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

Council of Governments

State DOT head outlines issues facing road work

By Riley Klein

GOSHEN — Road closures were the focus at the Thursday, July 13 meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG), which represents leaders from across the region.

Garrett Eucalitto, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, spoke to the group, some of whom were late arrivals to the meeting because of road closures. Others joined via Zoom.

"We're working hard to ensure that the roads are reopened permanently and permanently repaired," said Eucalitto.

Following the flooding, Eucalitto said DOT crews were primarily concentrated on repairs to Route 272 in Norfolk.

"The main focus was Norfolk because the road is completely gone essentially," said Eucalitto.

He said a statewide shortage of maintenance workers has created a backlog of projects in need of completion.

"We're a couple hundred people short, so everything is delayed," said Eucalitto.

Eucalitto added that a sustainability and resiliency unit was recently formed at DOT to prepare for "the new rainfall events for the future here in Connecticut."



PHOTO BY CHARLIE COLLIN

Colin Griggs, a summer resident on Mt. Riga in Salisbury, standing in a washed-out area on the Mt. Riga road Friday morning, July 14. Related story, page A2.

"I think it's going to become more and more frequent that we're going to see what we have just encountered," said Eucalitto.

He said the unit's focus at this time is to locate and update failing culverts across the state, some of which date back to the 1940s.

"Many of our culverts are very old and undersized," said Eucalitto. COG members expressed frus-

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Summer treat

Lucas Lasch, 5, and his sister Madison Lasch, 3, of Canaan, enjoyed ice cream treats at the Railroad Days carnival on Friday, July 14 in North Canaan. More coverage, page A8.

Remembering the origins of annual Railroad Days fest

By Maud Doyle

NORTH CANAAN — With the advent of North Canaan's 59th annual Railroad Days, Kathryn Boughton, Canaan's Town Historian, recollected the festival's origin and early years. Though she was away at college when the town held the very first festival, in 1964, by

the time she had returned, Railroad Days was already an integral part of town tradition and community.

The Chamber of Commerce concocted Railroad Days as a commercial venture, a way for shops to empty out their summer inventory with bargains, and to give the local merchants a needed boost. Food and events, as well as sidewalks

lined with tables of goods for sale, brought the tourists and residents to the town center.

From the beginning, "it had a very festive feel to it," said Boughton. "The street looked gay! And you know, there's nothing like a chance to get a bargain."

See RAILROAD DAYS, Page A10

Connecticut plans deeper look at fairness of state tax approach

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

Connecticut's next study on tax fairness will go even deeper than its first two assessments, which concluded the poor and middle class proportionally pay much more than Connecticut's wealthy.

That's because legislators recently directed the Department of Revenue Services not only to assess more taxes than it did in 2022 but also to examine tax impacts on the richest one-half of 1% of Connecticut households, and to report tax burdens specifically for singles, couples and families with children.

That study, which Revenue Services Commissioner Mark Boughton said began this week, is due to the General Assembly's Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee on Dec. 15.

"As a result of the legislature's good work, Connecticut law requires one of the most rigorous

tax incidence reports in the nation," said Emily Byrne, executive director of Connecticut Voices for Children. The New Haven-based policy group has been one of the most vocal advocates for state tax reform for years.

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Decision on Sharon Hospital changes extended to Sept. 5

By Patrick L. Sullivan

The state Office of Health Strategy announced June 30 that the original deadline of July 4 has been extended.

SHARON — The decision on whether Sharon Hospital will be allowed to end labor and delivery services will be issued has a new deadline of Sept. 5.

"The Applicant is advised that the Health Systems Planning Unit will issue the decision on or before Sept. 5, 2023."



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Segalla on track

Sydney Segalla, 2022 Housatonic Valley Regional High School graduate and current Boston College athlete, qualified to represent Team USA in the U20 Pan American Games for the 4x400-meter relay. Segalla placed 5th overall in the 400-meter dash at the 2023 USATF U20 Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Oregon, on July 8 with a time of 53.09 seconds. The Pan Am Games are scheduled to be held in Puerto Rico Aug. 4-6.



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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.

Sexual assault arrest
On Thursday, July 6, at approximately 2 p.m. Troop B received a complaint from a concerned citizen who stated that her friend was being sexually assaulted by an older male. The incident occurred on West Greenwood Road in Norfolk. Further investigation led to the arrest of Nathaniel Hugh Orkney, 22, of Torrington. He was charged with sale of liquor to a minor, risk of injury to a child, sexual conduct with someone under age, breach of peace, creating a public disturbance and sexual assault in the second degree. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Norfolk pedestrian struck
On Wednesday, July 12, at approximately 1 p.m., Jacob Renkert, 25, of Norfolk, was walking south on the sidewalk along Greenwood Road West at the intersection of Greenwood Road East when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Steven Knox, 47, of New Britain. The vehicle ran off the roadway and over an embankment. Renkert was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington by Norfolk EMS with minor injuries. Knox was issued an infraction for a restricted turn.

Route 112 collision
On Thursday, Sept. 13, at approximately 11:45 a.m. Annie Steen, 30, of Norfolk, was traveling westbound on Route 112 in Salisbury when her vehicle crossed the double yellow line, colliding with an eastbound vehicle driven by Zbigniew Wnorowski, 49, of Plainville. All five occupants in Wnorowski's vehicle and Steen, driving the other vehicle, were transported by ambulance to Sharon Hospi-

tal, Waterbury Hospital and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for evaluation. Steen's vehicle was uninsured. Steen was found to be at fault and enforcement is pending.

Fatality in Salisbury
On Saturday, July 15, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Holly Bottass, 19, of Salisbury was traveling south on Weatogue Road about 9/10ths of a mile north of Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury when for an unknown reason she lost control of the 2002 Toyota Camry, traveling off the roadway and striking a tree. Bottass was pronounced dead at the scene. The case remains under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed the accident is asked to contact Trooper Cooper at Troop B in North Canaan at 860-626-1820.

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

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Steve Blass

Steve Blass to speak in Falls Village

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society is excited to announce that hometown hero, Steve Blass will be speaking at the South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Rt. 63, in Falls Village on Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m..
Self-described as the "skinny kid from Falls Village", Steve became a big league baseball player for the Pittsburgh Pirates straight out of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1960. Steve progressed through the Pirate's system to pitch and win two complete games in the 1971 World Series against the Baltimore Orioles.

Blass will be happy to sign autographs as well and young ball players are encouraged to bring their favorite mitt or ball for him to sign.

The talk is free and open to the public. For more information, call 860-824-5607.

Rain roils rivers, closes roads

By Patrick L. Sullivan

TOWN — Fresh off the heavy rains of July 9 and 10, the Northwest Corner got an additional dose July 12, 13 and 16.

In Salisbury the main damage was to the Mt. Riga Road and Mt. Washington dirt roads. The town crew was out in force Friday and got the Riga road in passable condition for the summer community on Mt. Riga.

Burton Brook in Lakeville backed up due to debris in the stream, causing water to flow over Main Street (Route 44) Thursday night.

Kent's town crew foreman Rick Osborne reported damage primarily to dirt roads, Schaghticoke Road in particular.

Sharon First Selectman Brent Colley reported flooding along the dirt Westwood Road #2.

Falls Village First Selectman Henry Todd reported on July 14 that the extra dose of rain had caused minor problems with tree limbs on power lines.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Housatonic was running high on Monday at noon.

In North Canaan, the Blackberry River jumped its banks, causing problems in low-lying areas.

Since July 4, the United States Geological Survey gauge at Falls Village has recorded about 10.4 inches

of rain.

The Housatonic River at Falls Village was running at 5880 cubic feet per second at noon on Monday, July 15, unsafe for recreational activity.

Last year on this date the flow was 296 cfs, close to the historical median flow.

Online This Week

A little "trail magic" in Falls Village
Appalachian Trail hikers enjoy food and a chance to dry out. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Making walking and biking more convenient
A Dutchess County group offers safety tips. Go to www.tricornernews.com.

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The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 9:05am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Renovation of South Carriage House Facade and Adjustment of Previously Approved West Facade of Barn at 84 Main Street, Salisbury, CT, 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us. 07-20-23

to: Tax Collector, PO Box 338, Salisbury CT 06068. WPCA Sewer use fees for the year July 1, 2023 are also due and payable on August 1, 2023. Tax office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-4pm. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall open 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday and a 24 hour drop box on the Factory Street back side of the Town Hall. Please check salisburyct.us for additional credit card payment information. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR THE INTEREST. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office 860 435-5189 or taxcollector@salisburyct.us if you do not receive a bill or have questions. Dated this 7th day of June 2023.
Jean F. Bell, CCMC Tax Collector Salisbury, CT 06068 06-22-23 07-06-23 07-20-23

to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is a red drop box next to the front door of the Town Hall for payments. Payments are also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.
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The taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that I have received the Warrant and the Rate Bill to collect taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 with a levy of 11.00 Mills. Said taxes become due on July 1, 2023. If said Real Estate and Personal Property tax is over \$100.00, it is payable in four installments due: July 1, 2023, October 1, 2023, January 1, 2024, April 1, 2024. Motor Vehicle tax shall be paid in one installment due: July 1, 2023. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2023. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before August 1, 2023 interest at the rate of 1.5% (18% annually) will apply. The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT
The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2022 is due and payable July 1, 2023. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2022 will become delinquent on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from July 1, 2023 until the same is paid. Bills may be viewed and paid online by going to the Tax Collector's page on the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentct.org. There are two options for online payment: credit card or electronic check. The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE TOWN OF CANAAN
Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Canaan gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2023 at the Tax Collector's office in the Canaan Town Hall, 108 Main St, Falls Village, CT on Monday's 9am-3pm and Wednesday 9am-12pm. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2023 to avoid interest. All taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2023 will be charged interest from July 1, 2023 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146 Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130
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NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Sharon, CT. Pursuant to the Rules of the Democratic Party and State election laws, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Taghannuck Grange, 7 Dunbar Road, to endorse candidates for 2023 Municipal Election and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said Caucus.

Dated: July 19, 2023

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Our Towns

Sharon school roof approved on second try

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — At a single-issue town meeting held on Thursday, July 13, residents approved a roof repair project to be completed this summer at Sharon Center School. The voice vote was unanimous.

Patricia Chamberlain was elected to serve as the moderator for the meeting that drew about 40 residents and took only eight minutes to complete.

By their vote, residents reversed a decision recorded at a previous town meeting held on Thursday, June 22 at when the roofing project was rejected in a close hand-count vote that followed a tie vote.

Previously approved by the Board of Finance, the project will cost up to \$550,200, to be covered by \$463,220 from the Board of Education's portion of the Capital Non-Recurring Account and the balance of \$86,980 to come from the town's Undesignated Fund.

In a statement he delivered at the town meeting, Roger Liddell, member of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission (SEEC), sought to clarify the intent of his comments offered at the June 22 meeting in regard to the roof project.

"My words were probably perceived as being critical,"

Liddell said. "I did not intend the outcome. Perceptions matter."

"I apologize if my words were hurtful to the town," he added.

Envisioning a future when a solar or alternative energy solution might be developed, he offered the resources and expertise of the SEEC, intending to join with local officials in a multi-year effort to explore those solutions.

Liddell said that sometimes the lowest cost up front is not the most beneficial way forward.

"I hope the SEEC can be a resource toward avoiding false economy," Liddell said.

The new roof will have an anticipated life of 30 years, and perhaps a bit more, Board of Education Chairman Doug Cahill noted in conversation prior to the start of the town meeting.

As for the re-roofing project to be completed this summer, First Selectmen Brent Colley, commenting following the meeting, said that the contract with Imperial Roofing of Middletown would be signed the next day to enable them to begin work. The project will remove the old roofing materials, install new insulation and top that off with a new roofing membrane that is 30% thicker than the former roof, Colley explained.



PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

Camp Sloane celebrates 95 years

Camp Sloane, the YMCA summer camp located in Lakeville, celebrates its 95th anniversary this fall. On Friday, July 14 former campers, board members, staff, volunteers, and donors gathered for a fundraising event at the White Hart in Salisbury. Paul "Bear" Bryant, Camp Sloane's Executive Director and CEO, third from left, spoke of the necessity of increasing salaries at nonprofits like Camp Sloane to make possible a more diverse staff and community.

Falls Village sets public hearing on proposal for former firehouse

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — There will be an information meeting and public hearing Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center to discuss the lone bid for the town-owned former firehouse at 35 Railroad St.

The Board of Selectmen opened the bid at a meeting last week. It is from James and Sarah Gillispie for the asking price of \$300,000.

The proposal is for a "state-of-the-art gym facility on the ground floor" and upstairs "private offices will be available for health practitioners to establish their practices."

"Additionally we will create a versatile multi-use flex space within the center, facilitating a range of activities and events such as yoga classes and educational classes."

The proposal is available on the town website.

Cornwall Woman's Society annual rummage sale July 22-24

CORNWALL — The annual rummage sale, hosted by Cornwall Woman's Society, returns to town on July 22.

The three-day event will offer summertime shopping in Cornwall at four locations: Mohawk Ski Area, Cornwall Town Hall, UCC Parish House, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Venues will be active on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, July 23

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Monday, July 24 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Woman's Society uses the majority of the proceeds to support Cornwall's high school graduates who plan to continue their education.

Shoppers are asked to please leave their dogs at home.

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Our Towns

Seven Hearths opens candlestick exhibit in Kent

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Presumably Jack has aged out of his reported desire to jump over candlesticks, but he would surely be drawn to visit the Kent Historical Society's latest extensive exhibit, "Sticks and Stands," now being shown at Seven Hearths, the Society's 1751 preserved historic building and museum on Route 7 north of town.

This specialized exhibit is worth a visit because it offers a view of how candlesticks and candlestands were central to daily life, ordinary and yet carefully crafted with attention to detail. Each design offers clues to its period and the maker. The exhibit spans centuries from the pre-Colonial 17th to the mid-19th.

The objects on display are all from private collections, explained the historical so-

ciety's Executive Director Ron Marasco, who said that the exhibit is a "very special gathering of items."

"We want people to leave, having learned something new about past daily life," Marasco said.

"It's just a great story to tell," he added.

During a visit and conversation on Wednesday, July 12, Marasco was joined by two society experts, Jeffrey Morgan, a master historic restorer who has been working on the Seven Hearths building for the past 20 years, and Roger Gonzales, expert in the history of early American furniture and a sought-after furniture restorer.

Gonzales explained that candlestands were usually made of maple or other native wood. Three of the stands, evidenced by their design, are the work of Jonathan Card, an

early wood-turner from New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Most of the candlesticks are of brass, but not all. One candlestick displayed in the Seven Hearths kitchen had a double purpose. The first was as a candle holder. But the round base was sharp enough to serve as a "hog scraper," used to scrape the hair from a hog's hide. The tubular part of the candlestick became the scraper's handle, good to hold a candle at other times.

The discussion brought to mind the familiar old New England wisdom, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

Marasco indicated that both Morgan and Gonzales are on hand each weekend during the museum's open hours or by appointment. The exhibit is scheduled to run through Sunday, Aug. 27.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

"Sticks and Stands" is the result of a collaborative effort among two society members, Roger Gonzales, at left, expert in early American furniture, and Jeffrey Morgan, at right, noted historic home restorer. At center is historical society Executive Director Ron Marasco.

Father and son demo jazz at Hunt Library

By Ella Hewins

FALLS VILLAGE — On Friday, July 14, the Falls Village Hunt Library was treated to a fascinating afternoon as local resident Shamu Sadeh and his ten-year old son Lev gave a presentation on jazz.

All profits event were donated to the Save Our Brass Foundation which teaches kids in New Orleans to play brass instruments.

Lev and Shamu began the presentation by playing several samples of popular jazz songs such as Louis Armstrong's "When The Saints Come Marching In" and "So What" by Miles Davis and asked the crowd for their observations.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Shamu and Lev Sadeh demonstrated aspects of jazz at the Hunt Library Friday, July 14.

One audience member asked why there were no lyrics. "Some jazz has no words at all," Lev responded. "A lot of Jazz melodies have a lyrical quality," added Shamu.

Not only did the duo

share their knowledge on the rich history of jazz but also showcased some of their musical abilities on the trumpet when going over the four main parts of jazz: improvisation, syncopation, blues,

and polyrhythm, mentioning the latter's roots in West African drumming.

To cap off their presentation, they recounted two trips they had taken to delve deeper into the world of jazz.

The first was to New Orleans last March to see a second line parade of brass performers where Lev was gifted with a trumpet at the Louis Armstrong Park.

The second was to Boston to attend a free music festival of street protest called Honk!

Both Shamu and Lev's genuine admiration for jazz music and its history was palpable. "I got attached to jazz," said Lev who began playing at just seven years old. "Rhythmically it's really interesting," Shamu added.

Dinneen resigns as social service agent

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Heather Dinneen, Cornwall's social service agent, announced her departure from the role on Wednesday, July 5. Cornwall's Board of Selectmen informed the public of the announcement during its meeting later that day.

"Today I received word from Heather Dinneen, who unfortunately has to step down from her position as social service agent," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway. "She has served the town as social service agent for I believe five or six years.

Seems like longer than that because of all the impact she's had on the town and it's most vulnerable population."

Selectmen approved a motion to provide Dinneen with a \$250 honorarium to recognize her efforts in Cornwall.

"She got us through the Covid era," said Ridgway. "It was not an easy time."

Dinneen has agreed to work with the town to find a suitable replacement and has already suggested colleagues who fit the bill.

"Her work has been priceless and invaluable to the town," Ridgway said.

LIVING WITH HISTORY IN LAKEVILLE: The Lakeville National Register Historic District, part 2 The Commercial Significance of Historic Lakeville Why 7500 people came to Lakeville by train in 1883



Wonsosco House, Route 44, Lakeville, run by Mrs. R. W. Ford. "Our old laurel chair on the piazza" Right, Luther Holley House, built 1782, Miller Saloon 1864, later the Wonsosco Annex.



The Hartford Connecticut Western Train on siding in Lakeville near the Holley Factory Pond. This was one of several special trains bringing over 7500 people, June 20, 1883, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Montgomery Lodge No. 13.

Commerce and transportation have been so entwined locally that it is impossible to discuss one without the other. The remarkably intact core of historic Lakeville village has bore witness to the industrial and mercantile activities developing there in the late 1700's, 1800's, and early 1900's. Its thriving commercial growth on the heels of its prosperous industrial growth created the need for transportation services and a railroad to serve them. By the mid-nineteenth century, the Historic District was the local business center within the larger community. By 1871, the railroad had been founded, allowing for further growth. Virtually all the area's businesses depended on services provided by the Lakeville passenger and freight stations. The emergence of Lakeville as a major tourist and business center in the late nineteenth century only reinforced this trend, earning the nickname "the Hub."

Along with the construction of the forge in 1748 and blast furnace in 1762 came large numbers of workers and artisans. While the forge and furnace employed their own large numbers of workers, it provided livelihoods for area miners, teamsters, and charcoal burners. Commercial enterprises arose to meet the growing population's needs. Merchants and lawyers followed the workers and artisans, attracted to the developing village. The town's principal stores, recreational venues, financial institutions, and newspapers clustered here. The town's most important business family, the Holley's, erected their residence in 1808 on the hill overlooking the furnace and lake, and at one time owned most of the surrounding land.

In 1795, Peter Farnham opened one of the first commercial businesses, the tavern, as well as the post office, with Farnham serving as both a tavern keeper and a postmaster. The Farnham Tavern building, still very much intact at 7 Millerton Road, sits to the left of the Boathouse Restaurant. Later, the tavern was operated as Wardell's Hotel and then the Wayside Inn. Remember this early, important settler when you travel on Farnham Road by Herrington's and PATCO.

With the financial demands of the growing industrial and commercial enterprises, a local banking establishment emerged. Salisbury Savings Bank was first constructed in 1864 and the newly established Robbins and Burrall Trust Company opened offices within the District in the 1870's. A merger of these two institutions occurred in 1909, resulting in today's Salisbury Bank and Trust (SBT). The early Salisbury Bank and Trust bank building remains a commercial building today, sitting proudly in the heart of the District on the corner of Holley Street and Route 44 at 12 Millerton Road.

In the 1890's, the now demolished Holley Block, formerly on the corner of Route 44 and Holley Street was built, as well as the offices of the local paper, *The Lakeville Journal*. At one time, an ice harvesting business existed on Lake Wonsoscopomuc, with final markets as far away as South America. A large 100 room hotel, The Wonsosco House (now demolished), was built on Millerton Road to support the burgeoning tourist and resort industry. It had pool tables, tennis and croquet courts. There was a private bridge across Factory Pond to provide access to Lake Wonsoscopomuc.

In close proximity on Millerton Road and Holley Street, the following list provides examples of businesses that opened to serve the thriving community:

- Moore Chittenden Store, c. 1890, 22 Millerton Road.
- Salisbury Bank and Trust building, c. 1864, 12 Millerton Road.
- Hoyt and Bauman plumbing, stove and bicycle shop, c. 1890, 20 Millerton Road.
- E.E. Raynsford Carpentry Shop, 1875/1929, 9A Sharon Road
- Miller Bros Saloon and Billiard Hall, c. 1875, 24 Millerton Road.
- The Lakeville Journal Office (its original offices), c. 1890, 22 Millerton Road.
- Wardell's Hotel (later the Wayside Inn & originally the Farnham Tavern), 7 Millerton Road Lakeville Railroad Station Depot Building, Connecticut Western Railroad, 1871, Ethan Allen Street.
- Salisbury Hose Company Fire Station, 1934, 9 Sharon Road. •

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OBITUARIES

Edward James 'Jim' Hosier

MILLERTON — Edward James "Jim" Hosier passed away at his home in Bullock, North Carolina, on June 14, 2023, with family at his side. He was born in Mt. Kisco, New York, on July 30, 1944, to the late Mary and Raymond Hosier. He attended Webutuck Schools. He served nine years in the U.S. Army.

On April 30, 1966, he married the former Cathy Crawford who survives him. They were married for 57 years. Also surviving are his children, Kimberly Giroux (Jim), James Hosier (Mary), and Debra Hosier. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Robert Klippel (Lindsay), Larry Wilkins, Bryan Klippel (Beth), Heather Wilkins, and Seleen Hosier. In addition, he is survived by his great grandchildren, Sklar and Avery Kennedy, Chloe and Christopher Klippel, and Nikolas, Payton and Olivia Klippel. Other survivors include his sisters Coroliss Robinson and Frances Suits.

He was predeceased by his brothers Richard Hosier and Roger Hosier and a sister Patricia Liberty.

Mr. Hosier retired from

Taconic DDSO in 1997 after 30 years of service as a carpenter. He was a Lifetime member of the Millerton Gun Club, a lifetime member of Millerton Post 178 of the American Legion and an Honorary Member of the Millerton Fire Department. He enjoyed old cars, especially his 1949 Ford. He attended several car shows in Bennington, Vermont, Hershey, Pennsylvania, Carlisle, Pennsylvania and Rhinebeck, New York. He also enjoyed Nascar racing and attended several races a year until recently. Jim enjoyed hunting and listening to country music and was happy to have seen his favorite singer, Willie Nelson in concert many times.

Jim enjoyed retirement until Alzheimer's Disease stole his memory of everything and everyone he loved. His family is thankful for Amedysis Hospice for their caring assistance so he could spend his last days comfortably in his home with family. The family has been assisted by The Cremation Society of Virginia in Clarksville, Virginia. Services will be at the convenience of the family.

MILLERTON — Jon Yard Arnason, Esq., 77, a twenty five year resident of Millerton, formerly of Manhattan, New York, died Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Mr. Arnason was an attorney in private practice in Manhattan prior to his retirement.

Born Feb. 5, 1946, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late Hjordvaour Harvard and Elizabeth Hickcox (Yard) Arnason. He received his B.A. from Harvard College and his J.D. from University of Michigan Law School. His wife, Sytske "Sia" Aaltje (Dania) Arnason survives at home in Millerton. In addition to his wife, Jon is also survived by his sister, Eleanor Arnason of St. Paul, Minnesota, and many close friends.

When Jon retired from his law practice, he made his many gifts available to the Town of North East, serving on the zoning board of appeals and on the board of The North East Community Center. His outreach and canvassing as chairman of the North East Democratic Party made him a well-known figure in town and county politics. Always affable and willing to joke and chat, he was very

effective in town affairs.

Jon was a gifted raconteur with a wonderful sense of humor. Endlessly curious and a great reader he was never far from a stack of books and a sleeping cat. He was remarkable for his retention of so much factual material. His broad interests took him deep into ancient and modern history of all kinds, world events, economics, and literature from any century. He had a deep background in art and art history, thanks to his father, a scholar of modern art and director of many museums. Any interests took him deep into the subject. A father from Iceland, Jon read all the medieval Icelandic sagas and could happily expound upon them. This was true of his knowledge of the Tudors of England or the plays of Shakespeare, the Civil War and the administration of just about any U.S. president.

His work and his interests took him to many parts of the world, several times on sailing vessels, and to Indonesia with Sia, his wife, who was born there. They had a succession of delightful cats, all

strays or abandoned at the farm next door, who showed up at frequent intervals, were loved and coddled for the rest of their lives.

It seems that the word got around about the amenities of the Arnason household.

Jon enjoyed the men's biking group of Silver Mountain for many years, as well as his book club, keeping up with his Harvard classmates and the yearly Wimbledon tennis matches, probably the main reason he even owned a television. He was a talented cook as well. His delightful company will be missed by all who when him.

Town of North East Supervisor, Chris Kennan, expressed the following sentiments about Jon upon hearing of his passing: A sad note, it is my duty to report the passing of Jon Arnason

early yesterday morning. A longtime resident of Charlie Hill Road, Jon was an active and generous member of our community organizations. He was a board member of the North East Community Center. He served as chairman of the North East Democratic Committee, and did much to energize and organize the town's Democrats. He worked to help the town update its zoning code, in the areas of solar fields and road signs. He played an especially important role as a member of the town's zoning board of appeals. Jon will be very much missed.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Joan A. Nestor

EAST CANAAN — Joan A. Nestor, 89, of 4 College Hill Road passed away peacefully at home on Thursday July 6, 2023, from complication of dementia. She was the wife of the late Lawrence S. Nestor of Stamford, Connecticut. Joan was born July 10, 1933, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Joan graduated from Greenwich Catholic School. She was a longtime secretary for Darien YMCA and Norwalk School System.

Joan is survived by two sons from her first marriage

to Luke Serna: Dennis J. Serna of Greenwich and David B. Serna, wife Jenifer L. Roy Serna of Canaan, and their two daughters Stephanie M. Serna and Jessica L. Serna.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday July 22, 2023, at 11:00 am in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church, 4 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. Burial will be at a later date. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

OUR TOWNS

New leadership announced at region's Catholic churches

By Matthew Kreta

WINSTED — The Franciscans of Winsted, Connecticut are taking on administration for St. Martin of Tours and the parishioners of St. Kateri Tekakwitha are welcoming a new administrator.

St. Joseph's in Winsted, led by Pastor Fr. Bruce Czaplak and Parochial Vicar Fr. Roger Hall, is taking on St. Martin of

Tours under their responsibility. St. Martin of Tours comprises the churches of Immaculate Conception in Norfolk, St. Joseph in Canaan and St. Mary in Lakeville. Czaplak, assisted by Hall, will continue to provide religious services for both parishes, in addition to social and outreach programs such as religious education, confirmation and youth groups, social activities and

fundraisers. Services such as anointing of the sick will also fall under their care. "We are not cutting back on anything," Czaplak said.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is welcoming a new administrator in Fr. Piotr Buczek. St. Kateri Tekakwitha comprises Sacred Heart in Kent, St. Bridget in Cornwall Bridge and St. Bernard in Sharon. Buczek was born and raised in

Krakow, Poland and attended seminary in Michigan.

"It is with great joy and a profound sense of humility that I join this vibrant and welcoming community of faith. I am truly honored to be given the opportunity to serve as your spiritual shepherd, and I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you," Buczek said in a recent bulletin.

LIVING WITH HISTORY IN LAKEVILLE: The Lakeville National Register Historic District, part 3 The Transportation Significance of Historic Lakeville and the iconic Lakeville Railroad Depot Building

As regards our transportation history, the community focus today is centered around the iconic and historically important Railroad Station Depot building. That the 1871 Lakeville Depot building still exists in its remarkable physical state, as an anchor to our living with history, is not an accidental occurrence. We can thank a former Lakeville resident, Frederick Bauer, and his wife Ruth for their vision in protecting this iconic building. The Depot and a large portion of the surrounding land, including what is now Bauer Park at Factory Pond, were privately owned by the Bauers. To our good fortune, in 1974, they gifted the town the Lakeville Depot and a large piece of the property contiguous to it. As vintage photographs of the Lakeville Depot show, where the original railroad cars chugged over railroad beds, we now travel by foot, stroller, bicycle, or car on what are the local streets to the Town Grove. The Lakeville Depot is a vitally important historic building more than deserving of our appreciation and preservation

because of its service and historic role in evolving our community. This well-deserved focus reflects the fact that ultimately, almost all area businesses once relied on the services provided by the Lakeville passenger and freight station.

In actuality, the area comprising the Lakeville Historic District has been the center of an important regional transportation network since the mid-1700's. The earliest colonial roads to New York and Sharon and Salisbury in Connecticut, as well as to local iron mines and the forge at Lime Rock, converged here. An important component to the growth of any community, a mail route was established through this point in 1795. And in 1801, as the population expanded, the Salisbury and Canaan Turnpike opened, offering an improved route from the Housatonic River to the New York state line. The Turnpike bisected the present district, passing near the Farnham Tavern and between the Holley-Williams House and the furnace.



Above: Railroad Station, Lakeville, CT, built in 1871.

In 1832, local residents including John M. Holley chartered the Salisbury and Sharon Railroad, an abortive scheme to bring the railroad to Lakeville. Nearby service was provided by construction of the Housatonic Railroad, which reached Canaan in 1841 and the Harlem Division, which entered Millerton, New York, in 1851. At about the same time (1849) telegraph service became available in Lakeville, further evidence of a growing community.

Finally, in 1871, the Connecticut Western Railroad opened a through route from Millerton, New York, to Hartford with Lakeville as an important stop. That same year the iconic and historically important Lakeville Depot was built. The arrival of the

railroad powered the emergence of Lakeville as an important summer resort community while also providing the Holley Manufacturing Company with efficient and cost-effective access to a national market for its products. Over a period of four decades, local industrialist Alexander H. Holley played an important role in all three area rail projects. The Lakeville Railroad Depot remained an active facility until the end of the 1920's. Freight service ended in 1938. •

Learn more at lakevillecommunityconservancy.com.



Above: C.N.E. #226 at Salisbury, Ct, headed toward Canaan. BLW#14276 1895 4-4-0 18"x24" 69". Old ND8C #8, later CNE #38, scrapped March, 1925.

Photos from Salisbury Association Archives. Source Material: National Register of Historic Places Registration Form link https://s3.ama-zonaws.com/NARAprodstorage/lz/electronic-records/lrg-079/NPS_CT96000845.pdf



Above: The old C. N. E.

Sports

Summer basketball heats up at Torrington Armory

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — On-court competition has been red hot in the 2023 Torrington Summer Basketball League...

for the 2023-24 season.

"We have games here every night," said TSBL Director and Founder Bill Notaro.

Notaro said the league has bounced back this summer after a dip in registration caused by the pandemic in recent years.

"We were 74 teams at the most. After Covid we were down to 27 teams, but this year we're back up to 52," said Notaro.

For decades, TSBL has provided players aged 10 and up with an opportunity for competitive play in the off-season and provided a



Kylie Leonard braced for impact as she drove the lane.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Owen Riemer dished to Wyatt Bayer on a fast break.

glimpse of Berkshire League competition for the coming year. At the varsity level, teams are mostly composed of single-school rosters...

The thermostat in the gym read 84 degrees for the duration of the match. The only relief from the heat came from oscillating fans that blew hot air and cheering fans that boosted their morale.

Official high school coaches were not permitted to coach their team in TSBL, but HVRHS Coach Jake Plitt was in attendance for the match "as an observer and cheerleader."

"We have a good mix of older players, younger players, and you know just basketball players that want to play in the off-season, which is awesome," said Plitt.

The game against Gilbert featured two 20-minute halves with a running clock...

Torrington won 67-40 over HVRHS in the July 12 game. Owen Riemer led HVRHS in scoring with 16 points.

After the game, Riemer shared his thoughts on what it's like to play with a shot clock.

"I like it because you can't like dribble the ball out forever," said Riemer.

TSBL action will continue at Torrington Armory each weeknight through Aug. 11, with games starting at the bottom of the hour from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Paging Dr. Boing-Boing...

After a stretch of very rainy weather and work that precluded fishing, I was able to beat it for the Catskills for a couple of days.

I wasn't expecting much, and was pleasantly surprised to find fishable water.

On Wednesday, after a circuitous voyage through the wilds of Greene County, made more so by the invention of internet directions, I turned up at the Batavia Kill impoundment...

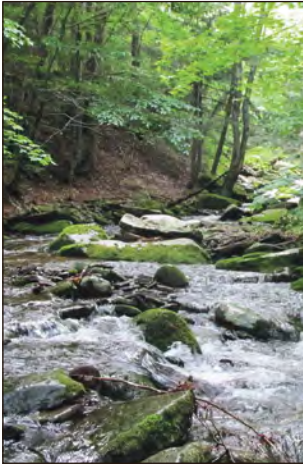


PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Gary Dodson deployed "Mr. Wiggly" to no avail.



TANGLED LINES PATRICK SULLIVAN



The headwaters of the Batavia Kill offered brook trout and relief from the relentless sun.

Some of these Catskill burgers make our Northwest Corner towns seem like bustling metropolises. Or is that metropoli?

The Batavia Kill sidles into the pond after winding through some fairly flat, meadowy country.

The name of the game was a long rod and longer leader, and any sort of smallish dry fly as long as it was yellow.

It's been a while since I tossed a 50-foot cast and peered after it, trying to see my little yellow speck.

I caught a couple of medium-sized browns this way, then switched to a hopper and nailed one right off.

This pleased Gary, my host, as he was tired of peering after specks and welcomed the chance to peer at something bigger.

We proceeded upstream and tried a couple of spots with no result. Then Gary had to go do some stuff involving legal documents...

I spent a happy 90 minutes or so in there with a Tenkara rod and a size 10 Parachute Adams. The water was cold at 62 degrees...

Thursday Gary and I headed to the Beaverkill downstream from the covered bridge campground.

We were hipped to this by Thos., my nomadic attorney, who stayed there for a week a while back.

It was very nice-looking water, and not at all difficult to get to.

I forget what Gary managed here but I clambered downstream, caught several smallish browns on a dry-dropper rig...

boundary so I cheesed it. Besides, the sun came out and the water temp, already close to the plimsoll mark at 64, was starting to climb.

On the way out I had an encounter with Dr. Boing-Boing. This is Gary's term for an angling-related freakout.

In my case, I dropped the nymph box and scattered about \$100 worth of flies around. I recovered about half of them.

With rising temps in mind, we tried for smallies from the shore at the Ashokan Reservoir. We caught panfish on what Gary calls "Mr. Wiggly," which is any kind of Chernobyl-type foam terrestrial fly...

bronzebacks we saw nothing. We also encountered the wraith of John Burroughs, if John Burroughs liked to tool around with a savage dog barely restrained by what appeared to me to be a completely inadequate leash.

As I departed the ancestral estate Friday morning, Momma Turkey and her three turkeylets strolled into the yard, hoping to get outside a worm or two.

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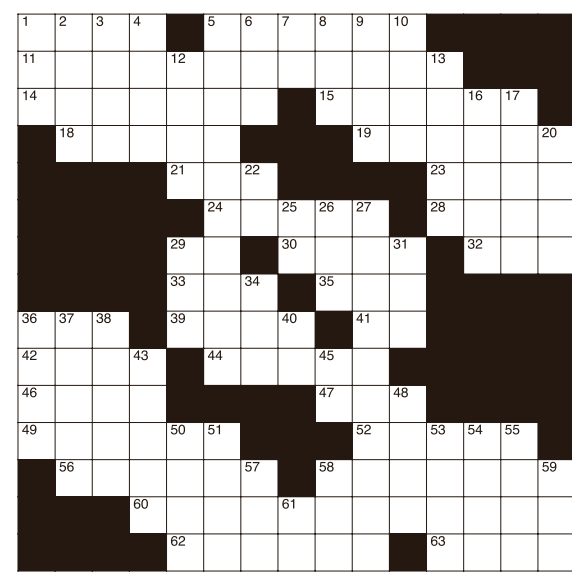
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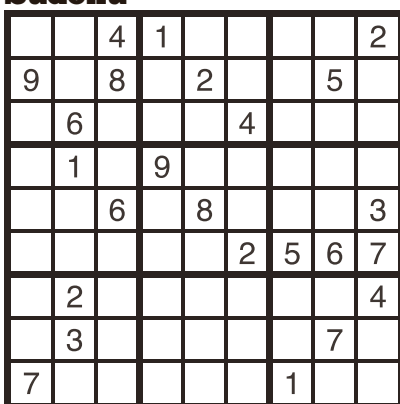


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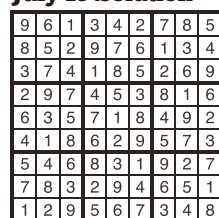
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Our Towns

'All Aboard' for Railroad Days in North Canaan

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — For the 59th year, Railroad Days rolled into Union Station in North Canaan with summertime splendor in tow. The 10-day extravaganza included a full menu of events ranging from train rides to "bed racing" and just about everything in between.

First Selectman Charles Perotti said Railroad Days originated as a sidewalk sale to draw customers to local businesses, but it has evolved into a joyous tradition that Canaanites look forward to all year.

This year's festivities began with a free community picnic outside Union Station building on Tuesday, July 11. Beverages were provided by Great Falls Brewing Co. and burgers and dogs were served courtesy of Lindell & Son Inc.

Musical melodies from Paul Ramunni filled the plaza as he played accordion outside New England Accordion Connection and Museum during the picnic.

Tours of the accordion museum and the railroad museum in Union Station were free of charge throughout Railroad Days.

"We're getting all kinds of people. There's lots of love in there," said Ramunni.

A carnival at Lawrence Field opened on July 12, complete with a Ferris wheel, dizzying rides, prize games and greasy delicacies. Evening rain kept lines short for the attractions and added a little giddy-up to the super slide.

Three teams competed in a return of an old favorite: the bed race. Assembled in front of North Canaan Elementary School, the three competing



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The Royal Flush won the bed race on Saturday, July 15. Royal flush team included Will Perotti and Samantha Perotti, both of North Canaan, and Nathan Lachaine, Dylan Lachaine and Nicholas Lachaine, all of Salisbury.

treams first made a slow lap around the track (the loop at the school connected to Pease Street), then lined up for timed races.

A team calling itself The Royal Flush came in first, followed by The Dumpster Fire and the Jolly Codgers, which walked away with the "Best Dressed" category honors.

About 100 spectators cheered the teams, and some remembered running in the bed race in past Railroad Days.

Caboose tours were provided by Housatonic Railroad Company on Saturday, July 15, giving guests an up-close look at a train engine and telling the history of railroads in the region.

Approximately 40 local crafters set up shop for a vendor fair at the Canaan Municipal Parking Lot to offer handcrafted jewelry, pottery, textiles, and unique finds to customers.

Canaan History Center hosted a Victorian-themed

social party the afternoon of July 15 to celebrate "the Canaan Victorian era."

"Canaan Union Depot is the largest Victorian railroad station in the nation," said Christian Allyn, third selectman in North Canaan.

Reenactors portrayed Victorian-era individuals in authentic clothing, including an appearance from Queen Victoria herself.

"Let me tell you about my bonnet," said the Queen, played by Lynne Martin. "The white part comes from my wedding dress. For the 40 years that I didn't have my Alfred with me, I wore a piece of my wedding dress."

Led by Grand Marshal Charles Perotti, the Parade of Canaan marched through the center of town at 6 p.m. on the 15th, showcasing 24 fire companies from across the region along with local businesses and organizations.

Floats from Great Falls Brewery, William Perotti & Sons, United Ag & Turf,



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department marched in the parade.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Paul Ramunni's music proved irresistible to visitors at New England Accordion Connection and Museum during Railroad Days.

711 Racing Team, and the Railway Express captivated crowds as they flowed down Main Street.

"Many local organizations that participated to add the local flare that we are look-

ing to attract as our vision for this event to truly show a snapshot of our hometown," said Parade Chairman Maribeth Marchi.

A scintillating Saturday concluded with cheers and

applause as fireworks filled the sky above Union Station.

Railroad Days will continue with live music at the Canaan Country Club, 8 p.m. on July 22, and The Colonial Theater, 6 p.m. on July 23.




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Queen Victoria (Lynne Martin) greeted a citizen (Christian Allyn) at the Victorian social party, hosted by Canaan History Center, on Saturday, July 15.

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Regional

Mapping known 'wildlands' in New England

A collective called Wildlands, Woodlands, Farmlands & Communities, which focuses on land conservation and environmental protection in New England, recently released a first-of-its-kind report mapping and describing all known wildlands in the region.

"Wildlands" refers to an area of any size and condition, permanently protected from development, in which management explicitly intends to allow nature to prevail with minimal human interference. Essentially, a wildland is a tract of land that is able to exist as it did before rapid industrialization put a strain on the environment throughout the region.

"Wildland conservation, like all of conservation, is only necessary due to unchecked development and destructive practices — first introduced to this region by colonizing people — that have threatened all natural systems and society itself," the report reads. "As a complementary strategy to protecting Woodlands (actively managed forests) and farmlands, there are myriad reasons to protect Wildlands."

These areas not only offer habitats for local wildlife and plant species, but provide critical infrastructure for slowing the effects of climate change. Right now, only about 25% of New England land is protected from development. The report's authors argue that that figure must reach 80% to ensure the environmental future of the region.

"From Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park and the Wilderness areas in the

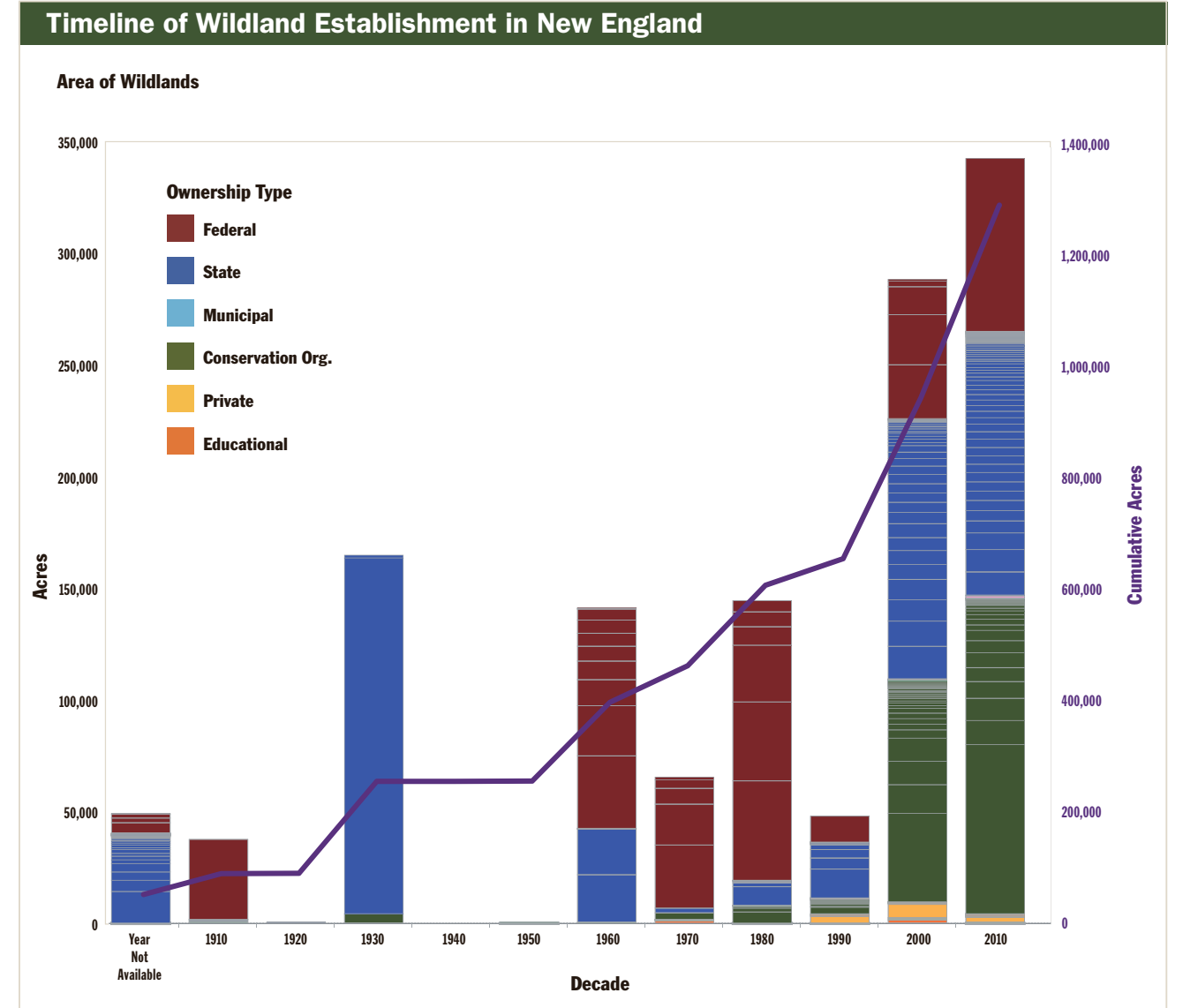
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White and Green Mountains to the state reserves and forever-wild easements on private lands, a thriving, diverse and much more expansive network of Wildlands is vital for counteracting the global crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and their impact on human welfare," said report co-author David Foster, director emeritus of the Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts, and former president of the Highstead Foundation in Redding, Connecticut, in a statement.

Trees in wildland tracts remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it in their trunks, branches, leaves and roots. Less carbon in the atmosphere means fewer effects from greenhouse gas, which means less heat will be trapped in Earth's atmosphere. Wildlands also enhance landscape resilience to stresses from climate change, biodiversity loss, and habitat fragmentation. Finally, wildlands form a central component of "30 x 30," the nationally and internationally embraced goal to protect 30% of the land and waters of the Earth by 2030.

The report calls for planners to center wildlands in their approaches, while also strengthening existing wildlands through permanent protection and landscape buffering.

Through public and private action, planners can also create more wildlands to sustain New England through



The rate of Wildland establishment displays a large increase in the past two decades and includes substantial contributions by private conservation organizations.

what the report calls "an integrated conservation agenda."

The collective suggests accomplishing its goals through seven pathways, which include expanded collaboration, education and outreach, community engagement, funding, research, accessibility and policy.

Connecticut is home to just over 2% of the region's wildlands, many of which buffer the Appalachian Trail in the remote and rural northwestern corner. Among

the state's wilds are the Canaan Mountain Wilderness Area Preserve, a 2,260 acre expanse nestled in the rugged, high-elevation section of Housatonic State Forest; the McLean Game Refuge, just a half hour outside of Hartford in North-Central Connecticut; and the Connecticut College Natural Areas, three parcels of forest and salt marsh totaling about 200 acres, in the state's coastal lowland.

Other Connecticut wild-

lands include the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Old Forest Management Sites, like Gold's Pines Natural Area Preserve in West Cornwall and Wangum Lake in Canaan and more. But the collective that issued the report said the protection DEEP can offer these wildlands doesn't go far enough.

The report shows that while 81% of New England is forested, only a miniscule portion has been designated

as protected wildlands.

In order to reach the collective's goal of permanently protecting 80% of New England in a mixture of natural wildlands (at minimum 10%), productively managed woodlands (60%), farmland (7%), and other (up to 3%) by 2060, each state has to increase its pace of forest conservation. Connecticut in particular must increase its rate the most and more than quadruple the amount of acres it protects per year.

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ROAD WORK

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tration with DOT over road closures, delayed project approvals, and restrictive regulations.

"The rain over the weekend caused a major washout," said Jean Speck, first selectman in Kent, who joined the meeting on Zoom. "I have a lot of very angry residents."

Mike Criss, first selectman in Harwinton, said his town has been awaiting DOT's approval for use of a bridge that was built in 2019.

"I can't get anyone from DOT to sign off on it," said Criss. "People have been traveling across this bridge for four years, so if it's unsafe I'm sorry."

Criss also spoke on the challenge of adhering to state highway quality standards when using state funds to repave small town roads.

"The standards you have are fine," said Criss. "The money just doesn't stretch far enough and small towns like ours aren't eligible for any more money."

Eucalitto explained DOT has "one standard" for road projects that utilize state funding.

"If you're going to do work using state funds, unfortunately you're stuck doing it to those standards," said Eucalitto.

Eucalitto provided information on the status of



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Garrett Eucalitto, commissioner of Connecticut Department of Transportation, spoke with members of Northwest Hills Council of Governments in Goshen, July 13.

Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) grant applications.

"We had a total of 26 applications for \$33,000,000 submitted. Initially we had anticipated we'd only have \$5,000,000 to distribute. Thanks to the effort of Representative Maria Horn, that was doubled to \$10,000,000," said Eucalitto.

TRIP grants are expected to be awarded this fall and applications will be selected based on project readiness.

Following the transportation discussion, Nancy Rebehn, executive director of Rebuilding Together of Litchfield County, presented information on her organization to the COG.

Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit entity that provides

residential repair services for low-income households in Connecticut.

"We will come in and do necessary repairs for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities," said Rebehn. "Since 2003 we have been able to do repairs and modifications on 247 homes. It seems to be getting less and less each year."

Rebuilding Together repaired nine homes for qualifying residents in 2022. Rebehn said over 30 applications were received last year, but due to limited funding many applicants were put on a waitlist.

"We were able to raise \$150,000 last year," said Rebehn. "If we can get some help from the individual towns... even just waiving

fees is a big thing."

Rebehn said few municipal social service agents have directed residents to Rebuilding Together, and most applicants found the organization online at rebuildingtogether.org

Before the meeting concluded, Henry Todd, first selectman in Falls Village, discussed the recent efforts to install fiber optic cable throughout the region.

"What we're finding in a lot of towns is where they had promised to give universal coverage, there are a lot of areas that are not being covered," said Todd.

Todd said there may be state funding available to ensure total high-speed coverage in each town, adding that fiber optic cable would lead to improved cell service for small towns.

"You need to have a fiber network that covers the majority of your town so that you can install small cell antennas," said Todd. "It's a real safety issue in some of our areas."

Todd recalled a resident who had a heart attack and his wife drove to the center of town to get a cell signal to call for an ambulance.

"We've got to do something in this region," said Todd on cell coverage. "It's a huge issue."

RAILROAD DAYS

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For decades, the town's railroading history provided the central theme for the 10-day festival. Scenic excursions on the train were a centerpiece, and remained one of the most popular attractions until, due to liability issues, they were discontinued in the 1980s.

Canaanites often insist that without the railroad, there would be no Canaan. Before 1840, the "town" consisted of the Gillette property, up on the northwestern town line, and Lawrence Tavern, down by Lower Road, on the banks of the Blackberry River. Just 12 years after the trains arrived in Canaan, a nucleus of businesses had formed just west of the tracks, forming a nascent town center.

Through the WWII era, the village served as a cultural hub, where townspeople gathered to exchange news and talk, and visit the shops on Friday evenings. The plaza in front of the train station, hung with strings of painted lights, hosted dinners and dances on warm nights. At the town center, shops and businesses served as a cultural hub, where the town gathered to exchange news and talk on Friday evenings.

"All the farmers would come in, and it might be the only time all week long that they saw anybody off the farm. So their wives would get all dressed up—you didn't go into town looking like a farmer!" People went shopping and socialized, walking up and down the streets, stopping in stores like Fuller Hardware and, "just chatting," not always buying, said Boughton, quoting

Fred Hall, who ran the hardware store and before becoming a town historian. "But he said, 'I didn't care! It was fun to have them in the store.'"

Following the war, however, Canaan's demographics—and subsequently its commercial landscape—underwent dramatic change. "After two decades of depression and war, people were just bursting to get in the new car with their new tires and go somewhere else," said Boughton.

The onset of American car culture reshaped not just the demographics, but the landscape of the town itself. As the money drained from

Canaan with the departure of the well-

to-do, the onset of American car culture was reshaping not just the demographics, but the literal town as well.

"What happened here was the same as what happened at town centers and in cities across the country," said Christian Allyn, who, a lifelong Canaan resident who recently became a Canaan Selectman. In the 60s and 70s, "there were movements to level a lot of the buildings and put up shopping centers." The exploding prevalence of cars also meant that the passenger trains were being used less and less.

"There used to be stores all along Main Street," said Boughton. "I can't tell you how many times I tell my students, 'Well, this building was here, but now there's a parking lot.' You know, it's like that old Joni Mitchell song."

It was in this less-bucolic context, a challenging period in the town's history not so different from those that Canaan has faced in more recent years, that the Chamber of Commerce came up with Railroad Days, hoping to boost commerce and bring people back into town.

During the depression of the 2010s, when Canaan was suffering severe economic stress, the annual Firemen's Carnival was rolled into Railroad Days, preserving Canaan's summer carnival while those in nearby towns continued to falter and shut down.

"Roughly 30 years ago, every town in the area had a carnival in some form," said Allyn.

"Ours is one of the last ones. You get people coming from quite a distance."

Since its inauguration, said Allyn, the festival has provided more than just fun and celebration for Canaanites; it also occasions a moment of unity and town pride, even—and perhaps especially—during stressful times. The focus of Railroad Days has evolved from its commercial origins to center much more on community celebration.

"They started out just trying to bring people into the town center for a hoopla party," said Boughton. "And it's still really a pretty good party!"

TAXES

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State government gets roughly half of the revenues it needs to support the General Fund — about \$11 billion this fiscal year — from an income tax that is progressive, meaning that tax rates increase as filers earn more.

But Connecticut cities and towns' chief source of revenue is a regressive property tax — meaning taxpayers are charged at the same rate, regardless of income or wealth. And according to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, property taxes — in the aggregate — generate roughly double each year what the income tax produces.

The state's second-largest source of revenue, a sales tax that raises more than \$5 billion annually, also is regressive, applying the same 6.35% rate to the vast majority of goods and services.

The state tries to assess the full burden of its combined state and municipal tax systems through an incidence analysis. This studies which groups pay taxes and how those burdens are shifted. For example, renters effectively pay some or all of their landlords' property taxes. Gasoline distributors shift wholesale fuel tax burdens onto service stations, which pass the full cost on to motorists.

Despite a commitment more than a decade ago to take regular assessments, officials shelved the issue for years after the state's first tax incidence analysis in 2014 found the poorest households effectively paid three times the share of their incomes to cover taxes than the wealthiest did.

Legislatures and governors postponed follow-up studies four times in the next seven years.

When another fairness study finally was released in 2022, it confirmed the problem remained.

For example, filers who earned less than \$44,758 in 2019 effectively lost nearly 26% of their earnings to taxes, nearly four times the rate paid by Connecticut's wealthiest families.

Tax fairness studies now must be prepared every two years.

Gov. Ned Lamont and the General Assembly in June also approved the first state income tax cut since the mid-1990s and other relief measures expected to return close to \$500 million annually to low- and middle-income households.

But critics say Connecticut's tax system still remains out of balance.

The United Way of Connecticut estimates that a household with two adults and two young children must earn \$90,660 annually to afford food, utilities, housing, medical and child care and other basic "survival" needs. It reported in 2022 that 42% of all children in this state live in households that earn less than this threshold.

Progressive legislators and tax reform advocates also questioned whether the last tax fairness study had been watered down and actually understated the problem.

That 2022 analysis ignored impacts of four taxes that had been considered in the 2014 report. Three of those four — levies on utilities, insurance and real estate transactions — routinely involve expenses that businesses shift onto households. The fourth was the Connecticut estate tax.

Boughton said he believes the legislation defining how fairness studies should be conducted didn't mandate inclusion of those other taxes.

Leaders of the finance committee couldn't be reached for comment Thursday. But Sen. John Fonfara, D-Hartford, who co-chairs the panel, said last spring that legislators wanted as comprehensive a study as possible.

The new directives lawmakers enacted in June as part of the new biennial budget also added another new element: an analysis of Connecticut's "tax gap" — the difference between the taxes owed and what actually is collected.

Once the gap is established, the Department of Revenue Services has until July 2025 to develop a plan to close that margin.

In 2022, Lamont pitched to legislators the idea of selling the state's outstanding tax debt to private collection agencies.

Boughton told lawmakers at that time that Connecticut had more than \$1.2 billion in tax debt — much of which was more than 10 years old — that it deemed either non-collectable or not cost efficient to pursue. He also noted that many municipalities routinely employ this option.

But the finance committee balked at that idea as legislators from both parties objected.

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BOOKS: ADAM VAN DOREN

The Quiet Radical President

When I think of the lives of the American presidents — excluding perhaps the most recent ones, or those enshrined on Mount Rushmore — I'm reminded how little we remember about them, other than a few fun facts: Carter for his cardigans; Clinton for the Lewinsky scandal; Grant for being an alcoholic; Coolidge for being mute; Tyler for Tippecanoe; Taft for being overweight. In truth, however, history is more complex, and a lot more compelling. Carter, for example, enjoyed a string of successes that are often overlooked, including adding 100 million acres to the park system; appointing a record number of female, Black, and Hispanic citizens to government jobs; helping bring amity between Egypt and Israel.

All of this brings me to James Garfield, our twentieth president. His claim to fame is that he was assassinated, joining a morbid fraternity with Lincoln and JFK, only six months into office. But who was Garfield, otherwise? And what did he do? Do I see a show of hands? Not many — including me. Thanks to a new biography, howev-

er, by C. W. Goodyear, "James Garfield: From Radical to Unifier," I've been enlightened. In this comprehensive and well-researched tome from Simon & Schuster, Goodyear makes a strong case for reviving the Ohioan's legacy beyond the split-second moment in 1878 when he was gunned down at the Potomac Railroad Station in Washington, D.C., Garfield emerges as one of our country's greatest statesman and one of our most intelligent.

Employing largely primary sources and well-chosen quotes, Goodyear takes us from Garfield's humble beginnings as a dirt poor "log cabin president," to a canal boatman, Williams College graduate, Civil War veteran, long-time member of the House, and finally chief executive in the Republican party. Given Garfield's brief tenure as president, the years as a Congressman are naturally given more attention. At first blush, this might seem like a hard sell to a prospective reader. Passing legislative bills, debating in the House and Ways Committee, and arguing for bipartisan policies,



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Biographer C.W. Goodyear

seem about as scintillating as a trip to the dentist. But Goodyear makes us think otherwise. He presents Garfield as a towering man of ideas, whose fervent beliefs on racial equality and education reform, among others, make him a man ahead of his time and a true activist.

His stance against slavery was not merely a political one, but a genuinely heartfelt one. There are moving passages in the book revealing Garfield's passionate belief in the plight of Black Americans who

were still struggling to achieve basic freedoms fifteen years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. "To violate the sanctity of suffrage is more than an evil," Garfield stays in one address, "it is a crime..."

In contrast, Woodrow Wilson, more than a generation later, was much more regressive, segregating Federal offices, including the Navy, the Commerce and Treasury Department.

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BY PAUL ANAGOSTOPOULOS, COURTESY THE ARTIST

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Modern Myths, More Than Ever

Upstate Art Weekend, beginning Friday, July 21, through Monday, July 24, returns for its fourth year of connecting over 130 participating galleries, museums, and art centers across New York State, from the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Artistic cultural centers charted on the weekend's map include The Wassaic Project in the hamlet of Wassaic, N.Y., which will feature open studio visits with its artists-in-residence and artist talks at Maxon Mills State, from the Hudson Valley and beyond.

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OPERA: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Divorce Court

As part of Bard Summer-Scape's twentieth season The Fisher Center at Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, N.Y., will present Camille Saint-Saëns's French opera "Henri VIII" beginning Friday, July 21. First staged in 1883 by the Paris Opera at the Palais Garnier, "Henri VIII" sees the King of England caught between duty and desire as he attempts to dissolve the marriage with his first wife, the pious Catholic princess Catherine of Aragon, in favor of one of the most infamous, and misunderstood, female figures in British history, the dark-haired beauty, Anne Boleyn. Directed by Jean-Romain Vesperini, who has staged work at the Opera National de Paris, this fully-staged U.S. premiere stars bass-baritone and New Orleans, La., native Alfred Walker, who was



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Alfred Walker as Henri VIII

seen this past spring at The Metropolitan Opera in New York City as Frère Laurent in Gounod's "Roméo et Juliette."

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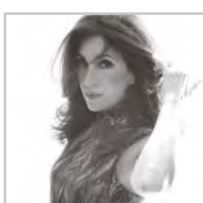
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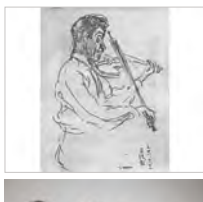
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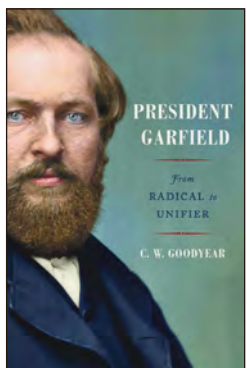
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To some of his contemporaries, Garfield appeared less ideological and more opportunistic, following the prevailing winds of political expediency more than any idealistic stance. Frederick Douglas for one, as Goodyear notes, felt he lacked backbone.



SIMON & SCHUSTER

Other adversaries chafed at his appeasements to further his party's agenda. But over the course of his career, it becomes clear in this book that Garfield earned the respect and often reverence of his colleagues — and Americans at large — as a fair-minded person, who could see both sides of an issue and was willing to change his mind if he felt genuinely convinced. A rarity today in politics.

Goodyear is to be applauded for his thorough history, given that he has much less precedent to work with than other authors of more popular subjects. Garfield has not exactly been a subject of many best-sellers, and far fewer books have been published about him than, say Lincoln, who seems to have a book published about him every month.

Goodyear's prose is articulate and measured, and he does not slip into hagiography, which is the bane of lesser biographers. My only issue is that he dwells too long on the intricacies — and intimacies — of the slow, agonizing deathwatch of the bedridden Garfield (who survived for three months after he was shot), describing in exhaustive detail the doctor's reports on his bowel movements, his "resurg-ing parotid gland," his "boils the size of peas," and the "pus leaking into his ear canal." These bits, to my mind, add little to our understanding of Garfield, other than that he was a stoic figure to

the end.

To Goodyear's credit, he makes clever use of Shakespeare quotes, which open each chapter and act as pithy prologues to the ensuing text. The Bard's passages are especially interesting because they are taken from Garfield's diaries, to

inspire him, and show what a thoughtful figure Garfield was. It makes us wonder what kind of president he might have been, given the chance. For the moment, we are left to our imagination, and the pages of Goodyear's biography, to ponder this largely forgotten, yet exceptional man.

C.W. Goodyear will discuss his book, "President Garfield," at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Saturday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

Correction

In an article titled "The Art of Dreaming" published in Compass on July 13, the surname of James and Jeannette Montgomery Barron was incorrectly printed as Baron.

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and the Luther Barn. At Geary, the gallery in Millerton, N.Y., the group show, "Who's To Say I Am Awake; Are You?" will continue through Upstate Art Weekend, including the acrylic-painted terracotta vase on display by New York City-artist Paul Anagnostopoulos titled, "Follow You Until The Sun."

Paul Anagnostopoulos's striking paintings blend the homoerotic heroism of Mary Renault's novels of Ancient Greece with the Abercrombie & Fitch-era photography of Bruce Weber and the colors of a Day-Glo disco sunset on a Donna Summer vinyl.

"My dad's side is Greek and my mom's side is Italian, and I grew up with my grandmother's babysitting me, who were both history teachers," Anagnostopoulos, a former artist-in-residence at The Wassaic Project, said over the phone. "Around both of their houses they had kitschy objects — Greek vases, or on the Italian side, a miniature souvenir of Michelangelo's David. Kitsch became a symbol of adoration for me."



PHOTO BY MARTIN PARSEKIAN

"Time Held Me Green and Dying" by Paul Anagnostopoulos

Mythology was storytelling both oral and aural, the common tongue before the Common Era, so it's only natural that Anagnostopoulos would link ancient lore to our contemporary epic ballads of triumphs and love lost — pop music. "The ancient tradition of masculinity with the tragic hero, the comedic hero, these are all emotional extremes."

The same extremes

found in his favorite music videos — like Bonnie Tyler's vintage 1983 video for "Total Eclipse of The Heart" directed by Russell Mulcahy of "Highlander" fame (talk about masculine fantasy) — serve as modern myth inspiration and studio soundtrack as he paints.

"Pop music is inherently hyperbolic, 'this is the moment, this is the last night,' he said. "Pop is always high-stakes drama."



PHOTO BY ERHARD WEHRMANN

Whaam! Blam!

Roy Lichtenstein: great satirist or cunning plagiarist? The late New York pop artist rose to fame with his cheeky pin-point works of crying girls in primary colors — which he copied from comic book panels. Choose your side as the documentary "Whaam! Blam! Roy Lichtenstein and the Art of Appropriation," is shown at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., on Saturday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with director James Hussey and producer/editor Tory Jadov hosted by award-winning screenwriter Charles Randolph ("The Big Short").

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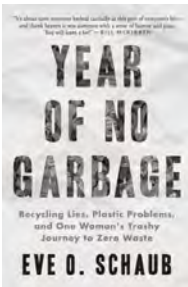
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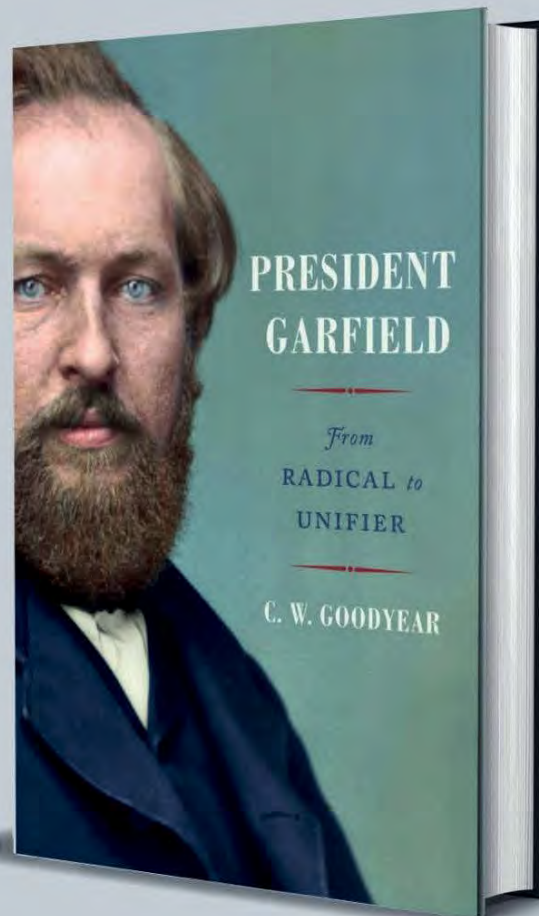
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'Read all about it'

Newspapers are done. That's the story these days. And this message has been repeated year after year over the last two decades as more than 2,500 weekly publications in the United States either closed or merged with other papers as a way to survive.

Since 2004, the number of daily newspapers fell from more than 7,000 to about 5,000. Daily newspapers also declined in number and some dailies became weeklies as a way to survive. By some estimates, the country is set up to lose one-third of its newspapers by 2025.

The pandemic wasn't the death knell that many expected, but just the same the number of newspapers that closed kept the same pace — about two per week.

This all means that about one in five Americans lives in what is called a news desert, a place where there is no authoritative source of news and information about the community, other than social media. There are issues with social media that include its "addictive by design" nature, as well as its role in spreading misinformation.

As a plus, it can be seen as promoting creativity and community health, even as experts weigh its effect on the mental health of young people and adults.

Today, it is estimated that one in five Americans lives in a so-called news desert, or in a place that is at risk of becoming one, where there is limited access to local news.

Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Evanston, Illinois, reports that the vast majority of the 360 newspapers that shut down since the end of 2019 were weeklies serving small communities. And in many places, the surviving papers made major cuts to staff and circulation. An estimated 75,000 journalists worked in newspapers in 2006, and now that is down to 31,000, according to Northwestern.

But everywhere you turn these days there are signs that readers want a local newspaper — that newspapers are not done, whether they exist in print or digital form.

It was big news last week for readers of more than 20 daily and weekly newspapers in Maine that the nonprofit National Trust for Local News would buy the papers, including the Portland Press Herald, as a way to preserve their independence along with staffing and readership. The mission of the National Trust for Local News is to create a future where local news thrives and people benefit from community-centered journalism.

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News both have embarked on the nonprofit path with the goal to be nonpartisan and dedicated to public service. We aim to serve our community with news and information that matters to our readers. We also are sharing news with other nonprofits and like-minded organizations to give readers the fullest news report possible, week-to-week, and online when important news breaks. We have shared news with CTMirror.org, The New Pine Plains Herald, The Berkshire Eagle, Norfolk Now, and possibly more to come. On Sunday, August 13 we will host community nonprofits for a day of celebration and information sharing in Salisbury on Academy Street. Mark calendars.

Last fall, we became members of the Institute for Nonprofit News. Its vision is to build a nonprofit news network that ensures all people in every community have access to trusted news. According to INN, nonprofit news is experiencing sustained, multi-year growth, and the sources of local coverage have increased over the past four years.

Our readers want more. We want to give them more. We are on the right path to do that.

Why you, your kids should care about elections

It's always around now that we see postings in this paper for the local Democratic and Republican caucuses. They're held to nominate the candidates each party will run, either for re-election or to fill vacated slots for local offices or committee seats. Some unaffiliated candidates will also be included in these races.

Most of the time, though, whether the candidates are long-standing community members or recent arrivals to town, whether they're running for reelection to the same office or changing positions to run for another role, the choices are pretty much already familiar to us. Why does this matter? I'll get to that shortly....

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the SHAG multi-day cultural event at Spring Hill Vineyards in Washington, Connecticut. It's mostly

a music and art festival, but on the last afternoon, there was a community panel event for an organization called IGNITE (www.ignitenational.org) a national non-partisan movement that trains young women to discover and flex their political power and hone their leadership skills.

IGNITE was founded thirteen years ago by Dr. Anne Moses, who grew up around here. Their mission is to help young women build their confidence, develop leadership by helping them understand how to effect change in their communities, and in their own lives.

On the panel were our own State Representative Maria Horn, Senator Pat Miller of Stamford, and Jessica Weaver, Member of the CT Office of the Treasurer, Board of Education Member for Newington, Con-

necticut, and IGNITE alum. The panel was moderated by Zunera Ahmed, District and Communications Director at NY State Senate, another IGNITE alum and current IGNITE Board Member.

In this dynamic conversation, Representative Horn and Senator Miller discussed how they began their careers, how they maneuvered their way to the positions they hold today, and the obstacles that each of them had to overcome.

Although Jessica's story is still being written, because her spark was recognized, nurtured and launched by IGNITE while she was still in college, it was fascinating to the other two seasoned politicians.

Through IGNITE, Jessica got media training, won a scholarship to attend their conferences and had a network of friends to help her by

posting on social media. She was so prepared that when Gary Turco, her State Representative for Newington, encouraged her to run for Board of Education when she was about to start her first year at U Conn Grad School, she won. She is running for her third term this fall.

The point is that we need diversity, a different point of view and life experience and a vested interest in the future of our communities. This means that we need to give some new leaders the opportunity to gain experience working with their community Elders. This is a reminder of the importance of encouraging and getting young leaders elected to our local boards and commissions as they start their careers.

Thank you.

Barbara J. Friedman
Lakeville



TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — July 1923
SALISBURY — E.R. Smith has sold his garage to R.G. Marston. It is understood that Mr. Smith and family expect to go to California later to make their home.

Fire completely destroyed the barn at J. Wisoski's place at Lincoln City on Friday afternoon. It is thought the blaze was started by spontaneous combustion caused by hay not thoroughly cured before being stored in the building. The barn and its contents proved a total loss as there was no insurance on them.

For some reason the fire siren went wrong last week and at times emitted all kinds of sounds from a growl to a moan. It is thought there was some trouble with the wires or switches and efforts have been made to locate the trouble.

Over a hundred fight fans got the news of the Willard-Firpo battle on Thursday night over Merrill Fenn's radio. Mr. Fenn's yard was full of autos and his lawn full of fans, and while there was some static the radio worked well and was greatly enjoyed by all.

50 years ago — July 1973
The Lakeville Journal has won the 1973 Golden Quill Award for the best editorial among 1500 submitted to the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors. The editorial, "A Boy's Toes," appeared in the issue of March 15, 1973, and was

written by Editor-Publisher Robert H. Estabrook. It accompanied a news story by Barbara Buccino and concerned the plight of a northwest Connecticut youth who nearly lost three toes to frostbite because of a lapse in state supervision. Released from a state training institution, he was living in an unheated shed after arrangements for him to attend school elsewhere had fallen through.

A crowd of almost 1500 campers, parents and staff members attending a Visitor's Day program at Camp Sloane on July 15 were excited over the announcement by Theron C. Hoyt of Pleasantville, president of the Camp Sloane YMCA board of directors, that a capital funds drive is planned for \$127,250 to construct a swimming pool. The T-shaped pool will measure 83 by 45 feet in one direction and 75 by 35 feet in the other and will vary in depth to permit instruction and safe recreational swimming for all ages.

Exposed chestnut post and beam construction of a corner of the Abel Lee house on the Millerton Road shows the careful and sturdy building practices of the late 1700s. The house, now being readied for aluminum siding, was for a period the home of Daniel Cook and thought to also be the home of a Mr. Eldridge, a layman sympathetic toward Methodism. Freeborn Garretson, an early Methodist circuit rider from New York, conducted services here in June, 1789.

That date, if correct, would possibly make Lakeville the oldest continuous congregation in New England.

25 years ago — July 1998

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Tuesday his office is currently reviewing the issue of former Sharon Hospital President James Sok's severance agreement to determine whether an investigation would be justified. Blumenthal conceded he has received "various calls, complaints and correspondences about this matter. We are reviewing them to determine what our authority is and whether further action is warranted."

Pat Pallone said he has been approached by Brooks Drug every year for the past eight years. But he had no reason to sell the Canaan Pharmacy that he has put so much of himself into for the past 18 years. This year, however, he and his wife Martha decided to give it serious consideration. For the past year, Mr. Pallone has been fighting an aggressive form of myeloma. A stem cell transplant earlier this year was successful and his doctors believe he has gone into remission. He said he didn't want to wait until someone else had to make the decision for him. The sale of the store will be finalized July 28.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: the Salisbury selectman's ballot

In his letter of July 13, the Republican Town Committee Chair was simply wrong to pitch a petitioning candidate for Salisbury Selectman directly against his proposed Republican candidate. That's not how it works. When Salisbury's voters select their next two ordinary Selectmen as opposed to the First Selectman, they will be able to select any two out of however many candidates are presented on the ballot.

The Town Clerk informed me that she has one petitioning candidate registered as of July 13 and that is Katherine (Kitty) Kiefer. She is unaffiliated to any party. Unaffiliated candidates have until August 9 to register, while Republican, Democratic and Independent Party candidates have until Sept 6.

Perhaps Kitty's entry into the race will encourage clarification on what they stand for and will do for the Town — it is, after all, a paid position; perhaps even a public forum on what actions and attitudes are good for the future of our Town. I, for one, would welcome such discussion.

Janet Graaf

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More letters on page B4.

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