel called to make a difference in the lives of people in our town and the future generations that will call Cornwall home.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

If elected, I will focus my efforts on several key areas including:

- Affordable Housing: Finding creative & sustainable solutions

— Local Healthcare: Advocating for a strong Sharon Hospital & local options

 West Cornwall Septic Project: Completing this key project for the future health and prosperity of our town



the town?

- Bringing Cornwall - Enhancing our town's
- portunities Attracting more small

businesses, families, and young people to town



tracting & supporting local businesses — Environment: Ensur-

ing we are doing our part How would you improve

- into the digital age and fostering better communica-
- capacity for recreational op-

Anything to add? My day job is as a digital marketing manager and I hold a Bachelor's Degree in information science from Hartwick College. I have also worked with many local businesses and nonprofits in ter for activities, music events, the area on a freelance basis.



SELECTMAN

Jennifer Hurlburt Markow

and field trips for Cornwall seniors. Why do you want to be selectman?

nity and family gatherings.

Expanded town activities

I am passionate about improving and sustaining relationships among all stakeholder of the Cornwall community and helping to make Cornwall thrive!

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Improve communication between selectman, town commissions, and town folks.

Develop a community cenessential community-based services (flu/covid clinics).



Implement infrastructure that will enable better planning the maintenance of roads, facilities, and services.

Extend the use of the town bus for a variety of events and activities that all members of the community.

How would you improve the town?

See above at the top pri-

Anything to add?

I am running as an unaffiliated candidate. I feel that it is more important to focus on what's best for our town and what it needs to thrive.



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth C. (Cook) Sargeant

abeth C. (Cook) Sargeant, 97, affectionately known as "Betty", of Attleboro, formerly of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at

LifeCare Center of Attleboro. Born in Miller-

ton on Sept. 12, 1926, she was one of three daughters born to the late Cecil R. Cook and the late Patsy (Manning) Cook. She was raised and educated in Millerton where she was a graduate of Millerton High School. She moved to North Attleboro in March of 1968 and remained a resident until moving to Attle-

She was employed as the personal chef for U.S. political advisor, William F. Buckley, Jr. and his family at their residence in Sharon. Later she was employed as a supervisor for Fuller Box Company in North Attleboro for eight years.

Ms. Sargeant was a member of the North Attleboro Board of Health, a volunteer with Lenore's kitchen, served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Attleboro chapter of AARP and for the former Florence Sweet House in Attleboro.

She was a 50-year member of the North Attleboro Historical Society and served as a member and president of the Attleboro Round Table having served as president from 1994 to 1996 during the organization's 100th anniversary.

Mrs. Sargeant was the recipient of the North Attleboro - Plainville Rotary Club Person of the Year award in 2004 and the North Attleboro B.P.O.E. Person of the Year award in 2009.

With her involvement with the Bill W. organization she sponsored and assisted countless people in their journey and was a member

MILLERTON — Eliz- for more than 55 years. As a professional chef, she

> also enjoyed cooking and hosting family and friends. She was the mother of Kenneth Humbert

and his wife, Nancy, of Millerton, John Dennis and his wife, Kathy, of Millerton, Mary

Backlund and her husband, Kirk, of Wrentham, Massachusetts, and Kathleen Howe of Chickamauga, Georgia; grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of 6; sister of Lucille Ingersoll and her husband, Milton, of Punta Gorda, Florida, and many extended family members and friends.

She was the mother of the late Aloise Curtin, who died on March 24, 2020, and was the sister of the late Josephine Swart, who died on May 26,

Relatives and friends were cordially invited to attend visitation on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the "Memorial Chapel" of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, North Attleboro, MA. A Funeral Service Celebrating her Life was held at 3:00 p.m. immediately following visitation.

Private burial will be held in Mt. Hope Cemetery and Arboretum, North Attleboro,

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Betty's name and honor may be made to the Lifecare Resident Activities Fund, 969 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

For additional information or to send the family a written expression of sympathy, please visit an online guest book at www. dyer-lakefuneralhome.com

Arrangements under the direction of the Dyer-Lake Funeral Home, 161 Commonwealth Avenue, Village of Attleboro Falls, North Attleboro, MA. 508-695-0200

Daniel L. Van Deusen

Canaan Road died Sept. 23, 2023 at Hartford Hospital. Daniel was the son of Daniel R. Van Deusen III of Canaan, and Laura K. Leifert also of Canaan. He was born Dec. 28, 2003, in Sharon Hospital.

Daniel worked for Housatonic Tree service, which he really loved. He graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Daniel was a creative and artistic young man. He expressed his creativity through his passion for welding and anything pertaining to mechanics. He loved his dogs and his family.

In addition to his mother and father, Daniel is survived by his two sisters; Sara and Abby Van Deusen both of Canaan; his maternal grandparents, Lawrence and

CANAAN — Daniel L. Elizabeth Leifert of Norfolk; Van Deusen, 19, of 144 E. his paternal grandparents,

> Daniel Van Deusen of Harwinton and Diane Van Deusen also of Harwinton; his aunt, Valarie Beecher of Torrington; and his two cousins Nicole and Mason Beecher both of Torrington. Daniel

is also survived by his father's significant other, Sherry Wren of Canaan.

A Celebration of Daniel's Life will be held in the spring.

Memorial donations may be sent in Daniel's memory to Continuum of Care, 109 Legion Ave., New Haven, CT 06519 Attn: Fund Development, or online at www.continuumct.org or to the North Canaan Ambulance, 15 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St.

In Appreciation

Geoff Gott

Every time I pass a Subaru wagon of a certain blue, I look expectantly for my friend, Geoff Gott, only to have to remind myself that he is no longer among us.

I miss Geoff as a fellow therapist. I always knew that I could refer unhappy or confused boys and young men to him and that they would profit. Many maintained ties with him over years.

He was fun. We shared a lot of laughs about the building where we were ten-

Canaan, CT 06018.

One would often drive by and see Geoff out on his porch, always with a cigarette in his mouth, laughing and talking with his clients.

I hope wherever you are, Geoff, that you are at peace and that you have stopped smoking!

Marietta H. Whittlesey Gallatin, New York

Karl Heinz Pentz

teen-year resident of Keysville, Virginia and formerly a longtime Millerton, New York, resident, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at his home in Keysville surrounded by his loving family.

Karl had a long career with New York State as a plumber and steamfitter at the former Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Wingdale, New York. He retired in November of 2002.

Born in Germany on May 9, 1947, he was the son of the late Julius and Helena Gayda Pentz. He was a graduate of Clam Lake Job Corp.

Karl loved spending time outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and was an active member of the Millerton Gun Club. He was also a life member of the Millerton Fire Company. He really enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and he enjoyed family gatherings as well. He rarely if ever forgot a name and could tell stories and reminisce about days gone by for hours. He will be dearly missed by all.

Karl is survived by six children, Karl Pentz (Crystal), Tammy Pentz (Aaron), Amber Jordan (Brian), Kristen Maillet (Frank), Brittany Pentz (Dominick) and Alyssa Pentz; two brothers, Julius Pentz and Gunther Pentz; four sisters, Maria Huff, Brigitte Russell, Mag-

KEYSVILLE, Va. — Karl gie Lindberg and Theresa Heinz Pentz, Sr., 76, a six- Day; fourteen grandchil-



Jamison Karstetter and Noah Pentz-Taczanowsky; ten great grandchildren, August Harris, Autumn Pentz, Kyliee Pentz, TJ Gouge, Landyn Gouge, Bailey Roberts, Waylon Roberts, Stormi Burgess, Cameron Burgess and Skyler Burgess and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Andreas and-Helmut Pentz.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. The Millerton Fire Company will conduct services at 12:45 p.m. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546 or Millerton Gun Club, 12 Gun Club Rd., Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree is Karl's memoryor send flowers to the service, please visit www. conklinfuneralhome.com

Cecelia Theresa Walters

Theresa Walters, 85, passed

away Sept. 25, 2023, at Noble Horizons, after an illness.

Cecelia was born Apr. 15, 1938, to parents Joseph and Marguerite Ryan in Miami, Florida, the youngest of three children.

While attending North Miami High School, she worked part time at a local health clinic where she was mentored by a female doctor who helped inspire her to pursue a career in medicine. Cecelia graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing in 1960 as an RN, launching an over fifty-year career in nursing. She spent most of her career in the OR at St. Elizabeth Hospital in New Jersey and later returned to Florida and enjoyed many years working at a private medical practice.

She was married for 26 years to her late husband Peter Walters. Peter and Cecelia were friends and teammates, often playing crossword puzzles, watching football, taking their boat out on the Indian

SALISBURY — Cecelia River, or cooking for friends at their dream home in

> Vero Beach, Florida. Cecelia was an avid cook and baker, known for her terrific bounty of cookies during the holidays and a much beloved carrot cake.

Cecelia had a legendary raised eyebrow that meant you had

caught her attention. Known as 'Ceil' to her friends and 'Baby' to her family, she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her daughter, Michele; stepchildren, Peter and Darcy; seven grandchildren, Chelsea, Corey, Desiree, Bella, Rachel, Jeremy and Jessica; 4 nieces and nephews, June, Chris, Karen and Bobbie; her faithful cat companion, Simba and other friends and relatives. She was predeceased by her son, Harry Jr., brother, Joey, sister, Marjo, and nephew Charlie.

Services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to The Little Guild, 285 Sharon-Goshen Road, West Cornwall, CT. 06796. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Salisbury water main cleaning

SALISBURY - Aquarion Water Company has announced a water main cleaning project in its Lakeville/ Salisbury system.

The project, scheduled to lamentable condition of the take place between Monday, Oct. 9 and Tuesday, Oct. 31, is to ensure customers continue to receive the highest quality

> The project is scheduled to be completed over approximately four weeks. Customers may notice temporary low pressure or discoloration in their water. The discoloration results from the temporary disturbance of the water flow, which stirs up naturally occurring minerals that settle

in water mains.

Aquarion recommends customers store water in their refrigerators for drinking and cooking. Customers should also refrain from washing laundry if water is discolored.

Prior to resuming use, customers should run their cold-water faucets until the water appears clear.

Aquarion encourages customers to visit www. aquarionwater.com/alerts to sign up for automated alerts and to get the latest information on the water main cleaning project, including the schedule of upcoming streets where water mains will be cleaned.

Charles A. Kennedy, Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — Charles A. "Charlie" Kennedy, Jr., 81, of Falls Village died Tuesday morning Sept. 26, 2023, one day after his 30th wedding anniversary, after being stricken at his home.

He was the husband of Cheryl "Cherie" (Ridley) Kennedy. Charlie was born June 23, 1942, in the Bronx, New York, a son of the late Charles A. and Edna D. (Martin) Kennedy.

Charlie had retired from the New York State Police where he was employed as a trooper. He continued working from his home in Falls Village as a carpenter, and in later years owned a real estate company with Cherie.

Charlie was an avid car and motorcycle enthusiast. He loved to be down in his basement tinkering on any project that he had going on at that time. He loved to travel with Cherie and to play

guitars. But his greatest joy was spending time with his three grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Charlie is survived by his daughter, Priscilla Santos and her husband Ethan of Red Hook, New York, and his son, Christopher Kennedy of North Carolina; his three step children, Kelly Pattison of Rhode Island, Patrick Pattison of Tennessee, and Sean Pattison and his wife, Anna of Canaan. Charlie is also survived by his brother, Bill Kennedy and his wife Jill of New Mexico; three grandchildren, Ryan, Ava, and Fiona Pattison; nephews Colin and Ryan, and cousins Linda and Diane. Charlie was predeceased by his step-daughter Melany Dow.

Arrangements under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

For more obituaries, see page A6



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Early morning fire in Sharon devastates farm

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Firefighters responded to an early morning fire at White Tail Farm at 273 Gay Street that destroyed the main house and attached horse barn on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Providing details on Friday, Sept. 29, Fire Marshal Stanley MacMillan reported that the call came in at 6:16 a.m., drawing fire companies from 12 towns in three states, including Sharon, Lakeville, Falls Village, Cornwall, North Canaan, and Norfolk in Connecticut; Sheffield in Massachusetts; and Millerton, Amenia, Wassaic, Millbrook and Union Vale in New York. All companies provided tanker trucks to combat the fire.

Route 41 in Sharon was closed throughout the morning, reopening to traffic at around noon.

The main house was destroyed in the blaze, Mac-Millan said, along with the attached horse barn. The horse barn was empty of animals, although an undetermined number of cats were lost.

Owner and long-time resident Tilden Southack was at home and was uninjured in the blaze.

Fire companies remained on scene until 3 p.m. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, Mac-Millan said.

Woman of Stihl

By Riley Klein

SHARON — Using only her trusty chainsaws, master carver Aya Blaine transformed an old log into a roughly seven-foot tall bear statue.

Travelers along Route 343 on Oct. 1 may have seen Blaine turning stump to statue at the corner of Sharon Valley Road.

The bear was made for Alyson Bennett to stand at the entrance of The Greenhouse due to open at the same location in Sharon later in October.

"It's gonna be holding the welcome sign," said

Bennett, co-founder of The Greenhouse ABNR Inc., has been friends with Blaine for years. A lifelong logger herself, Bennett met Blaine at Woodsmen's Field Days in Boonville, New York.

Blaine is originally from Japan but now resides in Boonville. She began using a chainsaw to carve wood as a young girl in rural Japan.

She has competed internationally in the U.S., Japan, Germany and Canada. She was featured on the Discovery Channel and has appeared in multiple Stihl advertisements.

Blaine said from concept to completion, the bear in Sharon took about 72-hours to create. She referenced bear photography to draft sketches ahead of carving and said she planned to hit the statue with a blow torch to finalize the project.

"It's for texture and the finished color maybe makes the bear a little dark too," said Blaine.

After completing the bear, she carved a howling wolf statue.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Aya Blaine let the wood chips fly, turning a log into a bear sculpture on Sunday, Oct. 1.

OBITUARIES

Eunice Adeline Knights Hafford

AMENIA — Eunice Adeline Knights Hafford, 88, born in Bangor, Maine, June 30, 1935, died on Sept. 12, 2023, at Vassar Hospital.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Alden Hafford, her parents, Lydia Grass Knights and George Knights of Maine, as well as her siblings, Curtis, Ralph, Roger, James, Ruth and Mu-

Eunice and Bruce gave birth to four boys, Kenneth, Bruce, Mark and Ralph in Maine. They moved from Maine to Wassaic, to work for Bruce's brother. After several moves around the area, they gave birth to their daughter, Carol, at Sharon Hospital.

Eventually, they both worked at Wassaic Development Center where they retired and finally settled in

Eunice loved to cook/ bake old family recipes for her family and loved to visit with her loved ones both in Maine and in the local area.

After Bruce passed away, Eunice connected with his best friend growing up, Clair Bragdon (known as "Clair-Boy" and Grandpa Clair to her many grandchildren). Clair's wife had passed away and Eunice and Clair found love and comfort in each other right up to her last day of life. After her death, Clair returned to Maine to be closer to his family. We will miss him so very much.

Eunice is survived by two sisters, Florence Knights Potter, Charolette Knights McIntosh, and a brother, Rodney Knights. Her four sons, Kenneth (Susan) and daughter, Stacey Riemer (Brett) and daughter, Isabella and a son, Owen, Jessica Hafford and daughter Ruby, Shannon Murnane (James) and sons, Cameron and Silas. Bruce (Laurie) and two sons, Bruce (Courtney) and son, Elijah, daughters, Avery and Riley and son, Benjamin and his son Benjamin. Mark (Mary) daughters, Holly and Kassidy and son, Christian. Ralph and daughter, Crystal Rounds (Steven) and sons, Maximus and Alex, a son, Daniel (Michelle) with two sons, George and Theodore and daughter, Anna and daughter, Whitney Hafford. Eunice is also survived by her daughter Carol (Naim).

A private burial will be celebrated at Hillside Cemetery at the convenience of the family. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrange-

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Hearing set for Sharon solar project on Oct. 11

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The town's proposed Solar Panel installation on town-owned land adjacent to the Sharon Center School will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Town Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. as part of a regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z).

Abutting Hilltop Road property owners to the site at 64 Hilltop Road have joined in opposition to the Green Bank project and plan to attend the public hearing to air their several concerns. They feel that residents have not been sufficiently informed about the plan and a Power Purchase Agreement signed and then extended by town officials.

Of concern to neighbors are the environmental impacts to nearby wetlands and

The maps show a 25-foot expanse between the edge of the project and the wetland designation.

Neighbors fear a negative effect on the nature preserve area and its habitats that would lie downslope from the solar panels.

Aware of the past recreational uses of the property by students at Sharon Center School, residents feel that access for those activities will be reduced.

The Hilltop Road abutting property owners also see likely visual impact as a risk to quality of life for their own homes and for residents along Still Meadow Road.

Residents will be seeking

assurance that following the public hearing, the proposal will be brought to a Town Meeting for a vote.

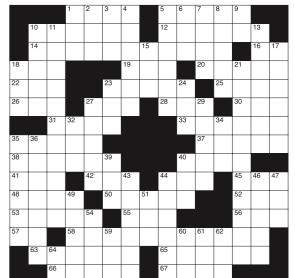
At an early September meeting of the Sharon Energy and Environment Committee (SEEC), member Doug Rick updated that committee on the evolution of the Connecticut Green Bank proposal to join with the town in finding a workable location for an instal-

Early consideration ruled out a location at Veterans' Field, but the Sharon Center School property has remained a possibility.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust
- 22. Auburn great Newton
- 23 Some are for
- Christmas 25. Dried, split pulses
- **26.** Self
- 27. Where to get your mail 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Flightless bird 31. Expectorated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the
- truth 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of "cast" 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell
- membranes 67. Dark brown
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. Partner to flow
- 3. A very large body of
- water 4. Accumulate on the
- surface of



- 5. Central cores of stems
- 6. Angry 7. Spanish stew: ___
- podrida 8. Fastened with a pin
- 9. On your way: __ route 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Enmities
- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist

- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 46. Sports broadcaster Ian 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 54. Ship goods as cargo 59. The bill in a restaurant

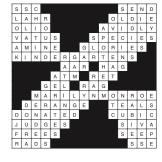
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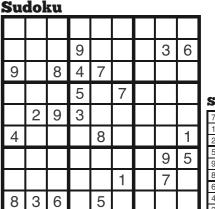
44. Weather

- **60. Young female**
- 61. OJ trial judge 62. One's grandmother

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64. West Siberian river





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Hardcore hikers conquer Mohawk Mountain

By Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — The opening event in the new IronHike Endurance series pushed participants to the limit at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area from Sept. 30 to

This recently created series was conceived of and produced by John Kolker and four co-founders: All are distinguished U.S. Military veterans. Kolker referred to himself as, "the hands-on

The core concept of the series was designed to reach "mountain athletes," trail runners and hikers, and to provide a selection of endurance challenges. The test here was not about speed, but rather about elevation gains.

The only competition the hikers faced was themselves and the goals they hoped to achieve.

IronHike's website explained, "This is a classification of events that combine physical, mental and spiritual gumption" An opportunity to assess, achieve and appre-



At the turnaround on Mohawk Mountain, two teammates exchanged the participant badge to continue the monumental challenge at IronHike Endurance Series.

ciate ones own goals.

The format for the fourday event sounded straightforward: Hikers would ascend and descend Mohawk trail, which totaled 595-feet in elevation from the base.

The challenges were named after noteworthy mountains and the distance for each event was determined by the altitude of its namesake.

The first, and "easiest" was

"Clingmans Dome," which is the highest peak on the Appalachian Trail. Hikers were given a twelve-hour limit to hike Mohawk up and down until 7,140-feet of elevation was achieved.

"Denali," named for the highest U.S. peak at 20,825feet, provided 48 hours to complete, and would total 43 miles of hiking.

Third was "Everest" with a 72-hour window, 61 miles, and 29,155-feet of elevation.

Finally, the fourth challenge was "Olympus Mons," the highest peak on Mars at 72,000-feet of elevation. 84 hours was given to complete this 152-mile "hike".

Thirty hikers registered for the event, and could enter individually, with a teammate or as a four person relay team. "Clingman's Dome" attracted the majority of hikers

The flag bearer reached the summit atop Mohawk Mountain on Saturday, Sept. 30.

and "Everest" had its hikers

Above and beyond imagination, there was one hiker challenging the "Olympus Mons" feat. Scott Festa of North Carolina seemed eager and very at ease in anticipation of this feat.

He calmly and happily said "I'm looking forward to pushing myself." He added that he would "probably know within the first few hours of starting if I was going to make it."

A modest Army vet, Festa

mentioned only that he had been an Appalachian Trail "through hiker" in his life as an extraordinary endurance athlete.

In addition to pushing participants to the extreme, IronHike supports worthwhile causes: St Jude's Children Hospital, 2NDGO (a veterans organization) and New England Forestry among others.

As IronHike's website says, it's "Your Journey toward becoming the best version of yourself."



HVRHS' Sophie Nason returned a volley against Wolcott Tech on Sept. 27.

Wolcott Tech volleyball beats

Housatonic Regional 3-1

TORRINGTON Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity volleyball lost 3-1 at Wolcott Technical High School on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

After losing to the Mountaineers earlier in the season, the Wildcats evened up the series between these two teams on their recently refinished home court. On Sept. 27, Wolcott's consistent service dominance kept them in the lead for the majority of each set.

HVRHS quickly found themselves in a double-digit deficit when Wolcott pulled ahead 14-4 in the first set. The Mountaineers rallied late and closed the gap to within 7 points, but the hot streak came too late.



Sydney Howe spiked it.

Wolcott Tech won the first set 25-17.

HVRHS started to click in the second and built a 10-5 lead early on. Just as they be-

gan to pick up steam, Wolcott caught up and tied the score at 12-12. The Wildcats kept their foot on the gas for the remainder and took a 2-0 lead in the match.

Wolcott Tech won the sec-

ond set 25-16. As they took the court to start the third, HVRHS exited the huddle with a chant of "Intensity!" led by team captain Anne Moran. The Mountaineers played pointfor-point with the Wildcats in the third and neither team was able to establish a lead. It was all tied up down to the wire at 24-24 with HVRHS' senior Haley Leonard on the service line. She got the job done, and the Mountaineers took the set.

HVRHS won the third set 26-24.

Catching wind, HVRHS kept the intensity up into the fourth set and created a slim 10-8 lead. Diving saves from each team had the crowd cheering with the game on the line. Inspired, Wolcott started to take back momentum and pulled ahead 22-18 down the stretch. HVRHS clapped back and tied it up at 23-23. A drawn out volley for the 24th point sucked the wind out of the Mountaineers sail and Wolcott took the

fourth set 25-23 and won the match 3-1.

travel to Gilbert on Oct. 10.

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Dear Supporters,

Good news from your local newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News!

A small group of key supporters, have pledged a total of \$100,000 as a MATCHING CHALLENGE. We have until October 31st to meet the challenge.

These funds are crucial to the continued growth of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News. At The Lakeville Journal, new investments in local reporting have been made by bringing on new reporters to expand coverage of local towns and the results are evident. The Millerton News has a new office in town and a new editor who is rebuilding the reporting staff there too.

Behind the scenes, the papers are in the process of a complete digital migration of operations to newly revamped websites for both papers and a stream of integrated digital news products.

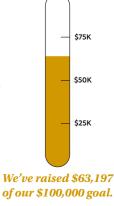
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Noreen Doyle, Board Chair

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FALLS VILLAGE — Gilbert/Northwestern/ Housatonic co-op football will host Naugatuck High School on Satuday, Oct. 7 at 1 p.m.

The GNH home game will be played at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Ed Kirby Field.

GNH is coming off a tough loss on the road against Woodland Regional 34-0.

The Yellowjackets will have their work cut out for them against Naugatuck, who are 4-0 and beat Watertown 35-7 on Sept. 29.

GNH will look to improve their 2-2 record when they face Naugatuck at HVRHS on Oct. 7.

Wolcott Tech won the The result moved Wol-

cott to 7-2 for the season and HVRHS moved to 4-3. Wolcott faces Wamogo next on Oct. 5, and HVRHS will

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2023 SALISBU FALL FESTIMA www.salisburyfallfestival.org October 6-8

Ongoing

21st Annual Scarecrow Exhibit 9 am - 6 pm Enjoy the scarecrows along Main Street of Salisbury and Lakeville.

Friends of Scoville Library

9 am - 10 am (Oct. 6) Giant Book Sale - Early bird buying \$10 per person. 10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Free admission to Giant Book Sale in the Wardell Room and Friends' stacks. (Oct. 7) "Book Bag Sale" from 3 to 4 pm; \$10 a bag.

All Saints of America Orthodox **Christian Church**

at Salisbury Congregational Church

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Country Store featuring baked goods, preserves, Greek pastries and foods, breads, pies, herbs, and more.

Kelley & Kellner

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Learn how to reduce appetite without stimulants, decrease cravings, and manage blood sugar.

Lakeville Community Conservancy

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Learn how the LCC enhances green spaces and parks, contributing to a sense of civic pride and enjoyment of outdoor spaces in Lakeville.

Local Honey from Peter Sadlon 10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) 100% pure local honey and bee

Project SAGE

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Learn about our domestic violence prevention programs. October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Salisbury Association

24 Main St. 10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) noon to 4 pm (Oct. 8) Visit the new "Salisbury Affordable Housing" exhibit. Learn about the history and organizations involved, as well as the challenges, needs, and solutions

Salisbury Congregational Church

for the community.

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Quilt Show (Church). Treasure Trove Tag Sale (Parish Hall). Noon - 3 pm (Oct. 8) Treasure Trove Tag Sale - Half-price sale on everything! (Parish Hall).

St. John's Episcopal Church

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Baked goods and coffee. Left Bank Bookstalls (outside). 11 am to 2 pm (Oct. 8) Just Left Bank Bookstalls (outside).

Hot Dog Tent

outside Congregational Church 11 am - 2 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Offers hot dogs, chili dogs, soda, cider, water and more.

Interlaken Inn Route 112, Lakeville, CT 5 pm - 9 pm (Oct. 6 and 7) Complimentary appetizer with the purchase of an entree at Morgan's at the Interlaken

Salisbury Artisans Group tents in front of the White Hart

10 am - 4 pm (Oct. 7 and 8) Local artisans displaying their traditional and contemporary creations—jewelry, pottery, fiber arts, wreaths, woven goods, fine art, organic skin care, woodwork, ceramics, gourmet food, and much more

Friday, October 6th

Salisbury General Store "Sip and

5 pm - 7 pm Stop in for cocktails, appetizers, and in-

Saturday, October 7th

Salisbury General Store

9 am - 5 pm In-store sales and samples from Finding; Home Farm and Horton Scone Company. Learn about Greenwoods Community Outreach services in Litchfield County.

SOAR

on Library lawn 10 am - 3 pm Pop-Up Crafts featuring a variety of autumn crafts and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Plus lots of pumpkins to decorate, glitter tattoos, and a raffle with the students from the Salisbury Central School Enrichment Program.

Annie's Fair Trade

on Main Street 10 am - 4 pm Hand-poured and hand-painted candles

from South Africa. Certified Fair Trade and a portion of the proceeds goes to Save the Rhino. Great gifts and hostess presents!

Children's Street Fair

along Library Street 10 am – 4 pm Salisbury Central School 8th Grade offers games and popcorn. They are also taking orders for holiday wreaths. All proceeds go toward the class trip to Washington,

EXTRAS

10 am - 4 pm Students from the EXTRAS recreational program at Salisbury Central School will be selling baked goods, making slime, and offering a 50/50 raffle to benefit their program.

Honeychurch Home

10 am – 4 pm Visit our booth on Main Street for items and information about the upcoming Merry & Bright weekend. Stop by the store on Academy Street for in-store sales and the Lobster Truck

Hotchkiss School, The Jane Lloyd Fund, and Sharon Hospital

10 am - 4 pm Enjoy activities for Breast Cancer Awareness Month: a pink M&M jar raffle, painting Kindness Rocks, and sign ups for mammogram appointments, along with free breast cancer awareness information

Housatonic Child Care Center tent on Main Street

10 am – 4 pm Information about our organization and games for the kids! Plus selling tickets to wine and beer event on Oct. 28.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) Robotics Team

10 am - 4 pm Bake sale and demonstration of student built robots that compete in a Robotics Competition.

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau on Main Street

10 am - 4 pm Learn about HYSB and have fun playing some yard games!

Lakeville Journal

10 am - 4 pm Stop by for newspapers, t-shirts, and subscription forms.

National Iron Bank

tent by Library 10 am - 4 pm Stop by for refreshments and information about the special presentation by Martha Graham dancers in the Buttons Garden beside the Library at 3 pm.

NBT Bank

10 am – 4 pm Stop by our booth for donuts, apple cider and other goodies!

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission

10 am - 4 pm SAHS will have information on the affordable housing organizations in Salisbury, as well as details on their community events. Stop by for answers to all of your housing questions.

Salisbury Community Dog Park

on Main Street 10 am - 4 pm Stop by and learn about our Community Dog

Salisbury Family Services 10 am - 4 pm Learn how Family

Services helps people in our community.

Salisbury Forum

10 am – 4 pm Stop by and learn about the exciting programs that will be offered later this fall!

Salisbury Rotary

on Main Street 10 am - 4 pm Stop by and learn about the organization and its many service projects.

Tom Morrison

10 am – 4 pm Purchase an autographed copy of his second novel, "Please Pass the Tort\$." Morrison, a retired trial and appellate lawyer, is also the author of "Tort\$ R Us: A Legal Farce."

William Pitt Sotheby's

10 am – 4 pm Stop by our tent on the west side of Main Street and enjoy a family activity!

Magic of Chris Lengyel

Buttons Garden outside the

11 am and 2 pm Come and enjoy Chris' many tricks, learn a few pointers, and have the

opportunity to make your own magic during a workshop

Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary

on Main Street 11 am - 3 pm Food Tent

offering comfort food - chili and cornbread, mac and cheese, baked potatoes with toppings, soda, and water.

Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance <u>Service</u>

8 Undermountain Road, across from the White Hart Inn 11 am - 4 pm Open House! Everyone is invited to stop by and see the vehicles and equipment and speak with members to learn about joining the squad.

Salisbury Band Quickstep **Hotshots**

Bandstand on Library lawn 12 pm - 1:30 pm Enjoy live music in an old-fashioned bandstand.

Hayrides

12 pm – 4 pm Enjoy an oldfashioned hayride! Tractor and hav wagon depart on Library Street. Sponsored by the Congregational Church.

Joint Chiefs 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Enjoy a live musical performance by the Joint Chiefs on the White Hart lawn.

Martha Graham Dances Buttons Garden outside the

Library 3 pm National Iron Bank

presents two iconic Martha Graham dances, Lamentation and Satyric Festival Song, performed by Graham 2. Afterwards, Graham dancers will teach children of all ages how to express themselves through movement in their own tube of fabric. "Graham" crackers and apple cider will be

Lakeville Hose Company

5 pm - 8 pm Delicious Prime Rib Dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll, and dessert. To eat in or take

Sunday, October 8th

Kelley & Kellner

served.

10 am – 4 pm Learn how to reduce appetite without stimulants, decrease cravings, and manage blood sugar.

3rd Annual Pet Parade

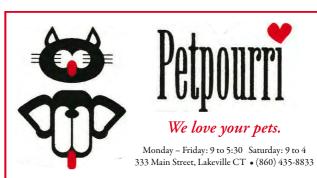
Lakeville Community Field (behind Patco) 12 pm – 1 pm Enjoy the Pet Parade featuring a variety of dogs and other pets with and without costumes. After a short parade through town, return to Community field for the award

of prizes in various categories.

Salisbury Winter Sports

Association at the Ski Jumps 1 pm – 4 pm 14th Annual

Brew-Ski Fest sponsored by SWSA. Over 30 breweries will offer over 200 beers, ciders, and hard seltzers. Live music by Steve Dunn Band. Tickets are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the gate. For tickets or information, go to Jumpfest.org.



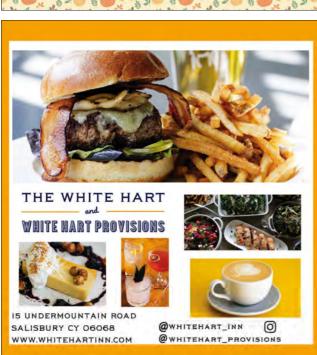


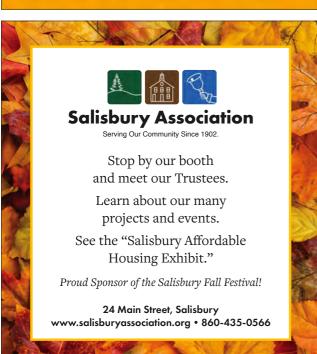
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Our Towns

Salmon Kill Bridge progress

As shown on Sunday, Oct. 1, pre-made beams were installed during the last week of September to accept a finish deck. Next will come a concrete surface and endwalls, then paving and guardrails. Weather remains an uncertainty but officials said the work is on schedule and the hope is for completion this calendar year.

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a

public hearing of the Board

of Selectmen Thursday, Sept.

28, the selectmen said the

plan to sell the town-owned

former firehouse at 35 Rail-

road Street to James Gillispie

for \$300,000 will go to a ref-

erendum vote on Election

tions on the referendum bal-

lot: the sale of the property,

and a related land swap and

easement deal with the Falls

First Selectman Henry

For example, if the vote

Todd said the two issues,

although related, are not in-

on selling the property fails,

the town and the Inn would

still like to get approval on

the second matter, which

will resolve a longstanding

problem in which the former

firehouse encroaches into the

There will be two ques-

Day, Nov. 7.

Village Inn.

terdependent.

Inn's property.

Future of old firehouse heads

to town vote in Falls Village

on Nov. 7.

Todd said that while some

legal details remain, the town

and the Inn have an agree-

ment in principle." Susan

Sweetapple of the Inn, who

was in the audience, agreed.

tered around the relation

between the two ballot ques-

who is also on the Planning

and Zoning Commission,

Comments largely cen-

Selectman Greg Marlowe,

Haystack Book Festival draws writers into Norfolk conversation

By Mike Cobb

NORFOLK — The fall 2023 Haystack Book Festival featured a rich offering of highly lauded and often locally based authors in conversation about their work at the Norfolk Library.

Friday, Sept. 29 opened with "Writing Lives" led by Norfolk based author Courtney Maum in conversation with Priscilla Gilman and Ada Calhoun about their work, which was followed by "The Brendan Gill Lecture" by author Susanna Moore. An open reception was held

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

and P&Z consultant Janell

Mullen both noted the P&Z

had approved Gillispie's plan

for a gym and wellness center

at the property "conceptual-

ly." If the referendum vote is

a yes, Gillispie will submit

a formal application to the

The meeting at the Se-

nior Center attracted some

40 people, and took about 30

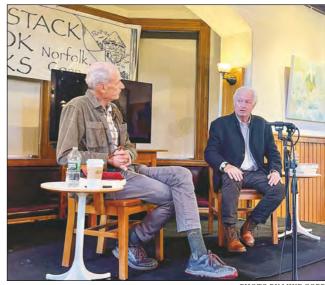
afterward at the Manor House on Maple Avenue.

Saturday saw a morning talk about the appropriation of religion and how megachurches are stealing America led by authors Elizabeth Bucar and Bo Smietana titled "On the Use and Abuse of Religion for Life." Following that, journalists George Packer and Elizabeth Becker discussed the career and legacy of the late NPR correspondent and Norfolk resident Anne Garrels, her journalism, covering the war front in Ukraine, Russia and beyond. (See story in Compass on Page B1.)

Saturday's third talk titled "Liberalism and Resentment: Political Ideas and Emotions featured historian-philosophers Samuel Moyn and Robert Schneider who discussed past and present connections to contemporary political culture.

Host Michael Selleck explained, "Sunday's our day for nature, history, and global interest. The day began with a morning birding walk through Great Mountain Forest with director of the Sharon Audubon Center Eileen Fielding."

On Sunday morning, authors Neil King Jr. and Rinker Buck led a discussion titled "Traveling Through History in Contemporary America." A former political reporter and editor at The Wall Street Journal, King's first book "American Ramble: A Walk of Memory and Renewal" rhapsodically relates his walk from Washington D.C. to New York City, while New York Times best selling author Buck's current work "Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure" chronicles his travels by a homemade flatboat named



Neil King Jr., left, and Rinker Buck, talked about their obsessions with taking the road less traveled on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Norfolk Library.

Patience down the Mississippi River.

Both authors shared the obsession of taking the road less traveled, oftentimes embracing corporal hardship. Buck broke his ribs twice during his journeys. "I found some of the physical challenges euphoric. And it was good for storytelling," Buck said.

Both authors eschewed modern transportation methods, such as traveling by car, which slowed down their sense of time and helped them meditate on America's natural beauty while also contemplating the more troubling aspects of U.S. history.

"I achieved a more profound understanding of American history, the displacement of Native Americans and the suffering that the slaves endured, which is not taught in school," Buck

King spoke of his journey in almost spiritual terms. "After the pandemic and the social and political turmoil of 2020, traveling helped cleanse the dreariness of what's going on today."

King added, "Everybody's used to speaking about themselves. In our case, I drew things out of Rinker and his book and vice-versa. It sort of obscures the typical interview dynamic and helps create conversation."

The festival concluded with Carl Safina's talk "How the Changing Landscape Touches Us All — Humans and Nonhumans Alike" in which he discussed an unexpected but lasting friendship with an orphaned screech owl that he and his wife rescued. The talk also spoke to how humans are changing the living world and mankind's relationship to nature.

Vaccination clinics available as flu season looms

Selectman Dave Barger read the call at the Thursday,

Sept. 28 hearing on the sale of the town-owned former

firehouse at 35 Railroad St. The sale and a related land

swap and easement deal will go to a referendum vote

It's flu season, and it's crucial to get vaccinated to minimize your chances of catching the flu. As a healthcare organization committed to promoting wellness, the Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County team wants to inform the community about how to safeguard themselves and enhance the community's overall health.

Public Flu Clinics available to anyone 18 years and older:

Falls Village Senior Center 107 Main Street, Falls Village, CT

Thursday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m to 12:30 p.m.

Kent Town Hall

41 Kent Green Blvd, Kent, to 12 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.

Lakeville Town Grove

42 Ethan Allen Street, Lakeville, CT

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. North Canaan Town Hall

100 Pease Street, Canaan,

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Salisbury Branch 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT

Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Sharon Pharmacy 8 Gay Street, Sharon, CT Thursday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.

commission.

Warren Town Hall 50 Cemetery Rd, Warren,

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to

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24 Pine St., Cornwall CT Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12 to 5 p.m.

Walk-ins welcome.

appointment.

(Cornwall's Flu & Covid clinic is not affiliated with SVNA)

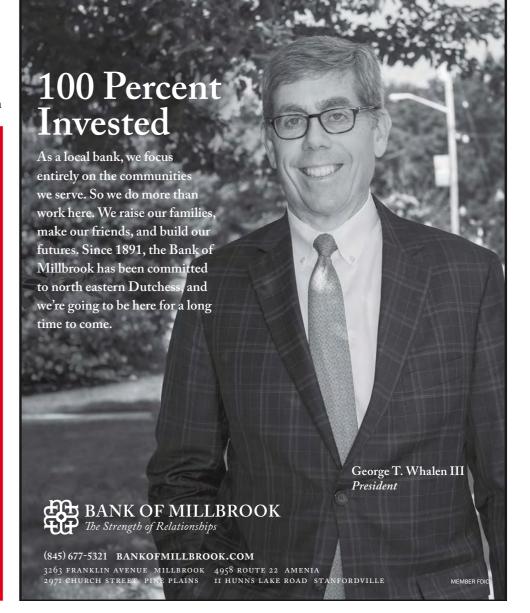
In Cornwall, all insurance accepted. Please bring insurance card.



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Sign of the times

FFVFD needs volunteers. To learn more, stop by the department headquarters at 188 Rte 7 in Falls Village or call (860) 824-5298.







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HAWAII

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in 1792 and was orphaned at the age of 10 during the Rebellion of Nāmakehā. Ōpūkaha'ia was enslaved by the ruling chief when Westerners arrived on the shore of the Island of Hawaii.

In 1807 he left the island life behind and climbed aboard the "Triumph" with Captain Caleb Britnall. The boat traveled to China before turning back, sailing below South America en route to Connecticut. Ōpūkaha'ia received his first English lessons on the long journey to New Haven.

It was on this boat that he was given the name Henry, likely because the sailors could not pronounce Ōpūkaha'ia. In Hawaiian, Davis explained Öpūkaha'ia roughly means "brought from the stomach," because he was born by Caesarian section.

Upon arrival in Connecticut, Ōpūkaha'ia spent time on Yale's campus in search of further education in English and secular studies. His pursuit of knowledge prompted the creation of the Foreign Mission School in 1816, which opened its doors in Cornwall the following year.

The Foreign Mission School was active in Cornwall Village from 1817 to 1826 and instructed students from Native American tribes (most notably the Cherokee), Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

"They were instructed in Cornwall Village at this Foreign Mission School with the idea that they would become missionaries and go back to their native populations and spread the gospel," said Ridgway.

While studying in Cornwall, Ōpūkaha'ia translated several texts to his native language. By 1818 he completed a dictionary, a grammar and spelling book, and had trans-

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advocate for the Housatonic

FFA chapter, the FFA alumni

group, and for the American

Field Services (AFS) student

HVRHS agriculture educa-

tion teacher, said Gannett

"always wanted to improve

for her parties, including a

Christmas get-together that

the gifts were thoughtful,

sometimes they were silly.

One year he received one

of the latter, in the form of

a plastic potted plant. He

brought it along for demon-

stration purposes. It was

surreptitiously put the pho-

ny plant in Gannett's garden,

and for a while he thought

special gift was returned to

do with it," he continued. Woods Sinclair said from

the audience "Dust it off!"

"But I blew my cover. My

"I still don't know what to

HVRHS Principal Ian

Strever said when he first joined HVRHS as an assistant principal 13 years ago,

Gannett "was the first to

form of a terse email contain-

ing constructive criticism of

Strever's use of language in a

nett took great pains to make

sure visiting AFS students

"knew they were welcome

Vance Cannon said Gan-

prior communication.

She reached out in the

he'd gotten away with it.

Burdick subsequently and

dusty.

me."

reach out."

for.

Gannett was famous

Burdick said sometimes

Mark Burdick, a retired

GANNETT

exchange program.

the community."

included a gift swap.



Kahu Wendell Davis and his wife, Mama Kahu Maria Davis, at the Hawaiian gravesite of Henry Ōpūkaha'ia.

lated the Book of Genesis to Hawaiian.

this day: the Graceys.

Davises and Graceys met

Jed Gracey showed an image of Ōpūkaha'ia that has been hanging in the home for generations. He gifted the Davises an old brass key from the home that was found while cleaning the floor boards. It perfectly fit the door to the room in which

Pastor Davis blessed the

Ōpūkaha'ia died in Corn-

"She was a great all-

George Wheeler said as

Bob Gambino said as a

around person with a big

AFS regional coordinator,

Gannett always "checked in

new teacher at HVRHS, he

noticed Gannett "and anoth-

er teacher I won't name" in

the rear of the room, looking

more serene than one would

expect at a lengthy, dry meet-

ing wasn't so dry. After the

meeting, Gambino went up

to Gannett and introduced

some of the coffee she and

the other teacher were shar-

poured him a cup from her

immediately saw all.

It was Irish coffee.

Gannett asked if he'd like

Gambino said yes, and she

Gambino took a sip, and

Woods Sinclair wrapped

up the presentation, by ad-

himself.

thermos.

Turned out the meet-

to make sure all was well."

wall of typhus fever in 1818, but his texts were instrumental in the First Company mission to Hawaii later that year. His work in this area has credited him with beginning Hawaii's conversion to Christianity.

Although Ōpūkaha'ia did not return to Hawaii, the missionaries that did return found a drastically different situation than when they had departed. By 1810, Kamehameha the Great had completed his unification of the Hawaiian Islands. In the 1820s, the days of warring tribes with varying deities were no more, and Davis said this made people receptive to Christianity.

"By the time of 1850, 30 years after the arrival of the missionaries, 90% of the people in Hawaii were already sands each Sunday."

Christians in Hawaii honor Ōpūkaha'ia's legacy as the first Hawaiian Christian on the third Sunday in February each year.

In 1993, descendants from Ōpūkaha'ia's family requested the return of his body to Hawaii. His remains were laid at Kahikolu Church, the third church established by missionaries in Hawaii.

Ridgway said he was "a newly elected first selectman when those cousins... led the movement to bring Henry's remains back to Hawaii." One of his first acts as selectman was to sign the papers approving the re-interment.

The visit on Sept. 28 was brought about in part by two travelers from Redding on a visit to Hawaii nearly four decades ago. David and Elisabeth Noone visited Kapikolu Church and were surprised to see a plaque about Cornwall.

"In the back of the church there was a plaque on the wall commemorating Henry Ōpūkaha'ia," said Mr. Noone. "We thought, 'What's this?" added Mrs. Noone.

Upon returning to Connecticut, they traveled to Cornwall, found the gravesite, and learned the story of Ōpūkaha'ia. When they returned to Hawaii years later, they happened to meet Pastor Davis on a boat ride.

"He invited us to the church off coincidence," said Mr. Noone. "It happened to be the day that they commemorate Henry."

Mrs. Noone added, "He told us he had always wanted to come to Connecticut."

The Noones got in touch with Ridgway and helped arrange the Hawaiian delegation's visit, bringing the story full circle and reuniting the two peoples.

Horses

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gled with PTSD.

Traditional therapy helped to a point, "but that was nothing compared to working with the horses."

Frank pointed out that horses are prey animals, not

predators like humans. "They survive by reading people."

Working with the horses helped him reestablish the personal relationships the PTSD had damaged.

"Just ask my wife," said

After the horse demonstrations, the guests assembled inside the pavilion for a successful fundraising ap-

The veterans and first responders come for a total of 16 hours. The cost is \$1,200 per person, and it is free for the guardians.

So the initial appeal was for pledges of \$7,200, or one group of six. Several people indicated they were willing to pony up.

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guns," firearms that have no serial number and are largely untraceable.

Strengthened renters' rights

Much of Senate Bill 988, a wide-ranging law with new and strengthened renters' rights, takes effect on Oct. 1. The portions about to go into effect include limits on application and overdue rent fees and stricter security deposit return requirements.

The bill limits the apartment application fees landlords can charge to security deposits, first month's rent, a key or special equipment deposit and the fee for the tenant screening report, which is capped at \$50 plus any inflation costs. All other application fees will be prohibited.

Additionally, the bill requires landlords to return tenants' security deposits (and interest on them) within 21 days, rather than 30, or else they're liable for double the original amount.

Landlords will also face new limits on charging fees for overdue rent, and the law gives tenants either a nineday grace period or four days for week-to-week renters before fees start.

The fees have to be the least of these options: up to \$5 per day, for a maximum of \$50; 5% of the overdue rent; or 5% of the tenant's share of the rent if they are in a nonprofit or government rent aid program such as the housing choice voucher program.

Landlords also can't charge more than one late fee for unpaid rent, no matter how long it's overdue.

The bill also gets rid of an exemption to the law banning housing discrimination against people in the LGBTQ community. Previously, people who are renting out one room in their house or landlords who rent out housing in a building with up to four units and live in one of the units were exempt from the law. Senate Bill 988 removes that exemption.

Traffic cameras in municipalities

House Bill 5917 allows Connecticut municipalities

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to use automated cameras to enforce speed limit and red light violations.

The cameras will be limited to school zones, defined pedestrian safety zones and other locations chosen by local officials and approved by the Office of State Traffic Administration.

Automated enforcement zones must be clearly marked, and speeders will have to be going at least 10 miles per hour over the limit to get an automated ticket.

Fines will be capped at \$50 for a first offense and \$75 for a second offense regardless of a violator's recorded speed. The revenue will go to municipalities and must be used for traffic-related expenses.

Eliminating 'transcript withholding'

Senate Bill 922 will prevent higher education institutions in Connecticut from withholding the transcripts of students who still owe debts to their college or university in certain instances.

In some cases, the debt in question is unpaid tuition. Often, it's smaller debts such as library fines, unpaid parking fees or an unreturned textbook penalty.

The 'bear bill'

Public Act 23-77 allows for the killing of black bears in certain instances. It clarifies existing rights of residents to kill a bear that is attacking people or pets, allows farmers suffering from crop or livestock destruction by bears to get a permit from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to kill the bear, bans intentional feeding of bears, and provides for penalties if someone is found to have done that.

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Ōpūkaha'ia fell ill with

typhus fever and was treated by Dr. John Calhoun in Cornwall. He died in the home that is still occupied by Calhoun's descendants to

outside the fateful home on Sept. 28 and reunited the two families that had been separated for two centuries.

Ōpūkaha'ia died.

doorway of the house to give peace to the spirits and honor the memory of Ōpūkaha'ia.

converted to Christianity," said Davis. "They were baptizing Hawaiians by the thou-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN Mark Burdick spoke

fondly of Katie Gan-

nett, and showed off the

plastic potted plant he

received at one of Gan-

nett's Christmas parties.

mitting he was the unnamed teacher.

"The cat's out of the bag about Irish coffee. I kept that a secret for years!"

He described Gannett as "generous beyond our understanding," and as a forceful woman.

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and in a community that cared deeply." Robert Kilmer said Gannett "was one of the few peo-Open Daily 10 to 5 ple I'd stop chopping corn

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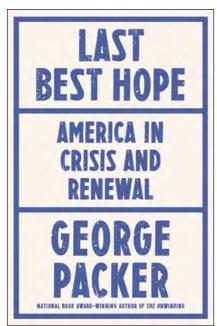
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BOOKS: MAUD DOYLE

Inside The 4th Estate at Haystack Book Fest

ournalism is increasingly difficult, dangerous, unsupported, and ignored; it changes nothing in the present and may leave no impression on the future. But we do it anyway, said Elizabeth Becker and George Packer, because what is the alternative?

Becker (a leading conflict journalist for The New York Times and The Washington Post, and Senior Foreign Editor at NPR) and Packer (staff writer at The Atlantic and winner of the 2013 National Book Award for "The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America") spoke at the Haystack Book Festival discussion "Inspired by the Legacy of Anne **Garrels: A Conversation**



about Covering Conflict," at the Norfolk Library on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The talk was billed as a reflection on what they've learned about telling intimate human stories from within war zones (abroad) and

polarized cultural conflict (at home), but it turned, perhaps inevitably, into a discussion of the "sense of the growing irrelevance" of journalism itself.

"We've all wondered—why in the world are we doing this?" said Becker. "Because it doesn't seem to make a difference."

It is not a new frustration, especially in conflict reporting. Becker described inter-

viewing a young female war correspondent whose work had taken her to a hospital following an attack: "She felt horrible, recording while a little baby died," said Becker, helpless

to change the reality unfolding in front of her. "But that's what we have to go through."

"You go into it thinking 'I, by showing the world the horror of war, or the reality of war," said Packer, "[by showing] what it means for a school child or for a teacher or a combatant, a soldier, I will humanize it, and therefore, I will end it, or help end it, or at least show why this war's happening and perhaps even convince someone of some political idea.'

"In my experience, it doesn't happen that way," he said. "You are not making life better for anyone. I think you have to admit that."

Over recent decades, journalism has also grown increasingly

dangerous as journalists become targetsnot just abroad, said Packer, but in the U.S. as well. Several years ago, 64% of journalists killed while reporting died in combat

zones,

said Becker; now, 64% of journalists killed while reporting are killed in non-combat zones. Another growing percentage are kidnapped or imprisoned as both combatants and nations

PHOTOS MACMILLAN, PUBLICAFFAIR You Don't Belong Here How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War Elizabeth Becker

> seek to use journalists as bargaining chips.

Meanwhile, the internet and social media seem to have rendered journalism-particularly complex, in-depth

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THEATER: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Playing with Truth

aving the best for last, Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., is closing its first season under the new leadership of Artistic **Director Carl Andress** and Managing Director Rod Christensen with its most confident production. Electrically paced by Marcia Milgrom Dodge, the Tony-Award nominated director of Broadway's "Ragtime" revival, "The Lifespan of a Fact" by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell sizzles with tension. If you're going

to be scrolling through a streaming service on Friday night, scouting for a series to grab your attention and keep you glued, head to Sharon's Olsen Theater.

To lay the foreground, allow me a bit of personal color, in-line with spirit of the play's focus on writers injecting themselves in the story. There's an unintentionally hilarious line that opens the fairly forgettable 2010 romantic comedy "Letters To Juliet" that has nevertheless lodged in my brain

since I first heard it. On a work call while strolling through sunny Central Park, a young Amanda Seyfried introduces herself by beaming, "I'm a fact checker [at The New Yorker], actually. It is a bit like being a detective." Has anyone ever expressed such a wide-eyed sentiment? Except that "The Lifespan of a Fact," a drama indeed about a magazine fact checker, really is a detective story, one that opens with a report on a dead body. A murder hasn't taken place, but a suicide. A young Nevada man, 16-year-old Levi Presley, has jumped to his death from the observation balcony of a Las Vegas tourist hotel, and a (reportedly) remark-





PRODUCTION PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON PLAYHOUSE

Renaldo Piniella and Jennifer Van Dyck in "The Lifespan of a Fact."

able 15-page essay on this tragedy has landed on the desk of a prestige magazine, ready for print - it just needs a quick fact check. Easy right?

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The assignment is handed to Jim Fingal (Renaldo Piniella), an intern and recent Harvard graduate, by editor Emily Penrose (Jennifer Van Dyck), with both actors and characters playing out artificial performances that belie the depth of their conviction. Jim is a smarmy charmer, willing to brown nose his way to a paid position, while Emily preemptively basks in the publishing glory she views on the horizon. Played across two sets with only three actors, it's Jonathan Walker's excellently grounded turn as the gruff but deeply humane writer, John D'Agata, that turns the play into a more

slippery and complicated creature. Bringing out the prickly fury that simmers beneath the initial facades of Piniella and Van Dyck's character work, Walker anchors the production as a man accused of burying a life in an effort to immortalize a death.

Like any good detective story, I have purposefully concealed a piece of important information, just in case you haven't put the pieces together. The play is an adaptation of a 2012 book co-authored by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal, who really did dispute over the questionable truths and

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RESTAURANTS: R.A. HERMANS

Stissing House named one of top 50 restaurants in U.S.

he New York Times has chosen Stissing House in Pine Plains, N.Y., as one of the 50 restaurants in the United States that it is "most excited about right now."

The third annual list, published on Sept. 18, includes five restaurants in New York state. Stissing House is the only one not located in New York City.

The Times' entry on Stissing House, written by food reporter Priya Krishna, heaped praise

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

n 2020, Jane Eckert, owner of Eckert Fine Art

I from the cluster of contemporary art galleries

located in the Kent Barns in Kent, Conn. Eckert and her big-name clients, like the

prolific Neo-Expressionist bunny painter

Hunt Slonem, had been a staple of Kent. Still, nevertheless, she was venturing into

new territory on the MASS MoCA cam-

pus in Williamstown, Mass. Now, she's

Eckert Fine Art, located on Titus Road

in Washington, Conn. With an opening

Eckert has always sought major names

of Robert Cottingham to the graphic

reception scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7,

for collection, from the urban landscapes

pop art of the late Robert Rauschenberg

to the stainless steel sculptural work of

Salisbury, Conn., resident Don Gummer,

husband of actress Meryl Streep. Fea-

tured in the public collection of MASS

program of The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.,

Gummer's modern interpretation of constructivism,

a movement born out of the early 20th century when

art reflected the emerging images of industrialism,

has seen his steel and bronze shapes curve like a

dancer in motion, the city made dynamic.

MoCA as well as the sculpture loan

marking her return to Connecticut with

Gallery + Consulting, announced her departure

on chef/proprietor Clare de Boer, who opened the restaurant in March 2022. "In Ms. de Boer's hands, a simple cup of beef broth garnished with a rosemary sprig can feel like it has healing powers," Krishna wrote. She concluded, "Practically everything here is cooked over a wood fire, often seasoned with not much more than some herbs, salt and de Boer's deft, seemingly magical, touch."

Jane Eckert Returns to CT

Krishna profiled de Boer in the Times a few days before Stissing House opened, noting that de Boer, 32 years old at the time, had already been a partner in two standout restaurants in New York City: King and Jupiter. Earlier this year, Stissing House was one of 30 semifinalists for the James Beard Foundation's award for Best New Restaurant in the U.S.

"My name may be on the article, but [Stissing House] is the work of so

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Meryl Streep and

Don Gummer

many people, my manager, the chef, the sous chefs, the whole team," de Boer said a day after the Times' accolades. The recognition "makes this an exciting day for all of us," she added. The restaurant employs more than 30 people.

The building that houses Stissing House was built in 1782 and de Boer is well aware of the history of its previous restaurants. While the Times' acknowledgment was "wonderful" and "humbling," she said the restaurant is still "a work

in progress." She wants it to become a part of people's lives, "a place for celebratory dinners and weddings."

"We want to be something that stands the test of time," de Boer said.

Article courtesy of the New Pine Plains Herald.

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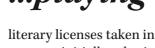
ted to Harper's Magazine about Levi Presley, a real teenage boy who scaled two fences on the 109th Tower and leaped to day night in July 2002. Published in 2012, "The original essay by creative

non-fiction essayist D'Agata, a writer the late **David Foster Wallace** described as possessing the candor of David Shields and the aesthetic weight of Annie Dillard, is printed alongside his combative conversations with Believer intern, Fingal.

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"Hi, John. I'm the intern who's been assigned to fact-check your

article," their correspondence began, as it does in the play. "I was hoping you could clarify how you determined that there are thirty-four strip clubs in the city while the source you're using says thirty-one." But that's the thing about a detective story, isn't it? Pull one thread, and you never know what could unravel.



an essay initially submitand later to The Believer floor of the Stratosphere his death on a Satur-Lifespan of A Fact," the

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stories—increasingly unread, particularly as potential readers get more and more information primarily from social media and aggregators. The simple, uncomplicated truth of phone reportage is easier for people to digest and recall in a world of 24/7 unedited information. (Packer noted that from checking the analytics of articles after they've been published on The Atlantic website, he has learned that an average page time of 47 seconds must be considered a major success.)

The end result is that journalists struggle to find outlets that will publish and pay them for their stories. (Becker: "I'm very impressed by the younger generation of journalists [...] They're so creative, publishing in places I've never heard of" [meaning that their articles usually earn only a handful of readers and a modest courtesy fee.] Packer: "The corporate model has come to the end of its usefulness. It is impossible to make hard reporting pay.")

The growing pressures on journalists—financial, physical, mental, and emotional-said Becker, "ultimately hurts the level of our coverage."

There was a long discussion about whether or not 50% of the country really believes that journalists make their livings by actively and deliberately fabricating stories for political ends. (Packer: The days of Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward bringing down a corrupt administration are over, said Packer. "There was enough consensus [...] That doesn't happen anymore.")

There was a really, really long discussion about President Donald Trump, which (finally) concluded over the ques-

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PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

The late Anne Garrels spoke at The Salisbury Forum in 2016 on her experience in Russia.

tion of whether or not journalists talk about him too much.

"The war reporters I most admire are not nearly as interested in the explosions as the people caught up in them," said Packer, pointing to the work of Anne Garrels, NPR's late conflict journalist and resident of Norfolk, whose work focused on the civilians, not the generals.

"I think [narrative journalism] can be helpful—to get below the surface" and tell stories that get at the human experience beyond the statements of practiced "mouthpieces," said Packer.

"We are witnesses, and that is a step-

down-or at least away-from changing the world. We get disillusioned, especially younger journalists," said Packer, and have to let go of the idea "that by exposing injustice to exposing suffering, we will really change, maybe change policy, at least change people's lives. I think you have to settle into a less grandiose picture of what you're doing, which is witnessing" human experience, not changing it.

Can narrative journalism be part of the solution to all the problems that are challenging it today?

"I hope so," said Packer, "because it's what I do."

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MUSIC AND COWS AT SKY HIGH FARM

According to various studies, certain types of music have a calming effect on livestock, reducing stress and positively affecting relaxation. The proprietors of Sky High Farm in Ancramdale, N.Y., will reinforce this theory on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. with "Cowposition: A Serenade for the Cows," an event that will include multi-instrumentalists Laraaji and Nadi Burton playing improvised, site-specific, zither-based music to the farm's herd of cows. Four dancers will accompany the musicians' nurturing soundscape, devising their movements on the spot to soothe and increase milk production in the herd's pregnant females.

The event is family-friendly and will take place outdoors, but space is extremely limited and reservations are required in advance.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

EDITORIAL

Election Season

all colors are beginning to arrive in the North-valleys presents us with a changing vista of oranges, reds, yellow and browns as temperatures drop and daylight hours diminish. And there's another traditional change to the landscape happening just beyond our windshields: the sprouting of multicolored political candidate signs that call to us for our vote.

The Lakeville Journal does not endorse candidates for office since we became a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit orga-

Some readers have asked if we would be covering elections. The answer is yes. Last month we reported on the Republican primary in North Canaan, laying out the issues and talking to the candidates about the race. Now, we begin profiling candidates running for municipal office on Election Day in November. Across Region One towns there are 25 candidates for select-

In today's paper on Page A4, you can read about the five candidates for selectman in Cornwall. We will do the same in upcoming editions for the selectmen races in Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon. Our approach is to give each candidate the opportunity to discuss their priorities, and ask them why they want to be a selectman.

Lawn signs can have an impact. A study done by a Columbia University professor a few years ago established that they can make a difference of 1 or 2% in a tight race. An earlier study by a Vanderbilt University professor found that merely putting up a campaign sign in the mix of candidates can be effective. A completely fictitious candidate received nearly a quarter of the top three picks from potential voters who responded in the study. The conclusion was that name recognition counted for a lot. According to some political consultants, the colors employed by candidates on their signs have blurred party lines as voters internalize traditional identifying colors.

Newspaper endorsements of candidates have faded substantially in the past few years. One argument is that they've outlived their usefulness in an age of bitter politics, combined with growing skepticism of media in general. We hope that our summary-length profiles — in the words of the candidates themselves — will serve to inform a little more about the candidate behind the lawn sign.

Discover Salisbury

This week's edition includes a special supplement about Salisbury. We take a look at women-led businesses that have opened this year giving our small town a richer and more varied experience. The stories range from a new yoga studio to a dance studio for young aspirants to a community arts center and a new interior design business, as well as a rotating art exhibition gallery. We also tell you about a dog park that beckons four-legged best-friends, a pollinator meadow at Salisbury School and offer a book review from our own Tom Morrison's latest legal novel.

We also hope this Discover Salisbury will be a handy guide for the 66th Salisbury Fall Festival happening this weekend, Oct. 6 through 8.

> The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. each Monday. You may email letters to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Disappointed in Sharon Hospital

I am disappointed by Nuvance's continuing effort to close Sharon Hospital's maternity services (L&D) as well as the Intensive Care Unit. One would think that a not-for-profit hospital company having a 2021 revenue of \$105 million in excess of expenses could cheerfully afford to lose \$4 million on L&D in order to maintain

a hospital's perfect record of never losing the life of a mother giving birth on her arriving baby.

We need to keep a full-service hospital in the Northwest Corner just as we need more affordable housing. We need thse in order to attract full-time families to man our local businesses, our fire departments and EMT's and other volunteer organizations, to provide teachers for our schools and doctors and nurses for our health ser vices, including the hospital. These are challenges, but I believe our wonderful community has the will and the ability to meet them.

Alice Yoakum

Lakeville

Ticks, Babesiosis and catching it in time

Earlier this summer I had to insist that my Nuvance primary care practice order the necessary tests for medical staff at Sharon Hospital to treat me. It seems crazy that (a) I had to figure out that such tests existed and were recommended by the CDC, and (b) that an Emergency Department would not opt for the rapid test over the 3-5 day turnaround test when dealing with a patient sick enough to be admitted to ER.

Some ticks transmit multiple microbes whose incubation before showing causing symptoms can vary from days to weeks. So, just when I thought I had been successfully treated and cured, from a diagnosis of Lyme, I came down with a new round of fever and chills, fatigue, headache, and loss of

Riva for Salisbury P&Z

I write in support of the candidacy of Bob Riva for membership of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Bob has been a resident of Salisbury for 32 years and has been on the Board of Education for eight years, and was Selectman for one term.

He was also Affordable Housing Commissioner and a was a member of the HVRHS building commission.

Clearly he would be an excellent addition to the Planning and Zoning commission and thus I support his candidacy.

Maureen Bateman

Salisbury

More letters appear on B4 & B5.

appetite that was not Lyme, nor Covid-19, but Babesiosis.

Babesia microtia is a parasite, and rather like the malaria parasite is not something to be cavalier about. It is on the rise in our part of the world. The CDC and the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) recommend strongly that one or two rapid tests be done as soon as Babesiosis is suspected. They say that rapid testing is important because it "hastens appropriate antimicrobial therapy, which typically reduces the severity and duration of symptoms...and complications...and death" (https://www.idsociety.org/ practice-guideline/babesiosis/#null. I recommend you click on this link and also on www.cdc.gov/ticks/tickbornediseases/babesiosis. html

Janet Graaff

Best federal designation for Sharon Hospital

As Sharon Hospital's President, I write today to demonstrate our leadership team's continued commitment to our role as stewards of the hospital's future, and to correct misinformation that has appeared in recently published letters.

Two years ago, our leadership team announced a plan to best position Sharon Hospital for a strong future for our patients and our region. We were not the first to tackle the issue of the hospital's long-term viability — these conversations have spanned more than a decade and numerous owners, as the hospital has continuously faced challenges that have been exacerbated by our evolving region and changes to the healthcare system nationwide. And these challenges are only compounding. In 2022, Sharon Hospital reported a \$22.9 million loss, as documented in the Office of Health Strategy's Annual Report on the Financial Status of Connecticut's Short Term Acute Care Hospitals for Fiscal Year 2022.

Among the options we've considered - both in the planning process that culminated in the 2021 announcement of our transformation plan and several times in the years since — was a change in our rural federal designation. While a Critical Access Hospital designation has been presented as a solution to solve Sharon Hospital's financial challenges, the truth is that our current federal designation of Sole Community Hospital provides more financial support than we would receive under Critical Access Hospital designation.

In addition, if Sharon Hospital were to apply for Critical Access Hospital designation, we would need to limit one of the services in highest demand within our community, inpatient psychiatry, while receiving less financial support from the federal government than we do today.

We thank our community members for realizing the dire financial situation that Sharon Hospital is in, and for bringing this thoughtful suggestion to the table. This and many other options have been considered repeatedly over the years as we've worked to ensure Sharon Hospital's sustainable future.

> Christina McCulloch President, **Sharon Hospital**

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago --October 1923

The large barn and group of several small sheds, etc. on the farm owned by William Lamson on the Lime Rock road was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock. The barn was filled with hay, crops, etc. which were all destroyed. The Lakeville Chemical Co. truck responded but the blaze had gained too great headway before being discovered and it was not possible to save the buildings. The efforts of the firemen were devoted to saving the house which they did very successfully, although the fire was an intensely hot one and some lively work was required with buckets, etc., for a short time.

Through the effort of the

Lakeville Business Men's Association 10,000 young lake trout have been placed in the lake coming from the Sheffield hatchery. It is also understood that 2,000 brook trout have been placed in the different streams hereabouts.

Clifford Cullen has given up his position as clerk at the post office. In all Mr. Cullen has been a familiar figure at the post office for the past 14 years. He has not announced his plans for the future.

Burt Ball is wearing his right arm in a sling, the result of an injured wrist received while cranking a Ford car.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Frank Boice has sold her household goods and has gone to Bristol.

50 years ago — October 1973

As Connecticut State Police fastened a tight curtain of secrecy around details of the Friday night murder of Barbara Gibbons in Falls Village, friends and neighbors rallied this week to the defense of her 18-year-old son who has been charged with the crime. Miss Gibbons, 51, was found in battered and bleeding condition in her home on Route 63, the victim of multiple wounds. Her son, Peter Reilly, was arrested by state police from the Canaan Barracks and charged with murder. His attorney, Catherine Roraback, said Reilly had been in police custody since they went to the scene of the murder Friday night. As the grisly happening became known, a number of persons acquainted with

young Reilly expressed astonishment at the murder charge against the youth. He reportedly had been at the Canaan Youth Center Friday evening until only a few minutes before the murder was discovered.

Sharply rising prices and a critical shortage of newsprint have compelled The Lakeville Journal to increase its newsstand copy and mail subscription rates. Beginning with this week's issue the price at newsstands will be 25 cents per copy.

Sunday afternoon Russ Conklin, of Silvermine, Conn., and a friend were in their canoe on Washinee, cleaning up old cans and litter from the area, when they

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 7

Annual Mushroom Walk

Ballyhack Preserve, off Route 125 and Dibble Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Conservation Trust presents the Annual Mushroom Walk with Dave Paton on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Ballyhack Preserve, Dave will lead another lively tour through fungi and forgeable fall foliage.

Ballyhack is a gem of a preserve. Parking is located opposite the entrance to Dibble Hill Road on 125. You can't imagine how many kinds of mushrooms are close at hand and what amazing roles they play in our ecology. We even end with a serenade.

No dogs this time.

Call and Response

Souterrain Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, Conn.

A new show at the Souterrain Gallery: Call and Response, works by the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones and Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones of **Trinity Retreat Center** opens on Saturday, Oct. 7, 3 to 5 p.m. with an artist's reception. The exhibit runs through November.

OCTOBER 8

Annual Dog Show & Blessing of Animals

Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

The annual dog show and blessing of the animals will return to the front lawn of Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon at noon on Oct. 8. All types, sizes, and species of animals can be blessed and participate in the show. Dog owners can present their dogs in a ring for prizes. No special training is required. The main purpose is for dogs and owners to have fun! All ages of handlers are welcome. If your dog can do a trick, all the better! All dogs must be on a leash. Other pets must be contained in a carrier. Handlers will lead dogs around the ring and perform a trick if possible. Dogs will be judged on obedience, grooming, conformation, and ability to do a trick. For any questions, please call (860) 364-5260.

OCTOBER 11

Electric Cars: Easier (and Cheaper!) Than You **Think**

Kent Memorial Library, 32 North Main St., Kent, Conn kentmemoriallibrary..org

Kent Memorial Library will host a lecture titled Electric Cars: Easier (and Cheaper!) Than You Think on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The field of clean cars has increased greatly since our last lecture on this topic, with even more hybrid and electric cars coming for 2024. And many of these models qualify for the new \$7,500 in tax credit (\$9,500, if you're a NY State resident!), with some dealers also paying for home charger installation.

Host Michael Jay has spent much of the past four years driving on electricity, and he has real-world insights and advice to share. This informal, interactive session will address some common myths and misunderstandings, and will try to answer your questions.

OCTOBER 13

Greenwoods Puppet Festival

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary

The Norfolk Library proudly presents 2023's **Greenwoods Puppet** Festival on Oct. 13 and 14. A Handmade Puppet Dreams film, created by Heather Henson, will be shown on Oct 13 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. Meet and greet the puppeteers will follow.

A day of puppet-themed events will take place on Oct. 14 beginning at 10 a.m. with Tanglewood Marionettes: Sleeping Beauty. At 1 p.m. catch **Dream Tale Puppets:** Alice or The Red King's Dream. A puppet parade will begin at 3 p.m. and Galapagos Puppet Theater: The Ice River will follow at 4 p.m.

Free admission, registration required. Visit norfolklibrary.org for more info.

Ashes to ashes or dust to dust y father always

joked that when he died he wanted to be stuffed and placed in the living room with a cup of tea and a book. Not a terribly practical plan for the disposition of his remains. What he chose, instead, was far less environmentally friendly. He went for the least green alternative: embalming, lead-lined coffin, and cement-lined grave. He will be there pretty much forever.

I would prefer to hang around as briefly as possible and maybe even do something positive after I go. Happily, "green burials" are more widely available these days. Many funeral directors are taking note and offering more appealing choices.

For a lot of people green burial simply means skipping the embalming, the leadlined coffin, and the cement so they can "biodegrade" as nature intended. But it may

BUT THEN AGAIN... LISA WRIGHT

be difficult to find a resting place that will accept you au naturel. Keep looking. There are at least four green burial grounds in Connecticut.

Let me be clear. If you want a traditional burial, you should have one. There are religions and cultures that mandate in ground burial. If this is what you want, make it known! If you do not tell anyone what you want, you forfeit that choice. But for the rest of us, there are new alternatives to burial or cremation (which releases over 500 pounds of CO2 into the atmosphere along with toxic mercury from dental fillings.) I am excited about

several new options.

Aquamation, or water cremation (alkaline hydrolysis) reduces you to calcified bones. It uses 90% less energy than flame cremation with no release of mercury. Afterwards, the bones are crushed and returned to the family.

Tree pod burials are growing in popularity and evolving. At the moment, you would still need to be cremated first. Then your ashes are mixed with soil and enclosed in a biodegradable capsule. The capsule is buried beneath a tree and slowly releases nutrients back into the soil. The tree pod people are working on a way to do the same with whole bodies.

For dedicated foragers the Mushroom Burial Suit might be the perfect choice. The deceased is wrapped in a shroud impregnated with mushroom spores. The body is buried at the appropriate depth to permit the mush-

rooms to grow. Fans of The Last of Us might want to avoid this one.

A bill to allow human composting was introduced in the Connecticut Legislature in February. There was a backlash from people who feel that their choices should be everyone's choices. There is nothing "disrespectful" in an eco-friendly end. No one is going to insist that they participate in human composting. The choices I mention are just a greener version of "ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

There are a million ways you can honor the dead that do not require a cemetery plot. Make sure your choice is known before it is too late.

Lisa Wright divides her time between her home in Lakeville and Oblong Books in Millerton where she has worked for nearly 40 years. Email her at wrightales@ gmail.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Taking issue with 'frivolous' lawsuit, and more

I write in response to a "Letter to the Editor" ("Truth in Journalism? Sometimes" Sept. 28, 2023). The letter criticizes The Lakeville Journal for failing to publish the plaintiffs' names in the lawsuit challenging the P&Z's decision approving the Holley Block project and for failing to publicize that the town apparently spent \$40,000 defending itself against the lawsuit.

The letter is 1) wrong in its characterization of the plaintiffs' suit as "frivolous," 2) naive in ignoring the town's own responsibility for exposing itself to suit, and 3) vindictive in its brazen naming and shaming of fellow citizens for merely having the courage to exercise their duly held legal rights.

First, the author's characterization of the plaintiffs' lawsuit as "frivolous" and claim that the judge dismissed it for "lack of merit" are specious. In fact, the judge found i) that the plaintiffs were legitimately "aggrieved and therefore ha[d] standing to pursue th[e] appeal," and ii) that the plaintiffs' main claim was supported by "persuasive and compelling evidence." The judge only declined to overturn the P&Z's decision because he undertook his review under the "substantial evidence" standard, a "highly deferential" standard of review. In other words, just because their case was dismissed doesn't mean they were wrong.

(In the judge's own language: "[T]his Court cannot conclude that the commission's finding...was reached without the support of substantial evidence. While persuasive and compelling evidence was presented by citizens and experts with opposing points of view on the underlying issue, it was the duty of the commission to weigh and evaluate the competing testimony in its determination" of whether to approve the project. The parties' briefs and the judge's decision can be found at https:// civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov under Docket Number: "LLI-CV-21-6028337-S.")

Second, if the town cannot afford to litigate challenges to its P&Z decisions it should either A) take care to conform its decisions more closely to its own zoning regulations and state law, or B) avoid contracts in which it gives away town property for free while retaining the obligation to pay for subsequent land-use litigation. Third, the author's call

to publish the names of the plaintiffs serves no purpose other than to shame fellow citizens for exercising their lawful right to challenge the P&Z decision. As mentioned, the plaintiffs were found to have legal standing; therefore they had a right to their day in court. Whether the author seeks mere social sanction of the plaintiffs — dirty looks, whispers of "racist", - or

worse, dragging plaintiffs' names through the mud in an attempt to chill their pursuit of legal due process is flat-out

Black's Law Dictionary defines a "frivolous claim" as "a claim that has no legal basis or merit, esp. one brought for an unreasonable purpose such as harassment." Many frivolous claims have indeed been made about this project: but the plaintiffs' suit is not one of them.

Eric Mason

Lakeville

When you need a plumber!

Here is something to think about this town election. When you need a plumber do you first investigate who is running for president of his union? Do you even think to ask him or her who they might vote for or even if they vote at all? Of course not. All you care about is whether this plumber has proven by his work on previous jobs that he can do the job. In fact, what vou want is the best man or woman for the job.

In the Town of Salisbury the best man running for Selectman is Don Mayland. Don is your Selectman now and based on his experience he has proven he is the best person for the job.

Don's record of service spans nearly 50 years. He was a longtime economics teacher at Hotchkiss with the knowledge he not only passed on to his students but also benefited the many volunteer organizations on which he served. Don is a past president of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance

Corps, he is chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority, he is a past president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association and a board member of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.

You can meet Don Mayland and discuss his views on the local issues that impact you directly at the Salisbury Republican Town Committee pizza party and picnic at the Town Grove, Sunday, Oct. 15. What is going to be done with the Pope property? Should restaurant parking be allowed on Community Field? Should we have more affordable housing? What will be done with the Colliers study on parking, traffic and Community Field in Lakeville?

These are the issues that matter to you as a taxpayer in Salisbury and we need to keep Don Mayland as a selectman to deal with them.

Bill Littauer Lakeville

Appreciating our veterans The veterans and first re-

sponders — our guardians who joined us in the circle we call the Round Pen at The Equus Effect, were amazed at how much support and appreciation they felt from this community.

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So thank you for that, from the bottom of our hearts. It makes us proud to call this place home.

> **Jane Strong** The Equus Effect

Sharon

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

Continued from previous page

were attracted by floating \$10 and \$20 bills. They dug down in the water below and found a wallet belonging to Herbert Heller of Betweenthe-Lakes Road, who had taken his daughters canoeing from Lake Washining to Washinee last Thursday afternoon. Conklin and his friend returned the wallet, which also contained Heller's driver's license, credit cards, about \$200 in cash, along with theater tickets for his daughter's birthday. "The lake is to be appreciated for its mysterious ways," the Hellers commented,

but all commendation must go to Ross Conklin for his heart-warming honesty, care and great good will."

25 years ago — October 1998

FALLS VILLAGE — As people gathered in small groups throughout the room and young children gaily ran about, Les Allyn looked on with a smile and a bit of astonishment. The festivities at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building in Canaan Sunday evening were a surprise party for Mr. Allyn on his 80th birthday. Friends and colleagues, nearly 100 of them, came to the event put on by his family. His daughter-inlaw Gail, who was responsible for getting him to the party, said "We love him dearly. He's such a great man." Mr. Allyn, small and spry, has no thoughts of retiring from his position as custodian of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Does harvesting timber make one a farmer? Loggers for Becton Dickinson and Co. say it does and used that as an explanation for not seeking a permit to cut trees on the property's wetlands adjacent to the plant. Representatives from BD and Wayne Horn Logging & Forestry in Goshen appeared before the Inland

Wetlands Commission last week to answer an inquiry by the commission. Residents who noticed activity on the property off Route 7 south alerted commission members, who sent a letter dated Sept. 10 to BD officials. By the end of the meeting, BD's James Zampaglione admitted the company had unwittingly conducted illegal logging.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible.

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Housing in Salisbury which is very informative. This issue is vital to the health of our community and this display features both what has been accomplished and also what the future plans are to build additional affordable housing/rental units in town. For example, very clear summaries for both the Pope property and the Dressor Woods project are highlighted which is very helpful in understanding them. So please stop in to the Salisbury Association building at 24 Main St and here is their website for further info: salisburyassociation.org/event/ affordable-housing-exhibit. And thanks to Hannah Pouler and James Clark for all their work in creating this beautiful exhibit!!!

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a month long exhibit on Affordable



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Viewpoint

All Greek To Me

freshman at Notre Dame High School for Boys, outside of Chicago, now Notre Dame College Prep, none of my surviving classmates ever heard the term Prep, I was taking Latin, from the greats Mr. Bartos and Father O'Neill, which I still am taking from them, my First and Third Latin books before me.

Now I stare at various devices and am bewildered.

I knew "amo amas amat, amamus amatis amant". Because I had a book by which I was instructed. And I knew it meant various forms of love, which I live by to this

Now, I click one of these devices when I am completely lost and it says Customize Toolbar. Dear Reader, I don't know what or where the Toolbar is. And if I did, I wouldn't have the foggiest as to how to customize it.

SOVEREIGN **STATE** LONNIE CARTER

Is that like we did with '56

How am I suppose to know this stuff? I know, what little I do, from my daughter.

But where is the manual? How do I remember that "r, ris, tur, mur, mini, ntur" is the passive voice? It is on my table. And I will study it tomorrow. And will the customizers of the toolbars remember anything at all?

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A wrong housing development for North Canaan

"Hal Borland stands in the first rank of 20th century American nature writers. In 1957 when he wrote his classic seasonal memoir "THIS HILL, THIS VALLEY," he was describing the Weatogue valley in Salisbury and North Canaan, with Tom's Hill and Miles Mountain to the West of the Borland farmhouse, the dark forests of North Canaan to the East, and the Housatonic River in between. This landscape is so special that last December it received federal recognition as part of the newly designed Wild and Scenic Housatonic River. Today, a proposed 20-unit subdivision on the North Canaan side of the river threatens to destroy the very qualities that helped to earn that designation.

The Salisbury side of the river valley has been blessed by forward thinking land-

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owners and residents who have worked to conserve thousands of acres. Right now, in fact, a multi-partner, two state conservation effort is working to protect over 1,100 acres that came on the market on the west side of the valley all at once. A model public/private partnership is well on its way to protecting these lands. It relies on the good will and resources of motivated neighbors, a seller who still maintains roots in the community, a realtor who understands the conservation value of the land and the capacity of a community-based effort to make fair offers, and the resources and expertise of local and regional land trusts who will ultimately protect these lands.

Meanwhile on the east bank of the Housatonic, twenty houses — each with septic systems rated for 5 bathrooms — are proposed in a subdivision application now before the North Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission which I happen to chair. Because I work for the Housatonic Valley Association and we are actively involved in protecting this extraordinary valley, I knew when the developer first surfaced this idea that if it ever came before our commission I would have to recuse. This I have done, and HVA and our partners are united in opposing the project.

The conservation value of this land would be difficult to overstate. It contains the largest, intact riverine and interior forest land on the east side of the Housatonic between the Massachusetts border and the Great Falls. It lies between the confluence of the Blackberry North Canaan

River and the Housatonic to the north and the old hydro dam downstream, with more than 1,354' of riverfront in between. It is home to numerous rare and endangered species nestled within in a landscape of exceptional cultural and archaeological significance.

When you drive along Weatogue Road, whenever you are close to the river, you are looking at this land. And soon, if this proposal is successful, you will be looking at clearings and a score of house sites amid the remaining trees.

A public hearing is set for Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Canaan Town Hall. I urge you to attend, because this project is wrong for our river and our commu-

Tim Abbott

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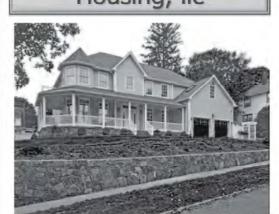
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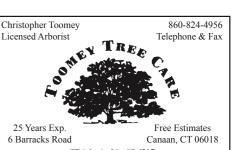
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