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At the Project SAGE booth on Sunday, Aug. 13, the staff said it was able to connect with new community members unfamiliar with the organization but interested in its mission.

Lakeville Journal's Jam on Academy salutes 30 nonprofits

By Maud Doyle

SALISBURY — On Sunday, Aug. 13, a steady stream of hundreds of residents and visitors turned out in sundresses and sandals, on bicycles and on foot for The Lakeville Journal Foundation's second annual community fair, JAM on Academy.

The fair hosted 30 nonprofits, each arranged at decorated tables and staffed by volunteers in a series of tents studding Academy Street. There was food, music, and games for children.

John Komsa and Patience Thomas fried freshly rolled cider donuts, ensuring a pervasive county-fair smell. Families pushed strollers through the crowd and leaned against shade trees, visiting with neighbors.

Wanda Houston filled Academy Street with her powerful voice, singing "Besame Mucho." She was followed by two other musical acts: folk-rock singer Trina Hamlin and percussionists Terra Coda, whose performers pulled out extra drums so the fairgoers could play along.

Overfilled balloons burst in the

heat, occasionally spreading sequins and confetti. Northeast Ford of Millerton, a sponsor, showcased a new all-electric Mustang. Elyse Harney Real Estate also sponsored the event.

The first iteration of the Jam, in the summer of 2022, was one of several events celebrating The Lakeville Journal's 125th anniversary—The Lakeville Journal's first edition hit the streets on Aug. 14, 1897, and the foundation became a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit in the fall

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Salisbury Bank is now NBT Bank

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The NBT Bank merger with Salisbury Bank is complete.

On Monday morning, Aug. 14, Rick Cantele, the erstwhile president of Salisbury Bank and Trust, was overseeing the transition with NBT President and CEO Tom Watt and Andreas Kapetanopoulos, NBT's Regional President for Connecticut.

Watt said the transition was going smoothly, and he had just fielded a call from a customer regarding online banking services.

The three executives stopped in at different branches over the weekend to check on things.

Watt said maintaining the same level of personal service Salisbury Bank customers are used to is a top priority.

The branch employees "are as valuable to us as they were to Rick and his team."

Watt said NBT is "focused on



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The merger between Salisbury Bank and Trust is complete. From right, NBT President and CEO Tom Watt, Rick Cantele, former president of Salisbury Bank and now Executive Vice-President for NBT, and Andreas Kapetanopoulos, NBT's Connecticut Regional President.

community. It's what gives us a competitive advantage over the big banks."

NBT now has 153 branches in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,

Maine and Connecticut.

"We're often the only bank in town," said Watt.

NBT has earmarked \$500,000

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COVID cases rise over summer

By Debra A. Aleksinas

The COVID-19 emergency officially ended in May, but a summer rise in coronavirus cases has health officials warning that the virus, while less lethal than in past years, still poses a threat and is poised to gain traction heading into the fall and winter months.

In recent weeks, several health care facilities in the Northwest Corner, including Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, Sharon Health Care Center (SHCC) in Sharon and Sharon Hospital have seen an uptick in infections.

The trend is statewide. Over the past three weeks the number of patients admitted to hospitals with COVID-19 infections has increased from 66 hospitalizations for the week ending July 8 to 103 hospitalizations the week ending July 29, according to Chris Boyle, spokesman for the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH).

In addition, said Boyle, rising

"It's a preventable death, and a preventable spread to someone who may not do so well" if infected.

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist and system director for infectious diseases at Hartford HealthCare

concentrations of the virus that causes COVID-19 have been observed in four of six wastewater treatment facilities participating in the state's Wastewater Surveillance Program.

Health officials also cautioned that because fewer people tend to have severe illness, hospitalization data is less representative of how many people are currently infected.

On a somewhat brighter note, "We have not seen an increase in deaths associated with COVID-19," according to the state DPH spokes-

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Community gifts and awards were presented by the Salisbury Rotary Club on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Noble Horizons. From left, recent graduate and recipient Patrick Merrill, who will attend Northwestern Connecticut Community College, Rotary's President Bill Spalding, Michael Volstad of Chore Services, Elizabeth Mauro of Project SAGE, Stacie Nichols of Geer Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, recipient Emma Benardete of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, Rebecca Good of Dial-A-Ride and Dave Barger of Housatonic Youth Services Bureau.

Salisbury Rotary Community Gifts and Estabrook Award

By John Coston

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Rotary Club distributed financial gifts to five community organizations and presented awards to two students, including its annual Robert Estabrook Intern Award, on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Noble Horizons.

The five community organizations included Dial-A-Ride and Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau, Chore Services, Project SAGE (formerly Women's

Support Services) and the Canaan Fire Company. Patrick Merrill received a scholarship check.

Emma Benardete, a rising junior at Oberlin College who is a summer intern at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, received Rotary's annual Bob Estabrook Award.

Estabrook, who was a longtime member of the Salisbury Rotary, including serving as its president, created a summer internship pro-

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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.

Failure to obey Stop sign

On Thursday, Aug. 4, at approximately 12:45 p.m., Chad Dean, 48, of Millerton, New York, was traveling northbound on Route 44 in Salisbury. A second vehicle driven by Maureen Jerome, 73, of Lakeville, was stopped at a Stop sign at the intersection of Interlaken Road and Route 44. Jerome took a left turn to travel southbound on Route 44 and struck Gray's vehicle. Both vehicles suffered front end damage. Jerome was issued an infraction for failure to obey a Stop sign.

Two-vehicle collision

On Sunday, Aug. 6, at approximately 11 a.m., Aman Egan, 19, of Salisbury, was traveling southwest bound on Water Street in Canaan, while Alistair Jones, 70, was traveling southbound on Railroad Street and was in the process of making a left turn onto Water Street. Egan initially stopped at a yield sign and continued forward, failing to yield to oncoming traffic, resulting in a collision. Egan was issued a written warning for failure to yield to oncoming traffic and Jones was issued a verbal warning for failure to have a stop lamp or turn signal.

Salisbury arrest

On Monday, Aug. 7, at approximately 7:20 p.m., Troop B responded to 42 Bostwick St. in Salisbury for the report of a disturbance. An investiga-

tion led to the arrest of Kipp Wiggins, 54, of the same address, on charges of disorderly conduct. Wiggins was issued a \$1,000 cash-surety bond.

North Canaan arrest

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, at approximately 7:15 a.m., Troopers were dispatched to 42 East Main St., in North Canaan for a report of an active disturbance. Following an investigation, Robert Sackett, 53, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct. Sackett was released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond with a scheduled appearance in Torrington Superior Court.

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

Taconic Learning Center registration

Registration for Taconic Learning Center Autumn Term is now open. Classes begin in mid-September and may be attended live or online. Courses include: "Exiles: German and Austrian Artists & Intellectuals in America beginning in the 1930's," "Beyond the Nutcracker: A Closer Look at Tchaikovsky," "Cold War Documentary Films with Discussion," "The Oregon Trail," "Technology Around Us," "Younger Than That Now: What Will the Future Be Like for Our Grandchildren?," "Whose Supreme Court Is It?" and "Shakespeare Playreading."

Millerton airs plans for pool at Eddie Collins Park

By Christine Bates

MILLERTON — The Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee will publicly present the plans for a new swimming pool in the pavilion of Millerton's community park, 5991 N. Elm Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 17, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In an interview, Stephen Waite, chairman and spokesperson for the committee, spoke about the history of the original pool, which was officially closed in 2016, and his hopes for a new swimming pool and pool house to be erected during phase two of the park's redevelopment, which is currently estimated to cost \$4.3 million including the pool and the bath house.

The park's first swimming pool was installed in 1966 in the rear southwestern corner of the park. Over time, the high water table lifted and cracked the pool. Groundwater infiltration prevented the pool's water from heating up even on hot summer days. Repairs were attempted but fewer and fewer people came to swim, and Millerton's summer camp was moved to Rudd Pond in 2015.

A volunteer committee spearheaded by Waite and Jenn Najdek, now Millerton's mayor and its former camp summer director, was created to envision a revitalized park with a new pool. A public survey done in late 2016 indicated strong community support for an improved park, which would include the swimming pool and improvements to the basketball courts, playground and sports fields.

Phase one of the park's revitalization is entirely complete. This initial phase of the project was necessary before construction of the pool. The



Artist's rendering of a swimming pool and poolhouse in Eddie Collins Park.

amount raised was \$2.2 million, half through grants and half through donations.

The improvements included extensive excavation, a new soccer field, repairs to the playground, new basketball courts, accessible

walkways, the installation of dozens of shade trees, and parking. All money raised by the committee and its fundraising steering committee is directed to the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, which manages funds

for regional nonprofits.

Thursday's meeting will present plans for the swimming pool and pool house and encourage public comments. Waite emphasized that it is the village board that makes the final decisions.

Online This Week

Lakeville Journal Jam on Academy

More photos and video from the Journal's Aug. 13 street fair. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Affordable housing in Amenia

An in-depth look at efforts to create affordable housing in Amenia. Go to www.tricornernews.com.

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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
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Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold it's annual meeting on Sept. 9, 2023, at St. Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from 1 to 2:30 PM. If attending, please bring a canned or boxed food item for the Church's Food Pantry. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.
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SHERRY L. AUCLAIRE
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The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 3, 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.

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Our Towns

Little Guild seeks temporary facilities at Foote Field

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — As the Little Guild animal shelter prepares for major renovation of its facility on Sharon Goshen Turnpike, the organization has requested permission from the town to set up a temporary headquarters at Foote Fields.

Cornwall's Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) reviewed the request at its regular meeting on Aug. 8 and deemed the use of Foote Field to be consistent with town planning regulations.

"[The Little Guild] is currently serving the town in some faculty as the dog pound," said Zoning Enforcement Officer Karen Griswold Nelson.

PZC found that relocation of facilities to Foote Field would be consistent with the Town Plan, citing the Supporting Existing Businesses section of the plan as reference.

A full proposal and discussion of Little Guild's plans

at Foote Field will take place at a public hearing on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Cornwall Library. PZC stated that all pertinent information will be available for viewing on the town website in advance of the hearing and written public comment will be accepted up to the end of business hours one week prior to the hearing.

In addition to the Little Guild, two other applications will be heard at the public hearing on Sept. 12: a special permit request from Ridgway Farm at 142 Town St. and a subdivision request from Keith Bodwell at 87 Cream Hill Rd.

Ridgway Farm's application requested special permits for a farm cidery, a farm store, and a detached accessory apartment. For 87 Cream Hill Rd., Bodwell's application requested subdivision with a shared driveway.

All three applications will be heard on Sept. 12 at Cornwall Library.

Rose Algrant show returns to Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Now in its 64th year, the Rose Algrant Art Show returned to Cornwall with an opening reception on Friday, Aug. 11.

Artwork from over 50 area artists was on display inside the Cornwall Consolidated School's gymnasium. Creations ranged from photographs and paintings to pottery and sculptures.

Many artists have displayed their work at the Rose Algrant Art Show for years, but for some it was a first-time experience.

Among the newcomers was artist and author C.C. Arshagra, who moved to Cornwall Bridge about two years ago. Arshagra displayed his artwork at the Algrant show and sold copies of his book of poems titled "the open microphone."

"I can't believe that in the town of about 1,300 people that there are 54 artists that have enough work to enter a show. That says something about Cornwall," said Arshagra.

After years of open mic poetry in Boston, Arshagra moved to Cornwall and



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

C.C. Arshagra displayed his art and book of poems at the Rose Algrant Art Show.

started creating visual art. His work is "free speech based" and may be seen as "risque" or "a little bit dangerous."

While explaining a painting that depicted a parodied

version of a dollar bill, he showed how each aspect of the bill was reinterpreted to reflect the controlling nature of money.

"Look at the treasurer's name," he said. "Youra Debtorslave."

In addition to the dollar sign, the piece included symbols for yen, euro, bitcoin, and lira. A barcode-inspired background doubled as prison bars, he explained, and the holder of the bill was wearing an orange jumpsuit.

"You can't be afraid. Love is not afraid," said Arshagra.

Other exhibitors included Bela Selendy, who displayed a collection of wildlife photography. April Stewart Klausner shared a series of paintings, and David Colbert presented a sculpture along

with sculpture photography at the show.

Rose Algrant was a Turkish immigrant who moved to Cornwall in the 1940s and worked as a French teacher at Rumsey Hall School. She occasionally posed for artists in the area and eventually suggested they combine for a group show.

The first show was held in West Cornwall in 1959 and included nine artists. The popularity of the show has kept it alive for 64 years, now run by the Friends of Rose Algrant group.

The Rose Algrant Art Show remained on display at Cornwall Consolidated School through Aug. 13, and 15% of all sales benefited the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.



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Edward and Linda LaPorta

65th Wedding Anniversary

Edward and Linda LaPorta are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on August 23rd. They met on a blind date in Baltimore and were married in 1958. Ed and Lin built a home, raised their family and managed their thriving dental practice on Dibble Hill Road in Cornwall and have now been part of the Northwest Corner community for fifty years. If you see them out and about in town please stop and chat and share in their memories.

Their three children and spouses, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren wish them continued happiness and many more wonderful years together.



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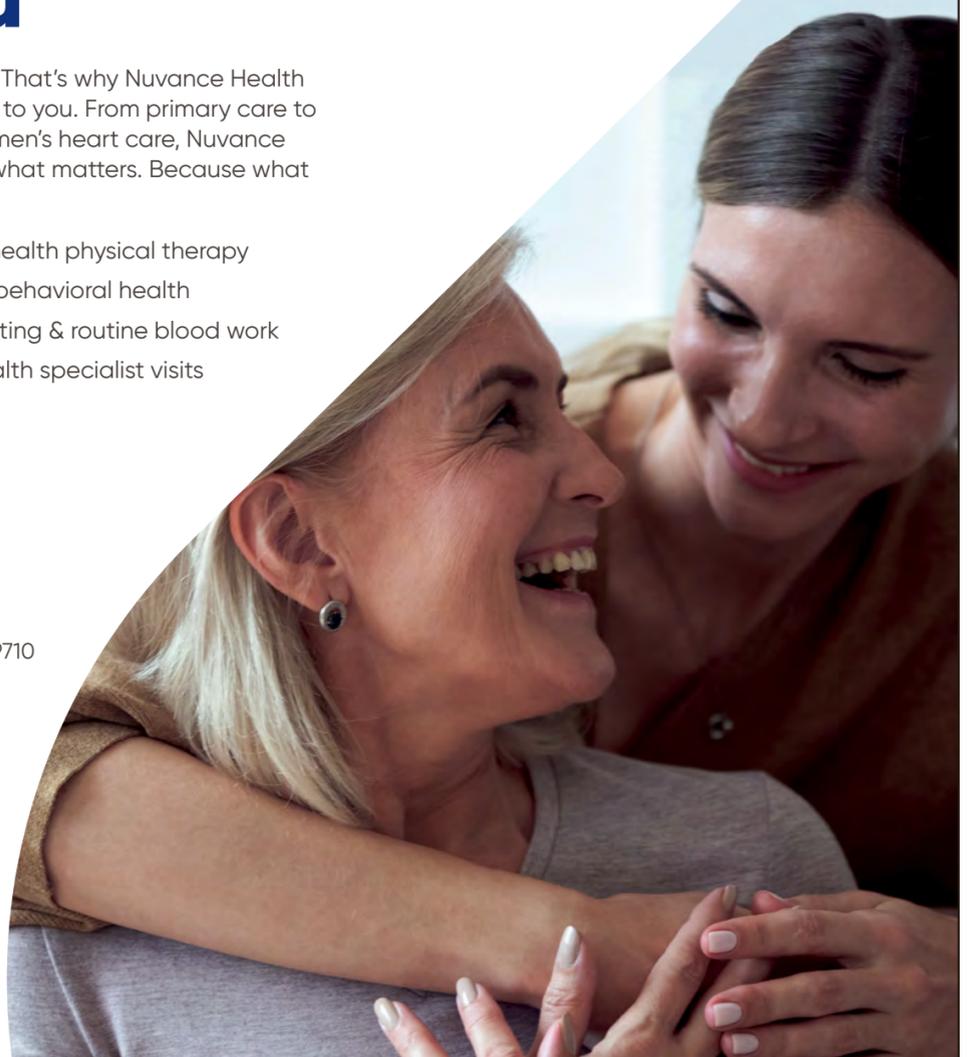
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Hotchkiss Library officially reopens

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Welcoming visitors for tours, ice cream and games for the children, The Hotchkiss Library held a long-awaited ribbon cutting at the doors of the new addition on Saturday, August 12. There were smiles and greetings all around as a multitude of visitors saw the results of the expansion and renovation project for the first time since construction began in 2021 on the iconic building that was built in 1893.

Offering brief comments just before the ribbon was officially cut, Board President Tom Trowbridge said, "As red letter days go, this is the reddest." He cited years of work by volunteers and staff, the project having been first proposed in 1993.

"We did this for you," he told the gathered residents awaiting entrance, adding that the project involved restoration and expansion

making the building accessible to all.

"You've been with the project longer than anyone," Building Committee chairman David Moore said to Trowbridge. He spoke of the history of the Romanesque building donated 130 years ago by Maria Bissell Hotchkiss, what he called "an amazing building," and designed by Bruce Price, known internationally for his design work in Tuxedo Park, New York, and Yale University.

Moore noted that the building has stood largely untouched for the past century.

"I'm so proud of the addition," Moore said, praising it for bringing accessibility to all, while noting that the addition is fully respectful of the existing library.

Visitors rapidly dispersed throughout the interior, roaming the renovated spaces and the addition that features an elevator. No changes



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Gretchen Hachmeister and Tom Trowbridge cut the ribbon at the library.

es were made to the original wood paneling, but to clean it to reveal its natural patina.

A new Hayes Family Community Room, served by the elevator, will be open to various local groups to use for arts, crafts, meetings or other community purposes, complete with rest rooms and kitchenette. In keeping

with accessibility goals, the room will be available for use even outside of library hours.

Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister pointed out the upstairs reading nook, assuring patrons that its special chair, known to many, has been retained. Hachmeister termed it "everyone's favorite spot."

"Let us know what you would like to see at your new library," she told visitors.

Library staff member Anne Cameron said, "This could not have happened without Gretchen Hachmeister."

"It feels incredibly welcoming," said Maria Horn (D-64), stopping in for a tour and finding the experience "glorious." She said that she could easily sense the "beautiful bones of the original building."

"It feels like the same space that has expanded from the inside," she said, a nod to the sensitivity of the design.

Over the years, Horn noted, the role of a library within the community has changed. The Hotchkiss Library has kept pace with those changes, and the library clearly benefits from the support of its community.

Response to fundraising appeals for the project numbered in the hundreds of people who have donated more than \$3,560,000, as reported by Lorna Edmondson, chairman of the capital campaign.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Ann Hurley

WASSAIC — Shirley Ann Hurley, 77, a nine-year resident of Wassaic, New York, formerly a longtime resident of Amenia, died peacefully on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023, at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Pawling in Pawling, New York, surrounded by her loving family. Shirley worked as a self-employed house keeper in Amenia prior to her retirement.

Born Nov. 2, 1945, in Clinton, New York, she was the daughter of the late Joseph H. Sterling, Sr. and Harriet H. (Newman) Sterling Tattersall and her husband Ernest Tattersall. She was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Connecticut. On June 29, 1968, in Sharon, she married the love of her life, James Patrick "Jim" Hurley. Shirley and Jim spent many happily married years together prior to his passing on Jan. 24, 2017. Shirley loved a good tag sale and spending time with her loving family.

She was a longtime member of Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomoko in Millerton and will be dearly missed by all.

Shirley is survived by two children, Michael P. Hurley and his wife Shalay of Wassaic and Donald L. VonAhn and his companion Judy Brandt of Millerton and her brother, Joseph Sterling, Jr. She was predeceased by her brother, John H. Newman, her sister, Joan Houghtaling and her aunt Emma Hayden.

A graveside service and burial will take place on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at Amenia Island Cemetery, 3361 Route 343, Amenia, NY. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or The Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

More obituaries appear on pages A5 & A6.

Muralist chosen for Sharon Center School

SHARON — A muralist has been chosen. The blank wall at Sharon Center School (SCS) will soon showcase an original, garden-themed mural, with work scheduled to occur as students are beginning their new school year, according to a report heard at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, August 8.

Sharon Center School art teacher Lilly Barnett reported on the work of a few volunteers who began a year ago, expanding in spring to a ten-member committee who joined in moving a vision to a reality. Members of the committee included school teaching staff, parents of students, and art professionals, collaborating to help move the large-scale project forward and select the professional artist with the right vision for the blank public-facing wall and the town.

Brooklyn-based artist Morgan Blair became the final choice. Her experience has included painting national and international murals, with considerable experience also in creating murals for school settings.

The design, Blair indicated, is inspired by the SCS students' own indoor mural. She aims to create a visual dialogue between what is indoors and what will be outdoors. She plans

to use bits of the students' indoor design to add playfulness to the outdoor work. In that creative dialogue, the students will feel ownership of the project, enhanced by being able to watch and learn from the outdoor mural being created by a professional in real time.

Work is scheduled to begin over the Labor Day weekend and take about two weeks to complete, weather dependent, Barnett said. Because the work includes some work on a tall ladder, Blair will have an assistant.

Blair terms the mural a garden-themed "colorscape." Above all, she said, "my de-

sign aims to be fun and engaging, using a bold color palette." She adds, however, that she may adjust the color scheme as she goes or even adjust the design as it evolves.

"The kids will love it," Barnett said.

By unanimous vote, the selectmen agreed to expend \$5,000 of the \$15,000 earmarked within the town's Silly Putty Fund for the mural project. The initial expenditure will allow for the purchase of materials and the hiring of the assistant. The balance of \$10,000 will be paid to the artist.

— Leila Hawken



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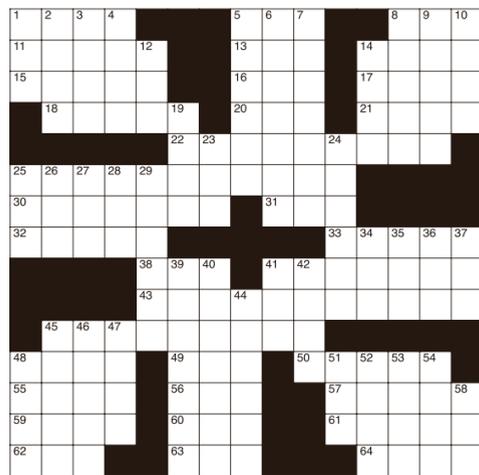
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14. Hairstyle
19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
23. They __
24. Connecting line on a map
25. Mock
26. One point north of due east
27. Chinese philosophical principle
28. Type of tree
29. Persuade to do something
34. A place for travelers to rest
35. National Gallery of Art designer
36. Panamanian province
37. Field force unit (abbr.)
39. Whalers' tool
40. Simply
41. Nigerian City
42. Not one
44. Obstruct
45. Political plot
46. Manila hemp plant
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of northeast
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OBITUARIES

Michael David White

CANAAN — Michael David White, 65, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at his home in Canaan. He was born on July 3, 1958, to Dolores (Bartz) White and Robert Raymond White of Bristol, Connecticut.



Mike was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer on March 16, 2016, and was later informed that less than 25% of people with this diagnosis survive five years. Mike, being the true warrior that he was, defied the odds and continued to live a full life for nearly seven and one half years.

Michael joined the Marine Corps at the age of 18 and became a Sergeant at the age of 19. Among his many accomplishments he earned gold medals for distinguished rifle and distinguished pistol shooting.

Michael was devoted to the Marine Corp and faithfully served his country for ten years. He was a property manager for Silver Lake Conference Center of Sharon for eleven years. It was there that many children of the camp attendees fell in love with Mike while he taught them many life skills as well as life lessons. He was also a constant prankster to his camp kids. You could always count on him to come roaring out of the bushes or a field dressed in a ghillie suit ready to 'strike' his unsuspecting target. He held contractor licenses for plumbing and heating, air conditioning and fire protection. He retired from being a fire protection inspector in 2020 and went on to enjoy a very full and happy life.

Mike was a private pilot, an experienced scuba diver and enjoyed the encounter of a lifetime while diving with sharks in the Bahamas. He was a skydiver, he loved to fish, especially bass fishing and deep-sea fishing. He was an avid boater. He delighted in introducing his friends to places and things they had never experienced before, whether it be the majesty that is Sturgis, South Dako-

ta, flying in the silence and solitude of the clouds, diving into the depths of the ocean or just sitting around a campfire beside a lake in Pittsburg, New Hampshire. His biggest love, however, was riding one of his many Harleys with his Jennie lovingly holding on to him from behind accompanied by far too many wonderful friends to list. There was never a question about a motorcycle that Michael could not answer. The most perfect rides, however, were the spur-of-the-moment trips taken by just Jen and Mike by themselves. One such trip occurred early one morning when they slipped away from the crowd and rode into the misty foggy morning through the rugged mountains and canyons that surround Sturgis listening to their favorite music playing.

Mike is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jennifer Blake White (Mike's gal 'Jenny'); his children, Kimberly White of Wellborn, Florida, Jenifer White of Port Orange, Florida, Christopher (Shannon) Szymanski of Torrington, and Courtney White (Torian Ralph) also of Torrington; his grandchildren include Kylie Bigger, Kyle Rodriguez, Raven Rodriguez, Sierra Szymanski and Blake Szymanski. He also leaves behind his sisters, Marilyn White Young (Leonard) of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Pittsburg, New Hampshire, Beverly White Fortier of Port Charlotte, Florida, and JoAnne White Little (William) of Port Charlotte, Florida, as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the VFW in Canaan, CT on Saturday, September 23, 2023, noon to 4 pm. All are welcome to attend and share your happy memories. We'd love to hear them. Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St, is assisting with arrangements. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

Expressions of sympathy in Michael's memory may be made to the VFW Post Couch/PIPA in Canaan.

Shirley Hall Barton

ANCRAM — Shirley Hall Barton of Ancram, New York, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister, passed away peacefully with family at her side on Aug. 10, 2023, after a lengthy illness. The daughter of Priscilla and Fred Hall, she was born in Canaan, Connecticut, on Sept. 19, 1946. Following graduation from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, she attended a nursing school affiliated with Pittsfield General Hospital in Massachusetts.

Shirley and Gerald Barton were married on March 5, 1966. While beginning to raise a family, she also was able to fit in driving a public school bus in Copake, which she did for a decade. Later she managed the Hotchkiss School book store, a job she held for about 25 years.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son Jeffrey and his wife Lisa, and their son Brandon and his wife Liz, and son Ryan. She also leaves behind her son Michael and his companion, Melissa, and sons Michael Jr. and his wife Kayla, and Kyle. Also surviving are her brother Dan Hall and sister Pat Graf.

Her family wishes to acknowledge the outstanding care and support she received

at Kimball Farms Life Enrichment Program in Lenox, Massachusetts.

A graveside ceremony will be conducted on Aug. 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery, N. Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that any memorial donations be made in Shirley's memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net

SALISBURY — W. Melville Jones, III (Mel), 89, died on May 31, 2023, at Sentara Medical Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mr. Jones and wife, Miriam Jones, who passed away in November 2022, and family resided part-time and later full-time in Salisbury between 1970 and 1995.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses: Gregory M. Jones (Kathy) of Mill Valley, California, Carrie E. Muehr (Stephen) of Round Lake, Illinois and J. Bradford Jones (Stephanie) of San Francisco, California. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Parker Jones (spouse, Karla), Natalie Jones, Kian Jones, Lucas Jones and Ryan Jones.

Mr. Jones was born Aug. 25, 1933, to W. Melville Jones II and Helen Boyd Jones of Williamsburg, Virginia. He grew up in Williamsburg and attended Matthew Whaley High School, and Mount Herman School in Massachusetts where he graduated Cum Laude.

Mel was a 1955 graduate of Swarthmore College. He and Miriam met during Swarthmore's freshman orientation and were married in August of 1955. After Swarthmore, he served in the Army's Counter Intelligence Corps. Following military service, Mel obtained an MBA from Harvard's Graduate School of Business

Mary Elizabeth Rogers

SHARON — Mary Elizabeth Rogers, known as "Biz", passed away peacefully Aug. 7, 2023, at Noble



Horizons in Salisbury, CT. She was the loving wife of the late Edward Robert Rogers.

Biz was born in Iowa Falls, Iowa on June 3, 1925, the daughter of Winifred Brereton and Harold Barzilla Hall. Her family later moved to Ames, Iowa, and she was the drum majorette for Ames High School. In 1947 she graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, as a political science major. She moved to San Francisco and completed a retailer training program at Macy's, then made her way to New York to board the SS Ile de France for a voyage to Plymouth, England in August 1950. She and a group of women friends traveled through post-World War II Europe and then returned to New York City, where she decided to stay.

Upon her return, while working as a junior buyer at Bamberger's department store Biz met her husband Ted. They married in June 1952, in Ames, Iowa, and lived in Manhattan.

Later they moved to Alpine, New Jersey, where they had three children, then moved to Basel, Switzerland for a year. Upon returning from Switzerland the family settled in Montclair, New Jersey where Biz later be-

Administration.

Upon graduation, he joined Benton and Bowles, an advertising agency in New York where he handled accounts for General Foods and Proctor & Gamble. He then spent several years at Colgate-Palmolive where he developed and marketed new products in the Household Products Division. In 1966, he joined Avon Products in New York where he served as Vice President, Marketing for the next 15 years with responsibilities for the product line, the promotion of the product line and market research. In the later years at Avon, he worked on acquisitions and then served as CEO of two Avon subsidiaries. During Mel's working years in New York City, he resided with his family in Bronxville, N.Y.

In the early 1980s, Mel left Avon to start a company with two other partners that produced television commercials for retail companies throughout the United States and Canada. The company was based in Salisbury. He led the TV commercial company until he retired in 1995 and moved back to Williamsburg and built a house in Ford's Colony.

Among his community activities in the Northwest Corner, he was active in land conservation efforts, expanding services at Noble Horizons, and supporting Twin

came a travel agent. She and her family moved to Weston, Connecticut many years later, and she became manager of Minute Man Travel, often traveling with Ted to the far reaches of the globe on 'familiarization' trips.

In 1995 Biz and Ted built a home and retired to Sharon. Ted passed away in 2008.

Biz had a passion for golf and was the Women's Champion in 1969 at the Great Chebeague Island Golf Club in Maine, where the family spent summers. She loved to garden and was a longtime member of The Millbrook Garden Club.

Biz is survived by a close knit family, including three adoring children, Geoffrey, Dorian and Jonathan, and their spouses May, Tom and Monica, five grandchildren: Eve, Caitlyn, Julia, Mallory and Celine; and her loving sister Josephine Poling of Wayzata, Minnesota; and nieces and nephews Olivia, Bret, Stephen, Chandler and Julie. Her brother "Bud" (Howard Brereton Hall) predeceased her.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9th at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church Lime Rock at 484 Lime Rock Rd in Lakeville, CT. A reception will follow. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Chebeague Island Historical Society.

Lakes and the Twin lakes Beach Club. He and Miriam also were members of the Congregational Church of Salisbury.

Following retirement, Mel was active in Ford's Colony's resident committees, Capital Club (formerly named the Middle Plantation Club), Historic Virginia Land Conservancy, where he served on

the original board, Colonial Williamsburg Volunteers, and the Williamsburg United Methodist Church.

He will be remembered for his warm smile, funny stories, legal pad lists, legendary Christmas parties and scavenger hunts, and boastful claim of undefeated champion of the annual Cooper Hill Road croquet tournament.

Charlotte MacRitchie Williams

FORT FAIRFIELD, Maine — Charlotte MacRitchie Williams, formerly of Kent, Connecticut, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Aug. 11, 2023, in Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Charlotte was born on March 31, 1942, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was the daughter of Bruce and Gladys MacRitchie of Kent, Connecticut.

She is survived by her children Annette Euell of Fort

Fairfield, Maine, Daniel Williams of Charleston, Maine, Steven Williams of Garland, Maine, Susan Williams of Sebec, Maine, Amy Williams of Center Conway, New Hampshire, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charlotte was predeceased by her husband Daniel Williams and her son Mark Williams.

There will be a celebration of her life to be determined at a later date.

More obituaries appear on pages A4 & A6.

Worship Services

Week of August 20, 2023

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español a las 4 de la tarde el último domingo de mes The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT The next meeting will be Sunday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am North Cornwall Meeting House 115 Town Street, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-375-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp Shabbat Services Hebrew School CTeen YJP Judaism With A Smile! chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>

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OBITUARIES

Geoffrey M. Gott

LAKEVILLE — Geoffrey M. Gott, 62, of Lakeville passed away peacefully on Aug. 7, 2023, at his home.

Geoff was born on Aug. 28, 1960, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late Dr. Peter H. Gott of Lakeville and Nancy Beardt Gott of Houston, Texas.

He attended Salisbury Central School before the family relocated and later returned to attend Salisbury Boys School. Geoff was a beloved therapist in the Northwest Corner. He received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Houston and his Masters of Psychology from Phillips Graduate Institute in Encino, California, before moving back to Lakeville in 2008.

He is survived by his beloved daughter, Morgan McAdam Gott, his former wife of over 30 years, Connie, his mother, Nancy, brothers Christopher of Houston and

Benjamin of Fairfield, Connecticut, and his step sister, Kathryn "Beth" Waaitekus of Oakland, California.

Geoff was a devoted father to his daughter, Morgan. He was a lover of the arts, an avid reader of the classics and history, and an accomplished golfer and tennis player. He loved cars and animals. Quick to lend a compassionate and supportive ear, Geoff was a friend to many and touched the lives of clients and friends alike. He will be greatly missed by his local community and beyond.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Black Rabbit Bar and Grill, 2 Ethan Allen St, in Lakeville. All are welcome. The family would like to thank Brian Kenny and Kenny Funeral Home for their compassionate care and support during this difficult time.

More obituaries appear on page A5 & A6.

Kent P&Z airs camps and accessory units

By Leila Hawken

KENT — During a prolonged regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 10, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), two public hearings were held, one to consider regulations concerning camps, and the other to discuss regulations about accessory dwelling units.

Proposed changes to the regulations governing camps were reviewed by planning consultant Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics whose experi-

ence in past years includes revisional updates to the town's Plan of Conservation and Development. At issue is whether camp operations should require issuance of a special permit if the camp is not a youth camp.

"A camp resort is not a youth camp," said Chalder.

"Since a local camp is not operating solely as a youth camp, they should be encouraged to submit a site plan, so we can understand what they are doing," P&Z chairman Matt Winter said.

The torch

The Ungardener champions a local hero...and a useful tool

Joan Ingalls moved to her new home in Lakeville from nearby Salisbury and she has been restoring the five-plus acre property for the past two years.

It is an enormous job as a majority of the trees have been mortally overwhelmed by bittersweet and there are herbaceous invasives on nearly every surface — rock, meadow and what's left of a small wooded area.

By the time Joan signed up for the spring woodland workshop she had already had a portion of her land brush-hogged. When I visited her property, as I did for all workshop participants, she had made a big effort clearing rocky areas of barberry, privet and bittersweet.

"It was the first thing I did because I wanted to get to the oak tree."

The large red oak is a splendid anchor to Joan's yard as are the substantial



granite outcroppings Joan exposed in the process.

Since that visit, Joan has been using her 'buckthorn Blaster' applicator (Naisma.org) to target the woody invasives specifically but the herbaceous weeds have come back with a vengeance, a consequence of the otherwise helpful July rains.

I visited again the other day and it was apparent that a different solution was needed on top of the rock outcroppings; it was again a tangle of invasive narrowleaf bittercress, garlic mustard rosettes and native but messy bedstraw, Gallium aparine.

We decided that it is an ideal place to try the weed torch, as the plants are low to the ground in a thin layer of soil on top of rock. A few darling pink flowered Herb Robert will be sacrificed in the process, but we can look at replanting those from other spots on the property amidst the bountiful supply of dogbane and native grasses.

Joan's careful consideration of her land restoration and her dedication to making it happen are admirable, even more so as she is 79. Hats off to her and the other participants I enjoyed working with in the spring.

Our weed torch is currently in use by Jaime Choc who, for several years, has



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

In the marsh, Jaime Choc uses a weed torch to remove invasive stilt grass.

been helping me battle invasives and tame the garden. The current culprit is stilt grass which has taken over the marsh. The recent wet weather allowed Jaime to make headway with the torch, working as deftly as possible around the native plants that reside there: grass, ferns, thalictrum, goldenrod and yellow loosestrife.

But there is collateral damage from the torch; lovely ferns are brown at their tips and some grasses and asters have been sacrificed. I chose a low BTU torch to avoid this outcome but still the flame is too wide. (If anyone knows of a long-handled weed torch with a precision flame adjustment please let me know at dee@theungardener.com.)

I have been following Jaime as he works, pulling out by hand the remaining stilt grass under the precious natives. Using a weed torch requires experience, adherence to safety precautions and prudence to judge when the conditions for using it are right, and when they are not.

The three-acre marsh is

fed by a stream that flows down from the northern part Swaller Hill. The stream usually dries up in July abetted by a beaver dam; this year it is still running.

When we moved here a dozen years ago, the marsh was entirely covered in barberry.

Trees, mostly tulip poplars but also a beautiful shadblow and willows were dying by bittersweet strangulation.

We bit the bullet one winter and spent several thousand dollars to have the bittersweet cut out; since then, each spring has brought a larger swath of skunk cabbage with its exotic looking purple flower and leaves that are an early feast for bears.

How long had the cabbage been lying low while the barberry flourished? According to Nancy Lawson, the author of The Humane Gardener, skunk cabbage's deep rhizomes allow it to live for decades and perhaps centuries. It has existed on earth millions of years before humans.

After a decade or so of barberry interference on our property, the skunk cabbage blossom again. As with so many of our native species, they are waiting underground for you to create the conditions for their return.

If this sounds intriguing, please consider joining the fall woodland workshop which will equip you to tackle the 'woody' invasives — barberry, bittersweet, burning bush, Russian olive, Asian honeysuckle, privet, porcelain berry — and others — this fall into winter. To sign up, send an email to dee@theungardener.com.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

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Our Towns

HVRHS travel club returns from Ireland and Scotland adventure

By Daniela Brennan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ireland and Scotland are the perfect countries to experience agriculture and history, alive and at work together. For 12 days, Housatonic Valley Regional High School students connected history with present-day society by touring sites like ancient castles and modern-day farms.

The funds raised from last year's Wine Dinner and Auction at the White Hart in Salisbury helped send 21 students and four teachers to Ireland and Scotland from July 16 to July 28. The dinner is an annual event held in the fall by the HVRHS travel club, called "Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders."

Our Scottish tour guide, Stephen, made the trip unforgettable by taking us to see some spectacular places: the Cliffs of Moher, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Blarney Castle, Doune Castle, the Burrell Collection, Culloden battlefield, the Titanic Belfast museum and Loch Ness, where we kept an eye out for Nessie. We also toured sev-



PHOTOS BY DANIELLE MELINO

Poulnabrone Dolmen in Ireland. This is a portal tomb used between 5,200-5,800 years ago. It is the oldest dated megalithic monument in Ireland.



The group at Pollok Country Park, Glasgow, Scotland.

eral farms where we learned about how they grow and function without harming – and actually benefitting – the land around them. These included a mushroom farm,

a sheep farm and a stud farm for breeding horses.

Walking around the cities of Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh and Inverness, we immersed ourselves in each area's unique culture and cuisine. Some of us even tried haggis.

As we traveled across the countries, Stephen played Irish and Scottish music and quizzed us on pop culture. We even got to see Irish step dancing and learned how to make

traditional Irish soda bread.

While the sights had everyone's full admiration and awe, many students were intrigued by the influence of religion in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Irish buildings adorned with crucifixes and blessings signed by priests reinforced the influence of religion on each country.

Driving through Western Belfast, Stephen and our Irish bus driver, Jerry, explained the meaning behind the Peace Wall in the middle of town – where Catholics and Protestants had their own separate towns on either side of the wall. This divide is the result of the Troubles, a conflict in Northern Ireland that lasted nearly 30 years from the late 1960s to the late 1990s. Most schools and businesses still remain segregated today. All of us had the opportunity to literally leave our mark, writing messages on the wall that expressed our hope for love and peace in Belfast.

Experiencing both the city and country life of Ireland and Scotland inspired many of us to someday return and fueled our passion for traveling the world.

Daniela Brennan is a rising junior at HVRHS who enjoys sports and traveling. She plans to visit Spain and Portugal with the travel club in 2024.

North Canaan plans road repairs, discusses tax issues

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Road damage caused by a summer of heavy rain has left North Canaan's roads in rough shape. The Board of Selectmen (BOS) planned for patching and paving at its regular meeting on Aug. 7.

Potholes and cracks have formed in a number of town roads, but First Selectman Charles Perotti said only one road would require total repaving.

"We had some storm damage up on Locust Hill Road," he said. "Locust Hill really took a hit."

Perotti said the highway department will get to work patching pavement around town and BOS has already gone out to bid for the repaving of Locust Hill Road.

"It's \$102,000 to replace the whole road down to Route 44 along with catch basins, curbing and everything else. But we do have \$193,000 in the budget," said Perotti.

Selectman Christian Allyn said he met with Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) the previous week to discuss the impact of recent heavy rain. Blumenthal provided information on how towns can apply for federal aid to help with road repairs.

"I got invited to meet with Blumenthal in Norfolk about storm damage," said Allyn. "I mentioned the Locust Hill damage and there is an email out with a way to apply for funding."

Perotti met with representatives from FEMA on Aug. 9 to review the damage on Locust Hill Road. He said the town plans to apply for federal funding for the repairs and road work is expected to begin in mid-August.

Selectman Craig Whiting responded to frustrations of townspeople regarding increased taxes in 2023-24 despite a reduced mill rate in the annual budget. "Unfortunately, even though the mill rate did go down, the fact that the values went up on a lot of the properties, individually a lot of taxes went up. The biggest culprit of that again is the school," said Whiting. "That's the biggest part of our budget out of the three things we pay."

Whiting said a meeting of selectmen from the six Region One towns is being planned to address ever-increasing education costs.

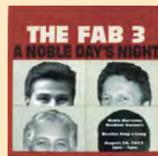
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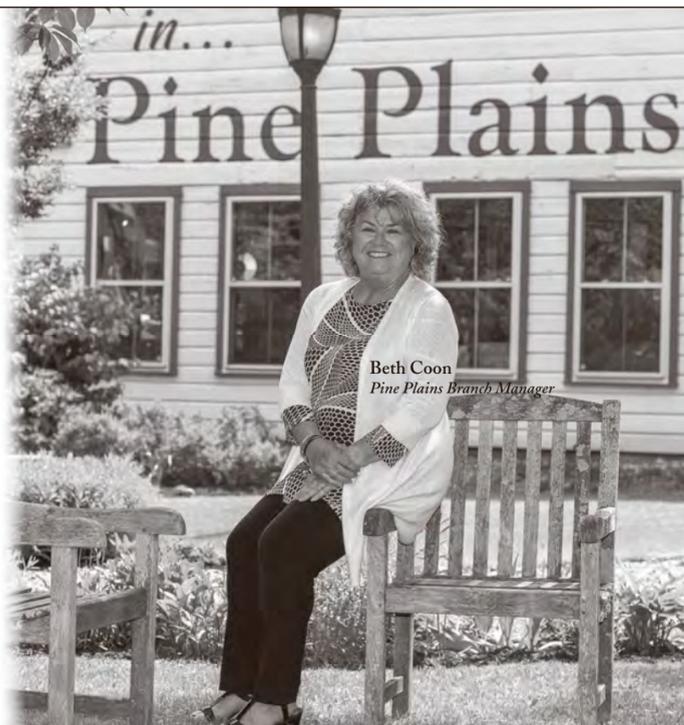
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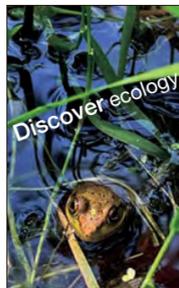
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COVID UPDATE

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man. **New COVID subvariant now the dominant strain**
Medical professionals attribute rising community spread to several factors, including waning immunity, the emergence of a new COVID subvariant, EG.5, also referred to as Eris, a shift away from self-testing, resistance to updated vaccines and a weather-driven summer that forced people to gather indoors.

"The reason is multi-faceted," said Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist and system director for infectious diseases at Hartford HealthCare, parent company of Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. "This summer has been wet and unbearably hot, forcing people indoors." In addition, he explained, an increase in infection rates "usually follows the rise of a new variant," namely Eris, which has become the dominant strain.

The new subvariant now accounts for the largest proportions of COVID cases nationwide, about 17 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Community spread is underreported

At Sharon Hospital, one employee is out sick with COVID, and several positive patient cases were contained

to the hospital's Behavioral Health Unit, according to Dr. Mark Marshall, Vice President of Medical Affairs.

"I wouldn't call it a surge, but there does appear to be an uptick, for sure," said the hospital official.

"National statistics are showing that there has been a rise in test positivity, which is at 9% compared to 4% in June."

The trend is likely tied to diminished immunity, said Marshall. "It's been a while since illness has been widespread and people have gotten boosters, so immunity is waning, which is causing increased community spread. Also, this summer has been hot and rainy, so groups of people stayed inside. Much like during the winter months, close proximity favors the spread."

The Sharon Hospital physician further noted that test positivity rates may be underreporting the actual amount of virus in the community, because fewer people are getting tested when they have symptoms, thinking they merely have a cold or allergy.

As a result, hospitalization data is less representative of how many people are currently infected, said Marshall, who noted that nationwide, about 9,000 people were hospitalized for Covid

in the last week, compared to about 6,000 one month ago.

"Test positivity is somewhat mirroring hospitalizations," the Sharon Hospital physician explained. "If you look back at January 2022, they matched up very closely. But we're now seeing a high positivity rate without hospitalizations rising, which means people who are testing positive appear to be less sick."

Summer outbreak at Geer, cases at SHCC

Shaun Powell, acting CEO of the Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, said a flare-up of about 35 positive cases among staff and residents started six weeks ago, but that as of Aug. 10, "we are definitely out of that particular outbreak."

He said the outbreak started in the secured dementia unit where it is "very difficult to enforce any type of distancing and masking," and accounted for 90 percent of the positive cases.

Thankfully, said Powell, the illnesses were not severe, everyone has since recovered, and "we are about to eliminate masking in the nursing home again."

At the Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon, one resident recently tested positive for COVID-19 and is reportedly "doing well and is off isolation," Savannah Rag-

"It is likely that an annual COVID shot will be recommended just like an annual flu shot."

*Patricia Miglowiec, RN,
Torrington Area Health District*

ali, director of marketing and communications for Athena Health Care Systems, the nursing home's parent company, reported on Aug. 11.

In addition, three employees who contracted the virus are also recovering with mild symptoms and were expected to return to work on Monday, Aug. 14, said Ragali.

So far this summer, the Noble Horizons senior community in Salisbury has not had a positive case among staff or residents, according to the facility's administrator Bill Pond, "but I know it's around us. That could change tomorrow, but so far, so good."

"We have not relaxed any of our protocols in terms of how we screen" for COVID-19," said Pond. "We continue to follow our original guidelines and it seems to support us relatively well. We don't let them disappear from our radar."

An eternal pattern?

While most upper respiratory illnesses, like influenza or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), present primarily in the colder months, so far COVID-19 has not taken a

summer vacation.

"We have had summer surges every year now, most significant in the South. No one knows why particularly. There have also been winter surges each year," said Dr. James Shepherd of Sharon, an infectious disease specialist and associate professor of Internal Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine.

"Maybe this will be an eternal pattern, maybe not. The two seasonal surges have not usually been the same variant. It's all very complicated," the epidemiologist explained.

But one thing seems certain, said medical professionals: COVID-19 is here to stay. "Like the flu, it is likely that high-risk persons, those over 65 and healthcare workers will get annual boosters," said Shepherd.

As for the public's apathy toward returning to masking, testing and vaxxing, the Yale physician said he doubts that employers and health care facilities will reinstate mask mandates any time soon.

"The levels of immunity in communities and the diminishing health impact of Covid have made most places calmer about changes in de-

tection of the virus," Shepherd explained. "There are some in public health who argue that masks have been protective against all upper respiratory infections and we should use the more often, but the majority of health-care workers are not keen to wear them."

He noted, however, that "we do routinely mask in the hospital if someone is immunocompromised or have a proven flu, RSV, COVID or other airborne infection. This has been the case for years."

A harbinger of things to come?

Medical experts said they are looking cautiously toward fall and winter.

According to Patricia Miglowiec, a public health nurse with the Torrington Area Health District (TAHD), "Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax expect to have supplies of the updated vaccine ready for the roll-out this autumn. The new shots will be a single component updated to target the XBB subvariant."

"It is likely that an annual COVID shot will be recommended just like an annual flu shot."

Hartford HealthCare's Dr. Wu offered this message: "I'll put it in very simple terms," he said. "It's a preventable death, and a preventable spread to someone who may not do so well" if infected.

FAIR

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of 2021.

Originally, the fair was intended to be a one-off. "Last year it was just an idea," said Dan Dwyer, owner of Johnnycake Books and vice chair of The Lakeville Journal Foundation. "There were only 15 participating non-profits—but people loved it."

"This community in particular really pivots around its nonprofits and volunteer services. We've never had an annual summer event in Salisbury, and we've never had an event that brings together all the nonprofits. And the community wants both of those things."

"I'm so happy to be bringing activity in downtown Salisbury," said Carolyn

Picciorelli, owner of Honeychurch Home and the organizer of Salisbury's Merry & Bright holiday weekend. "You can't survive as a business without bringing people to the center of town. But also — people want this. It becomes social — people see neighbors and catch up, organizations and businesses can connect."

In the afternoon heat, fairgoers stood chatting and laughing in large groups, some spreading out on grass or perching in the shade by the music. They shared trays of sizzling jalapeño poppers and fresh Maine lobster rolls; behind the Salisbury Affordable Housing booth, a pair of toddlers sat in the grass, licking melted ice cream off their fingers.

"It's an amazing turnout in a month like August, when so many people are gone," said Pat Jenny, the president of the Salisbury Forum. "It's a testament that people will come out for something like this. And it's great that The Lakeville Journal is providing this kind of space for the nonprofits to introduce themselves to the commu-



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John Komsa, who co-owns Farmhouse Bread and Donuts by Hand (based in Amenia) with Patience Thomas, rolled and cut fresh cider donuts on the small work surface they'd set up at the Fair. "We like doing this kind of small community thing," he said.

nity, and for visitors and new residents to learn about what we have to offer here."

For the event's organizer, Lakeville Journal Company publisher Susan Hassler, one of the most gratifying outcomes of the fair was the way in which it enabled the nonprofits to connect with one another, opening the door for future collaborations and community projects.

"A community paper is very personal," said Hassler. "A woman who moved away but is thinking of coming

back to Salisbury picked up a copy of the paper at our booth, sat right down on the curb, and just read for 25 minutes straight. People identify with it because it's for and by and about the people they know and care for."

"Salisbury is such a beautiful town," said Picciorelli, one of several community members who helped the paper organize the fair.

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gram at The Journal after he bought The Lakeville Journal following his retirement from The Washington Post in 1971.

In 2014, the Rotary established the award in Estabrook's honor.

"The Salisbury Rotary Club is pleased to continue to sponsor this award. There is a plaque at the entrance of The Journal's offices with the name of previous recipients, each of whom receives a check," said Rotary's John Hedbavny.

Benardete, who is one of five interns at the two papers this summer, is Editor-in-Chief of The Oberlin Review.

Her reporting this summer has included an interview with 11-year old Ivan Howe of Millbrook as he prepared for his role as "Oliver!" at The Sharon Playhouse. 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.

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Cantele, who is now an executive vice-president of NBT and a member of the NBT board, said the donations to nonprofits will focus on affordable housing, food security, and family services.

The three executives were persuaded to take a short stroll to the new sign in front of the Lakeville branch.

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Munch's Scream Through Nature

Trembling Earth," the exhibition of Edvard Munch's work at the Sterling and Francine Clark Museum, in Williamstown, Mass., features over 75 works by the artist. The Norwegian artist (1863-1944) is best known for his iconic image "The Scream." A human figure, in a landscape, is shown uttering a cry of existential anguish. The image has entered the popular imagination, a haunting character expressing an emotion that everyone recognizes: torment derived from the fact of being alive.

Western European art is full of torment — agonized saints, hell-bound sinners, dying gladiators — but these are part of narratives in which the anguish comes from elsewhere. Munch eliminated that narrative and depicted an anguish that comes from within — an idea that became part of the twentieth century investigation of consciousness.

A print of "The Scream" is included in the exhibition. On it he inscribed a phrase: "I felt the great scream through nature." This connection, between human and nature, was central to Munch's cosmology. He believed that all living beings were connected, and in fact that everything in nature was connected: living organisms, light, heat, water and air. The exhibition focuses on this notion of interconnectivity and presents many of Munch's responses to the natural world.

The show focuses on landscapes, and is divided into sections: "In the Forest," "Cultivated Landscape," "Storm and

Snow," "On the Shore," "Cycles of Nature," and "Chosen Places." Munch chronicled the rise of tourism and industrialization, the strength and beauty of traditional agriculture, the power of weather, his own favorite places.

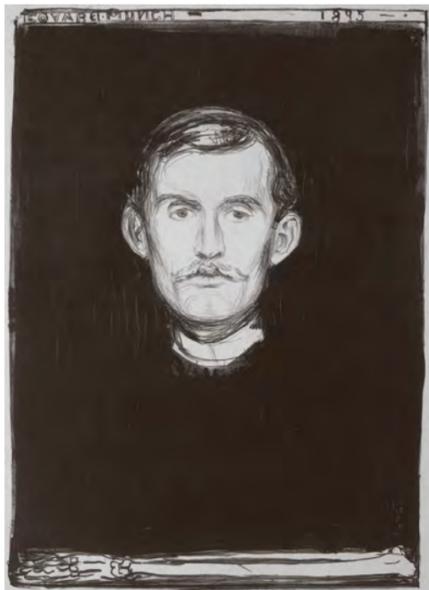
But the show could also be divided into "public" and "private" sections. Munch did grand and ambitious works for public spaces, including a series of symbolic compositions commissioned for a university. These are grand in scale and lofty in conception. "The Sun," is a huge semi-abstract depicting the great star rising over seaside cliffs and emanating a grid of diagonal rays. The scale of the work, the centrality and dominating image of the sun, its majesty and potency, all contribute to Munch's powerful vision of the sun as the center of life. The handsome "Fertility," (1899-1900) shows a

young couple beneath a tree in the midst of a field. The palette is rich and verdant, the figures solid and elegant, the faces generalized. This is a celebration of the harvest, placing humans in the center of a natural cycle. "Digging Men with Horse and Cart" (1920) features a powerful, willing animal who



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'Apple Tree by the Studio' by Edvard Munch



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Self portrait by Edvard Munch



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Naire Poole as Hermia in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Shakespeare & Company.

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What Fun These Mortals Be

Twenty years ago Allyn Burrows was swinging on vines through the forest and onto the stage of Shakespeare and Company's woodland theater in Lenox, Mass., wearing black leather pants as the sometimes malevolent but always enchanting overlord of the fae, Oberon. This summer Moore, artistic director of Shakespeare & Company, is directing his own production of William Shakespeare's magical romantic comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream," outdoors at the company's New Spruce Theatre. Whether on stage or behind the

scenes, Burrows' talent has always been interpreting The Bard for a broad audience, heightening the emotions, and delivering Elizabethan language to the audience in a clear, accessible way. Unafraid to let his actors puncture their iambic pentameter with the occasional "What?" or "Oh my god!" or even lines translated into running Spanish agitation in moments of passionate dispute, these modern touches surprisingly don't disrupt, they invigorate. The casual inflections remind us of the timeless predicaments

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German Expressionists, with whom he worked for a period, as well as the bright palettes of the Fauves and Matisse. "Starry Night," (1922-24,) depicts a dark but brilliantly illuminated sky. The title, the vivid brushstrokes and the scintillating constellations all suggest van Gogh's earlier work, but the Dutch artist's sky arches over a parched summer field; Munch's night vibrates with exhilarating cold. Winter has this landscape in its fist. The whole scene — the snowy fields, the motionless trees, the tiny distant house and the turbulent cerulean sky all sing a thrilling paean to the frightening and ravishing beauty of Munch's natural world.

The personal works strike a different note. Modest in scale, intimate in tone, they depict a specific moment in an unexplained narrative. They offer mystery and ambiguity: like half-remembered dreams, they present something intuitively known, but just out of reach. The woodblock, "The Scream," and other intimate works provide a sense of immediacy, of personal experience, both compelling and unexplained.

"The Storm," depicts a woman in a nocturnal landscape. She is dressed

in white and her arms are raised in desperation. A group of women behind her reiterate her gesture. Behind them is a brightly-lit manor house, the tree before it bowing in a fierce wind. The skies are dark and troubling, the narrative unclear.

The eponymous storm is present in every aspect of the composition: the tree, the desperate woman, the Greek chorus, the darkened sky. The somber palette, the loose, rushing brushstrokes, the soft, blurred outlines, the sense of peril and urgency create a scene at once universal and individual. As a metaphor the painting suggests human vulnerability before nature, but on a personal level it shows the private torment of a single woman, alone and terrified on a wild shore. Full of mystery and ambiguity, in these personal works, Munch won't give us answers.

This beautiful and intelligent exhibition offers a new perspective on Munch's work, offering a sense of the artist investigating the life around him as he addressed that most essential and powerful relationship between the human and the natural world.

Roxana Robinson is the author of "Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life."

Simone Dinnerstein at Music Mountain

American pianist Simone Dinnerstein, who has played with the New York Philharmonic and the London Symphony Orchestra alike, will perform at Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. in Gordon Hall as part of the summer programming for Chamber Music Sundays. Dinnerstein's performance will include J.S. Bach's "Keyboard Concerto in D Minor BWV 1052" alongside The Balourdet Quartet, as well as Mendelssohn's "String Quartet in E Minor, Op. 44, No. 2"; and Beethoven's "Grosse Fuge, Op. 133." She has been described by The New York Times as "an utterly distinctive voice in the forest of Bach interpretation." For tickets go to www.musicmountain.org



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Elizabeth Aspenlieder as Titania and Jacob Ming-Trent as Bottom in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

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of love that Shakespeare penned for the boisterous theaters of London. It's worth noting that "Midsummer" has always gone through reinvention, never becoming a true hit until a Victorian adaptation in Covent Garden, long after the playwright's death.

Special mention must go out to the four Athenian lovers — Blake Hamilton Currie, Sara Linares, Carlos Olmedo, and Naire Poole— who take full advantage of the New Spruce Theater's outdoor amphitheater, with Greek set decoration by Jim Youngerman. They throw their bodies into big swings of physical comedy, tumbling into the brush, lamenting directly to the audience, and bringing an electric, youthful interpretation of men and women caught in disputes of monogamy, dalliances, and one-sided adoration.

Costumed loosely around the release of 5th Dimension's "Age of Aquarius," designer Stella Giulietta Schwartz's kitschy 1960s/70s/80s inspiration makes colorful, clever allusions to the gods of children's pop culture. Fairy Queen Titania's (Elizabeth Aspenlieder) blonde tumbling curls and plastic fairy



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Sheila Bandyopadhyay as Puck and Gina Fonseca as a fairy.

underlings evoke Sheila Ra while Oberon (Nigel Gore) takes inspiration from David Bowie circa "Labyrinth." Theseus of Athens (Javier David) dons the lightning-bolt insignia and cape of DC's comic book hero Shazam, and Amazonian Hippolyta (Madeleine Rose Maggio) is dressed in Wonder Woman's classic costume. Sheila Bandyopadhyay's dark turn as Puck is heightened by a metallic lamé look straight out of "The Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling."

The main attraction is undoubtedly Jacob Ming-Trent as Bottom. Ming-Trent previously starred in 2021 as Falstaff where he earned rave reviews for The Public Theater's Shakespeare in the Park

production of "Merry Wives" and starred in HBO's Emmy-winning series "Watchmen." Grooving, riffing, singing and seemingly ad-libbing, like Burrow's Oberon two decades ago, this will be the memory of "A Midsummer Night's

Dream" for children in the audience taking in the play for the time. Undeniably confident and charismatic, this is Bottom on top.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" runs at Shakespeare & Company through September 10.

Representation and How To Get It

The life of American poet and suffragette Julia Ward Howe comes to life in playwright Joyce Van Dyke's "Representation and How To Get It," directed by Judy Braha and starring Elaine Vaan Hogue. Following a premiere at The Hardwick Town House in Hardwick, Mass., in 2021, with support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the touring production, which was been visiting historic venues throughout New England, now comes The Mount in Lenox, Mass., on Friday, Aug. 25., through Sunday, Aug. 27, presented by Great Barrington Public Theater.

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Interns, from left, Colleen Flynn, Emma Spindler and Emma Benardete.

EDITORIAL

Hearing from our summer interns

Last week we promised that we would let our summer reporting interns share their experiences with you. But before we do, here's a quote from Robert Estabrook, the celebrated owner of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News during the 1970s and into the mid-1980s: "With all its failings and imperfections, journalism still offers an exciting way to help save the world."

Emma Benardete
Oberlin College
Recipient of the 2023 Robert Estabrook Award

The most rewarding part of the experience has definitely been participating in a crucial but endangered form of media.

Local journalism is on the decline and it means a lot to me to be a part of a great effort to keep it going in our community. There are so many wonderful and important things happening in this area that would be relegated to obscurity if not for the work of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

I've been fortunate enough to cover local nonprofit organizations that rely on local support such as Lucky Orphan Horse Rescue and The Wetland Trust.

I'm also working on reporting about affordable housing in Amenia, where I live, which I am hopeful will serve to provide clarity to Amenia residents about the ongoing projects and what work is still to be done.

Colleen Flynn
Marist College

I was beyond nervous to start as an intern here, I wasn't sure if I would fit in or learn the style of writing quickly enough, I had a bunch of insecurities starting despite everyone during my interview process being the sweetest people. I quickly found that my own style of writing was valued, while also learning many new methods of writing and formatting.

I also didn't expect to work so closely with an editor, even though it is a journalism internship, I think it just didn't cross my mind for some reason. I absolutely love being able to work alongside Emily [Edelman], she has given me endless pieces of advice that I will be able to carry with me throughout my internship and journalism ca-

reer. She has also made sure I am comfortable with each event I am assigned to, for the first event I went to she called me the day before and laid everything out for me, what to expect, what to do, and how to introduce myself to people I interview.

My best story, or at least the one I enjoyed writing the most was for the Veterans One Stop Facility. I have done a handful of projects for my classes about veterans and how their mental health suffers, so I was happy that I was picked to write about this facility. This topic is also very important to me because my dad was a veteran, so I loved seeing that there is a safe spot, in my own community, for veterans to go to and reach out for help whenever they need it.

I think I have always wanted a future in journalism, once I figured out my major, of course, I love the idea of being able to tell different people's stories for them. I think this is such a special gift to have and to give to the public. Not everyone can put their stories or charisma into words, and journalists are able to do that, and I cannot wait to keep learning how to do that for people.



Sadie Leite
Tufts University

Recipient of 2021, 2022 Robert Estabrook Award
This is my third year at The Lakeville Journal, and it's been a pleasure like always. So far, I've covered algae, education, and a particular community club that taught me the word "cavy" is interchangeable with guinea pig.

The best story I researched and wrote was the "pollinator meadow" story which explained a biodiversity project completed by two seniors from the Salisbury School who graduated in the Spring. The school's hillside facing 44 is now a wildflower meadow, scraped and replanted with many species, so the environment is not a monoculture turf. This also might've been the most rewarding because the

interview I had with the two graduates was very informative. They both cared a lot about climate change and thought critically about how to express their efforts to me. I'm glad their story made the front page.

I didn't expect to have a seminar with a fellow Lakeville Journal reporter who now works for The New York Times as a copy editor. I learned a lot of valuable skills about editing and the use of words, and I got a brief view into what it would be like to have that job, which was very useful, as I'm reaching the point where I will indeed need a job.

On that note, I am definitely considering a career in journalism. I'm headed to Tufts in the fall for my last year in college. An entry level journalism job could easily be a place of comfort and learning for me after graduation. I love writing and making a career out of it has always been the goal.

Emma Spindler
Kent School

Litchfield County has a lot of small events, held in various towns, and for a variety of purposes. Talking to people, in the places they feel comfortable, with the things they're passionate about, has really reminded me that every story counts. Newspapers can feel distant as they report news from thousands of miles away, but local papers can ground you, as they tell the story of a local store opening, or a farmers market on a Friday.

I live close to Sharon Hospital and I know and feel how essential it is, both as a medical institution but also as a community pillar. Its internship program for high school students resonated with me, because as a fellow high schooler, I know how important it is to have exposure to jobs that are educational as well as practical to help decide how I want to contribute to both my local community, but also society in general.

While I am not sure what I will do in the future, I know from my experience at The Lakeville Journal that it will be people and advocacy based. I have really enjoyed listening to people share stories about the matters closest to them, and I have gained an appreciation for simple curiosity and problem solving because of it.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hunt Library's beloved Miss Rita

After over thirteen years Rita Delgado will no longer be the children's librarian at the Falls Village Hunt Library. Apparently the library is moving in a "different direction." Whatever that direction is, it is the wrong direction. Miss Rita, as she was known to hundreds of children over these many years, was not just any children's librarian. She was an extraordinary treasure whose storytime and activities were beloved by kids and families from communities far beyond Falls Village, Salisbury, and Canaan. This is a pro-

found loss for our children who looked forward to the stories, nurturing, and fun on Tuesdays and Thursday and monthly Saturdays. This was a shock and has me wondering, what were they thinking? Clearly this decision has put politics above the needs, literacy, and happiness of the children of our communities. As a grandmother of one of those children I know that Rita will be sorely missed by so many. Throughout the Covid pandemic Rita continued storytime safely outside in all kinds of weather. This was a lifeline for countless

parents of young children, many of whom were new transplants who would otherwise have had no other contact with our community. The impact of this cannot be understated. Not having Rita to read to our children will reverberate and leave a gaping hole for our children and families. This was a horrible decision that will end my support and patronage of the Hunt library. I know I am not alone in this sentiment.

Barbara Jaklitsch
Salisbury

More letters next page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1923
LIME ROCK — Little Millard Tellerday fell on some broken glass and cut his face quite badly.

Michael Dunn of Lime Rock has had a phone installed in his house.

Mr. Belter lost three stacks of oats by fire one day last week.

50 years ago — August 1973

Canaan veterinarian Dr. Vincent Peppe recently served as a consultant for an article on the cost of keeping a pet. The article appeared in the National Enquirer this week. Dr. Peppe has developed a table to help dog owners determine how many calories their pets need. His theory is designed to allow pet owners to feed pets well as inexpensively as possible.

Joan LaMothe, owner and operator of Rustling Winds Stables on Canaan Mountain, lost a valuable registered quarter horse to theft last week. The animal was stolen from Miss LaMothe while at an auction at the Eastern States Fair Grounds in Springfield, Mass.

25 years ago — August 1998

Tests conducted Aug. 6 on the spring water that flows into the kettle beside Town Hall in Salisbury tested positive for a minor form of bacteria. A sign is now up advising people that the

water is town water and not spring water.

Cornwall Fire and Ambulance rescued an unidentified fisherman who slipped and fell in the Housatonic River Monday evening and needed medical attention. The angler slipped on a rock and injured his knee and was unable to cross the flowing waters.

Are you a "Geer baby"? If so, Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center wants to hear from you. With the demolition of the old Robert

C. Geer Memorial Hospital — commonly known as "Old Geer" — looming to make way for Geer Village, a housing complex for the elderly, an aggressive effort is being made to put together a concise history of the area's first community hospital. That includes every baby born there from 1931 to 1948, the years it operated as a hospital.

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

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AUGUST 18

Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Sponsors Belonging Event

From 4-8 p.m. on Main Street in Torrington

The B.E.R.E.A.D.Y. Project, with sponsorship from the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging council, is hosting an all ages family-friendly community event on Friday, Aug. 18 and will include food, music, and activities that embrace diversity, equity and inclusion. There is a rain date scheduled for Aug. 25 in case of inclement weather.

AUGUST 19

Kids Day at the Norfolk Hub

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

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.

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

AUGUST 26

Salisbury Band Concert

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

There will be a Salisbury Band Concert on the Scoville Memorial Library lawn on Saturday, Aug. 26, 5 to 7 p.m.

Since 1928, the Salisbury Band has been marching in firemen's parades and performing at concerts-on-the-green and other community events. The Salisbury Band is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing traditional band music to the Northwestern Connecticut community. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and more.

SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day Benefit Art Sale

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Cornwall Library's fifth annual Labor Day Benefit Art Sale will open on Sept. 1 and run through Sept. 9. Donated paintings, prints, watercolors and posters will be sold to support the library's year-round events and programs. The sale will open with a viewing and reception on Friday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the library.

SEPTEMBER 16

3rd Annual Hudson Valley Rodeo

Kean Stud, 217 Depot Hill Rd., Amenia, NY 12501

The 3rd annual Hudson Valley Rodeo returns to Keane Stud in Amenia, NY, on Saturday, Sept. 16, featuring an evening concert by Grammy-nominated Country Music Star Walker Hayes.

The rodeo, hosted in the picturesque area of northern Dutchess County, celebrates western heritage and features some of the best in Barrel Racing, Roping, Bronc Riding, and Bull Riding in the Northeast. The rodeo kicks off with a mutton bustin' contest which is always a fan favorite.

Doors open at noon with family-friendly activities, followed by the rodeo at 3 p.m. and the concert at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30

GMF Open Forest Day

Yale Camp, 209 Chatteleton Road, Falls Village, Conn.

Come to Great Mountain Forest to celebrate Open Forest Day on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

Experience a day filled with fun that includes educational speakers, demonstrations, live music, and food. Visit our website for more information: www.greatmountainforest.org/events

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 <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Norfolk/NorfolkLandTrustTrailSeriesHaystackMountainChallenge>

ONGOING

Friday Nights on the Green

Village Green, Norfolk, Conn.

Enjoy a barbecue on the green while listening to music. 6:00 to 8 p.m.

Hybrid Teen Writing Club

Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains, N.Y. pineplainslibrary.org

Scoville Memorial Library and Pine Plains Free Library hosts a hybrid (online and in person) at the Pine Plains Free Library) teen writing club on Fridays 4:30 to 6 p.m. Teens in 6th-12th grade are welcome. Registration is required. To register and for additional information, please email host and local writer and poet Abbey Gallagher at agallagher502@gmail.com.

Tony Sarg: Genius at Play

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road / Rte. 183, Stockbridge, Mass. nrm.org

Norman Rockwell Museum presents Tony Sarg: Genius at Play, the first comprehensive exhibition exploring the life, art, and adventures of Tony Sarg (1880-1942), the charismatic illustrator, animator, puppeteer, designer, entrepreneur, and showman who is celebrated as the father of modern puppetry in North America and the originator of the iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade balloons, floats, and animated store windows. On view through November 5.

Kent Historical Society Announces Its Summer Exhibition at Seven Hearths Museum

Seven Hearths Museum, 4 Studio Hill Road, Kent Conn. kenthistoricalsociety.org

Sticks & Stands: An Exhibition of Candlesticks and Candlestands from Private Collections is open weekends through August 27, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Admission is free for KHS members with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

Scoville Library Book Donations

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

The Friends of the Scoville Library are currently accepting donations of books for their ongoing book sales Mondays 10 a.m. to noon.

All proceeds benefit the library's programs. Donated books should be clean and in good condition so that they will be appealing to other readers, relatively dust free, not discolored or written in and structurally sound with intact binding and pages which are not ripped.

Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries or travel guides older than four years. Donations can be dropped off on Mondays between 10 to noon, or contact the Friends to make other arrangements.

Way Beyond Barbie

Don't be deluded by pink fever — the world is woman's stage far beyond a Barbie fantasy flick. A billion dollars earned in short order by a film — and its female director — ought not divert from the daily worldwide stage for women's talents, prominence, and contributions. In an era when some, mostly in red states with a male dominated legislature, are seeking to return women to their place and status — barefoot and pregnant — without reproductive rights or access to modern medicine.

Let's refresh ourselves and celebrate the modern, real world, where women are esteemed for motherhood, building homes, securing families as well as for leading in the UN, in federal court, on the field, on the balance beam, at GM, Citigroup and CVS to name a few.

First of August, Linda Thomas-Greenfield became President of the UN Security Council focusing on food security as worldwide starvation escalates. U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan oversees the United States vs Donald J. Trump case alleging Trump attempts to overturn the 2020 presidential election; Magistrate Judge Moxila Upadhyaya presided at Trump's arraignment.

GUEST COMMENTARY

KATHY HERALD-MARLOWE

Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury Secretary, led a delegation for relationship building with treasury officials in China where a major staff turnover had occurred as Chinese economic growth declined. Six of 15 U.S. Cabinet Secretaries are women.

Simone Biles, four-time Olympic champion, returned to competition from a self-initiated gymnastic hiatus this week winning a major event on her way to the Paris Olympics. The U.S. Women's Soccer team lost by a millimeter in the 2023 World Cup semi-finals having previously won four titles and four Olympic golds. The American men's team was in the 1930 semi-finals and in one quarterfinal since 1990.

In business, Mary Barra last month shocked the world announcing GM's future strategy isn't electric vehicles but hydrogen fuel cells — a fuel source not dependent on scarce elements, a fuel whose ultimate emission is water. In 1972 Katherine Graham became the first Fortune 500

female CEO at the Washington Post. Fifty-three women today lead a Fortune 500 firm — from zero to 11%.

In Congress, Rosa DeLauro and Jahana Hayes are two of Connecticut's five Representatives where 128 women are 29% of the House membership (short on women by at least 90) and 25% of the U.S. Senate. Twelve women are Governors and 95 women hold state executive positions.

Women in 2023 are 50.5% of the U.S. population.

Ohio voters this August positioned their state to join Montana, Kansas, Kentucky, Vermont, Michigan and California in statewide referendums to assure women health rights and access — the rich voice of the majority.

Joyfully, there is only forward momentum — no reverse for women's achievements nor a desire to repress others on their journey — no Barbieland required.

"Women are leaders everywhere you look — from the CEO who runs a Fortune 500 company to the housewife who raises her children and heads her household. Our country was built by strong women, and we will continue to break down walls and defy stereotypes."

—Nancy Pelosi

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please come and visit the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon

These past two weeks (he writes with understatement) have surely been among the busiest in the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's long life.

First, there was the wildly successful August 4 Book Signing -- our 25th. Thanks go to the 30 authors who participated, the author dinner hosts, the volunteers, Board members and staff who helped with the event, the Center School 8th graders who served hors d'oeuvres, the underwriters and all the guests who came and supported this important fundraiser.

Then there was the August 12 Grand Opening — a truly historic happening — in which the public could visit,

for the first time, our gloriously restored, expanded and now accessible building. We are grateful to everyone who supported this project, which was years of hard work in the making — local businesses, patrons, donors of all stripes as well as the Town of Sharon.

I want to emphasize, readers, that this is your Library, so please come and visit — often. We did it all for you.

Tom Trowbridge
Board President,
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon

Sad to lose landmark sign

The evening/night of Friday, Aug. 4 an unknown vehicle knocked down our beloved Boynton-designed "Wild and Woolly Clarke Outdoors" sign. They left no note. We are sad to lose this local landmark. If anyone has any information about the incident please contact us at clarkeoutdoors@gmail.com, or call the State Police barracks. Thank you.

Jenifer K. Clarke
West Cornwall



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Harvest time grows near

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Our dear friend Shamu Sadeh, a Director at the Isabella Freedman Center, has collaborated with Sustainable CT (<https://sustainablect.org/>) to start a Community Composting project in Falls Village. The idea is to divert 40% of the Town's waste that can be composted into fertilizer, thereby helping the environment, reducing the cost of waste management for the Town and heaven forbid, may even have a positive effect on the Town's mill rate. A simple, brilliant plan that other Towns may try to emulate. For more info, please go to: www.patronicity.com/project/save_our_food_scraps_community_composting_in_falls_village#/ or call Shamu at: 860.824.5991 x363

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Our Towns



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Serving up a Taste of Cornwall

Cornwall Park and Recreation hosted the 2nd annual Taste of Cornwall on Friday, Aug. 12 at the town Green on Pine Street. Hundreds attended for a plate of samplers from local restaurants, shops and farms along with live music from the International Bluegrass Ambassadors. Park and Rec Chair Michelle Shipp said nearly every farm in Cornwall contributed to the event and the Park and Rec team spent the previous week cooking dishes for the event.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Hunt Library fires up the grill for Augustfest

Sergei Fedorjaczenco (left) and Lou Timolat made up the Brat Patrol at the Augustfest fundraiser at the David M. Hunt Library Sunday, Aug. 13. The event also featured live music from Kane Clawson and Country Jam and freshly poured beer from Norbrook Farm Brewery. A silent auction helped raise money for the library to support year-round events and programming.

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