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



Aug. 14, 2022, attracted hundreds to Academy Street.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN The Lakeville Journal's 125th Anniversary Day Street Fair on

### Join the Journal for 2nd annual community fair Sunday, Aug. 13

LAKEVILLE — For the second year in a row The Lakeville Journal will host a community fair — Jam on Academy — on Sunday, Aug. 13 with food, music and a lineup of nearly 30 organizations that will be on hand to show what they do for the Northwest Corner.

The event will run from noon to 6 p.m. on Academy Street.

Organizations that will participate include first responders, libraries, churches, social service organizations, friends of The Lakeville Journal and more.

Music will come from Wanda Houston, Trina Hamlin and Terra Coda. Food will be available at food trucks and the Lakeville Hose Ladies Auxiliary.

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# **Employer provides** affordable housing

#### By Erica E. Phillips CT Mirror

In response to lobbying from employers, the General Assembly passed legislation this year aimed at incentivizing investment in "workforce housing" — developments that set aside a portion of units for teachers, police officers, emergency medical personnel and other professions specific to a local area.

The legislation, tucked into this year's omnibus housing bill, offers a tax break to individuals and businesses that invest in new "workforce housing" and eases permitting and tax requirements for developers.

But for some employers, the legislative solution wasn't bold

enough.

Proposed developments would have to gather investors, find a qualifying site, get approval from the state and then begin construction, which could take up to three years. And tenants ultimately occupying the new units would still have to pay rent — at varying rates.

Amid Connecticut's acute housing shortage, one New Haven employer found a quicker way to remedy its problem: by purchasing property outright and housing its staff for free.

"It helps with our rates of retention ... and it's a good way to attract talent," said Allyx Schiavone, executive director of Friends Center for

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PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

Awardees of the 2023 SVNA scholarship posed with giant \$10,000 checks on Tuesday, Aug. 1. From left: Madeline Krasowski, Warren; Zoe Gillette, Lakeville; Emma Colley, Sharon; Micah Matsudaira, Cornwall; Luke Mollica, West Cornwall

# 2023 graduates receive

# Noxious, fast-growing hydrilla invasive discovered at Twin Lakes

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY - A fast-growing invasive aquatic plant species known as Hydrilla verticillata has hitchhiked its way to East Twin Lake.

The noxious weed was discovered on June 29 near the public boat launch at O'Hara's Landing Marina, prompting swift action by lake officials to target and eradicate the noxious weed before it multiplies and chokes the watershed. "Hydrilla is a very bad plant," TLA board member Russ Conklin told attendees at the TLA's annual meeting held at Camp Isola Bella on Saturday, Aug. 5. Fragments of the federally identified noxious weed are easily transported by boats, boat trailers and fishing gear and can easily sprout new roots. Since its discovery at East Twin two weeks ago, several hundred pounds of hydrilla have been yanked from the lake's waters by the TLA's lake management contractor. Once hydrilla, also commonly called water thyme, establishes itself in a body of water, it crowds out native vegetation, harms fisheries, sickens wildfowl, impedes recreation and reduces property





PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS Business was brisk at O'Hara's Landing on East Twin Lake Saturday, Aug. 5. Hydrilla, a noxious weed, has been found in the lake.

values, according to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES).

In other words, it stomps out life from the bottom up.

'Concern' about

#### Lake Wononscopomuc

Meanwhile the discovery of hydrilla in a nearby lake has Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association, on high alert.

"We haven't found any hydrilla in Wononscopomuc yet, but it is a concern if it has been found in Twin Lakes," said Littauer, who noted that the association has a boat watch at the Town Grove. "We will have to warn them to be on the watch for weeds as well as Zebra Mussels."

The Grove staff monitors boat launchings between April and Labor Day, and the lake association pays for a guard the remainder of the time the launch site is open, Littauer explained.

There is no formal monitoring

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# health care scholarships

#### By Maud Doyle

SALISBURY — A handful students, proud parents, and the board members of Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association (SVNA) gathered in the lobby of the Visiting Nurses office in Salisbury on Tuesday, Aug. 1, to celebrate the SVNA's nascent scholarship program and its ten college-aged recipients.

Now in its third year, the \$10,000-per-year scholarship is awarded annually to five local high

school seniors who plan to pursue careers in healthcare. (After winning the scholarship for their freshman year, the students are eligible to continue receiving the grant for each succeeding year of their degree.)

Scholarship applications, which are managed by Northwest CT Community Foundation, must demonstrate financial need, academic competency, and most im-

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### NECC raises funds at Mashomack Preserve brunch

#### By Emma Benardete

PINE PLAINS, N.Y. — On Sunday, Aug. 6, the North East Community Center (NECC), based in Millerton, held its 12th annual Chef & Farmer Brunch, the second since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event raises money for NECC, which provides numerous resources to members of the Town of North East and the surrounding area, including transit to and from medical appointments, child care, fresh groceries, and volunteer opportunities for local teens.

This year, the brunch, which featured a meal prepared by various local dining establishments as well as silent and live auctions, was held at Mashomack Fish and Game Preserve.

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# Clarification

The photo of a fire at the Sharon Country Club on page A1 of the Aug. 3 edition of The Lakeville Journal was taken by Graham Klemm.

53, of Norfolk, parked his

vehicle in the right lane

blocking traffic. Bell was

transported to Charlotte

Hungerford Hospital by Ca-

naan EMS. He was charged

with operating under the

**Disorderly conduct** 

approximately 12:30 a.m.,

troopers were dispatched

to a residence on Sharon

Valley Road in Sharon for

the report of an active do-

mestic incident. On the

scene, Donna Peterson, 61,

of Sharon, was arrested, tak-

en into custody and charged

with disordely conduct and

assault third degree and

released on a cash/surety

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"police blotter" in the subject

line, to johnc@lakevillejour-

On Friday, Aug. 4, at

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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.

#### Bicyclist struck by vehicle

On Thursday, July 27, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Ann Gubernick, 79, of Bayside, New York, was traveling north on Route 7 in North Canaan as a bicyclist, Alea Traill, 11, of North Canaan, was traveling west to travel across the roadway of Route 7. The bicyclist failed to yield to oncoming traffic, and was struck by the vehicle. Traill had a minor injury to the head and was given a verbal warning.

#### Lost control, left roadway

On Saturday, July 29, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Carol Arroyo, 30, of Bristol, was traveling southbound on Belden Street in Canaan when she stated another vehicle encroached her lane. The 2012 Nissan Rogue swerved and lost control, colliding with a dirt embankment on the side of the road. Arroyo was issued a written warning for operating an unregistered vehicle, failure to maintain lane and traveling too fast for conditions.

> **Domestic incident** On Sunday, July 30, at

approximately 11:30 a.m. Troop B responded to Barlow Street in North Canaan for the report of a domestic violence incident. Tyshaun Anderson, 26, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, assault 3rd degree and strangulation 3rd degree. Bond was issued at \$25,000 cash/surety bond, which Anderson did not post.

#### **Disorderly conduct**

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, at approximately 10 p.m. troopers were dispatched to Hadsell Street in North Canaan for a disturbance. Investigation led to the arrest of Heide Lattrell, 51, on charges of disorderly conduct and assault third degree.

#### Operating under influence

On Thursday, Aug. 3, at approximately appproximately 2:15 p.m. troopers responded to Maple Avenue and Mills Way in Norfolk for the report of a suspicious vehicle. Sam Bell,

**Online This Week** 

#### **Three-day festival at Weekend in Norfolk** Town-wide activities celebrated the 8th annual event. Go to www.tricornernews.com

#### **Pine Plains flea market**

Willow Roots will host a flea market Saturday, Aug. 12. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 8 and 12 N. Main St. Go to www.tricornernews.com.

# HVRHS adopts federal guidelines for free, reduced price student meals

#### By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) has announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEG) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The income guidelines will be in effect in Connecticut from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Application forms are be-

### Salisbury, NBT bank card change

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Bank and Trust merger with NBT Bank will be official on Monday, Aug. 14. New NBT Bank debit cards will not be ready for use until Friday, Aug. 11 after 6:30 p.m.

All Salisbury Bank offices will be closed Saturday Aug. 12 and Salisbury Bank debit cards will be deactivated Monday, Aug. 14 at 9 a.m.

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ing sent to the homes of all available at main office or

To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school.

Additional copies are

available at the HVRHS main office or at www.hvrhs. org. Only one application is required per household.

In the 2022-23 school year 35% of HVRHS students were on the free or reduced price lunch program.

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0221 by owner H & R Holdings LLC for a change of use to professional office and special permit for parking flexibility at 14 Main Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 17-1 per Sections 800.4 and 703.8 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct. us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 08-10-23 08-17-23

#### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission Ebersol, McCormick & Reis

LLC, 9 Mason Street PO Box 598 Torrington, CT 06790 Megan M. Foley Clerk 08-10-23

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOAN A. NESTOR Late of East Canaan (23-00288)

The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 27, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to

recover on such claim. The fiduciary is: Jennifer L Serna 6 College Hill Road Canaan, CT 06018 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk

#### Legal Notice

08-10-23

The Board of Directors of The David M. Hunt Library and School Association of Falls Village, CT invites the public to attend its Annual Meeting on Thursday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031.

Call Librarian, Meg Sher, at (860) 824-7424 to obtain furtherinformation, oremail her at DMHuntLibrary@ gmail.com, with " "Annual Meeting" in the subject line, by 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 17.

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of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 31, 2023:

Approved—Site Plan Application #2023-0222 by owner Jonathan Kosakow, to replace a nonconforming concrete pad with a deck in accordance with section 504 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 28 as Lot 05 and is located at 4 Lime Rock Hollow, Lakeville.

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

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 08-10-23

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JEAN M. BRYANT Late of Cornwall (23-00314)

The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 1, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciaries are: David C. Bryant and Charles W. Bryant c/o Charles R. Ebersol 08-10-23

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JILL E. OLSEN Late of North Canaan (23-00277)

The Hon.Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 25, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Karen M. Bouchard c/o Linda M Patz Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP 7 Church Street P.O. Box 101 Canaan, CT 06018 Megan M.Foley Clerk 08-10-23

#### TOWN OF NORTH CANAAN INVITATION TO BID FAIMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Interested parties may obtain an application at Town Hall or on the town's website.

Applications should be submitted by September 1, 2023.

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# Salisbury to add EV chargers

#### By Maud Doyle

SALISBURY - Eversource Energy approved the Town of Salisbury's application to install two electric vehicle chargers in the parking lot of Town Grove in Lakeville last week, making Salisbury the latest town—joining Millertion, Falls Village, Sharon, Canaan, and others-to bring EV chargers to municipal land.

Watching EV chargers spring up in towns throughout the Northwest Corner prompted a Salisbury resident and EV owner to suggest that Salisbury get in on the action. The Salisbury Economic Development Committee took up the proposal with gusto.

"It kind of came down to looking at our neighbors, and seeing what they're doing," said Robert Schaufelberger, the Committee's vice president, who has taken on the role of managing the pre-install phase of the town's bid for chargers. "There are quite a number of EV users in the town already. We're trying to stay competitive. We want to offer visitors and residents whatever sort of resources we're able to provide." Green Money, Dirty Power

For towns in the Northwest Corner, the EV installations' biggest draw are the economic incentives administered under Eversource's Connecticut Electric Vehicle Charging Program, which makes installing Level 2 chargers a relatively cheap and easy proposition for homes, businesses, and municipalities.

The electricity delivery company's contribution to charger installation can come out to \$20,000. For Salisbury, of the charging stations is expected to cost \$10,873; five years of network fees and warranty costs add another \$5,390.

"So the money is on the table," said Schaufelberger. "It's ours to take if we can put together a proper proposal [for Eversource]."

The money that Eversource is providing for these installations will be reimbursed to them by Connecticut's Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) under their statewide Electric Vehicle Charging Program, established July 14, 2021.

The goal of the state program is a "self-sustaining zero emission vehicle market," one of a number of "zero-emission" and "decarbonization" goals that the state is planning to meet by funding electric alternatives to oil and gas in homes, businesses, and transportation.

While it isn't possible at this point to say precisely what the energy sources are for the electricity that Eversource delivers to Connecticut, the data is available for Eversource's power delivery in New Hampshire, which passed a disclosure law in 2010. In 2022, 87.12% of the energy Eversource delivered came from non-renewable sources like oil, coal and natural gas, and an additional 8.6%, considered "renewable," from burning wood and other biomass, which is also not a zero-emissions method.

Compared to the average of all New England power sources used in New Hampshire last year (25% renewable, 75% nonrenewable), the difference in emissions is striking: the power deliv-

that means that the build-out ered by Eversource produced 968.82 pounds per mega-watt hour of CO2, whereas the average of all New England power sources used in New Hampshire produced 624.65 lbs/mwh.

Working in conjunction with the state's "decarbonization" initiatives by offering its customers electric options, Eversource is growing its market, with little direct investment from the company. Level 2 Chargers

Among EV owners, there is some frustration with the eagerness to install Level 2 EV chargers in public parking

spaces; a Level 2 charger is far less practical than a Level 3 charger for someone passing through.

Level 2 EV chargers offer a 240-volt connection—the same amount of power as a clothes dryer. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Level 2 chargers can charge a plugin hybrid EV in 1-2 hours, and a battery-powered EV to 80 percent from empty in 4-10 hours—the high end of that spectrum being occupied by the more affordable EVs that are already in use around country. In other words, to get a full charge from a Level 2 charger, most EVs have to charge overnight.

The efficacy of shortterm charging varies from car to car-the 2023 Audi E-tron Quattro can get up to 22 miles from one hour of charging; a 2023 Ford F150 Lightning can get up to 39 miles; whereas a 2019 Toyota Prius Prime can get up to 13 miles from a solid hour of charging. (On a full charge, almost all EVs can travel at least 100 miles; new models tend to have an all-electric range of 200-300 miles.)

However, the Level 3 charger, which requires a 480-volt electrical source, is a much bigger undertaking for the town: Salisbury, for example, would have to replace entire power lines in order to make Level 3 chargers on town property viable. The Level 3 charger is also bigger, more complex and time-consuming to install, and exponentially more expensive. But, it can charge a new EV from empty in about 30 minutes, or about 300 miles in an hour.

"We're looking for a way to try this out with minimal cost, effort, or risk to the town," said Schaufelberger. "We didn't want to be trenching under concrete or pavement."

Charging at Town Grove

The Committee and their consultant, Artis Energy Solutions, took that into account when they chose Town Grove as an optimal site for the town's first EV chargers. Particularly during the summer, said Schaufelberger, "people might like spending a couple hours there." Of course, in summer, visitors would need to buy a "stickerless" day pass to park at the chargers.

The other factors that played into the Committee's decision were the site's walking distance from shops and restaurants, the fact that the chargers won't take up parking spaces that are too in-demand, and it's proximity to an accessible electrical connection with sufficient amperage.

"We're just dipping our toes into this world, right?" said Schaufelberger. "We're only committing to a single charger. We want to learn from how it does at the Grove as well as from our neighbors in surrounding towns."



Jeremy Warner examined the portrait of his ancestor Andrew Warner Aug. 1 at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

# Artist meets ancestor at Scoville Memorial Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Sculptor Jeremy Warner got a look at the portrait of his ancestor Andrew Warner and met a couple of distant cousins at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Aug. 1.

Warner is the tenth great-grandson of Andrew Warner, considered one of the founders of Hartford in the 1630s

He found poor-quality internet images of the painting while doing research on his ancestor.

Reasoning that the images must have come from somewhere, he began a lengthy search, which took him to Boston and Hartford.

A distant cousin, Tim Davis of Washington state, provided additional information. And he started cold-calling historical societies, libraries, anyplace that seemed even slightly likely.

SML director Karin Goodell got a call from Warner and immediately asked retired town historian Katherine Chilcoat if she knew anything about it.

Chilcoat said a portrait of Andrew Warner was in the library's vault.

"So we sent Jeremy a photo and he said 'Holy Cow!""

This story was repeated on Aug. 1, as Jeremy Warner peered at the portrait, now on the wall of Goodell's office.

"It's bigger than I thought it would be," he said to himself.

Then some more distant cousins entered the picture, in the form of Sara Warner Philips, of Vermont, and her sister Jessica Warner, of Washington, D.C.

The two had seen The Lakeville Journal article published July 27, and showed up in Goodell's office Aug. 1.

There was a lot of back and forth between the cousins about family lineage.

Jeremy Warner plans to make 3D images of the portrait and create a bronze bust. His bust of Kaiser Wilhelm II, also made of bronze and constructed in a similar fashion, took some 800 hours to finish, he said.



## **Sharon Hospital**



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Sharon Hospital is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) and the American Stroke Association (ASA) for excellence in heart disease and stroke care. Additionally, Sharon Hospital was also awarded a five-star rating, the highest overall, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for quality patient care for the 4th consecutive year.

We proudly thank the talented doctors, nurses and employees of Sharon Hospital for these tremendous achievements in keeping high quality healthcare right here in our community.



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# **Readers meet writers at Sharon signing**

#### By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Books and their authors were the attraction at the 25th annual Hotchkiss Library Book Signing held under a tent on Friday, August 4.

A chance to buy the latest works of significant authors, meet those authors and have them add their autographs was the traditional focus for the fundraising social event in support of the library.

Book shoppers were filling vacant spots on their own shelves, while mindful of a potential for gift-giving.

The tent stood on the neighboring grounds of the Sharon Historical Society and the museum opened its doors to assist with processing book purchases.

The 32 participating authors offered their latest editions in categories such as fiction for adults and young adults, non-fiction, and books for children. The non-fiction group included cooking, biographies, history, the environment and politics.

The rules require that the books must have been

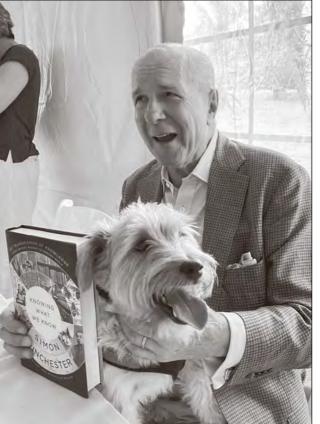


PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Acclaimed author Simon Winchester joined with other writers at the Hotchkiss Library Book Signing Aug. 4.

published within the past 12 months in order for an author to participate. Several local authors have been back a number of times with their

latest publications.

Simon Winchester, for example, said that this year was his fifth time. He was assisted at his table by his dog, Tusker,

who attracted people to good advantage. Winchester's book titled "Knowing What We Know" was a popular sell.

Political cartoonist and novelist Peter Steiner brought along his new "The Inconvenient German."

"I'm doing all right," Steiner said. "I've done this quite a few times, and it always turns out well," he added.

Making their debut appearance at the event to introduce their new book, "A Brief History of the Sharon Clinic, 1947-1985," were Malcolm Brown, M.D., and Peter Reyelt, M.D., co-authors.

Jenny Jackson was there with her latest novel, "Pineapple Street."

"It's so fun," Jackson said, noting that so many people speaking with her described connections with Brooklyn Heights and know the title street well.

Newly serving board member at the Hotchkiss Library, Nora Jadan, voiced enthusiastic support for the event. She said that it brings authors together to meet each other, along with their readers.

# Cornwall plans repair of storm damage to bridges

#### By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Heavy rains in July put Cornwall's bridges to the test. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) reviewed the damages and estimated repair costs during its regular meeting on Aug. 1.

"As waters have receded in West Cornwall, we have examined some of the bridges there and we have found there is some significant damage not to the bridges themselves but to the abutments near them," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway.

Ridgway said two bridges in particular require immediate attention to reinforce the supports that run along the riverbank. The damage was caused by heavy rain that dislodged boulders in the retaining walls beneath

"Losing either one of those bridges would cut people off from the main road and from emergency services."

#### - Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman

its wastewater treatment project, surveyed the damage last week and provided a repair estimate of \$140,000 to \$180,000 for the larger bridge located on River Road.

A cost estimate to repair the smaller bridge on Lower River Road was yet to be determined as of Aug. 1.

"The damage to the smaller bridge is probably less," said Ridgway. "But that is more than obviously anything we have in the highway budget and we will need to go to a town meeting sometime to authorize this work."

Ridgway said he is hope-

Cornwall's current building official Paul Prindle has announced his retirement from the role. During the Aug. 1 meeting, the selectmen discussed appointing Peter Russ as Prindle's successor.

Russ recently became certified with the state to serve as a municipal building official. He passed the exam with 93% and Ridgway said he received "a very good letter of recommendation" from the program instructor.

BOS agreed to draft a four-year contract on "similar terms" to the contract with Prindle. Prindle and Russ plan to work together during the transition period. "I've got a lot to learn yet, but Paul's very good to work with and like you say, he still wants to be around a little bit so I'm looking forward to working with him," said Russ. BOS said the contract

Fire Department and ambulance squad responded to a single-day record six calls on Sunday, July 30. Ridgway said the calls varied but he thanked the volunteer services "for a good response" in keeping the community safe.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The weather favored this year's Arts and Crafts Fair, organized by Sharon Parks and Recreation on Aug. 5.

# Arts and Crafts Fair brings community to the Green

#### By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The town's annual Arts and Crafts Fair dotted the Green with vendors on Saturday, Aug. 5, offering ideal weather and a variety of items on display.

Under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the event drew 48 vendors, largely from the tri-state area, but a few from farther away.

"The Green is in great shape," said Matt Andrulis-Mette, Director of Sharon Parks and Recreation, crediting the town staff responsible for the maintenance. His was one of several tents belonging to local nonprofit organizations to raise awareness of their activities and programs.

Sharon Woman's Club representative, BZ Coords, was enthusiastic about the event."It's really good this time," Coords said, crediting the favorable weather.

"How can you not be happy in Sharon," resident Mike Levengood chimed in.

'Craft shows are different in all respects," said Andrulis-Mette, describing trends. "Young people don't spend money on crafts," he said. "They shop on-line, rather than attending fairs, and then they are not looking for crafts.

The vendors, however, enjoy seeing each other at their various fair locations. Many just enjoy the day, Andrulis-Mette said.

However, a fine arts vendor who has been attending since 1964, Dennis Baccheschi, was enjoying brisk business in his booth with families arranging for portraits.

"The wife said I needed a hobby," said retired civil engineer, now wooden cutting board craftsman David Petravage, who had traveled from Turners Falls, Massachusetts.



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the bridges.

"There's one on River Road and there's one on Lower River Road. They are both over Mill Brook in West Cornwall," said Ridgway. "Losing either one of those bridges would cut people off from the main road and from emergency services."

WMC Consulting Engineers, the firm that is also working with Cornwall on

ful that the work can be authorized by September and repairs can be completed "while the weather's still good."

"We're going fast. This is something we're going to work on every day to try and push this thing forward," said Ridgway.

In the meantime, Ridgway said the bridges are "totally safe" to use.

with Russ is expected to be signed in September.

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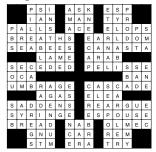
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# **OBITUARIES**

#### William D. Leo

KENT — William D. Leo, can history. 75, longtime Kent resident, After retiring from the

died July 22, 2023, after a prolonged

illness. Bill was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, and spent his childhood in Scarsdale, New York, before moving to Brookfield, Connecticut, as a teenager. He graduated from Immaculate High School in Danbury.

He went on to enlist in the United States Marine Corp and served a tour in Vietnam. He was awarded several commendations including a Purple Heart.

Bill eventually moved to Kent where he found his true hometown. He and his second wife Gail Oslin (December 1997) opened and ran The Villager Restaurant from 1984 until 2000. He became known for his delicious soups, especially the pumpkin soup he served to runners of the Kent Pumpkin Run every year. During this time he served on the Kent Chamber of Commerce, including as president. He and Gail were affectionately referred to as the Unofficial Mayors of Kent.

Bill loved sports, particularly the New York Yankees and the New York Rangers. He was also an avid reader with a penchant for Ameri-

restaurant, Bill married Patti Ebert (December 2021), owner of Toys Galore & More in Kent.

Bill is survived by his daughter Kasey Leo Straiton of Kent, son and daughter-in-law Jesse Maria Leo of

New Milford, and grandsons Aidan and Jake Leo; his siblings Deborah (Bruce) Bennett of West Cornwall, Karen (James) Setaro of New Milford, Kathleen (Jay Poitras) Mankin of Millerton, New York, and Timothy (Cathy) Leo of McMinnville, Oregon; several nieces and nephews; and his first wife Patricia Morris Lee of Kent.

Besides Gail and Patti, Bill is predeceased by his parents Dorothy and William D. Leo Sr., brother Michael Leo, and son-in-law Steven G. Straiton

Please consider supporting The Kent Community Fund (www.kentctcommunityfund.org) or the Kent Center School Scholarship Fund (www.kcssf.org) to honor Bill and his beloved community. A private family burial

will be held at a later date.

Lillis Funeral Home of 58 Bridge St., New Milford, has care of William and his family.

and he leaves behind a leg-

### Thomas Joseph Higgins

FALLS VILLAGE — Thomas Joseph Higgins Jr. acy of unconditional love

of The Villages, Florida, passed on Friday, June 23, 2023. He was born the oldest of five children to Thomas and Evelyn Higgins in Sharon, on Dec. 26, 1941.

He attended Boston University to study aeronauti-

cal engineering and had successful careers as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney, a high school math teacher in Falls and unwavering support.

He is survived by his loving wife,

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Annette Higgins, his children Jessica (Hank) Jones, Tim (Laura) Higgins, Patrick Welch, Kathy (Joe) Barbagallo, Dan(Lynn) Welch,

Kevin (Karen) Welch. His grandchildren Greg and Sophia Jones, Patrick, Caitlin, Zachary, Daniel, Annika and Matthew Welch, Cortni Soucy and Kate DuBois. Five great grandchildren. His brother Gary (Carol) Higgins, Jon (Rindy) Higgins, Jackie(Rod) Merwin, Sam Higgins, many nieces, nephews and friends. He is predeceased by his brother Michael Higgins.

### Patrick G. Stanton

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Chris of Lakeville; Jenni-

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ey and Georgia Duntz.

SALISBURY — Patrick G. Stanton, 80, of 34 Cobble Road passed away July 30, 2023, at his home in the company of his loving family. Patrick was born June 26, 1943 in Sharon, CT son of the late George and Helen (Mackay) Stanton. He was the husband of Carol (Moersch) Stanton. Patrick worked in tree ser-

vice and held the position of Tree Warden for the town of Sheffield, Massachusetts, for many years. Countless people will attest to the fact that he was the best tree man around. He worked at The Salisbury Boys School for 30 years in the housekeeping department. His last employment as crossing guard for Salisbury Central School brought him pure joy and his goal was always to return. Patrick was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, serving the church as an Altar Boy in his youth. He was a member of The Sheffield Fire Company then later joined The Lakeville Hose Company in 1991, where he served as fire police for 32 years. He loved people and was always available to lend a helping hand. His sharp wit and memory made him a town historian of sorts. He was frequently sought out by family and friends to answer questions related to his home town of Lakeville.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Krista Stanton of The Villag-

### Massachusetts shuts down Great Barrington railroad project after worker dies near Sheffield

06018.

By Heather Bellow victim.

*The Berkshire Eagle* Middlesex did not immediately respond to re-GREAT BARRINGTON quests for comment. Nor The state has shut down did Housatonic Railroad its railroad project pending Co., which runs freight on a "safety review" of the conthe line. tractor it hired for the work

NTSB investigators were at the scene Saturday, Aug. 5 said agency spokesperson Jen Gabris, adding that a preliminary report about the cause of the accident is expected in about 30 days. Investigation reports by the Federal Railroad Administration are usually completed within six months, William Wong, an agency spokesperson wrote in an email.



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### Scavenger hunt celebration

Oblong Books hosted a "Where's Waldo?" themed scavenger hunt in Millerton and Rhinebeck during July. Scavenger hunt participant Vincent Namer, 7, of Lakeville, was also present at a culminating celebratory event held at Oblong's Millerton location on Monday, July 31.



Village, and Bedford, Massachusetts, and a computer programmer for the state of Massachusetts. His continued curiosity about science, technology and math led to a lifetime of learning. As an avid reader, chef, boomeranger, golfer and lover of music and laughter, Tom approached life with an insatiable appetite for knowledge.

Family meant everything to Tom, and he cherished the moments spent with loved ones. As a dedicated husband, parent, sibling, and friend, he exuded warmth, love, and kindness in every interaction. His genuine compassion touched the lives of those fortunate enough to have known him,

Burial and Celebration of Life will be held in Massachusetts on Aug. 19, 2023, at Union Cemetery in Amesbury, Massachusetts, at 11:30 am followed by a Celebration of Life at Maria's Restaurant 81 Essex Street, Haverhill MA 01832 at 1:00pm.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

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work to the track by contractor Middlesex Corp., DOT spokesperson Jacquelyn Goddard wrote in response to questions.

after an employee was run

over by equipment on the

tracks Friday, Aug. 4 and

partment of Transportation,

which owns the Berkshire

Line used by Housaton-

ic Railroad Co., has halted

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later died of his injuries.

Multiple police and agencies are investigating the apparent accident, including the Federal Railroad Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board and Massachusetts State Police attached to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office.

The accident happened just after 10 a.m. on the tracks in what police said was a remote area near the Sheffield town line that was hard to access. It required aid from firefighters and police in two towns to reach the worker and have him airlifted to the hospital.

Authorities have not re-

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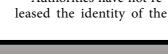
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Postcards reveal Cornwall, Kent and Warren's past

#### **By Ollie Gratzinger**

CORNWALL — If a picture is worth 1,000 words, the Cornwall Historical Society's newest exhibit is quite a mouthful.

Compiled in a collaboration between the historical societies of Cornwall, Warren and Kent, the exhibition showcases dozens of postcards from the early 20th century, along with other bits of memorabilia that offer a look at where visitors to the Litchfield countryside lived, traveled and stayed way back when.

"All historical societies have a postcard collection," said Suzie Fateh, curator of the Cornwall Historical Society, during a reception to celebrate the installation of new exhibitions on Saturday.

It was her idea to focus the display on the simple, popular and affordable pieces of mail that dominated communications in an era long before cell phones and selfies. It's titled "Touring the Countryside: Postcards from Cornwall, Kent and Warren."

"People tend to think that postcards are insignificant, but in fact, they are important historical documents," Fateh added. "They help us picture what our towns looked like 100 years ago."

One postcard featured pictures of Hopkins Place, now called Hopkins Inn, along Lake Waramaug and a note from a concerned sender.

"How is my plant? Don't let it die," it read.

Another features a picture of the West Cornwall Post Office, circa 1900, and another yet is inscribed with a message that may sound familiar: "Everything O.K. except the weather."

"It's our way of sharing our town's history," said Heather Forstmann, curator of the Warren Historical Society and the town historian.

Fateh and Forstmann also worked with Marge Smith, curator and archivist of the Kent Historical Society; Logan Wheeler, managing director at the Kent Historical Society; and public historian Kathleen Hulser, who helped out with research. The end result, they said, was a group effort.

Fateh called it "an opportunity for the three historical societies to feature what's special about their towns."

The exhibit also acts as a tribute to the history of postcards in general, including information about the first United States Postal Cards in 1870 and the various iterations that would develop over time.

In an adjacent section of the museum sits another exhibition, unveiled with the postcard showcase on July 1. This display, called "The Understory," features the work of artist Richard Klein and pays homage to the region's industrial roots in ironmaking. The exhibit's pièce de résistance is a sculpture, reminiscent of a log sprouting fungi and made of native iron and repurposed wood. According to a descriptive placard that accompanies the piece, the burnt wood form is a fragment of an architectural column from a 19th-century house that was torn down in Canaan. The fungi are cast in salvaged Housatonic Valley scrap iron and molded after growths on trees adjacent to several furnace sites.

While it may seem thematically different from the postcards displayed on the walls, the curators agree that

the link runs deep.

"It connects the three towns," Forstmann said of the iron industry. Fateh agreed.

"I think the one thing that we all share in common is the charcoal business, making the charcoal for the iron furnaces," she said. "The Understory" exhibit also features pictures of colliers - people who made charcoal — building smoldering mounds that would reduce local timber to a usable residue. The charcoal was then used to fuel the blast furnaces.

Forstmann said visitors to the museum, located in the Cornwall Historical Society's building at 7 Pine St. in Cornwall, can expect "to take a step back in time."

"They can take a glimpse of history," she said. "It's really just fun."



A postcard from 1910 depicting "the immigrants who filled the iron and manufacturing jobs" in Cream Hill. The postcard is on display at Cornwall Historical Society's new exhibit titled "Touring the Countryside: Postcards from Cornwall, Kent and Warren," which will be on display through Oct. 14 at 9 Pine Street.

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# Sports –



Team USA took first place in the 4x400-meter relay in the U20 Pan American Games, Aug. 6.

# Segalla wins gold

#### By Riley Klein

Housatonic Valley Regional High School alumna Sydney Segalla took home gold in the 1600-meter relay with Team USA in the U20 Pan American Championships in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

Segalla ran the third leg of the relay on Sunday, Aug. 6, and helped put down a decisive victory over opposing national teams. Team USA finished in 3:30.25 minutes, more than eight seconds ahead of silver medalists Jamaica.

After the win, Segalla said she was honored to represent her country in the games and run alongside some of the nation's most talented athletes.

"I'm running with the best 400-meter runners in our age division. It's such an honor," she said. "These are the faces you're going to see in the future."

Segalla, of Salisbury, attends Boston College as a dual-sport (track and soccer) student athlete. She will enter her sophomore year later this month. B ack in 2011, for Christmas my mother gave me a copy of "The Swerve: How the World Became Modern" by Stephen Greenblatt.

It's a dense piece of learning, full of rich detail.

But because deep down I'm shallow, I didn't get very far with it.

But the title made enough of an impression that I think of August as Swerve Month.

August is when I temporarily suspend trouting activities for the most part, focusing on fishing a warmwater lake for largemouth bass.

And whatever else might show up, such as smallmouth bass, pickerel, crappie, assorted panfish, perch, crab, lobster and very small alligators.

This type of fishing requires a swerve in thinking. There is nothing subtle about it. Success requires throwing large flies with heavy rods and making a fuss while doing so.

I'll never forget learning the Yo-Yo Method when I was new to the warmwater

# HVRHS hoops teams lose in first round of Torrington summer league playoffs

#### By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — A sizzling summer of basketball for Housatonic Valley Regional High School student athletes fizzled out after both the girls and boys teams lost in the first round of the Torrington Summer Basketball League playoff tournaments.

The opening round began with the HVRHS girls taking on Gilbert High School on Monday, July 31 inside Torrington Armory. Limited rosters for both sides led to a four-on-four competition with no subs available.

Gilbert prevailed over HVRHS with a final score of 70-31, ending the Mountaineers' summer season on a tough loss.

The HVRHS boys met a similar fate the next day against Nonnewaug High School. A Babe Ruth League baseball game coinciding with the TSBL opening round meant a handful of HVRHS athletes were unable to participate in the Aug. 1 basketball game.

HVRHS put up a good fight against Nonnewaug but ultimately fell short. Nonnewaug won 65-40 over HVRHS.

The results brought about the end of Mountaineer basketball until varsity play resumes in the coming winter.



Swerving into August angling

A largemouth bass, nicknamed Mongo, was the highlight of a previous warm-water fishing season. The fly in Mongo's mouth is about an inch long, for reference.

absolutely insane.

I generally bring two rods, one equipped with a floating line for surface action, and one with either an intermediate line (where the entire line sinks slowly) or a sink tip line (where a heavy section at the front of the line sinks quickly). You could also use removable sink tips, or a floating line with heavy flies, or added weight, or some combination of the above. The rods are either

weights 7 or 8.

I also use Tenkara rods, similarly equipped with floating or sinking lines, although with fixed-line fishing these distinctions don't matter nearly as much. The fly either floats or it sinks, regardless of the line.

I fish from a pontoon boat, the small, portable, inflatable kind. It's basically a floating chair, powered by a combination of oars and swim fins. I have also used an ancient leaky rowboat and a canoe. Somebody busted the oarlock on the former and the latter gets blown around too much. The trick on this particular lake is to go out at dawn or at dusk. Unless it's overcast, when the fishing tends to be consistent all day.

I target any sort of structure. Downed trees, vegetation that hangs over the water, sharp drop-offs.

Also, in this lake, there might be an old steam radiator or obscure piece of iron industry equipment moldering on the bottom.

I can always tell if I've hooked something like that. It doesn't move.

It's a restful sort of angling, for the most part. No sliding around on cobble. No getting the backcast caught in a bush.

One month of this is about right, too. By the end of August, I am usually bored by monstrous bass and looking forward to stalking skittish brookies or targeting large trout in moving water.

As for "The Swerve," I've still got my copy. The classical head on the cover is looking at me in silent rebuke. So I will take another stab at it. I've got all month.



### Sharon Hospital

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game.

This involves attaching a heavy, weighted fly, like a Clouser, to a shortish, sturdy leader, in turn attached to a stout rod and line (line weight #8 is about right).

Tied to the bend of the hook of the weighted fly is two feet of thick tippet material, say 1X, and to that is tied a popper.

The popper is buoyant, but the weighted fly drags it down.

Once everything is submerged, the cunning angler simply jerks the whole shebang upwards. The weighted fly comes up

and then sinks again, causing the trailing popper to go up and down, like a yo-yo. This also causes the angler

to feel like a yo-yo. However ungainly this maneuver, it does drive bass

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As a newly minted nonprofit that also publishes The Millerton News, we are in good company with all those that serve our community. The Journal wants to spread the word about ways people can become involved as volunteers — at the fire department, the ambulance corps, the library, the food pantries, our churches and synagogues and environmental groups, just to list a few.

The organizations joining the Jam on Sunday have many missions: Preserving local culture, supporting land conservation, strengthening education and youth development, fostering economic growth, providing social services and healthcare services, creating affordable housing, encouraging civic engagement.

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#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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portantly, a dedicated interest in the medical field.

The program came into being after SVNA merged with Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County. The board determined that the SVNA's endowment, which had grown out of SVNA's local fundraising efforts, remain part of SVNA rather than getting absorbed into the larger organization. This way, said Louis Fox, a director on SVNA's board, the board could ensure that the endowment went back to the community from which SVNA they had raised the money over the years. (While the scholarship is not strictly limited to Region 1, it is tightly tied to the Salisbury area. This is also true of another piece of the scholarship program, which grants funds to mid-career workers who want to pursue a new career or further education in health care.

"The scholarship is a huge help," said Christine Colley, the mother of awardee Emma Colley, a newly-minted graduate of Berkshire School bound for the University of Richmond, where she plans to major in biology, in the fall. As tuition balloons across schools in the U.S., such scholarships make a tangible difference for local parents.

"[Tuition] was significant-

federal government is pushing people to not to stay in hospitals, to get out as quickly as they can—and most people want to go home."

"Then they need not just nursing but rehabilitation and care-taking services as well," explained Robertson, pointing to the large and growing demand for non-medical care as well—caretakers who can help someone get into the shower, or run an errand, or cook a meal.

"[Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County is] trying to meet the needs of an aging local population," she said, "but this is a remote location, it's very difficult work, and most people who do this work can't afford to live here."

#### Future Health Care

#### Workers

At the reception on Tuesday, Fox raised a toast to the five students in attendance. "We are so grateful to be able to support young people who want to go into healthcare and nursing, because we need you," he said. "And though we have no say in what you decide to do with your education, it is our secret hope or not-so-secret, really—that you'll come back."

"I love it here. This was an amazing place to grow up," said Zoe Gilette, a scholarship recipient and Housatonic Valley Regional High School graduate set to begin

#### HOUSING

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Children, a child care provider in the city's Fair Haven Heights neighborhood.

With a gift of \$750,000, the Friends Center purchased and refurbished two properties (a total of four units) in late 2020. Within three months, four teachers and their families had moved in. The teachers' salaries remained the same and they are paying only the cost of utilities on the properties they occupy. The organization budgets about \$10,000 a year for maintenance, and the school provides financial counseling to resident teachers, guiding them through debt repayment and saving up for their own homes.

Friends Center has also undertaken new construction on the land adjacent to one of its teacher housing properties. With assistance from a class of students at the Yale School of Architecture, they'll be adding two more units in the next few months and several more in the years to come.

"We eventually want to

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of boats entering and exiting the launch at O'Hara's Landing on East Twin, although lake officials advised careful inspection and cleaning of watercraft and equipment before and after each outing.

Harvesting it by hand

The discovery of hydrilla in the waters of East Twin was made by TLA's lake management consulting contractor, George Knoecklein of NEAR (North End Aquatic Research, LLC). The limnologist reported that during a June 29 water quality visit, a "suspicious aquatic plant" was found in the vicinity of the marina that resembled hydrilla, whose origin is Asia.

Samples were immediately turned over to Greg Bugbee, associate scientist with the CAES, who had them genetically identified at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as the Connecticut River strain of hydrilla, said Conklin. Since then, Knoecklein has been doing extensive surveys of the area and has hand removed more than 200 pounds of hydrilla from East Twin. The limnologist is also documenting the locations where the specimen is found, according to TLA officials.

have 22 units, which will be 30% of our staff," Schiavone said.

The child care sector has faced particularly steep financial challenges as declining unemployment strained the labor force in recent years.

Providers say they can't raise tuition on struggling parents, which means they can't raise teacher salaries to compensate for the rapidly rising cost of living. Increasingly, many child care operators say they're competing for staff with the retail sector, where hourly wage rates have gone up to as much as \$20 or \$22 at some businesses.

Meanwhile, inflation has driven up the cost of food and other supplies that child care providers need in order to keep their doors open. Since tuition and state funding only cover a portion of their costs, most providers cover the gap with fundraising and in-kind donations.

"We've wrestled with the essential question of, 'How do we raise teacher salaries without charging families more?" Schiavone said. Her solution was to make a onetime investment in housing property in order to offset a major personal expense for the center's teachers — similar to the benefit health care insurance provides.

"We can go buy a house, which will then allow us to 'raise' four teachers' salaries forever," she said. "Forever."

The model may not appeal to other types of businesses. The Connecticut Business and Industry Association supported the "workforce housing" tax incentive in part because many of its employer members don't want the extra hassle of being landlords. Instead, they hope incentivizing investment might accelerate new housing development.

But leaders in the child care sector say ensuring their teachers can afford to live locally is too urgent.

Earlier this year Gov. Ned Lamont established a "Blue Ribbon Panel" of public and private sector leaders, early childhood experts, educators and parents tasked with designing a strategic plan to stabilize the state's child care system.

Schiavone said she hopes the panel considers infrastructure investments like teacher housing. She said the Friends Center's teacher housing program is "absolutely scalable" as a state or federal initiative, making one-time investments in housing allocated by each municipality to their local child care providers based on need.

By building and owning the housing asset, rather than incentivizing an outside developer to build it, child care operators and their staff would glean the most value from it. "The impact is really in the 'free," Schiavone said, referring to workforce housing. "That really is what will significantly change salaries to a level that is closer to a professional wage."

The Journal occasionally will offer articles from CTMirror.org, a source of nonprofit journalism and a partner with The Lakeville Journal.

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The invasive plant, which lives up to 30 feet below the surface, can grow up to a foot a day, making it one of the world's most invasive plants, according to Cornell University's Cooperative Extension. Once hydrilla becomes established in a new area, its long, stringy vines thicken into heavy mats, blocking out sunlight to native vegetation and affecting the ecosystem's oxygen flow, altering native species' habitat.

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gle stressed the importance of allowing experts to pinpoint the exact locations of the plant, so that treatment can be targeted to those areas.

While the treatment of milfoil at Twin Lakes is scheduled to take place on Aug. 14, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has not approved chemical treatment of hydrilla this year due to the proximity to native aquatic plants in the vicinity of the marina. "The DEEP is not allowing us to treat for this weed this year," said TLA's Bogle.

Conklin noted that the TLA's limnologist has found of "one escapee" from the marina area heading north on East Twin, "so we are not done with it. It's likely out of there and it's likely that we will find it over the next few years, but it can be contained."

#### Dealing with 'robust' variant

Conklin said genetic testing of the hydrilla pulled from the area of the marina confirmed that it is the Connecticut River variant. "It's a robust variant," identified by serrated leaves with a spiny vein down the center, he ex-

ly more than we'd expected it would be—plus we're also putting our son through high school," said Colley. "We wouldn't be able to afford [the University of Richmond] without this scholarship."

#### 'A Desperate Shortage'

SVNA also hopes that the scholarship might alleviate the critical dearth of healthcare workers across the U.S., particularly in more rural communities. The Northwest Corner, said Mary Robertson, president of the board of SVNA, "is in a desperate shortage of nurses and health care workers."

"The home health care world is changing," said Fox. "It's more critical because the her freshman year at Marist College, majoring in biomedical sciences. She hopes one day to become a physician's assistant. But she expressed doubt as to whether or not she would return to the Northwest Corner to pursue her career. "My main concern is definitely being able to afford to live here long term. It's become so expensive."

Robertson concurred. More systemic change will be needed, particularly in the area of affordable housing, she said, before the Northwest Corner will see the influx of young health care workers and non-medical caretakers it needs. "The temptation is going to be to pull it out, but please don't," Conklin implored lake property owners at the TLA meeting, explaining that hydrilla is not easily identified.

"If you think it's there, tell us and we can call in people who are trained to identify it. You might not get it all, and then three weeks later, it has resprouted."

TLA president Grant Bo-

#### BRUNCH Continued from Page A1

The honorees at this year's NECC brunch were longtime volunteers Sherrell Andrews and Rob Kuhbach. "Both have been steadfast supporters of, and volunteers for, NECC with over 15 years of combined experience on the Board of Directors," the said NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent.

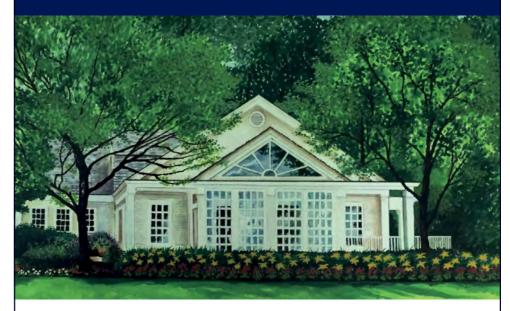
Hors d'oeuvres included fruit skewers, mini quiches, candied bacon, cherry and chocolate bread, and mini frittatas. The main course included chicken paillard, a corn and arugula salad with peaches and cherry tomatoes, and a zucchini blossom and farmer's cheese flatbread. Dessert was a chocolate and vanilla cake decorated with the NECC logo.

The meal was provided by local farms including: 52 Main, McEnroe Farm, Champetre, Black Sheep Hill, the Baker's Wife, Rock Steady Farm, Mashomack Preserve and Troutbeck. Cocktail hour featured beverages from local vendors including Harney and Sons' Tea, Irving Farm Coffee Roasters, and Tenmile Distillery.

In addition to ticket sales, the event included silent and live auctions. Among the silent auction offerings were an annual membership to the Trevor Zoo at the Millbrook School; a private screening at The Moviehouse in Millerton; a gift certificate to Cara Cara, a New York City-based clothing shop; and a bundle of tickets and a food gift certificate to Four Brothers Drive-In.

The live auction featured three items: a dinner for eight at Tamarack Preserve's Turkey Hollow, a weeklong stay in a two-bedroom villa in Lisbon, Portugal; and a mimosa basket.

Of the amount of funds raised at the event, Sergent said at press time, "We are still confirming pledges but our confirmed amount thus far is \$450,000." Last year's event raised approximately \$350,000.



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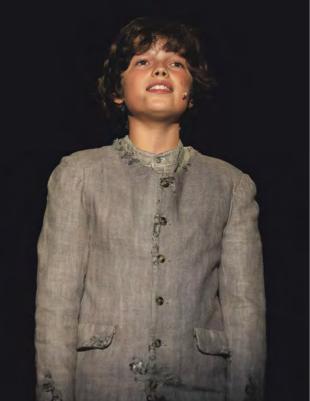
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# **British Classic on the Summer Stage**

he children seated in the front two rows at the opening weekend "Oliver!" at The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., may well be in for a surprise if they ever feel inspired to crack open the Charles Dickens novel of sinister class commentary.

Sprightly, merry, and comical, The Playhouse's production, directed by Michael Kevin Baldwin. stays true to the 1960 adaption of the West End show with book, music, and lyrics by Lionel Bart, later directed as a 1968 Oscar-winning film by Carol Reed — and perhaps softens some edges even further.

Bart's kind-hearted musical made the characters in Dickens' tale of thieves and child criminals in London's decrepit rookeries more palatable as a family-friendly frolic. It was "Oliver Twist" for the modern masses. What he did best was craft a superbly enduring soundtrack for this 19th-century fairy tale, with songs that remain instantly recognizable and hummable — "Food Glorious Food," "Consider Yourself," "You've Got To Pick A Pocket or Two," "I'd Do Anything" - is it any wonder that in Bart's New York Times



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY Ivan Howe as Oliver Twist

father of the modern British musical"? The audience at The Playhouse could nearly be asked to sing along.

Baldwin's production, with musical direction by Jacob Carll, choreography by Michelle Lemon, and set design by TJ Greenway, leans heavily into the touchstone musical numbers and softens the drama, giving the show a colorful, zippy feeling at two and half hours (including intermission). Broad comedy and some cockney accent work give the adult players some quirky Masterpiece Theatre-type meat

to chew on, and there are plenty of well-cast standouts, especially Dan Radzikowski and Johanne Kesten as the delectably gruesome undertakers, Jenna Leigh Miller as their tarty daughter, and Xavier Turner as their mouthy assistant. They make a whole play out of their side characters. John Bergeron pairs up with The Playhouse board member Savannah Stevenson, who takes to the Sharon stage for the first time to delightful effect as they ham up a weird

the Widow Corney, the first antagonistic adults orphan Oliver bumps up against.

Leading the show as Oliver is Indian Mountain School student Ivan Howe, a more cherubic-faced boy there probably cannot be found, and apparently Netflix agreed since the 11-yearold recently completed filming the upcoming television series "Eric" in New York City and Budapest playing Benedict Cumberbatch's son. Howe is joined by a large ensemble of children playing the mostly female band of pickpockets, including Phoebe Amankwah as The Artful Dodger.

The wallet-snatching urchins are under the thumb of criminal leader Fagin, adorned in ghoulish garb but mostly played with benevolence by James Beaman. The same cannot be said for Justin Michael Duval, who brings a legitimate sense of masculine threat to the show with a potent turn as villain Bill Sikes.

The emotional core of The Playhouse's "Oliver!" is YouTube star Gina





#### James Beaman as Fagin

Naomi Baez, a magnificent singer who imbues warmth and magnetism into Nancy, the tragically abused lover of Bill and Fagin's criminal accomplice who eventually helps rescue Oliver. Baez

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# Homegrown National Park Making a difference by planting native species

Part Two of a series

#### **By Elias Sorich**

MILLERTON — Claire Goodman of Millerton is at the beginning of her interest in planting native flora.

Having attended a screening of "What's the Rush?," a film from Homegrown National Park (HNP), a nonprofit based in Sharon, Goodman began to get energized around the concept of making a contribution to ecosystem health.

"I've always been very fascinated with larger projects like reseeding meadow — but I was frequently left thinking 'it's all too big.' And then I encountered the idea that even if you only have a little pocket handkerchief of land, you can do something."

For Goodman, who is on the Climate Smart task force in Millerton, having her interests galvanized has already led to a shift in how she sees her lawn and humble porch front garden.

She's thinking more actively about which plants to add to the mix, is accepting of a more shaggy, wild, and natural look to her garden, and spends more time thinking about how to connect with and cultivate the nature around her.

"What makes you feel compassion for a bunch of wildlife? What inspires that? Just last night Dolly Parton's song 'Wildflowers' came on. That sort of lyricism, or poetry, can make people feel connected to nature — that they're not separate from it, but a part of it. I'm from England, and all our gardens are lovely but totally manicured. America still has vast tracts of land that are wild, uninhabited. There's a real possibility for an initiative like HNP to

succeed."

To HNP's Michelle Alfandari, people like Goodman are the exact audience she hopes HNP will find and bring into the fold.

"Our main mission is to reach people unaware of what biodiversity is, what the crisis is, and what the solution is. And to do it with an urgency, to encourage fast action and spread it as quickly as possible, because we don't have time."

Time, however, is something that Dee Salomon of Cornwall, Connecticut, has put to effective use.

Sloping down from Route 7 to the Housatonic River, Salomon's house sits on 15 acres of riverbank, forest, and meadowland. Salomon, who writes the "Ungardener"

column in The Lakeville Journal, has undergone a personal and daily quest to rid the land of the invasive plants that once plagued it. Her constant maintenance has been overwhelming-

ly successful — our walk through the woods was spotted with trillium, devil's walkingstick, and a whole diversity of native flora. Unlike most land in the region, there was hardly an invasive in sight.

To Salomon, working in the woodland connects her to nature in a profound way. Part meditative practice, part irresistible calling, it has cultivated in her a sense of responsibility to the environment.

"I love the physicality of doing this work, scrambling up trees and through underbrush. It's where I do my writing. I was on holiday a couple



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Michelle Alfandari and Eli Arnow pointed out rehabilitated meadow in Elizaville, N.Y.

Once Alfandari reached out

and the two organizations

weeks ago and couldn't write and realized, 'I've gotta be in the woods. I can't write if I'm not in the woods!"

The level of care Salomon brings to her property is exemplary in both senses of the word — many people

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Twin Oaks preserve, a swath

of land SLT purchased in 1998

Maria Grace, executive di-

serves.

"And then I encountered the idea that even if you only have a little pocket handkerchief of land, you can do something." While HNP's message

seems to be spreading effectively — it routinely logs 30,000-40,000 page visits in monthly website traffic - it has been able to find help in partner organizations like the Sharon Land Trust (SLT),

to protect from development. SLT's mission is mainly that of preservation, and has not traditionally included planting in its land management.

connected, however, Grace agreed that planting a small native planting garden out by the front gate would be a great place to start. "Our mission is to protect are unable to native, natural landscapes, commit to such and to improve it for wildlife, a lifestyle. Some,

improve it for people. That dovetails very nicely into HNP. We're committed to protecting biodiversity, improving biodiversity, using only native plants when we do plant."

And on the subject of HNP's grassroots ambitions, Grace's 20-year career in conservation has led her to notice changes in public awareness around ecosystem health and native planting that have given her hope. That trend, in her view, means that organizations like HNP are well positioned to help effect change.

"There's a shift, people are becoming more mindful. It's not just preaching to the choir anymore...awareness leads to action, and as a national movement, HNP helps with that."

**Biodiversity's mportance** For HNP, success hinges around convincing many people, and fast, that issues like biodiversity matter. This, at

its heart, can sometimes be a difficult task — the loss of biodiversity occurs on such a profound scale that it can elude tangible comprehension. The terminology for it, even, can obscure harsh realities. In "What's the Rush?" Tallamy quotes economic anthropologist Jason Hickel as writing, "Biodiversity loss' is such a strange euphemism for mass destruction of nonhuman beings."

Take insects, Tallamy's research specialization. An abundance of research suggests that the world is losing its insects, a phenomenon known as insect biomass decline. Every year, up to 2% of the world's insects die and are not replaced. This has cascading and catastrophic implications for the stability of food webs — and for humans, the loss of pollinators means the potentially devastating reduction in the productivity of vital food crops like soybeans, apples, and almonds to name a few.

But beyond even the very real implications to the functionality of civilization, future generations lose something subtle and yet vital about the world when its diversity and abundance goes away.

If you grew up in a rural

place, your memories are likely filled with the buzzing of wings, the itch of skin feasted on by unseen swarms, the streaking movement of insect bodies swarming under street lamps, the dense spatter of bug goo on the windshield during summer night drives.

As the years add together, and the lack of those things compound, it is as if a bodily sense were slowly dimming.

HNP, in encouraging homeowners to think critically about their gardening habits and land management, strives to connect people with the realities of that kind of loss.

Avalon Bunge and Eli Arnow of Elizaville, New York, with masters degrees in ecosystem restoration and environmental science respectively, steward some 600 acres of family-owned land, much of it former farmland. Planting native plants near their home has always been a part of expressing their connection with nature. Bunge, as we walked through tallgrass in the fields outside her home, put it succinctly.

"It's this idea of: you protect what you love, and you love what you know."

Alfandari agreed, "You don't protect them if you think insects are really creepy. For me, it used to be the case that if I saw a bug in my house I screamed at my husband to kill it. Then, I yelled at him to save it — and now, I save them myself...our mission is to regenerate biodiversity, ASAP. But our tagline is, 'start a new habitat.' Having a direct experience with nature will form greater connections, will get the world into a different habit of looking at nature, of what we perceive as a beautiful landscape."

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# **EDITORIAL**

# **Summer Interns**

This summer has marked another successful season for journalism interns at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News. Both newspapers have been blessed with outstanding contributions by a group that ranged from a rising high school senior to a recent high school graduate to college undergraduates with journalism careers in their sights.

Our five, paid summer interns have turned out many stories this summer that have entertained and enlightened readers with the best kind of community journalism.

Ella Hewins, a 2023 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School wrote about scholarship money that was left on the table because of a lack of applicants. Hewins, who will be entering the University of Vermont this fall, pointed out that students have cited many reasons for not applying for some scholarships, including the Fulton Fund Scholarship, which is offered to students living in Salisbury. Some claimed that it is too time consuming on top of school work and outside school activities. Others were convinced that they didn't compare well to other applicants. Principal Ian Strever told Hewins that he knew of students in Salisbury who could have used the money.

Sadie Leite, a Tufts University undergraduate who is interning at The Lakeville Journal for her third summer, wrote about students at the Salisbury School who replaced a monoculture hillside at the school with a 'pollinator meadow.' In the end there will be 45 species of plants in the meadow that will be mowed once a year, starting next spring. Leite also reported another science-based story about Lake Wononscopomuc, which this year became so dominated by algae growth that the lake association called in an expert to assess. More recently Leite chronicled the progress on a Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut program to provide affordable housing in North Canaan.

Emma Benardete, a member of the Class of 2025 at Oberlin College, also has returned as an intern this summer after an intern stint last year at The Millerton News. Benardete is Editor-in-Chief of The Oberlin Review, and her contributions this summer include a Q&A with 11-year old Ivan Howe of Millbrook as he prepared for his role as "Oliver!" in The Sharon Playhouse production. She also has covered The Wetland Trust, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to acquiring and restoring wetland areas, and to preserve some turtle populations through its Hudson Valley Turtle Initiative. And she reported on the impact of July's rainfall and flooding on farms in Dutchess County.

Colleen Flynn, a rising senior at Marist College majoring in communications and journalism, began her internship in June and has written many stories ranging from Dutchess County's formation of a domestic violence unit to a talk by author Lorrie Moore about her new novel, "I am Homeless If This is Not My Home." Recently she wrote about a new parent/teen driving program in Dutchess and Putnam counties. Our fifth summer intern, Emma Spindler, is a rising senior at Kent School. Her journalism debut this summer included teaming up with Riley Klein and Patrick L. Sullivan to cover the annual Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show. In between other stories, Spindler also filed an in depth look at a program at Sharon Hospital that allows high school students like herself to explore health care careers. We wish our interns the best as they launch into their fall semesters, but before they leave we'll share with you what they have to say about their experience working in community journalism.



A home for the birds

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Military machine's hidden toll

Remember the fable, "The Emperor's New Clothes"? Fawning courtiers marvel over the beauty of a non-existent suit of clothes to humor a monarch, only to have his nakedness exposed by a child, whose cries that he's naked, break the public's fever. In "War Made Invisible, How America Hides the Human Toll of Its Military Machine" author Norman Solomon is calling out the emperor's nakedness! Only this time, it's the nature of our foreign policy and the human impact that the many wars we have initiated have had on the people around the globe.

Solomon begins with an

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explanation of how this is carried out and highlights the role of the mainstream media in shaping the narratives that we are subjected to daily. He explains how we are told the U.S. is a force for good in the world, spreading democracy and human rights. In reality the truth is something different.

He documents the devastating impact of U.S. wars on millions of people around the globe whose lives were destroyed simply by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Most importantly, he focuses on the role the media plays in diverting our attention from a deeper examination of the harm

our government has caused around the world. A recent study by Brown University has put the true number of casualties of these wars over the last 20 years at almost one million innocent civilians. The book exposes not only the full impact of U.S. foreign policy on our world's neighbors but also on loss and suffering of hundreds of thousands of veterans and their families. All of this, according to Solomon has led to a lack of public awareness and accountability.

This book is a must read for anyone interested in being a more informed citizen. Leonard Polletta

Lakeville

# Nature's Roadside Bouquet - August 2023

May I urge you this week to turn off Route 7 onto Warren Turnpike in Falls Village. It's the place where Housatonic Valley Regional High School sits majestically just below. Slow way down, take a deep breath, and traverse at your leisure by auto, on foot, or on your bicycle to take in a wonderful phenomenon of nature during these first few weeks of August, as it unfolds before you at the roadside. It surely happens elsewhere throughout the Northwest Corner, but this country road is my favorite venue to watch this particular event of nature on display. I tell you it just takes my breath away every year and yet, at the same time, brings on a faint sort of melancholy as it speaks of the subtle turning away from summer and the ushering in of another season.

On this country roadway and adjacent meadows, you will see, side-by-side, wild lavender bee balm; creamy, delicate Queen Anne's Lace; bright blue chicory, pinky-purple clover, dreamy yellow goldenrod lifting its arms, shell-pink "Bouncing Bet," saffron-petaled "Blackeyed Susan" - and so very many other smaller and less obvious flowers - eventually there will be purple and lavender N.E. asters added in.

Look carefully as you proceed to the end of the road. Don't pick them, but instead in your mind's eye arrange them together into a bouquet in a clear, glass vase of cool water. Now savor the complimentary and contrasting colors in their delicate beauty. What a blessing!

Inveterate gardener's all over the Northwest Corner strive all growing season to have a continuous "show" in their garden beds - I certainly do. But for me nothing equals this annual combination of roadside blooms and the "natural bouquet" they create in my mind along Warren Turnpike in August. Beyond their beauty, their presence inevitably leads me to accept these last subtle hints of summer before stepping toward fall. Margo Lewis

year than it has been in the past five or six years, accord-Edward Gianotte of Shefing to Edward "Ted" Davis, field formely of Salisbury has biology master at the Hotchsold his team of horses to a kiss School. For the past six New York party and has puryears, Mr. Davis has conduct-

mer winners.

Family, friends and scouting council executives gathered on the shore of the fishing pond at the Northwest Connecticut Rod and Gun Club on a sunny afternoon last Saturday to witness the joint reciting of the Eagle Pledge, bestow accolades and celebrate the remarkable achievements of Jonathan Trotta and Daniel Peppe, Canaan Troop 22's newest Eagle Scouts.

# Appreciating coverage of Homegrown **National Forest**

I just returned from 'away' and read last week's Journal, full of news and information, particularly the article on Homegrown National Park. Doug Tallamy changed how I thought about my lawn and small fields after I heard him at the Salisbury Forum in 2017. (Seven oaks planted and fields only mowed once a year). This deeper information about HNP is really useful.

I had meant to write earlier about the Journal's new ability to have such articles of interest, to delve deeper into issues of local (and beyond) issues.

The near loss of the Journal and its new incarnation as a not-for-profit has made it even more important and useful to its readers...beyond what used to be the de riguers of the letters, the obits and the police blotter!

Congratulations and adelante!

#### **Barbara Maltby**

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

Mrs. H.V. Eggleston of Lime Rock has been quite ill with ptomaine poisoning, but has now nearly recovered.

chased a Mack truck.

The apple trees in this section are looking brown and dead. This condition is due to the leaf skeletonizer, a small worm that eats the leaves, leaving just the dead fibres. Trees should be sprayed as this has been found to be a help in keeping down the pest.

The Post Office will be closed one hour during Friday afternoon from 4 to 5 during the funeral of President Harding.

Miss Anna Smith of Ore Hill has gone to Sharon where she is employed by the Treat family.

Landlord Lawrence of the New Wononsco has been indisposed this week with ivy poisoning.

#### 50 years ago — August 1973

Only two food stores out of eight sampled in the Northwest Connecticut-New York area indicated any reasonable quantity of beef this past week. The others incurred drastic cuts in their beef supply, while several stores reported no beef shipments at all this past week.

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periments on the lake as well as other lakes, in an attempt to curb the weed problem.

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Betty Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Atwood of Falls Village, won the most points at last Saturday's Jack Brown 4-H Fair in East Canaan. Miss Atwood accumulated a total of 76 points for her entries in the dairy division, clothing, records, food and garden contests. She received a plaque honoring her for the most entries with the highest score.

#### 25 years ago — August 1998

Those who thought they were getting premium spring water from the kettle beside Salisbury Town Hall, think again. The only thing flowing through that tap for the last three weeks has been regular town water. There is a valve in the basement of Town Hall that controls the kettle's water source. According to First Selectman Robert Smithwick, the switch was made in order to conduct tests on the water.

A group of Canaan co-workers who found fame and fortune after they won the lottery last October recently found themselves in the limelight again. As last week's fever over the \$295 million Powerball jackpot was cooling, a CNN news crew appeared at the Specialty Minerals plant last Friday morning to film a segment seeking advice for the new multi- millionaires from for-

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events-calendar. To submit calendar items, email editor@lakevillejournal.com

#### **AUGUST 11-13**

#### The 2023 Rose Algrant Art Show

Cornwall Consolidated School, 5 Cream Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn. rosealgrantshow.com

Now in its 64th year, the annual Rose Algrant Show is a multimedia group exhibition of the town's painters, photographers, and ceramicists offering smaller works at entrylevel prices. This year, a percentage of all sales will be donated to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund. More than 50 artists are participating, including Don Bracken, Stephen Maine, Robert Andrew Parker, Philip Taaffe and Adam Van Doren. The show opens on Friday, Aug. 11, at 2 p.m., and runs through the weekend, closing on Sunday, Aug. 13, at noon for buyers to pick up artwork.

#### A Taste of Cornwall

Cornwall Village Green on Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Park and **Recreation presents A** Taste of Cornwall on Aug. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the village green on Pine Street. Local farm and baker's tasting buffet will begin at 6 p.m. with live music from International Bluegrass Ambassadors.

### AUGUST 12

#### **Black Bear Facts** Doolittle Lake Club House,

526 Doolittle Drive, Norfolk, Conn

Please join friends and neighbors for the Annual Ted Byers Lecture at Doolittle Lake Club House on Aug. 12 at 4 p.m.

Given by Ginny Apple, Master Conservationalist, on the history of black bears in Connecticut, an overview of black bear habitat, diet, behavior, reproduction, current research efforts and

for the Pittsburgh Pirates during the 1971 World Series.

The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, Aug. 12 at the Falls Village Depot Museum, 44 Railroad Street, Falls Village. It will be continue to be available to view during the Historical Society's regular hours of Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon or by appointment.

For more information, call 860-824-8226 or email fvchs8226@gmail. com or find the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society on Facebook.

#### Souterrain Gallery **Presents New Exhibit**

413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall, CT 06796

The Souterrain Gallery of the Wish House in West Cornwall will host an opening reception on Aug. 12 from 4-6 p.m for Mahaly Ohika's newest art show titled "Intimate Silence." Ohika's collection of ink and oil paint monoprints involve her connection to nature, and 10% of profits from the art show will go to Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.

#### AUGUST 13

#### Lakeville Journal's Jam on Academy

Academy Street in Salisbury, Conn

Join more than 20 area nonprofits on Sunday, Aug. 13 from noon to 6 p.m. on Academy Street in Salisbury for The Lakeville Journal's 2nd annual community fair: Jam on Academy.

There will be food, live music, face painting, furry friends hosted by the Little Guild, a scavenger hunt and more.

#### Augustfest in the Village

David M. Hunt Library, 63

Haddam, Conn., to see Summer Stock, a fun and whimsical musical. The trip is planned for Wed. Aug. 16 and includes Northwest Transit bus transportation, departing the Sharon Town Hall at 9:30 a.m., with lunch at the Gelston House and tickets for the 2 p.m. show. The cost is \$100. Please contact Sharon Parks and Recreation for your reservation. 860-364-1400 sharon.rec.ctr@ snet.net

#### AUGUST 19

#### Kids Day at the Norfolk Hub

Norfolk Hub, 2 Station Place, Norfolk, Conn. norfolkfoundation.net/norfolk-

Kids Day at the Norfolk Hub On Saturday, August 19 from 1 to 3 p.m., kids get their own day at the Norfolk Hub! Parents, bring your kids and enjoy the day with them as they get creative and have some fun. There will be snacks, arts and crafts and face painting. Read a story to some local dogs (Annie and Teddy!)

#### AUGUST 22

#### Shays' Rebellion in the **Berkshires Talk**

Berkshire County Historical Society, 780 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, Mass. berkshirehistory.org

On Tuesday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m., the Berkshire **County Historical Society** welcomes historian Tim Abbott who will present his research on Shays' Rebellion in the Berkshires. He will discuss the final fight of that conflict that took place in Sheffield on February 27, 1787, and its impact not only on local communities but on larger issues that would play out in the Constitutional Convention later that summer in Philadelphia. Abbott is an independent researcher and 18th century living history practitioner living in North Canaan, Connecticut.

# how can we avoid it?

or over a decade, former President Trump has been telling people that "global warming is a hoax created by the Chinese in order to make United States manufacturing non-competitive." Asked in a recent interview by Fox's Stuart Varney whether climate change was because of human activity, Trump replied, "you have a thing called weather and you go up and you go down. The climate's always been changing."

Temperatures for the first week of July 2024 were the highest worldwide since record keeping began in 1940. According to NASA, the past eight years have been the warmest on record, with each of the past four decades warmer than the one that preceded it. While there are several causes for global warming, the major one is the addition of various gases to the atmosphere by the burning of fossil fuels (oil, coal, natural gas, etc.).

In the U.S. and throughout the world more and more buildings are air conditioned. In the U.S. more than 20% of the electrical energy used in buildings goes for air conditioning, this number increasing every year.

Air conditioning comes in all sizes from systems for giant buildings to portable units no bigger than a small suitcase.

Choices are many and growing. But particularly when considering air conditioning for small buildings, especially a house, you should ask yourself whether you really need it. Here in the relatively mild climate of the Northwest Corner, it may well be possible to keep cool without or with very little air conditioning.

Older houses can often be altered to stay cooler during hot spells. Covered porches and breezeways were common in many older houses as were large roof overhangs and shades to keep out the strong sunlight. Light col-

### **OCCASIONAL Observer** MAC GORDON

ored exterior walls and roofs to reduce heat gain through the exterior were often used to help keep interiors cooler. As much as anything, good through ventilation cools a house's interior by replacing otherwise stagnant interior air with fresher and usually cooler outside air. Sometimes the addition of a few windows or doors can improve the airflow (as well as the daylight) of a house making it much more comfortable in hot weather.

Another form of air conditioning Northwest Corner residents might consider is an air-to-air heat exchanger. Intended for use in colder weather, these devices exhaust stale indoor air during the cold months when windows are shut and transfer the stale air's heat to cold incoming fresh outdoor air, using only a very modest amount of energy to do so.

A system of ductwork distributes a gentle flow of fresh air aound the house.

Those building a new house have additional opportunities to stay cool in their house without any air conditioning.

Heavily insulated with the insulation located outside of any concrete or masonry walls, floors, and ceilings allows those surfaces to absorb much of the daytime summer heat, releasing it only at night when it's cooler thereby moderating the temperature. Ample windows located so as to avoid direct sunlight inside the house might be coupled with special heat reflecting glass in more exposed locations. Exhaust fans can mechanically provide whole house ventilation

large operable window at the top of the house can create a Venturi effect, drawing warm air up from the body of the house and pulling cooler air in from below. Planted walls and roofs can lower summer interior temperatures considerably (and help keep the interior warmer in the winter).

A new house can be designed with the site to find the most advantageous locations for everything: house, garage, entry, driveway, gardens, views, etc. The house might sit directly north of a few large trees, thereby providing instant shade or natural air conditioning for the roof. Tree shading where cars would be parked outdoors might also make sense.

And tree plantings might be arranged to help guide gentle summer breezes towards the house. Keeping the land surrounding the house relatively cool and well ventilated does make a big difference in temperature inside the house.

Wildfire pollution will likely be more frequent and severe. However, normal residential A/C does not clean the air and must be supplemented by an air purifying system, a significant addition if wildfire smoke is to be blocked.

Many of us may need at least some air conditioning. But air conditioning is at best a mixed blessing. It's expensive, noisy, and often doesn't work as well as it should. And it tends to act as a barrier between us and nature which makes living in the Northwest Corner special. It not only causes climate warming but it inhibits our bodies from adapting to variation in temperature. Our best strategy might be to use natural means as much as possible to keep cool, adding and using air conditioning only sparingly, when needed, as a last resort.

Architect and landscape lesioner Mac Gordon lives in

recommendations for optimum co-existence with the black bear population. Black bear artifacts will be shared with the audience.

Appropriate for all ages. Free. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### Norfolk Vol. Fire **Department Silent** Auction

Norfolk Curling Club, 70 Golf Dr., Norfolk, Conn

On Saturday, Aug. 12 from 5 to 10 p.m., help support Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department by attending its Silent Auction event. Live music by Frank & Sam Guglielmino of Mad River Music. Food by the Nibbles N' Noms food truck. Auction items include: day trips, sports tickets, introductory flight lessons, gift cards, Yeti cooler, pressure washer, Ruger rifle and more!

\$20/person includes 1 drink ticket, door prize entry and your bidder ID.

Cash/Credit/Debit/ Venmo accepted! Cash bar also available.

#### **Steve Blass Exhibit at Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society**

Falls Village Depot Museum, 44 Railroad St., Falls Village, Conn

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society has a special exhibit on hometown hero Steve Blass the winning pitcher

Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village hosts "Augustfest in the Village" on Sunday Aug. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. Held outdoors, this fundraiser will feature grilled brats from Nodines, craft beers from Norbrook Farm Brewery, hot pretzels from The Falls Village Inn, a silent auction, and live music by Kane Clawson with Country Jam. A vegetarian option and lemonade will also be served, and each guest will receive a limitededition Hunt Library cup. Silent auction items include a quilt from John Robshaw Textiles, a private scenic plane ride and picnic for two over the Berkshires, a stay at a New York City apartment near Lincoln Center, an Ian Ingersoll rocking chair and many more great items.

Tickets are \$30; \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are available for purchase at the library, online at https://www.huntlibrary. org/augustfest/ and at the door.

#### **AUGUST 16**

#### **Goodspeed Opera House** Summer Stock

Goodspeed Opera House, 6 Main St., East Haddam, Conn.

The regional Parks and Recreation programs are pleased to offer a trip to the Goodspeed Opera House in East

Tickets are \$10 for BCHS members, \$15 for nonmembers and can be purchased by using the BOOK NOW button at berkshirehistory.org. This event is sponsored by MountainOne, MCC, and Housatonic Heritage.

#### OCTOBER 1

#### **Haystack Mountain Challenge in Norfolk**

Barbour Woods trailhead, 75 Lovers Lane, Norfolk, Conn.

Run the scenic trails of Norfolk during the 10th annual Haystack Mountain Challenge trail races Sunday, Oct. 1. Sponsored by the Norfolk Land Trust, the grueling half-marathon race, which includes two runs up Haystack Mountain, starts at 9:30 a.m. The 10-K kicks off at 10:45 a.m. and includes a summit of Haystack. The 5-K, at 11 a.m., features a traverse through Barbour Woods.

Registration for the half-marathon is \$30 and the 10-K and 5-K are \$20. All races start at the Barbour Woods trailhead at 75 Lovers Lane in Norfolk. You can register at RunSignup.com or by going to runsignup. com/Race/CT/Norfolk/ NorfolkLandTrustTrail SeriesHaystackMountain Challenge

but this can also be accomplished by natural means. A Lakeville.

# **Barbie phenomenon**

hat to make of this, I am asked. A phenomenon, I reply. Kate MacKinnon, an hilarious Weird Barbie, offering Barbie/Robbie a high heel or a Birkenstock — my daughter having worn highs to her recent wedding, now exclaiming I love Birkenstocks!, before Robbie/Barbie goes off to the Real World, leaving the Perfect Barbie/ Robbie World far behind. Sort of.

Good stuff, I note. Clearly, Greta Gerwig is a much more astute student of cinema history than I, so I only timidly note her deep affection and respect for the Busby Berkeley movies of the Thirties. Some ten or so routines with twenty girls in twirls, round and round. Lovely to see the shout out.

But what to make of this? Despite numerous attempts by Company Mattel to make the product BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color, for those who have not been keeping up), Robbie/Barbie

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

### SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

is still who she has always been, and apparently will always be. Blond and Gorgeous.

What is this old white coot to think? We still want little girls to aspire to be BLONDE AND GORGEOUS?

What other conclusion can I come to?

Disabuse me if you can.



The Wall Street Journal recently had an interesting article entitled "Buyers are getting Home loans from an unlikely source: the Seller of their House". In this current market of higher interest rates, this provides a creative option for a buyer to avoid fees and other costs associated with bank financing. For the owner, this works best when the property is owned outright and the usual terms are 80% financed with a 20% down payment. While there are risks to both sellers and buvers in owners financing, it is something to be aware of, especially if interest rates continue to increase.



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### Methodist Church of Sharon rummage sale raises funds

Meeting for the first time at the half-price Rummage Sale held on Saturday, August 5 at the United Methodist Church in Sharon were the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge of The Smithfield Church in Amenia and the Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse, who recently began her ministry at the Methodist churches in Sharon and Lakeville. The whimsical cookie jar that moo-ed with every lift of the lid was just one of the items that drew their attention and found a buyer shortly thereafter. — Leila Hawken

### New names to be added to **HVRHS Wall of Honor**

Housatonic Valley Regional High School Alumni Association has named its inductees for the 2023 Wall of Honor. Candidates chosen embody the core values of the school and who "in their life's work have made significant contributions and modeled high standards of excellence in their personal and professional lives."

The honorees are: the late Julia Del Tenno Segalla, class of 1943; Patricia Bene-

FALLS VILLAGE — The dict Blakey, class of 1952 and Gerald Blakey, class of 1954; Peter C. Smith, class of 1954; the late Benjamin Griswold Foster, class of 1954; Donald Meuten, class of 1966; James Liang Loi, class of 1985; James "Cricket" Jacquier, class of 1991; Kathryn Godburn Schubert, class of 1999; Donald Lamb Jr., class of 1999 and Christopher Godburn, class of 2005.

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