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

## Salisbury presents 2023 affordable housing plan

By Maud Doyle

SALISBURY — The 2023 Affordable Housing Plan for Salisbury, which maps a path forward for the creation of affordable housing in the next ten years, was posted for public review and commentary on the town website on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

If implemented in its entirety, the Plan will create 100 new affordable housing units in the next ten years, bringing the total number of housing units defined as "affordable" up to 157—or 5% of the housing in Salisbury—and leaving 95% of Salisbury housing stock open to market forces.

In real terms, that means that 5% of all Salisbury housing—rented and owned—will be affordable to individuals making \$63,120 or less, or a family of four making \$90,080 or less.

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The Plan, researched and assembled by the all-volunteer Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission, responds to what Jim Dresser, an ex-Selectman who is now a member of both the Affordable Housing Commission and the Affordable Housing Committee, describes as Salisbury's "existential crisis": the Town's chronic lack of affordable homes and rentals.

The waiting list for the Salisbury Housing Committee, the nonprofit responsible for building and managing affordable multi-family housing, jumped from 25 or 30 to over 100 families last year. It currently has 39 units in operation.

While 34 new units have gone

beyond the most preliminary phases of planning, only ten of these—at Sarum Village—are likely to be livable in the next two to three years. "People can wait months or even years to be offered a home at [Faith House or Sarum Village]," reads the Plan. "Many individuals and families cannot wait that long and have to move elsewhere."

While the Plan articulates the problems facing Salisbury's housing crisis, it also offers solutions: all 100 proposed new units—which includes the 34 the have gone beyond the planning phases—are on parcels of buildable land on town

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Louis Bucceri, executive assistant and historian at the Salisbury Association, and Jeanette Weber, president, examine one of the featured road signs in a current exhibit, "What's in a Name: The Origins of Geographic and Street Names in Salisbury," running through September 23. Photo by Debra A. Aleksinas

## More than a name: street signs tell stories

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — There is more to a street sign than meets the eye.

In addition to their utilitarian purpose as a wayfinding tool perched atop an iron pole, street signs tell stories.

Throughout the Northwest Corner, road names are reflective of the environment, landmarks, notable individuals, natural features and local historical events. In a few words, they capture the spirit of a town, its neighborhoods. Evoke a smile.

An insightful exhibit running through Sept. 23 at the Salisbury Association sheds light on the origins of geographic and street names in Salisbury. It explores the origins of some of the names given to streets and familiar landmarks, from the most familiar and obvious

to the most obscure and unusual.

"We'd been kicking the idea around for a while," said Louis Bucceri, the association's executive assistant and historian. "It does seem to be a common interest among people. We opened on July 25th and since then up to today, we've had close to 300 visitors," he said in early September.

Names of various roads and places developed over time and sometimes changed through the decades, as the exhibit points out. Some names have vanished.

For example, the portion of Sharon Road from Route 44 to St. Mary's Church was originally called Montgomery Street, named for the Revolutionary general who died in the attack on Quebec. But

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## Lenox restaurants, North Canaan airstrip up in the air following crypto plea

By Clarence Fanto  
The Berkshire Eagle

Lenox restaurant and real estate entrepreneur and North Canaan airstrip owner Ryan Salame has pleaded guilty to criminal charges of conspiring to make unlawful political contributions and defraud the Federal Elections Commission.

Appearing before U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan in Manhattan on Thursday Sept. 7, the Berkshire native agreed to give up more than \$1.5 billion in assets to the U.S. government as part of the plea deal, the Reuters news agency reported. He had been co-CEO of FTX Digital Markets, an FTX affiliate.

Salame, 30, was released on a \$1 million bond, CNBC reported. He faces a maximum potential sentence of 10 years in prison, with sentencing set for March 6.

He will also pay \$5 million to more than 1 million investors who lost a reported \$8 billion as a result of the FTX implosion last November.

The fate of his Lenox restaurant and real estate holdings — worth at least \$6 million — now hangs in the balance, with a group of local investors poised to try to keep the restaurants in local hands.

In addition, the small airstrip in North Canaan on West Main Street and across from the transfer sta-

tion, a storied part of Northwest Corner life for decades, is owned by Triumph Airfield LLC, registered with the Secretary of State of Connecticut with Ryan Salame as principal.

Salame will have to pay \$5 million to debtors of FTX and \$6 million in fines to the government. He will also surrender two houses he owns in Lenox, as well as his 2021 Porsche, CNBC reported.

Salame made his fortune as a bitcoin investor, cryptocurrency executive and lieutenant to disgraced and now imprisoned FTX exchange founder Sam Bankman-Fried.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Norfolk Home Ablaze

A massive, early morning house fire engulfed a family home in Norfolk on Sunday, Sept. 10. The family of four escaped unharmed. For story, turn to page A2.



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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.

### Larceny arrest

On Monday Sept. 4, Alyssa Armillei, 29, of Sharon, turned herself in on a active arrest warrant for alleged larceny in the 6th degree involving Labonne's Market on March 17. Armillei was released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond.

### Arrested on sex charges

On Tuesday, Sept. 5, at approximately 10 a.m. Jack Lemay, 20, of Salisbury, was taken into custody when he arrived at Torrington Superior Court to appear in a separate case. Lemay was charged with two counts of risk of injury to a child and two counts of sex with a victim 13 to 15 years of age stemming from an investigation dating to November 2022 in Goshen. Lemay was assigned a \$60,000 non-surety bond.

### Evading responsibility

On Saturday, Sept. 2, Melissa Carswell, 49, of Goshen, was traveling southbound on Route 7 in Canaan, south of the Stein Road intersection, when she was forced off the road by another vehicle that was northbound and which forced Carswell to sideswipe a guard rail. Carswell left the scene and didn't report the accident until Tuesday, Sept. 5 when she visited Troop B and reported the accident. She was issued a verbal warning for evading responsibility.

### Criminal mischief case

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Christopher Jordano, 40, of Canaan, was taken into cus-

tody on charges of 1st degree criminal mischief, 1st degree breach of peach and 2nd degree reckless endangerment. Jordano was charged with entering the North Canaan town hall and placing fecal matter on paper under the office door of Resident Trooper Jeremy Ribadeneyra on July 27 at approximately 3:30 p.m. The incident, which was captured on indoor and outdoor security cameras, caused the smell of fecal matter to spread throughout the building, which was evacuated and closed for the day. A bio-hazard clean-up company arrived the next day to clean the facility. During the prior three days, Jordano had received six parking violations. Over the past nine years, Troop B has had 163 interactions with Jordano over parking violations.

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

# Fire engulfs family home in Norfolk

NORFOLK — Early Sunday morning, Sept. 10, Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department responded to a massive house fire at 189 Litchfield Road.

Public Information Officer Jon Barbagallo said one firefighter injured his wrist while battling the flames but the family escaped unharmed.

"There were four people in the house at the time and they were all able to get out safely," said Barbagallo.

The home is the residence of Jenny and Mike Langen-

doerfer. Barrett and Xavier, their sons, were in the house with the parents when the fire erupted. A Munch-Langendoerfer GoFundMe effort has been started.

Barbagallo reported that crews from as far as Woodbury, Watertown, Thomaston, Bantam and Harwinton were on scene to assist volunteer firefighters from Norfolk.

An investigation by state and local fire marshals began on Sept. 10 to determine the cause of the fire.

-By Riley Klein



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORFOLK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Crews from several towns fought a home blaze on Sunday, Sept. 10 on Litchfield Road in Norfolk.

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## Online This Week

### North Canaan GOP Primary results

The Republican primary between Jesse Bunce and Craig Whiting was held Sept. 12. Results on www.tricornernews.com

### Kellogg School open house and picnic

Students, teachers and families celebrate the start of school. Learn more on www.tricornernews.com

## Bach Society announces new season

The Berkshire Bach Society has released the calendar for its 34th season featuring orchestral, choral, solo, and small ensemble programs of music by J.S. Bach and other Baroque composers.

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small concerts exploring a wide range of Baroque music.

Visit www.berkshirebach.org/events for more info.

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## Our Towns

# A soldier's courage: Three tours of heroism and healing

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Army veteran Brian Ohler of North Canaan was wounded three times between 2001 and 2013. He told the story of his service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and of his recovery from brain injury, at the South Canaan Meeting House Tuesday, Sept. 5.

"In the 10 years since I got out I've never publicly spoken about it, start to finish." Ohler enlisted in July 2001, about two months before the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

He said he numbers among his heroes his relatives who served in law enforcement, and at age 17 decided he wanted to join the Army — specifically, the Military Police.

After 9/11, he was still a senior in high school (Oliver Wolcott Tech). "After 9/11 Mom was doing all she could to rip up that contract."

But it was a done deal. "Uncle Sam had me for six years. I knew I was going overseas."

Ohler was assigned to Baghdad, Iraq as an MP in 2003. In sharp contrast to what came later, the vehicles

the MPs rode in were basic and offered little protection. "We rode with no doors, no armor."

As the situation worsened, with insurgent groups emerging, things got progressively dangerous.

"We were fighting an enemy with no uniforms, no line to cross. So it was psychologically taxing. You don't know where the enemy is. There's no way to truly know what side they were on."

The insurgents practiced guerilla war.

"They were killing us one by one, five by five. And while the guerillas lacked training and equipment, they had one significant advantage."

"We were in their home. All they had was time."

Ohler was wounded on Thanksgiving Day, 2003. An Iraqi police station was under attack, and Ohler's MP unit responded.

The truck Ohler was riding in hit an improvised explosive device (IED).

Ohler, who was the gunner on the truck, received a "pretty traumatic brain injury."

But he recovered and was



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
**Brian Ohler**

cleared for duty.

In 2007, near Mosul, the MPs were going to the aid of guards when an Iraqi prison was overrun by insurgents.

"We didn't know that every route was boot-by-trapped."

Ohler's vehicle was again hit by an IED, and he suffered a second, more severe brain injury.

He spent some months in recovery in the U.S., and was again cleared for duty.

On Sept. 17, 2011, in Afghanistan, Ohler's unit was escorting a group of 31 people that included civilians and high-ranking military personnel back from a meeting in a village.

Three hours travel time away from their base, they were attacked.

"The truck ahead was disabled. We had no air support. It was getting dark."

"We hunkered down for two and a half long hours."

Help did come, and the group made it back to the base safely.

"But in the days that followed it was clear something was not right with my brain."

Ohler went to the hospital at the American base in Kandahar. On Oct. 4, 2011, he was taking a walk near one of the base entry points when a car bomber attacked.

The explosion blew Ohler against a concrete wall.

Ohler was evacuated to a military hospital in Germany. "They said 'Sgt. Ohler, your time in Afghanistan is done.'"

At Fort Belvoir near Washington, D.C., Ohler found himself on 11 different prescription medications, including opioid pain medication.

"You name it, they were giving it to me."

One night, Ohler said, he looked at the pill bottles lined up on the nightstand and

wondered if this was going to be his future.

"I could no longer accept it. No way I can go home and live on this stuff."

So he prayed for a sign, something to tell him what to do.

"After an hour, I heard a resounding voice that just said 'love me.'"

"It was an indescribable voice. I had no idea what that meant."

But the next day he informed his doctors he was refusing his medications.

"All I had was the power of knowing that somebody said 'love me.' I would spend the rest of my life honoring that."

## North Canaan remembers 9/11

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — At 8:46 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, "Taps" was played over a loudspeaker at the firehouse in North Canaan, followed by the voice of Clarence Dubay of East Canaan reading the names of the dead from hijacked American Airlines Flight 11.

It was the moment on Sept. 11, 2001 that Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York on Sept. 11, 2001.

This year's ceremony, marking the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, was held in the Canaan Fire Company firehouse due to a poor weather forecast.

In previous years the First Litchfield Artillery Regiment

has set up a cannon in front of St. Joseph Church.

The cannon is fired at 8:46 a.m., at 9:03 a.m., when United Airlines flight 175 hit the South Tower, at 9:37 a.m., when American Airlines flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, at 9:59 a.m., when the South Tower collapsed, and at 10:03 a.m., when United Airlines flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after the passengers fought back against the hijackers.

But because of the weather, "Taps" was substituted for the cannon.

Inside the firehouse were displays, including a timeline of the events of 9/11, background on the history of the World Trade Center and the subsequent rebuilding.

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# Our Towns

## Colonial Theatre to host upcoming gaming convention

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Britta Bibliotti of Falls Village as part-time events manager.

**NORTH CANAAN**—About 150 gaming enthusiasts from throughout New England are expected to converge on the Colonial Theatre this weekend to attend ShireCon 2023, a role-playing and board game event, bringing with them an economic boost for businesses in town, according to the historic venue's new owners.

ShireCon 2023, which will take place on Friday, Sept. 15, and Saturday, Sept. 16, is the first major event hosted by the Colonial Theatre since partners David and Stacey Fiorello and Mark and Lenore Mallett held a gala grand opening May 13.

Co-owner Mark Mallett said since then, steady progress has been made by the team, including the return of movies to the big screen, this weekend's hosting of ShireCon, and marketing for future events and activities to be hosted both in the main theater and the upstairs ballroom.

"We're trying to not get ahead of ourselves. We just opened it back up and are beginning to hold events with a really good response. We are very satisfied and pleased at how it's going so far."

Mallett noted that the theater's website is up and running but is being overhauled and rebranded with an updated look and feel, and the partners recently hired

The theater has begun offering free community films, supported through \$500 sponsorships from local businesses, who benefit from promotional publicity, including having their businesses featured on the theater marquee and on the big screen during the movie, as well as in email blasts, on the website and through social media.

Sponsors receive 100 tickets, and up to 20 can be reserved for the sponsor, who also gets to select from a list of films and choose the date and show time. Advance registration is required for the free movies.

The theater provides the concessions at \$1 and \$2, said Mallett. "We may have to increase the price in the future, but the goal is not to make a profit out of the gate. The goal is to cover our costs."

Upcoming films sponsored by various businesses through fall and winter of 2023 include "Cinema Paradiso" on Friday, Sept. 22; Disney's "Hocus Pocus" on Saturday, Oct. 14; "Hotel Transylvania," on Saturday, Oct. 28, and "Elf" on Sunday, Nov. 26.

"We are trying to limit them to two a month," Mallett said of the community movies. "We want to keep it special and keep people excited about it. Plus, we have to staff them," Mallett ex-



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

**ShireCon will fill Colonial Theatre with magic and mystery on Sept. 15 and 16.**

plained. "This isn't our core competency, so we want to move forward pretty deliberately and slow."

With summer winding down and fall and winter approaching, Mallett said the theater will be looking to holiday events and parties for all ages and interests, and even taking reservations for weddings in the spring and throughout 2024.

But in the meantime, excitement is brewing over the arrival of ShireCon 2023 on Friday and Saturday, said Mallett. "It will occupy both the ballroom upstairs and downstairs theater, and we anticipate 100 to 150 people

from seven states to attend." Enthusiasts travel from a considerable distance, as do vendors, said the theater co-owner, who noted that the ShireCon founder and organizer, Thom Wilson, has also been promoting and encouraging gamers to frequent local eating establishments and inns.

Wilson said he is excited about bringing his convention, now in its fifth year, to the North Canaan theater. He said the event outgrew its former site, the Center on Main, home of the Falls Village Children's Theater, and when he read an article in the local newspaper about the Colonial reopening, he

said he reached out to the owners within a day.

"We outgrew the venue and needed to find a larger space. The Center on Main was very good to us, allowing us to use their space for four years," Wilson explained. "The Colonial Theatre has more than enough space for us this year and the foreseeable future. Although we don't expect to grow too rapidly, we think we have enough room for 175 to 200 people in the new venue."

The ShireCon founder further noted that the North Canaan site offers enhanced parking and food options, "which made the decision to move pretty easy."

Wilson said in addition to the gamers, "We'll have 12 vendors, seven special guests and 10 volunteers." And he's not just the convention's founder, he has been a gamer his entire life.

"There will be generations of my family playing games at the Convention...myself, my son and two daughters, and my granddaughter, Piper. "There are a couple of games just for kids. Honestly, I'd love more of these next year."

Mallett said he and his partners are excited to "get the community back and interested and to have the theater with its lights on once again." He said there is still much work to be done heading into 2024, including improvements to the 10,340-square-foot, two-story structure, including enhanced outdoor lighting, and marketing the space to community organizations and as a venue for special occasions.

"It's a labor of love and we love what we're doing," Mallett noted. "It's really neat to see the community's reactions."

He recalled a particularly heartfelt moment when a group of children from the Canaan Child Care Center attended one of the first free community movies, and a little boy started to cry. When asked what was wrong, the youngster kept saying "excited," "excited," in Spanish, Mallett recalled. "He couldn't contain his emotions."

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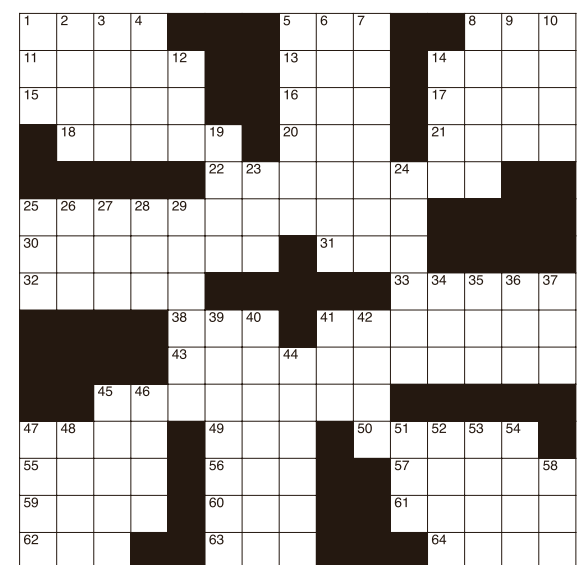
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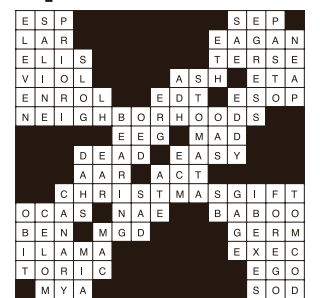
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63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

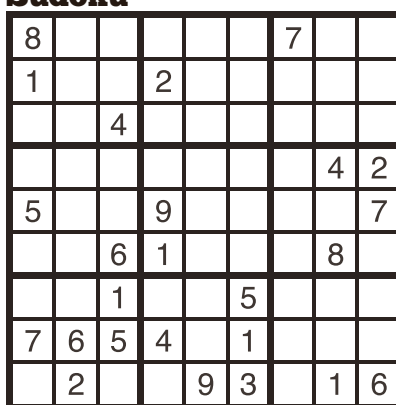


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23. Dirt
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27. Very long period of time
28. Gas usage measurement
29. North American native people
34. It says "moo"
35. Folk singer Di Franco
36. Resinlike substance of certain insects
37. Residue
39. Grand homes
40. Popinjays
41. Man who behaves dishonorably
42. Figures
44. One who watches over children
45. Expressed pleasure
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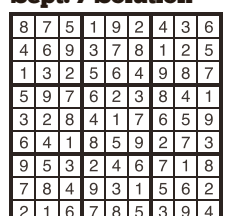
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# OBITUARIES

## Florence Connelly Barnes

SHARON — Florence Connelly Barnes died peacefully at Noble Horizons in Salisbury on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023.

She was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 26, 1932. She was predeceased by parents Gerald S. and Jane Oswald Connelly. Florence is survived by her cousins James H. Carney (Laurie), Peter Carney and Elizabeth Lally Griesmer. Her family home was in Chestnut Hill, outside of the greater metropolitan area of Boston.

She attended The Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Newton College of the Sacred Heart and The Instituto Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, Italy, and The Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. Florence became the personal assistant to Dorothy Rodgers, wife of acclaimed Broadway composer Richard Rodgers of Rodgers & Hammerstein fame and served as a collaborating assistant editor of her book "The House in My Head" published in 1967.

Florence moved from Boston to New York City where she became active in the real estate business with

Brown Harris Stevens.

In 1966 she married Earl Barnes at St. Jean Baptiste, New York City. They were married for 50 years until his death in Sharon.

In 1979, Florence and Earl purchased a country house in Sharon where they eventually moved full time after Earl retired as a Special Agent at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

They were active in the local community and the Sharon Country Club where they were members for over 35 years and as a member of the Sharon Women's Club.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, Sept. 11, at St. Mary's Church, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville, CT in the parish of St. Martin of Tours.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Gardner Carney Leadership Institute at Fountain Valley School, 6155 Fountain Valley School Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 - 719-391-5349 (info@gclleadership.org) or the Sharon Historical Society & Museum, P.O. Box 511, Sharon, CT 06069 (www.sharonhist.org).

## Dorothy Christine McWilliams

SHARON — Dorothy Christine McWilliams died peacefully at home in Sharon on Aug. 31, 2023, surrounded by her friends. She was 85.

Dorothy was adopted at one month old by Samuel J. McWilliams and Margaret Dorothy (Hughes) McWilliams, residing in Hollis, Queens, New York. Dorothy was on her own by age 21. Dorothy then moved to Patchogue, Long Island, entering the nursing program at St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital, earning her LPN. Her career as an LPN spanned 35 years, primarily at Huntington Hospital, retiring at 62.

On the recommendation of some friends, Dorothy moved to Sharon, Connecticut in 2002 and bought her first house.

Dorothy was a communicant at St. Bernard's Church, now part of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish. Dorothy fulfilled her dream as alter server for 20 plus years. Dorothy was awarded the St. Joseph medal for church service in 2020 by the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Dorothy was devoted to the residents of the local health care facilities, assisting them in many ways. Dorothy brought the Eucharist to Catholics at Sharon Hospital,

Sharon Health Care, Noble Horizons, Geer Memorial and the homebound of our community. She went to the health care center to say rosary and assist with monthly mass. She also accompanied the residents when they went shopping in Torrington.

Dorothy's lifelong passion of volunteerism extended to raising funds for the Crop Walk to defeat local and world hunger. She was the top money earner for several years, earning her "The Golden Sneaker Award."

After she stopped driving in 2019, Dorothy became an avid walker out of necessity. On her daily excursions, she met many new friends in her travels, including lots of dogs. She became very popular with her furry friends, treating them to dog biscuits. She treasured all animals.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Bernard Church, 52 New Street, Sharon, CT, Friday Sept. 8, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers please send donations in her name to VNA/Hospice of Litchfield County, 32 Union Street, Winsted, CT 06008

## Falls Village public meeting set for Sept. 30

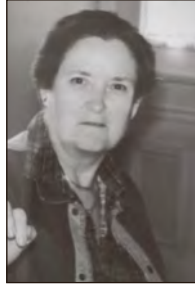
FALLS VILLAGE — As part of updating the town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), the Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public input session to get comments and feedback from residents, businesses and property owners regarding the Draft POCD.

The public meeting is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to noon at the Lee H. Kellogg School. The draft POCD is available on the town website at www.canaanfallsvillage.org.

Following the meeting, the commission will review the comments received and further refine the draft POCD. It is anticipated that the commission will schedule a public hearing on adoption for late 2023 or early 2024.

## Sharon May Bailey

FALLS VILLAGE — Sharon May Bailey, 80, passed away Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at Sharon Health Care Center.



Sharon was born in Sharon on July 7, 1943, daughter of the late Edwin and Margaret (Brewster) Bailey, and had been a lifelong Falls Village resident.

She was a retired factory employee with Becton & Dickinson.

Sharon enjoyed attending plays at the Sharon Playhouse, horseback riding, and

listening to Bluegrass music. She loved to travel and take road trips to visit friends.

Survivors include a niece, Rose Ann DallaValle of Torrington. Sharon was predeceased by a nephew, Robert Angelo DallaValle, Jr.

Graveside services were held at Grassy Hill Cemetery, Falls Village. Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com

## Flu clinics set schedule for fall

It's flu season, and it's crucial to get vaccinated to minimize your chances of catching the flu. As a health-care 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.

Get vaccinated. To avoid catching the flu, it's recommended that you get a flu shot. While it may not guarantee complete immunity, it can help reduce symptoms if you contract the virus. It's important to note that vaccines are updated annually to protect against new strains.

Avoid contact with people who are sick. It's essential to steer clear of unwell individuals. Although it may be difficult, if you notice someone displaying clear signs of illness, it's best to avoid being near them if possible.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. Remember to frequently wash your hands with soap and water to prevent the spread of the virus. Soap and water are more effective than alcohol-based gels and lotions, so it's best to choose the former if possible.

If you start having symptoms, see your doctor immediately. It's essential to consult with your doctor about your risk of getting the flu. Your doctor can prescribe medication to ease the symptoms and provide recommendations to help protect you. Following their advice can significantly aid in preventing the flu.

Public flu clinics available to anyone 18 years and older:

**Falls Village Senior Center**  
107 Main St., Falls Village  
Thursday, 10/19, 10:30

a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Goshen Community Care**  
5 Old Middle St., Goshen  
Tuesday, 9/26, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Kent Town Hall**  
41 Kent Green Blvd., Kent  
Friday, 10/27, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Lakeville Town Grove**  
42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville  
Wednesday, 10/25, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

**North Canaan Town Hall**  
100 Pease St., North Canaan  
Wednesday, 10/25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Salisbury Branch**  
30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury  
Thursday, 10/5, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**Sharon Pharmacy**  
8 Gay St., Sharon  
Thursday, 10/12, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Warren Town Hall**  
50 Cemetery Road, Warren  
Wednesday, 10/18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 11/7, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Cornwall Town Hall**  
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## Housing+jobs+conservation talk at Salisbury School on Sept. 22

SALISBURY — A panel of experts will take the stage for Salisbury Forum's upcoming talk titled "Housing + Jobs + Conservation: A Roadmap for Action" on Friday, Sept. 22.

Facilitated by Steve Rosenberg, co-convenor of Hudson Valley Affordable Housing & Conservation Strategy, the forum will explore how towns and local organizations can expand housing affordability while balancing issue such as land conservation. Panelists include Jocelyn Ayer, Litchfield

County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO); Michael Polemis, Land Trust Alliance; and Gordon Ridgway, first selectman of Cornwall.

LCCHO and Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation will announce a new grants program to address housing affordability for towns and organizations in the Northwest Corner.

Reception to begin in Salisbury School's Centennial Hall at 5 p.m. with forum to follow in Seiffert Theater at 6:30 p.m. Register at salisburyforum.org

## Alzheimer's, dementia presentation at Salisbury Senior Center Sept. 18

Join Tina Hogan from the CT Alzheimer's Association at the Salisbury Senior Center at the town grove. Presentation at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 18 with lunch to follow.

The presentation will cover the impact of Alzhei-

mer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research, treatments of symptoms and resources. RSVP is required: Contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860 435-5186 or email lmacauliffe@salisburyct.us

## Worship Services Week of September 17, 2023

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

**Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon**  
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www.stjohnssalisbury.org  
860-435-9290

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
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The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera  
trinity@trinitylimerock.org  
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**The Lakeville United Methodist Church**  
319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
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The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse  
860-435-9496  
Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

**Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT**  
The next meeting will be Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.  
For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com  
All are Welcome

**The Sharon United Methodist Church**  
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# Our Towns

## Cornwall honors harvest at 31st Agricultural Fair

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL - Farm animals, agricultural antiques, fresh food, and fun and games filled Cornwall's town green for the 31st annual Agricultural Fair on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Sponsored by the town's Agricultural Advisory Commission, the yearly festival celebrated all things agriculture.

Farm-themed entertainment attracted guests young and old, like operating an authentic apple cider press.

"These apples were all donated to the Ag Commission so we're turning it into cider samples," said Dean Saccardi as he cranked the press, aided by an enthusiastic two-year-old assistant named Emyle who kept adding apples to the machine. "We're almost full... Okay, throw it in there," said Saccardi to his helper.

The bounce castle was a popular attraction this year with young attendees lining up to romp down the slide.

Llamas, cows, a sheep and even some local dogs made the trip to the town green for their annual blessing, this year from Pastor Mark Bozzuti-Jones of Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall.

"May all these animals be blessed. May they be healthy. And may all human beings learn from these animals how to be chill, and how to love, and how to be faithful. Amen," Bozzuti-Jones decreed.

In addition to ensuring a safe and healthy year for the animals, the pastor also blessed a Lakeville Journal reporter's camera for a year



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Emyle (2) helped load a cider press with apples as Dean Saccardi cranked away making cider for the people.

of consecrated photos.

Inside Town Hall, blue ribbon winners were on display for the numerous judged categories including best eggs, best dairy product, and best flower bouquet.

Eighth graders from Cornwall Consolidated School sold t-shirts to raise money for a class trip to Washington D.C. later this year.

From wool spinning to bubble making, the fair's attractions drew big crowds in honor of the seasonal harvest.



Pastor Mark Bozzuti-Jones blessed the animals for a healthy year.



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# Sports

## Hotchkiss volleyball beats Berkshire

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School Bearcats beat the Berkshire School Bears in straight sets to start the varsity volleyball season.

Bleachers for both teams were filled with family and friends as the two sides took to the court inside Mars Athletic Center in Lakeville for the volleyball pre-season opener. Led by head coach Bill Fenton, the Bearcats looked more than ready to take on the 2023 competition.

Hotchkiss set the tone early in the first set by pulling ahead to a double-digit lead in mere minutes. Armani Frazier and Lillie Dase displayed net dominance by unleashing the cannon and sending thundering spikes past Berkshire defenders.

Hotchkiss won the first set 25-8.

The Bearcats kept clawing in the second as they worked some bench players into the mix. Setter Grace Backus delivered loops to the spikers on a platter and Hotchkiss continued to control the contest.

Hotchkiss won the second set 25-10.

Berkshire settled into a rhythm by the third and mounted a worthy defense against the relentless Bearcat assault. Early in the third, the Bears found themselves in the lead for the first time in the match.

Berkshire stayed level with Hotchkiss for most of the set with repeated clutch saves coming from both sides and a keen eye for balls headed out of bounds. The Bearcats upped the ante toward the end, however, and opened up a lead to close out the match.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Above, Eden Selassie rose to the challenge when Hotchkiss faced Berkshire on Sept. 9. Below, setter Grace Backus teed up Lillie Dase for a thundering spike.

Hotchkiss won the third set 25-17.

A decisive victory for the Bearcats resulted in roaring applause from the packed gymnasium and created optimism for the season to come.

Lillie Dase led the Bearcats with 14 kills. Armani Frazier ended with 4 kills. Ella Yu totaled 4 service aces and 10 service points.

Hotchkiss was scheduled to begin regular season play on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at home against King School. Service to begin at 4:30 p.m.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Weekend swimathon supported the Special Olympics.

## Going the distance in Lake Wononscopomuc

By Patrick L. Sullivan swim.

LAKEVILLE — About 40 students swam across Lake Wononscopomuc from the beach at The Hotchkiss School to the beach at the town Grove and back again on Saturday, Sept. 9, as a fundraiser for Special Olympics Connecticut.

Keith Moon, who teaches English, history and Russian and is the head swim coach, said it was about one mile each way. The swimmers took a break after the first leg, and a couple of boats trailed after the swimmers in case anyone needed assistance.

Senior Quisha Lee, from Hong Kong, is the head of the Special Olympics Club at the school. She said the students solicit sponsors and try to raise \$250 each from the

swim. Lee was also behind two photography exhibitions one at The Hotchkiss School in April 2023 and one at the Peak Galleria Mall in Hong Kong in July 2023 (see [www.soaringsouls.net](http://www.soaringsouls.net)). The two exhibitions were also fundraisers for Special Olympics Connecticut, Special Olympics Hong Kong, and Hong Kong Paralympic Committee.

Mike Mason, the president and CEO of Special Olympics Connecticut, thanked the students for their efforts.

Moon ran over safety basics, emphasizing that anyone who needed to could get in one of the boats.

“Remember, there’s nothing in the lake that can bite you.”

The group posed for a photo and then plunged in.



Participating swimmers lined up on the beach.

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# Our Towns

## Sharon forum discusses future of town Community Center

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Individuals or organizations interested in imagining future uses for the now vacant Community Center building were invited to attend a noonday special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Saturday, Sept. 9.

About 25 residents attended the session, the beginning of a long process that will determine the future of the town-owned building at 99 North Main Street.

The sole presentation at the informational meeting was offered by the Housing Plan Steering Committee, with Bob Whelan of Habitat for Humanity speaking on behalf of the committee.

The work of the Housing Trust, Whelan said, began in 2005, dedicated to creating affordable housing and receiving what he termed “incredible support” from the community.

This past summer, Whelan said, the Housing Trust obtained the six apartments located in three buildings at 91, 93 and 95 North Main Street, adjacent to the Community Center. Those apartments represent a significant step toward achieving the goals within the town’s affordable housing plan that calls for 10% of the town’s housing opportunities to be affordable.

Whelan reported that the town’s affordable housing stock stands at 3.5%, or 36 units, so that adding the six units is a substantial improvement.

“It was clear that the community needed more rental options,” Whelan said, not-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

### Residents gathered for a community forum to share ideas for the vacant Community Center building.

ing that Habitat for Humanity projects involve affordable home purchase options.

The plan offered by the Housing Steering Committee would convert the Community Center into four rental apartments, making a total of ten apartments within the four neighboring buildings, all with the convenience of being located steps from the Sharon Center School.

Describing it as an “incredible opportunity,” Whelan explained that the concept is that each of the four apartments of 750 square feet would contain two bedrooms, one bath and combination living-dining area. An enclosed staircase in the rear and rear patio would mean that the building would be unchanged from the present street view. The staircase would be the only change to the building’s footprint.

Because the building is 3,000 square feet in size, it would not need to be ADA-compliant, although the first-floor apartments could be designed to be comfortable for handicapped tenants.

Selectman Casey Flanagan asked about costs. Whelan replied that renovation costs

have not yet been determined, nor has funding been identified.

Flanagan initiated a discussion about who might benefit from living in the Community Center apartments, feeling that the building had been given to the town and should house local workers and residents.

As for the six apartments in the other three buildings, Whelan said that the Housing Trust is developing relationships with state government agencies.

“We will never own 99,” Whelan said. “It would have to be a long-term lease with the town.”

Selectman Dale Jones raised the issue of parking limitations at 99 that would need to be resolved. The lot size is one-quarter of an acre.

“We need to work out the logistics and how we get there,” Jones said, noting that the building appearance would remain the same.

Whelan added that the Historic Commission has indicated their support for the idea.

One resident asked whether there were any alternative proposals from those attend-

## Sign thieves at large

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — A late August joy ride has left North Canaan to deal with missing signs, skid marks, and a toppled porta potty. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the damage during a Sept. 5 meeting.

“They knocked out the porta potty, they did donuts around the trees, and they took all the signs from Sam Eddy Field,” said First Selectman Charles Perotti, adding that some signs were also taken from streets between Town Hall and Allyndale Road.

Most of the stolen signs were tossed in the swamp behind the Little League field and have been recovered, but others remain missing.

Resident Trooper Jeremy Ribadeneyra reported he is still looking for the bandits.

Electric vehicle charging stations have been installed at the municipal parking lot on Railroad Street and have been approved for use by the building official. Perotti said a meeting with Eversource was scheduled complete the setup and set a price per kilowatt hour before activating the chargers.

The Board announced that \$37,000 worth of grant money is available to North Canaan businesses looking to improve exterior facades. For over a decade the Facade Grant program has helped give local shops a fresh face.

“The grants are for businesses in town that want to spruce up the front of their buildings,” said Perotti.

The application is available online at [www.northcanaan.org/events/grant-application](http://www.northcanaan.org/events/grant-application)

## Planning ahead for extreme weather

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A summer of heavy rain left roads and bridges worse for wear in Cornwall.

WMC Engineers recently took boring samples of land near the retaining wall for the Mill Brook crossing on River Road. The abutment was damaged by raging rapids and is in need of replacement.

“I have not yet gotten the results whether they hit ledge or just large boulders. In Cornwall, you get one or the other if you go down far enough,” said Ridgway.

WMC was hired to design the new retaining wall. Ridgway said the plan is to remove the rock wall currently in place and build a reinforced concrete wall.

Designs are expected to

be completed by the end of September. Once received, Cornwall will seek bids for the work.

“We’re compiling a list of qualified contractors, giving them a heads-up this project is in the works, so hopefully we can get a bid proposal out by the first of October,” said Ridgway.

Once a contractor has been selected, a town meeting will be required to approve the work. The Board planned to add this to the annual town meeting scheduled for Nov. 3.

The board discussed options for addressing and preventing flood damage in town, which has become more regular in recent years.

“Between the health of our forests, the size of our culverts, the extreme weather that we seem to be having

regularly... different events all seem to be hitting some records,” said Ridgway.

Deficiencies in Cornwall’s culvert system were noted during rains in July this year, causing the board to consider updates in preparation for the future.

“If we can make it so that water can go directly to the river... that would have a couple wins. And the [Housatonic Railroad Company] was very interested in participating in that,” said Ridgway.

Ridgway discussed programs at the state level aimed at improving resiliency to extreme weather events.

“We might be able to borrow some ideas or latch on to some programs,” he said.

“Better to get out in front of it,” said Selectman Janet Carlson.

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### Meet our new President & CEO— Maura A. Malo

With 30 years of experience and 20 years as a member of our bank family, Maura became President and CEO on September 2. She succeeds retired President Steve Reilly.

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Congratulations, Maura!

Maura has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Chief Risk Officer and Internal Auditor. She was an FDIC Bank Examiner from 1993-2003 before she joined Litchfield Bancorp – A Division of Northwest Community Bank. She holds an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a BS from Western New England University. She is a graduate of the National School of Banking, and has received the New Leaders in Banking Award from the Connecticut Bankers Association. She also is an active community volunteer in several organizations.

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## Our Towns

# Growing hope: Community gardeners give back

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — What began as an outdoor pastime for Michelle Shipp and Chris Mullins has blossomed into a source of local, organic nutrition for food banks throughout the region.

Today, Cornwall's community garden on Route 7 flourishes with green beans, squash, potatoes, tomatoes, brussels sprouts, peppers, and even sunflowers. But back in 2017, the couple began clearing weeds and planting seeds simply because they couldn't find fresh salsa.

"We started here just to grow preppers so we could have our salsa that we like," said Mullins.

With no formal agriculture training (Shipp was a kindergarten teacher and Mullins was a mason by trade), the pair developed green thumbs after a few seasons in the garden. In 2020, they saw an opportunity to use this new hobby to help those struggling in their community during the pandemic.

"When the Covid came in, we were both working up at the ski lift and they closed it down, so we had all this time on our hands," said Mullins. "Michelle saw online that the [Cornwall] food bank was serving like 10 times as many people as it had been. So we thought, 'Well, we're not working. Why don't we just get out in the field and do something?'"

They sowed about 300 kale plants to start. Come harvest, they delivered them straight to the food banks.

"The most they would take in Cornwall was about 28 bags," said Mullins, who brought the rest down to



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

**Green beans grow up the stalks of sunflowers at Cornwall's community garden thanks to Shipp and Mullins.**

Friendly Hands Food Bank in Torrington. "Where they were like 'Kale? Bring it in. We need this.' And no matter how much we brought they would take it. To this day, you can't bring enough."

Friendly Hands, the largest food bank in Connecticut, serves more than 34,000 meals each month and has provided upwards of one million pounds of fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy since May of 2020.

"They've got 6,000 people on their books, and that's one of four food banks in Torrington," said Mullins. "Plus a soup kitchen," added Shipp.

Shipp and Mullins have also worked with Fish and Loaves in North Canaan, The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville, and food banks in Kent, Warren, and Waterbury. They said the spike

in demand for food that began during the pandemic has persisted, continuing to strain area food banks in

2023.

"There's no way that you could have too much," said Mullins.

"And that's really where this project became two-forked," said Shipp.

To better meet the need, the duo began picking up extra produce from farms, backyard gardeners, and other food banks in the region to keep shelves stocked wherever needed.

"We're kind of the transportation link to get produce from one place to another where it otherwise might rot. Besides what we grow, it's just keeping stuff out of the trash," said Shipp.

Shipp said she realized the need to branch into transportation after dropping off 50 pounds of tomatoes at Friendly Hands only to hear, "They'll be gone by the morning."

"That's when I realized we cannot grow enough and the desire to provide more cannot come from us and our labor," said Shipp on the idea to pick up and deliver

extra food. "And this year it's blossomed to the point that literally seven days a week we are either picking up, dropping off, or both."

In August of 2023, Shipp said they delivered more than 1,000 pounds of food to food banks.

"That's not including those cucumbers," added Mullins, referring to a load of cucumbers destined for Torrington. "The food rescue called us up because they had cucumbers for Torrington, but they didn't have a driver. So I went down and picked up 2,000-pounds of cucumbers with the truck."

Shipp and Mullins have come to call the effort "Produce to the People" and recently added a few much-needed volunteers to

the team. The group is not affiliated with a nonprofit organization and has adopted the motto "Solidarity not Charity."

"We're not giving this from the top down, we're moving it sideways because anyone can find themselves in the same position," said Mullins. "It doesn't matter what religion you are, they all say, 'feed the poor.'"

More community garden plots are open for cultivation and can be accessed by contacting Cornwall Agricultural Advisory Commission Chair Bill Dinneen at 860-248-1543.

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# Maternity To Stay Open!

## Hartford's Proposed Final Decision: To Maintain Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital

On August 28, the CT Office of Health Strategy (OHS) issued a Proposed Final Decision, recommending that Nuvance's application to close the labor and delivery unit at Sharon Hospital be **DENIED!** While Nuvance has time to challenge this decision, we are very pleased with this preliminary judgment. In the words of CT Attorney General William Tong on August 30, 2023, "Miles and minutes matter intensely when it comes to labor and delivery. This decision is a major victory for the Sharon community and all who organized to protect access to community-based maternal healthcare." Here is a message to Nuvance, stated best by Senator Richard Blumenthal on August 30, 2023: "Do the right thing. Work with us, not against us. Make the right decision. Don't appeal. To appeal this well-reasoned, fully researched decision would be a travesty and tragedy for you as a healthcare institution responsible for stewardship of healthcare in the area."



Community obstetrician Dr. Howard Mortman speaks at a press conference on August 30, 2023, in support of OHS's Proposed Final Decision. He is standing with (from left to right), U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, CT State Comptroller Sean Scanlon, CT State Sen. Stephen Harding, and CT State Rep. Maria Horn. Photo courtesy of Comptroller Scanlon's office.

# SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to all those who have aided in this fight:

- Everyone who wrote letters to OHS and to our public officials
- Community members who spoke at the December 6, 2022 public hearing
- The courageous physicians and nurses brave enough to speak at the hearing
- Everyone who attended our rallies and all of our speakers
- Our CT and NY federal, state, and locally elected officials who have joined the struggle to protect our access to safe, quality, and local birthing services. We are especially grateful for the support we have received from CT Comptroller Sean Scanlon, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes, CT Attorney General William Tong, State Rep. Maria Horn, State Sen. Stephen Harding, and all of our incredible CT selectmen and NY supervisors.
- Our generous donors who have helped cover our legal and media costs during this fight.

We could not have reached this point without your participation!  
 Thank you all.

We continue to await the OHS decision regarding Nuvance's application to close the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit and replace it with an inferior Progressive Care Unit, with an extended deadline of Oct. 6, 2023. Learn more at [www.savesharonhospital.org](http://www.savesharonhospital.org)



## STREET SIGNS

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it was abandoned in favor of a more clearly delineated location when the Emergency 911 System was launched.

Likewise, the section of East Main Street going east from the White Hart Inn was once called Hamilton Street, named for the patriot who helped author the Constitution and was the first Secretary of the Treasury.

While many of the Northwest Corner towns' street names have obvious meanings—like Golf Drive in Sharon, which leads to the Sharon Country Club, or the many church, railroad, river and main or directional monikers—some road names' etymologies are less clear.

Take Cooper Hill Road, for instance, not to be confused with Copper Hill Road. Bucceri said it is possible that it reflects a family surname, but it's more likely named for coopers, or craftsmen who made wooden barrels after they arrived with early English settlers and set up shops along the street. Their work was essential to commerce and daily life, noted Bucceri. "Back then, barrels were the boxes of the time."

### Is it Belgo? Belgo? Belgo Hill?

One street marker in Salisbury carries three signs: "Private Road," "Covered Bridge RD" and "Belgo RD." Private Road speaks for itself. At first glance so does Covered Bridge, except that it refers to a span that never existed. As for Belgo, Bucceri said that street's history has garnered the most chuckles.

As the story goes, while the name of the hill appears on old town maps, the name of the road did not appear on a map until 1899 and then with two "l's." It was the main road between Lakeville and the New York State line before 1800.

According to long-time Town Clerk Lila Nash, in the early days, the farms in the Belgo Road area had no fences for boundaries. All cows had bells on them so that the farmers could keep track of the livestock. People in the area were always saying, "There the bell goes." Eventually, the road came to be called Belgo.

Placing second in the "chuckles" category, noted Bucceri, is the short street known as "The Lock Up." At one time The Lock Up was a small brick building to the east of the cemetery behind town hall where drunks were detained until they sobered up. When the state police



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**The covered bridge mentioned on this sign never came to fruition, but the name still reflects the intention of a local builder who had planned to construct a traditional New England covered bridge there.**

barracks opened in Canaan, the Lock Up was no longer needed and was torn down in 1939, but the street remains.

### Old Asylum Road, Butter Road: not what you might think

An important takeaway from the exhibit also emerged: you can't always take a street name for face value. For example, Salisbury's Old Asylum Road. It has nothing to do with a mental institution.

"It was essentially a poor farm," Bucceri explained. Once a tavern run by Simeon Granger for nearly a century until 1927, the town housed a poor farm, then called an "asylum" in a house at the corner of Farnum and Dark Hollow Roads in Lakeville. Prior thereto, the poor were housed with those families willing to accept them at the lowest cost the town was willing to pay.

Old Asylum Road is the continuation of Dark Hollow, running between Farnum and Wells Hill Road, and was once part of the main thoroughfare to Sharon from Salisbury. In 1928, Salisbury acquired a new "Town Home" for the poor on Lincoln City Road and the Town Asylum Farm was purchased and renovated as a private home, the exhibit points out.

Another road sign that's not what it seems, is Butter Road in Sharon, according to Marel Rogers, a volunteer for the Sharon Historical Society & Museum. "It was supposed to be named Zutter Road, since Albert Zutter lived on the corner of that road and Sharon Mountain Road. Richard Carley, in his memoir, 'Growing up on the Farm,' noted that when he was a boy, everyone called it Zutter Road." Over the years it turned to Butter.

A sampling of other road names worth clarifying: Race Track Road has roots in horse harness racing, not auto racing. In the language of early Dutch settlers, the

word "Kill" in Salmon Kill refers to a creek, and Bird Peak was named for a family of Birds. Not the avian variety, but the human variety, namely Joseph Bird and his descendants, who moved to Salisbury from Litchfield in 1749 and for generations were farmers and missionaries.

### Abe never slept here, honestly

According to the National League of Cities, a large majority of streets are named for trees, which is especially true in the rural Northwest Corner, as well as former landmarks, famous people who were born in the area, and former presidents. But don't be fooled by Lincoln City Road in Salisbury.

Nash, who served as Salisbury's town clerk for 36 years and unofficial town historian, once reported that "Men and women of three nationalities—Irish, Italian and Polish—came to work in the Davis ore mine. They never could agree on anything and always had to settle differences with their fists. Most of the time the settlement on the hill above Lakeville 'looked like the battle at Gettysburg.' It later became known as Lincoln City.

By contrast, some street names are right on point. Gallows Hill in Salisbury, located south of Brinton Hill Road and east of Forge Mountain. According to the Salisbury Association exhibit, "One source traces the origin of the name to the body of a Black man found hanging from a tree on the hill, another reports that an Indian hung himself at the top of the hill."

Then there is Between the Lakes Road which does indeed run between two bodies of water.

### War heroes and distinguished citizens

The road to the Town Grove in Lakeville was

named after the Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen, whose homestead was located opposite the Lakeville train station. In 1762, Allen and his partners built the Northwest Corner's first blast furnace. It was the future location of the Holley Manufacturing Company and where Pocketknife Square is today.

In Sharon, Gay Street is named for the Gays, an old and rather renowned family in town, Rogers noted. "Ebenezer Gay fought in the Revolutionary War and his home now serves as the town's historical society."

Also in Sharon, Jackson Road and Jackson Hill Road are named for the Jackson family, who farmed extensively on Sharon Mountain. Rogers explained that the Jacksons and Jewetts had several members of the respective families marry each other, "so it is fitting that Jackson Hill Road and Jewett Hill Road intersect."

In Lakeville center, several streets honor beloved local citizens. Bissell Street was named in honor of Dr. William Bissell who practiced medicine in Lakeville for 63 years until 1919. His son, also named William, joined his father's practice in the 1880s and served as town doctor until 1928 when he, too, passed away.

The younger William's house stood on Main Street where Salisbury Bank and Trust (now NBT) currently stands. When the new bank building was built the house was moved back from the street and became the Trust Department. The street created for the new bank building was named in honor of the Bissells after a 1972 naming contest sponsored by Salisbury Bank & Trust.

### So how do streets get their name?

How street names are chosen and approved depends on the town or city. Typically they are requested by the developers of new subdivisions. Normally roads are named, and properties on them numbered, by local land use and planning boards. But not necessarily.

In Salisbury, Michael Klemens said during his tenure as chairman of the town's Planning and Zoning Commission, "It hasn't come up. I can't remember us ever accepting a new road. It seems to not be something that is regulated."

## HOUSING

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and committee property, appropriately zoned, and located near existing water and sewage services (dramatically decreasing the time and cost of building).

"The need in the last five years has increased so much," said Jennifer Krohnholm Clark, chairman of the Affordable Housing Commission.

"Salisbury's doing the right thing," said Jocelyn Ayr, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity. "It's supporting its local affordable housing organizations, which are made up of local residents who care about this place, who know it, and who want to keep all the great things that we have as a small town."

## SALAME

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**The airstrip in North Canaan on West Main Street is owned by Ryan Salame, who is listed as principal.**

He donated nearly \$24 million last year to 97 Republican candidates and political action committees.

A native of Sandisfield, after attending Farmington River Elementary School in Otis, Salame graduated from Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington in 2011, four years after he began working as a dishwasher at the former Martin's Restaurant in Great Barrington, which closed in 2016.

"He started out washing dishes when he was 14 but then he did everything," Martin Lewis, owner of the popular restaurant, told The Eagle last year. "He was very smart and energetic. He's just a wonderful person. A great kid."

By 2016, Salame (pronounced SAY-lem) had graduated from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a business degree in accounting and then obtained a master's in finance at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

With a keen interest in cryptocurrency, in 2017 he went to work for Circle Internet Financial. He helped Bankman-Fried create FTX

Trading Ltd. in Hong Kong before relocating to the Bahamas as co-CEO of FTX Digital Markets in September 2021.

By then, he had burst upon the downtown Lenox scene, acquiring Firefly Gastropub from Laura Shack in mid-summer 2020. In March 2021, he purchased the Olde Heritage Tavern, including its real estate on Housatonic Street, from longtime owner John McNinch and his family for \$1.5 million, plus the undisclosed value of the business.

After the death of owner Jim Lucie, he bought the former Cafe Lucia in December 2021, which remains vacant. Under the Lenox Eats Collective marketing brand, he added The Scoop ice cream parlor and candy shop, renaming it Sweet Dreams. Other acquisitions included a vacant former restaurant site on Franklin Street, a commercial and residential site at 27 Housatonic St., including Ombra and Shots Cafe, while opening the Lenox Catering Co. and The Lunch Pail, a food truck.

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## Our Town's 'Our Town'

The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will present a production Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer-Prize winning three-act play, "Our Town," a rumination on the ordinary lives of the residents of a small New Hampshire town across a time. "Our Town" opens at the Bobbie Olsen Theater on Friday, Sept. 15. I spoke with director Aldrus Nicols and star Jane Kaczmarek, a Golden Globe and Emmy-nominate actress and Sharon resident herself.

**Alexander Wilburn:** Everyone has either seen this play or even been in this play. As a director or as an actor, what is the dichotomy between adherence to tradition, and then impulse for reinvention?

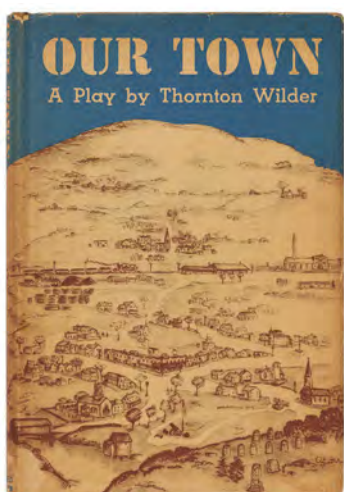
**Jane Kaczmarek:** It's amazing how much this play changes when you revisit it as an adult. I'm sure that when I revisit it again 10 years late it will resonate in a completely different way. I think it's important to note it hasn't been done in The Sharon Playhouse since 1963.

**Andrus Nichols:** When this play came out in 1938, it was radically different than anything else that was being produced at the time. It was incredibly avant-garde. It was a wild concept to put a production up on Broadway with no set. Wilder intended to write a very timeless play, which is one of the reasons why there are no sets, and there are no prompts. In one essay that he wrote, he talks about the character of Emily and thinking of all the girls that have ever lived and died and all the girls that will be born and live going forward into the future. These people represent all of us...

**JK:** Not just people at the turn of the century.

**AN:** Exactly. Not just people at the turn of the century. He also talked about himself, even though this was such wildly different kind of theater in 1938, he did

not think of himself as an innovator. He thought of himself as a rediscover of forgotten goods, which I think is interesting.



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**JK:** Which is amazing. I play The Stage Manager, a narrator who takes the audience through the journey of visiting this town in three acts. One of the

real motifs throughout the play is that time goes so fast we don't have time to look at each other. I marvel that in 1938, before World War II had even begun, when most people had party lines for phones and didn't have cell phones or the internet, Wilder's dire message was to take time to look at each other, take time to take in what I refer to, and has been referred to, as the sacred ordinary in life around you. What's growing in the garden, the birds, whether we got rain on the tomatoes — the basic things that really make life rich and meaningful. The message is timeless. In this day and age, with things being as ridiculously speedy and disconnected as they are, he'd probably have a heart attack seeing how kids live now.

**AW:** Although he wrote it in such a bleak time for this country, smack dab in the middle of The Depression. Right now, as it continues to be performed, we're also in a very tumultuous time. We've gone through more economic struggles in this country.

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## Sharon Captured in Paint

Colleen McGuire's show of landscape paintings, "Night and Day" opened over Labor Day weekend at Standard Space. The sunlit, almost Scandinavian feel of the gallery in Sharon, Conn., is a perfect setting for the fresh, sturdy oil-on-panel paintings. Gallery owner Theo Coulombe is an accomplished landscape artist himself, using the big format camera to make monumental yet remarkably subtle prints.

You may have seen McGuire around town on occasion, tall and athletic, going at her portable French easel with the brushes. I find her enormously brave. Whenever I paint en plein air, it's furtive and secret, using water-based media on mostly small boards or salvaged book covers in or near my car so as not to be spotted. I don't want anyone to see my failures.

McGuire is out in full view, in pursuit of the pitch-perfect moment, the exact color combination that captures a familiar local vignette, however mundane the subject may seem at first. No one could paint the local Shell gas station at night in a more monumental, majestic fashion. Or those boxy USPS trucks parked at the post office. Thankfully, McGuire's work has no judgy critique of suburban sprawl. She paints the gas station with reverence as if it were the Parthenon lit up at night. She takes paradise and paints a parking lot (literally), and it's all good. "Standing and watching" is what poet Jimmy Schuyler called this sort of beneficent engagement with the world, and he is the correct poet to cite in reference



'Shell (Extra Mart)' by Colleen McGuire

to McGuire's paintings. She paints in lush, fat brushstrokes that always honor the integrity of the wood panel surface. This work is very New York School painting, and the precedent for her generous style is Fairfield Porter, the artist who epitomizes New England Summer.

The comparison to Porter may be too obvious and still not quite right. Her true spirit animal is Lois Dodd, the ninety-six-year-old master of the Heaven-in-a-Wildflower approach to painting. (There's a great photo of Dodd by Maine photographer Benjamin Magro: rail thin, standing in the middle of a wet country road in a plastic rain poncho, big floppy hat and hiking shoes. She totes a portable French easel, her collapsible stool around her neck like a yoke. Sweet and kind, perhaps, but there's also a no-nonsense tenacity: a badass feminist hero. Google the photo, it's wonderful). Confirming my instinct, Colleen told me some of the paintings in the show were done while in residence on Dodd's Maine property.

The best paintings are of Sharon, and a few surrounding landmarks

(like the Metro North train station that connects residents to NYC). The Pleasure Principle is at work in these paintings, which capture a particular aspect of this region. Along the way, New York School painting (Katz, Porter, Dodd, and Freilicher) became associated with The Good Life. Manicured green lawns and carefully tended flowerbeds, yet in Sharon black bears, bobcats and rattlesnakes are close in the mix. On summer mornings, an amusing parade passes my open kitchen window facing onto the road: a tractor groans by, pulling tandem trailers piled high with hay bales, followed closely by a couple of electrical and plumbing contractor trucks, and right be-

hind, engine gunning, a multi-million-dollar 1967 Ferrari 250 GTB, and finally, a woman in running shorts huffing past, several miles into her morning run.

Often when people want to compliment an artist they say, "you're so gifted," with the implication that the ability to paint well is some celestial package dropped by the gods, wrapped with a bow. McGuire is a gifted painter. But the gift comes from the work. Getting out there, doing it every day, to be present at the rare moment when the paint cooperates and becomes something wonderful, all by itself. That's the gift. But you have to show up to receive it, day or night.

*Jeff Joyce is an artist in Sharon, Conn.*

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ART: ANDRA MOSS

# Norfolk Sculptor Participates in Project Honoring The Late Ruth Bader Ginsburg

In late May, stone carver Adam Paul Heller of Norfolk, Conn., received an unexpected phone call from the chief architect responsible for the New York State Capitol building. Would he be interested in joining a project underway at the capitol? It was extremely short notice, she admitted, but he would be contributing to a historic installation.

A statue honoring the late Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was to be added to the Great Western Staircase of the capitol building, a magnificent 19th-century stone structure filled with ornate carvings, including 77 notable figures from early New York State history. The Ginsburg statue would be the first — and only the seventh likeness of a woman — to be added since 1898.

Heller did not hesitate. "She's [Justice Ginsburg] such a figure of our time and a bridge 'of the people,'" says Heller. "I just have so much respect for her. And for the sculpture to be placed in such an epic location... I was very honored to participate."

Meredith Bergmann, the sculptor who created the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument in Central Park in New York City, had already been working on the Ginsburg piece for two years. Heller would carve the inscription.

As Heller describes it, the process of arriving at the lettering design for the four words, "Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," was anything but simple.

"I had only seven weeks to design, set samples and complete the project," he explains. "That is an unusually short period for this work."

He immediately traveled to Albany, N.Y., for a site visit. The edifice had been built to impress, but perhaps only a stone carver could fully appreciate the immensity of the accomplishment and work involved.

"The craftsmanship in this building is incredible," marveled Heller. "The building was created over a 30-year period. Imagine hundreds of craftsmen all working on this building, making perfect seams, perfectly level staircases. There are details in the work



PHOTO BY ANDRA MOSS

## Adam Paul Heller

that you can't believe." In his Norfolk studio, a peaceful haven behind his family's farmhouse on the edge of a wood, Heller unrolled several scrolls of brown paper upon which variations of the justice's name can be seen. He pointed out the evolution of the design.

"We tried several letter styles, several sizes." He eventually decided on a 1-3/4-inch letter height of sans serif letters (a style without extra strokes at the ends of the letters), as "the serif doesn't read as well in the available light. We could make the sans serif bolder."

The prominent site on the staircase wall selected for the sculpture is lit primarily by an overhead skylight. So, much of the decision, said Heller, was "basically about light."

While this may be his first capitol commission, Heller is well-equipped to approach historic lettering. After receiving his bachelor's degree in studio arts at the University of Vermont, Heller spent three years at the John Stevens Shop (est. 1705) in Newport, R.I., practicing the art of hand-brushed letters, calligraphy and hand carved stone. After relocating to Norfolk in 2014 with his wife and two children, Heller established his stone carving studio, receiving commissions for lettering and custom stone carving projects from across the United States and Europe and working with many notable artists, including neo-conceptual artist Jenny Holzer.

The brown craft paper revealed more of Heller's process. He began by lay-

ing out faint guidelines and then draws each letter by hand in graphite. These were then filled in with paint using a narrow sable brush. Once fully satisfied, he moved on to a practice piece of stone. The staircase material, he noted, is Scottish sandstone, basically brownstone that "is very consistent and carves excellently."

After just a few short weeks ("pretty much lightning speed"), Heller was ready to set the inscription on the staircase wall. Carving took seven days over two long weekends.

Once the sculpture was installed along the wall between the second and third floors, Heller took over the scaffold. "I had a little place up there with a floor of boards across the poles and draped to try to create a studio environment inside—also so I didn't have to look 45 feet down."

Carefully, methodically, the three lines were laid out upon the sandstone. The center line was identified, and the line heights established. Heller then made a fine trace of the letters

from the final layout and transferred them onto the stone's surface. These were then brushed by hand in a white water-soluble paint for greater visibility.

Heller described the cuts: "I used two chisels; one is slightly rougher, and one is extra sharp for a crisp finish. You need this because it is a sandstone, and it can grind down a chisel."

Each cut is roughly a quarter inch deep. He begins with the bottom-right letter, Heller explained, "so that I don't accidentally rub out anything to the right since my right forearm rests on the stone to give stability."

With every tap of his mallet, a single thin line joined the next until a letter, and then a word, was revealed.

With the official unveiling of the sculpture on Aug. 21, the artistry of the Norfolk stone carver and the powerful legacy of the Supreme Court justice from Brooklyn were forever tied within the stones of an historic landmark.

Article courtesy of Norfolk Now ([nornow.org](http://nornow.org)).

## ...our town

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JK: I think you're really right about that, about The Depression and what was brewing in Europe. In 2017, when Ariana Grande was doing a concert in Manchester, England, and there was a horrible shooting, the town did a production of Our Town as a memorial to the community. I did this play at the Pasadena Playhouse with Deaf West, which is an extraordinary company of deaf actors. We did a joint production of signing and speaking production right after Trump got elected with the message being: we have to learn to talk, we have to communicate, we have to talk to each other. It was purposely done right after he was elected as a way to say, slow down and look at this, slow down and find common ground. So it's interesting you brought that up because I think this play is always a great choice to do no matter what social or economic turmoil is happening around you, because the basic message, as I said, is the sacred ordinary. When you're lying on your deathbed, you're not going to be thinking about how you should have gotten out of stocks and into bonds. You wish you had spent a more time reading to your kids. You know what, Alex, it's interesting because you'd be

surprised with all the people that don't know this play. My favorite lady at J.P. Gifford's, the sandwich place in Sharon, I always talk to her and I'd say, "We're rehearsing 'Our Town.'" She's a middle-aged lady. She said, "Oh, I never heard that. I haven't seen that one." And I said, "Good. You got to come." There's a teenager in our cast. And after the read through, he said, "I am so glad I'm part of this. I never heard this play before." We were all a mess reading it that first day because it is such a beautiful play. And I said to him, "I'm so glad that this is first experience with this play." And I told him I had been in high school in 1973. I saw a production of this at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater when I was in high school, and I was so blown away. Judith Light was playing Emily. Going into it I had no idea what this play was about, and I was crying so hard, my poor date beside me, I was using a sleeve, I was using my program. I was using anything to wipe up my nose and my tears. I just remember it was a real turning point in my life, especially thinking about being an actress and realizing that theater can make people feel this way and think about these things.

For tickets go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)

## Juried Art Show at Trinity Church

The Trinity Gallery, located in Trinity Church in Lime Rock, Conn., will hold an opening reception for a juried art show on Friday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to participating artists. The show will remain open through Oct. 1.



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EDITORIAL

Revitalizing Local News

A coalition of 22 donors has announced Press Forward, a national initiative to “strengthen communities and democracy” by supporting local news with \$500 million over the next five years. The MacArthur Foundation, one of the nation’s largest independent foundations, is among the partners in the initiative, which includes many familiar big names among charitable foundations and which aims to enhance local journalism at an unprecedented level.

The local news initiative is described as an effort to focus on the importance of local news as a key to community cohesion. It also seeks to support new models and solutions that work and to address inequities in coverage and practice of journalism.

The dawn of the 21st century in America was witness to a radical decline in the availability of local news sources. Since 2005 approximately 2,200 newspapers have closed. One in five Americans now lives in what is called a “news desert” where there is no reliable source of news. Meanwhile, social media has exploded. There is a perception among some that because Facebook is there, there’s no need for a newspaper. Yet social media has a self-selecting limitation. Our natural tendency to seek out what our friends are doing is further amplified by algorithms that have a multiplier effect, leading sometimes to life in a bubble.

The disappearance of so many local newspapers also has coincided with an increasingly divided nation and what the MacArthur Foundation sees as a weakened trust in American institutions. The local newspaper is vital for our survival as a democracy. It goes without saying that to prevent a community from becoming a news desert, it would need a healthy and independent free press.

Fortunately we don’t live in a news desert. We can rely on our local newspaper week after week to inform us about what’s happening in our community. Maybe it’s the news that Sharon Hospital was denied its bid to close labor and delivery services. Or it’s a story by Maud Doyle that takes a comprehensive look at EMS volunteers. Or a story about an unusual election for selectmen in North Canaan. Or even just a photograph of the season finale at the Norfolk Festival.

The Lakeville Journal has its readers and advertisers to thank for still being in business. Before the paper became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, when it seemed to be running out of pavement, its readers responded to the call to keep it going, knowing that a local newspaper provides critical information, that it knits communities together, keeps public officials accountable and above all is essential to a thriving democracy. Even now, into its second year as a nonprofit, The Lakeville Journal needs community support to continue on its path, which is sustainability and growth. That’s why a small group of key supporters is sponsoring a \$100,000 matching-gift challenge through October 31. (See information on Page A8.)

On refrigerators all across the Northwest Corner families post clipped-out photos of a school performance, a high-school athlete excelling in a sport or a photo of someone they know who got their picture in the paper. These mementos are the memories from our shared history. They aren’t the ephemera of social media. And they weren’t taken in a news desert, thanks to all our readers and advertisers.

EARTHTALK

Spam email takes toll on the environment

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that spam email takes a huge toll on the environment?

—P.L., Bern, N.C.

If you are among the 92 percent of Americans who use email as a means of communication, you are a recipient of unsolicited batch emails called “spam.” Every day, upwards of 14.5 billion spam emails are sent globally. They may seem harmless on the surface, but the storage, sorting and transmission of unnecessary spam emails consume copious amounts of energy, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

Emails may seem to appear somewhat magically on a phone or laptop, but any kind of electronic request actually requires a physical touchpoint, called a data center, for the information to be transmitted. Data centers need enormous amounts of electricity to function. Everything, from the servers to

the infrastructure to cool the extensive computer systems, is powered by electricity. In 2014, data centers in the United States consumed 70 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity which is equivalent to around two percent of all annual American electricity consumption (the amount of electricity that data centers consume today is likely far higher). Electricity is frequently generated from fossil fuels, and fossil fuels release greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere when burned. A high demand for electricity from data centers significantly contributes to the high volume of greenhouse gas emissions.

Therefore, every email sent and received has a carbon footprint. Mike Berners-Lee, a professor at Lancaster University, determined that each spam email has a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting conservation of Salmon Kill Valley

We are writing to encourage everyone who values Salisbury’s rural character as well as protecting our town’s important open spaces and natural resources to make a contribution to the Community Campaign for the Salmon Kill Valley.

As reported by this newspaper on September 7, the Salisbury Association Land Trust is in the process of acquiring 14 pristine acres in the Valley, a landscape that

is loved by everyone who drives, bikes, runs or walks through it.

The Salmon Kill, once the source of power for the Lime Rock furnace, the Barnum and Richardson Foundry, a paper making factory, and several mills, bisects this wondrous property.

To fund the purchase and support our Land Trust’s important conservation work, lead donors will match every individual gift

from the community up to \$80,000.

Please show your enthusiasm for our Land Trust and make your personal impact on the Valley with a matching contribution by mail or online: [www.salisburyassociation.org/ways-to-support/donate](http://www.salisburyassociation.org/ways-to-support/donate)

David Bright  
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Salisbury

Janet Lynn for Zoning Board of Appeals

How does one find a new member for the Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals? Who will be the correct fit? It is a challenging job. Members on this committee must be “up to date” on the various restrictions in a given area in town.

Salisbury is located in a delicate environmental thoroughfare, where: man, animals, mountains, waterfalls, and meadows come together, and in which we, humans, keep increasing our footsteps.

We do have a person in town who will be able to handle most challenges. Janet Lynn. She was born in Sharon Hospital, attended Salisbury Central School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. After graduating she entered the Women’s Army Corps for three years, spending the last two years in Portier, France. Upon discharge Janet has lived in the Salisbury area, where she served our town as 1: Registrar of Voters; 2: the affordable Housing Committee, and 3: the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Now Janet would like to serve again on the Zoning Board of Appeals for another term. Remember Janet Lynn’s name, when you are going to vote this fall. You will not be disappointed.

Mieke Armstrong  
Salisbury

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1923

Messrs. Chaffee and Hickey report from the West that their horse is winning some great races.

The S.N.E. Telephone Co. has been installing new and additional cables in its underground conduits in this village to provide increased wire capacity.

As an illustration of the trend of real estate values in Lakeville it is understood that Mr. H. Roscoe Brinton, who bought Mrs. C.L. Bradley’s place last August has received an offer of \$2000 more than the price paid by him for the property. Lakeville property of all kinds appears to be increasing in value.

ORE HILL — Fred Douglas has moved from the John Holloran’s tenement house to one of the Salisbury Iron Corporation’s houses.

50 years ago — September 1973

Sunday, Oct. 14, will be Bill Barnett Day in Salisbury, and sponsors of the event hope that residents will turn out in large numbers at the Town Grove to greet the retiring first selectman and his wife. This was outlined at a meeting of interested citizens called Monday night to plan an appropriate celebration to mark William B. Barnett’s 27 years as Salisbury’s top elected official.

A Taconic man, Richard W. Chase, is the first president of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. He was named by the board of directors of the state Department of Environmental Protection on Sept. 5. The

authority will build and manage a \$250 million statewide solid-waste disposal and recovery system.

A mass of cool air that swept in from Canada brought the season’s first frost to higher elevations in Northwest Connecticut Monday morning, Sept. 10 is an unusually early date for such harbingers of fall. They followed by less than a week a prolonged hot spell and a high of 95 recorded in Lakeville last Tuesday.

A Tom Sawyer party of persons, each with a paint brush in one hand and a can of beer or soda in the other, last Saturday repainted the picket fence that surrounds the 18th century burying ground on Tichnor Road in Ellsworth. The project was the inspiration of Millie May, who operates an antique shop in Cornwall Bridge; her sister, Mabel Cote, and Ralph Dunbar. “We got an estimate of \$150 for the job, which seemed like more money than we could come up with,” said Mrs. May. “So we made it a picket-painting picnic. We sent four teams out — each starting at a far end of the fence on the inside or outside. Everyone was very neat and careful — no paint splashed around. We met in the middle, washed our hands and sat down and had lunch.” What appears to be the oldest stone in the burying ground is dated 1778.

25 years ago — September 1998

SALISBURY — The town is in the doghouse with the state Department of Agriculture’s Animal Control division. The town’s dog pound,

a temporary facility located at Bar-Mike Kennels, did not pass inspection this week. The town’s pound is separate from Bar-Mike’s facilities which are up to snuff.

A Sunday evening bicycle ride turned into tragedy for a 14-year-old Canaan boy, who was seriously injured when he was hit by a car on Salisbury Road (Route 44) near his home. Aaron Roth remained in the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford this week, where he

was flown via LifeStar helicopter immediately following the accident. His condition had been upgraded to “good” and he had been transferred from the intensive care unit as of Tuesday, according to hospital spokesman Chris Boyle.

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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## SEPTEMBER 16

### Golf Tournament and Pig Roast

274 Under Mountain Road, Copake, N.Y.

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association 16th Annual Golf Tournament and Pig Roast will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Undermountain Golf Course. The 18 hole, two-person scramble event is open to men's and mixed categories and is limited to 50 two-person teams. There will be two shotgun starts, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m.

The entry fee is \$110 per person which includes green fees, cart, lunch, on-course beverages, on-course contests, awards and a pig roast dinner provided by the Sunday in the Country Food Drive. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit SWSA youth skiing programs. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 17. Register and pay in advance by calling Trish at the Undermountain Golf Course at (518) 329-4444.

### Cornwall Clean-up/ Green-up Day

7 Railroad Square, West Cornwall, Conn.

The Cornwall Conservation Trust will lead our town's 7th annual Clean-Up/Green-Up Day. Meet at the CCT office, 7 Railroad Square, between 9 to 10 a.m. Refreshments and supplies will be available for all. More info at [CornwallConservationTrust.org](http://CornwallConservationTrust.org).

### Collages from "Notes on Clarissa"

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)

In her upcoming show at The Cornwall Library, artist Gelah Penn presents a selection of 20 collages from "Notes on Clarissa," her ongoing project inspired by the 18th-century epistolary novel Clarissa by Samuel Richardson. The featured collages use source photographs from Penn's expansive, site-responsive, mixed-media installations, which are printed on 5 x 7-inch cards and will be on display through Oct. 27. An opening reception will be held at the library on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. Registration requested: [cornwalllibrary.org/events/](http://cornwalllibrary.org/events/).

## SEPTEMBER 17

### Native Shavings: Carvings by Duke Besozzi and Jean Bouteiller

Cornwall UCC Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall Village, Conn. [uccincornwall.org](http://uccincornwall.org)

"Native Shavings: Carvings by Duke Besozzi and Jean Bouteiller," an exhibit of wood carvings and other fine woodworkings, will launch at an Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the UCC Parish House in Cornwall Village. All are welcome! The show will continue until Oct. 25.

Both Duke Besozzi and Jean Bouteiller have been wood-carving and creating fine works in wood for over 30

years, both are native Cornwallians, and both are avid naturalists.

In addition to the opening, the exhibit may be viewed Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, Sundays 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. The Parish House is located directly behind the United Church of Christ, at 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village. For more information, please call the church office, 860 672-6840.

## SEPTEMBER 20

### Auditions at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC

Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, announces auditions for "The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of Twelve Hit Carols in a Pear Tree."

Auditions will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, 1 to 3 p.m., and Wednesday, 20 September, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. For more information, email Pastor John at [butterfingers.angel@gmail.com](mailto:butterfingers.angel@gmail.com).

### Friends & Family Storytime

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [scovillelibrary.org](http://scovillelibrary.org)

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., starting Sept. 20, the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. will host Friends & Family Storytime, which will feature songs, rhymes, and stories, as well as crafts and other activities.

The event will take place on the library lawn next to the Buttons Garden. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be held inside.

## SEPTEMBER 22

### Housing + Jobs + Conservation: A Roadmap for Action

Salisbury Forum Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Conn. [salisburyforum.org](http://salisburyforum.org)

There will be a Salisbury Forum event on Housing + Jobs + Conservation on Sept. 22 with a reception at 5 p.m. and a program at 6:30 p.m.

Housing is rapidly becoming less affordable for residents in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and the surrounding region, making it difficult for those who work in local businesses, schools, and nonprofits to find a home. The forum will be facilitated by Steve Rosenberg, co-convenor Hudson Valley Affordable Housing & Conservation Strategy, formerly of Scenic Hudson.

Panelists include Jocelyn Ayer, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity (LCCHO); Michael Polemis, Chair, Land Trust Alliance; and Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman, Cornwall, Conn.

### Walking the West Highland Way

David M. Hunt Library, 63

Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org)

On Friday, Sept. 22 at 3:30 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a presentation by local resident Jenny Law about her recent walk of the 96 mile West Highland Way in Scotland. Photos of her journey will accompany the presentation. This program is free and open to the public.

## SEPTEMBER 23

### North Canaan Fall Fest

Municipal Parking Lot, Railroad Street, North Canaan, Conn.

Usher in autumn in North Canaan at Fall Fest, Saturday, Sept. 23, at the municipal parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pumpkin decorating, temporary tattoo parlor, firetruck rides, meet Trooper Bronson, arts and crafts, games, ice cream truck, kids market vendors, library book sale and trick-or-treat around town to visit participating businesses. All day fun will continue at Great Falls Brewing Company with Barnstormers Burgers & More Food Truck 12-7. Costume Party for the grown-ups starts at 6. Prizes for best in each category. \*Masks required for some activities by all participants.

### Taste of Millbrook

Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, 26 Wing Rd., Millbrook, N.Y.

Join The Millbrook Educational Foundation (MEF) on Saturday evening Sept. 23, 2023 at the Millbrook Winery for the Taste of Millbrook, a celebration of the great work that the Foundation does with the Millbrook Central School District.

Wines from Millbrook Vineyards & Winery paired with a spread of foods from local restaurants and caterers. Locally produced spirits from Tenmile Distillery will also be served.

Tickets are \$125 and can be bought at [millbrookeducationalfoundation.org/the-taste-of-millbrook-2023/](http://millbrookeducationalfoundation.org/the-taste-of-millbrook-2023/)

### Kent Quiz Night 2023 Sponsored by Kent Memorial Library

Kent Firehouse, 28 Maple St., Kent, Conn.

Kent Quiz Night is back at the Kent Firehouse this year! Brought to you by the Kent Memorial Library, the very popular and fun Kent Quiz Night will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 beginning at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. at the spacious Kent Firehouse at 28 Maple St., Kent, Conn.

The evening's format is as follows: teams of 4 are formed of adults 18 years of age and above before the event. The Quizmaster, Sarah Marshall, has created prewritten questions and will mark points as each team answers. Steve Pender will once again serve as the charming Emcee. At the end of the evening, the highest scoring team will win a \$200 prize.

For more information call 860-927-3761 or email [kla-bmcallister@biblio.org](mailto:kla-bmcallister@biblio.org).

# The increasing gap between Democrats and Republicans on our changing climate

A new Republican plan for making the executive branch of the federal government much more powerful has recently surfaced in a book length document, Project 25 by the ultraconservative Federalist Society. One area of special concern is the plan for a new Republican administration to cancel nearly every rule or law instituted during the Biden and Obama administrations to protect the environment.

The environmental provisions of the new Federalist Project 25 document calls for doing away with nearly all existing regulations for curbing greenhouse gas pollution from the burning of fossil fuels and at the same time boosting the production of oil, gas, and coal. The plan has been endorsed by several ultraconservative groups including the Heartland Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute which states that "climate change does not endanger the survival of civilization or the habitability of the planet".

When asked by a New York Times reporter what the country should do to combat climate change, Diana Furchtgott-Roth, the director of the Heritage Foundation's Energy and Climate Center replied that "Americans should use more natural gas".

The non-partisan League of Conservation Voters gives every member of Congress an annual score based on how the members voted on key environmental issues. Democrats received scores of better than 90% whereas Republicans scored less than 10% with only one Republican even scoring over 40%.

Described by The Atlantic magazine as "the first comprehensive climate legislation in US history" the Inflation Reduction Act passed the House only because a few Republicans were absent during the vote. All told, not a single Republican senator or member of Congress voted for the bill. However, a clear majority of the IRA's benefits have gone to generally poor and needy "red" states, and typically,

many members of Congress who voted against the IRA are now cheering on construction of the new projects that they had voted against.

At the first televised Republican presidential debate on August 23, the Fox News anchors posed a question about the environment, asking, in effect, whether climate change was a serious matter. Despite the fact that wildfires, tropical storms, disastrous heat waves and other climate disasters were top stories on the network news shows at that moment, fewer than half the presidential contenders were encouraged to speak. Vivek Ramaswamy said that "the climate change agenda is a hoax" and the others let his remark stand without challenge and quickly changed the subject without any redirection by the Fox hosts. It seemed clear that none of the contenders or the network wanted to talk about climate change.

To find a prominent Republican who was a leader in caring for the environment, one has to go back to Theodore Roosevelt who introduced the idea of and created a slew of National Parks such as Crater Lake and Mesa Verde.

Upon taking office Ronald Reagan, with great fanfare had the solar collectors installed by his predecessor Jimmy Carter removed from the White House roof. Not long after, he declared to a press conference that "trees cause more pollution than automobiles".

Although founded by Democratic Senator Gaylord Nelson — Earth Day (1972) — Republicans joined in to make it a resounding success. This helped to enable the Nixon administration to institute a sweeping program of environmental legislation including the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Clean Air and Water Act, and the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency surprisingly.

Former President Trump has been calling climate change a "hoax" for nearly a decade and continues to do so despite the overwhelming

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evidence to the contrary. The Heritage Foundation's Project 25 is apparently very consistent with the plans and ideas of the former president and most of the party leaders.

Republican members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee are inserting "poison pill" provisions into new legislation in order to block renewable energy provisions such as funding for electric vehicles and charging stations.

The partisan split regarding climate change was clearly demonstrated in a recent nationwide NPR/PBS poll where about 90% of Democrats thought climate change to be a major threat while 70% of Republicans said it was either a minor threat or no threat at all.

Other proposals in Project 25's environmental chapter include:

- Repealing the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Drastically cutting back the
- Department of Energy.
- Developing fossil fuel reserves on public lands.

• Reversal of a 2009 scientific finding at the EPA that says that CO2 emissions are a danger to public health, thus preventing the federal government from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from most sources.

On environmental issues, the split between the Democrats and Republicans seems almost unbridgeable at this time.

However, typical Republican farmers in Kansas or California may be considerably more aware of the ravages of climate change than politicians in their offices in the milder climate of Washington, D.C.

Let's hope so.  
*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*

## EARTHTALK

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carbon footprint of 0.3g of carbon dioxide. While a spam email's carbon footprint is actually less than the average non-spam email's carbon footprint, spam email accounts for the majority of all emails sent, according to some reports—and volume matters. One spam email has the same carbon footprint as driving just three feet in a car, but the total annual volume of spam has the same carbon footprint as driving around the world 1.6 million times.

Between the energy required to harvest addresses, store unread messages in data centers for long periods of time, filter spam and complete basic processing and transmission of messages, spam email is estimated to consume 22 billion kilowatt-hours annually. The same amount of energy could power 2.3 million homes in the United States. And assuming the electricity is coming from fossil fuel sources, 2.6 billion trees would have to be planted every year to offset the pollution.

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a cloud provider, like Gmail or Microsoft Outlook, that has pledged to make their data centers carbon neutral or more environmentally friendly.

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Jean Bronson of Falls Village explained how to use neutrally colored plants as a background for more colorful flowers at the Hunt Library's "Wild Weaving" event Saturday, Sept. 9

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## Wild weaving at Hunt

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — An enthusiastic group of children learned how to weave on a v-shaped, maple branch frame with yarn, flowers and other natural materials at the David M. Hunt Library on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Jean Bronson, assisted by her daughter Emily Bronson, showed the children how to make a web of yarn between the two sides of the "v" and then work the natural materials into them.

Gradually, the creations took shape, as the Bronsons moved from child to child offering a tip here, a suggestion there.

Bronson interspersed her suggestions with concise explanations of the materials,



An example of "wild weaving."

such as marigolds and "old man's beard." The finished products were hard to distinguish from the completed examples Bronson brought.

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