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

Marshall Miles, Robin Hood Radio legend, dies at 70

By John Coston

SALISBURY — Marshall Miles, a beloved fixture on the airwaves in the Northwest Corner and adjacent Berkshire, Columbia and Dutchess County and co-founder of Robin Hood Radio, died on Saturday, June 24, in Hartford Hospital. He was 70.

Miles spent the span of his adult life in radio, having begun his career as a high school senior in 1971 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School where he called games on the student station. A veteran of local radio, Marshall was first hired by Warren Gregory when he started WKZE-FM in Sharon. Marshall went on to WQQQ-FM, before returning to WKZE-FM.

In 2002, Miles set up Tri-State Public Communications, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit, to operate WNBC-CATV6, the local public access station. Robin Hood Radio,



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Marshall Miles

co-founded with Jill Goodman, was first launched in 2006 as an internet radio station and by 2008 had affiliated with NPR and was broadcasting on AM1020 and 91.9FM "the smallest NPR station in the nation."

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Racers and fans come from all over the world for the unique Lime Rock Park experience.

A farmer's dream and a dozer paved way for Lime Rock Park

Editor's note: This is the first of two articles in a series about Lime Rock Park.

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — He built it and they still come.

In 1956, young farmer Jim Vaill guided his bulldozer up hill and down dale, leveling swaths of mature trees and altering the course of the Salmon Kill as he paved the way for a 1.53-mile road-racing

course on family land in bucolic Lime Rock.

Vaill could never have imagined that his primitive dirt track, where he and friends pretended to be race car drivers, would attract some of the most famous racing figures of the day and in the ensuing decades become entrenched in auto racing history as Lime Rock Park (LRP).

History of high-octane thrills

This year marks the venue's 66th year of attracting world-class drivers as well as enthusiastic am-

ateurs to the historic track, which has hosted most every major American road racing sanctioning body including American Le Mans Series, International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), Grand-Am, NASCAR, Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), Trans Am and World Challenge.

As one of the few racing venues on the National Register of Historic Places, Lime Rock Park

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An interview with Newman, blessed by the 'Racing Gods'

It's been 32 years since, as a cub reporter with The Litchfield County Times, I was assigned to write an article about Lime Rock Park, then in its heyday, drawing celebrities and crowds.

The historic racing venue had become a favorite racing spot for the actor Paul Newman and received publicity during that era courtesy of the Tom Cruise film, "Days of Thunder," for which Cruise trained at the track.

I knew zilch about auto racing and had never set foot or car on a track. But I was over-the-moon

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DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

about meeting and interview the silver screen icon.

So our people called Newman's people, and an interview was set for the morning of Saturday, June 29, 1991. I was told to show up at the park, flash my press pass, and "just

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Flaherty offers tips on 'embracing your years'

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Embracing your years, no matter how many, is the theme of a four-part series at Noble Horizons that will begin on Monday, July 10, led by local writer and personality Jim Flaherty. His series will continue on the following three Mondays, July 17, 24 and 31. Each hour-long session will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Noble's Community Room.

"I think of the Noble community as a family — a place where people can enjoy their later years in a beautiful place with loving people around them, and best of all, close friends, good company all the time," Flaherty said, anticipating the experience.

Lively Interaction with the audience will be just one of Flaherty's approaches to his topic, titled "Embrace Your Age—You Can Be Better Than Ever." He will be bringing to

voice some of the advice he offers in his recently published book of the same title. Flaherty is known to area residents as a master of hospitality who reclaimed and developed Troutbeck Conference Center in Amenia, along with the late Bob Skibsted.

Now 87, going on 88, Flaherty is currently pursuing a career as a writer, podcaster, and philosopher.

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

The only Fitch Phoenix ever built is owned by Charles Mallory of Lime Rock and driven regularly.



The story of the Fitch Phoenix

By Lans Christensen

LIME ROCK — Lime Rock, John Fitch, and the Phoenix: The three are so interrelated that it's hard to think of one without the others.

During the 1950s, John Fitch was a successful international race car driver. He raced for eighteen years and counted victories at Le Mans and Sebring among his many triumphs. His experience driving race tracks in the US and abroad gave him the urge to design

and create a true race track that would suit all varieties of cars and drivers. Teaming with Jim Vaill, they created and built Lime Rock on the site of a sand and gravel quarry.

The first race was in 1957 and Fitch was its first general manager. The track remains today exactly as it was upon opening.

Paddock enlargements, paving maintenance and improvement, spectator amenities, all are still an ongoing part of Lime Rock, but every turn, hill, and straightaway are exactly as original. It is one of the most challenging 1.5 mile tracks anywhere.

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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.

Hits utility pole

On Tuesday June 20, at approximately 10 a.m., Kyle Mendoza, 36, of South Windsor, was traveling on Route 63 north of Undermountain Road in Canaan, when he failed to maintain the proper lane, striking a DOT reflective arrow sign and then a Frontier pole. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Mendoza declined medical attention and was issued an infraction for failure to maintain proper lane.

YMCA locker room theft

On Sunday, June 18, between approximately 11:15 a.m. and 12:10 p.m., two individuals inside the North Canaan YMCA are alleged to have taken cash and credit cards from the YMCA's

Phone workshop on living with pain July 11

Registration is now being taken for a free, six-week Live Well with Chronic Pain telephone workshop for adults on Tuesdays, July 11 to Aug. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Sponsored by the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging, participants can join from home without having to use any technology beyond the telephone.

Materials will be sent directly to participants at no cost and include the book Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain, an instruction booklet, and a relaxation CD.

For more information and to register, call Debby at 203-757-5449 ext. 125 or email dhorowitz@wcaaa.org.

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Kent mourns loss of 'Mr. Titanic'

By Debra A. Aleksinas

KENT — Around the globe, Paul Henry Nargeolet, one of five men who perished during the ill-fated deep-sea dive in the 22-foot-long Titan submersible headed to the site of the Titanic wreckage, was known as a French maritime explorer, author and expert on all things Titanic.

But to many in the small, tight-knit town of Kent, he was known simply as "PH," a cherished friend and neighbor who retained close ties to the community, serving on the Kent Memorial Library's board of trustees, even after moving to Holmes, New York, about a year ago.

"It's such a sad, tragic event to happen," said Jean Speck, Kent's First Selectman, on Friday, June 23, a day after U.S. Coast Guard officials announced that the sub had suffered a "catastrophic implosion" and that all five occupants had died.

"It's one of those gray days. When you live in a tiny town like Kent, and you lose someone, it's sort of a deeper loss because there are only 3,000 people in our town. The single losses really affect us in a bigger way."

Speck recalled meeting Nargeolet, 77, several times at library fundraisers "where he was really beloved by the board and the organization. Even before this tragedy started to unfold, I had heard people say that he was a valued member of the board and beyond, just a great energy, and a gentleman."

On June 23, Kent Memorial Library posted an announcement on its website in memory of its late board



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Paul Henry Nargeolet

member:

"The Library staff and Board is saddened to learn of the tragic death of our friend, PH Nargeolet. PH was an active member of the Kent Library Association Board since 2017, and generously hosted two benefits at his former home on Spooner Hill, presented fascinating programs about his many adventures for the community, and shared his time, stories and kindness with us all. He will be greatly missed."

Library director Sarah Marshall said Nargeolet, who held several programs about his deep-sea explorations and adventures over the years, was a "very lovely person and the most interesting man I have ever met."

The French native, known globally as "Mr. Titanic," served as director of the Underwater Research Program at Premier Exhibitions, RMS Titanic, the organization which owns the salvage rights to the wreck. Over the years he made numerous trips to the ocean's bottom to study the wreckage and on

previous OceanGate expeditions on the Titan.

It is dangerous work. "He knew the risks, and so did we. He did it with his eyes wide open," said Marshall of the adventurer's passion for trips to the bottom of the sea.

According to the Kent Memorial Library's website, "PH led several expeditions to the Titanic site and was involved in numerous scientific and technical expeditions around the world. He was in charge of the deep submersible Nautili (20,000 feet) and Cyana (10,000 feet) and all the deep equipment, and the technical research office of the institute."

As director of the Underwater Research Program of RMS Titanic, Inc, Nargeolet was also the technical adviser and consultant for the Five Deeps Expedition, which reach the deepest points of the five oceans with the only manned submersible in the world, diving to 36,000 feet, according to the library's website.

In the tense week leading up to the June 22 announce-

ment that a debris field from the sub's wreckage was discovered just 1,600 feet off the bow of the Titanic, the search for the missing vessel had captivated the world as rescue personnel from across the globe rushed to the scene to help before Titan's oxygen supply ran out.

In Kent, friends and neighbors prayed for a miracle that never came.

David Gallo, an oceanographer and deep-sea explorer and senior adviser for Strategic Initiatives, RMS Titanic, Inc., said there is something poetic, in a way, that his friend spent much of his life on the bottom of the sea following his passion and preserving the legacy of the Titanic, "and now he's there."

A group of friends and loved ones gathered at the Hatch Pond boat launch Sunday afternoon, June 25, to share memories of Nargeolet at a gathering of remembrance. The event, held on the shores of the pond just off Route 7, was well-attended and not open to the public.

Online This Week

Sharon Historical Society exhibit opens

The new show highlights the history of Sharon's volunteers. Go to www.tricornernews.com

Friends of Scoville Library mark 20 years

The organization has raised over \$200,000 for the library since 2003. Go to www.tricornernews.com.

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The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:05am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Construction of a Shed 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.salisburycct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburycct.us.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARTHA GORDON Late of Canaan (23-00239)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated June 13, 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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Chief Clerk
06-29-23

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action

was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on June 20, 2023:

Approved—Special Permit Application #2023-0218 by owner Richard and Linda Cantele, for vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure in the lake protection overlay district in accordance with Sections 503.2 and 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 58 as Lot 3 and is located at 204 Between the Lakes Road.

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

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
06-29-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ERIKA S. LEWIS Late of North Canaan (23-00229)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated June 13, 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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Ohler running for first selectman in North Canaan

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The North Canaan Republican Town Committee has nominated Brian Ohler, former state representative for the 64th District of Connecticut, for first selectman in the November 2023 election.

“Running for first selectman in my hometown truly is a calling, and one that I am fully capable and willing to take on,” Ohler said.

Ohler, 39, will be running to fill the seat of Charlie Perotti when he departs from the role of first selectman later this year. Republican Craig Whiting will run to keep the seat of second selectman.

The Democrats in North Canaan have not yet announced their ticket for the 2023 election. Christian Allyn, current third selectman and chair of the North

Canaan Democratic Town Committee, said he is “still on the fence” about running against Ohler in November.

Ohler sat down with The Lakeville Journal on June 25.

“I am not just announcing my intent to run for first selectman, but I am also releasing my 50-point plan that will act as the foundation for my agenda and goals,” said Ohler.

The full action plan outlining Ohler’s vision for the future of government, business, programs, and families in North Canaan can be viewed online at brianohler.com

Ohler said he hopes to improve accessibility to the town’s government, revitalize community involvement, and enable residents to “truly feel like they can engage.”

“Volunteerism is at the heart of small towns,” said Ohler. “I hope to use my

platform as first selectman to inspire that again.”

Ohler is a lifelong, fifth-generation resident of North Canaan and comes from a family with a considerable history of service to the town.

His mother, Marissa Ohler, currently works as the selectman’s secretary but stated she plans to retire later this year. His grandfather, Henry Pozzetta, served as North Canaan’s First Selectman from 1982-1987 and his great-grandfather, William Menser, was one of the last elected high sheriffs in Litchfield County.

“I’d like to think that I’m following in my grandfather’s footsteps,” said Ohler.

Ohler served 12 years in the Army as a military police officer and volunteered for three combat tours of duty: twice in Iraq and once in Afghanistan. He was honor-

ably discharged in 2013 and currently works as regional director for safety and engineering at Hartford Health-Care.

He has volunteered at the Canaan Fire Company and served as a volunteer EMT in North Canaan for over 20 years.

“To me, servant leadership has always been my guiding virtue,” said Ohler.

Ohler holds a master’s in public administration and emergency management from Sacred Heart University along with a master’s in healthcare administration from the University of New Haven.

“I love North Canaan. I truly do. My beautiful fiancé Meagan and I, and our two pups Sawyer and Frasier, have willingly and eagerly pushed our roots even deeper into the fabric of our beloved community,” said Ohler.



Brian Ohler

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Friends of Ruggles Landing group formed

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Those passionate about the future of Ruggles Landing gathered at the Douglas Library on Tuesday, June 20, to form a non-profit organization intended to oversee the Housatonic River access site along Route 44 in North Canaan.

The group chose to name the site after Fred Ruggles, who was on the Housatonic River Commission for over 30 years and was instrumental in forming the Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission in North Canaan, to recognize his contributions to conservation in the area.

Of the 14 individuals in attendance of the meeting, ten stepped forward to form the incorporating board for Friends of Ruggles Landing. Roles within the group are still to be determined, but the formation of a nonprof-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Friends of Ruggles Landing founding members, from left: Chris Jacques, Rick Martin, Christian Allyn, Tim Abbot, Kurt Stampfle, Steve Allyn, Lynn Fowler, Jack Anstine, Kathy Ducillo, and Aimee Davis.

it will enable them to begin negotiations with the state to offer public river access to the community.

“The next steps are all about an amenity that we can be proud of. The first public access in our town to our river,” said founding member and North Canaan Planning and Zoning Board Chair Tim Abbot.

“We’re the only town in the upper Housatonic wild

itoring use of the land.

“All we want to do is just clean up the site and make it user friendly,” said founding member Steve Allyn.

Currently, the property in question is owned by the state. The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s position is that the agency is unable to tend to the day-to-day operations necessary to maintain a public river access site.

With the formation of a nonprofit to oversee Ruggles Landing, conversations with the state about demolishing the building on the property and other necessary steps to remediate the land can proceed.

“It’s not going to be a simple negotiation,” said Abbot. “That negotiation is going to take a little time, but I think we should aim for having a site that we’re excited to welcome people to next spring.”



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

VFW hosts resource fair

On Saturday, June 24, Veterans of Foreign Wars Couch Pipa Post 6851 in North Canaan hosted a resource fair to offer free services to veterans and their families. The event included information on financial assistance, pension issues, employment opportunities, onsite medical screenings, vaccinations, and legal advice. Above, Alison Weir, executive director of Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, shared her knowledge of the legal system and provided information on resources available to veterans.

Rhoades honored for 75 years of Scouting

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE On June 12, Sandy Rhoades of Falls Village attended a Boy Scouts of America event in Torrington.

He knew there would be some mention of his 75 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts.

What he did not know was he was to become a James E. West Fellow.

In the Scouting world, this is a big deal.

“I had no clue,” Rhoades said in an interview at the Lakeville Journal office



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sandy Rhoades outside The Lakeville Journal offices.

Wednesday, June 14.

“Everybody else knew. They told my wife I had to be there.”

Rhoades is currently men-

toring six Eagle Scouts out of the North Canaan scout troop.

When that has run its course, he said he will prob-

ably retire.

His involvement in Scouting began in 1948.

“I’ve enjoyed every bit of it.”

Rhoades is also a magician, and he has two students at the moment.

And he takes the time to post four outrageous puns on Facebook every day.

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Our Towns

Kent Rec asks for budget fix

By Leila Hawken

KENT — In the wake of the vote by residents attending the May 31 town meeting that reduced its budget for 2023-24, the Park and Recreation Commission (P&R) voted at a special meeting held on Tuesday, June 20, to request that the Board of Finance transfer \$7,500 into the Recreation account to ensure the operation of two of its current existing programs. P&R Director Jared Kuczinski reviewed the background of the rejected expenditure of \$41,600 for a full-time position as proposed in the P&R section of the town budget for 2023-2024. Kuczinski explained

that the original plan had been to combine two part-time positions, for the after school program and Camp Kent program, into a single full-time "recreation leader" position to look after both programs, resulting in projected savings. In view of the cut in funding for the full-time position, the two positions need to revert to their original status. To do that, Kuczinski said that \$7,500 is needed to fund the two separated positions at their existing cost. "Now our budget is less than it was in previous years," Kuczinski said. An incorrect public perception, he continued, is that the Park and Recreation

Department was attempting to expand its staff numbers, but in fact, the staff positions were being combined. To find the funds, the commission will recommend to the Board of Finance that plans for a 2023 Community Day be canceled in favor of beginning planning for the town-wide event to be held in 2024. P&R chair Mike Perkins noted a growing reliance of local residents on Park and Recreation programs and activities, noting that the swim program will be offered this year at Kent School. Further discussion led to agreement that there is a need for greater public communication to inform

residents of the variety of recreation program activities offered throughout the year. Preparing for continued growth and participation numbers, the commission approved a draft of a job description for a full-time Recreation Leader who would work with the director in planning, organizing, coordinating, supervising and evaluating programs and events. While there are no present plans to search and fill the position, the Commission felt that the description should go to the Board of Selectmen for its approval and be held on file for the future.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Sharon Town Beach opens

The afternoon hours on opening day at Sharon Town Beach on Saturday, June 24, continued a cool breeze keeping beachgoers away, but the summer's lifeguards busied themselves with necessary beach tasks. Left to right are swim instructor Caryn Barber, and lifeguards Caroline Barber, Emma Colley, Ella Matsudaira and Mackenzie Robillard.

Sharon voters reject school roof

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Voters gathered for a special town meeting held on Thursday, June 22, approving the spending of state Local Capital Improvement Project (LoCIP) funds for three projects, but rejected the Board of Education's request to proceed with roof replacement at Sharon Center School.

The latter project was on a tight schedule to be completed before school would reopen in the fall.

All projects had the approval of the Board of Finance in advance of the town meeting.

Dale Jones was unanimously elected to serve as moderator for the meeting that drew about 55 voters.

Earning speedy approval with unanimous votes were two LoCIP projects: the recently completed installation of granite curbing, a project that needed an additional \$30,000 to cover final costs and \$40,000 to fund the program that removes hazardous trees or limbs, an ongoing project that helps to prevent storm-related power outages.

Lengthy discussion greeted the third LoCIP project that would install three speed humps along Hilltop Road at a cost of \$30,000, with an initial motion made to deny that project. That motion would eventually fail by a vote of 41 to 12.

Residents expressed concerns that speed humps would not slow the traffic and that they would delay emergency vehicles. Some feared that the presence of speed humps would change the town, particularly if they proliferated.

Selectman Casey Flanagan said that years ago, he had been concerned that the traffic would simply move to an alternate route, such as Main Street. Having reviewed the results of two traffic studies specific to Hilltop Road, Flanagan said that he was persuaded by a statistic that 60% of all cars using Hilltop are traveling at more than 40 miles per hour. He found those numbers to be "excessive and dangerous." "It's too much for us to look the other way," Flanagan said.

There are three ways to calm traffic, Flanagan explained. One is enforcement, a second is public outreach and the third is physical barriers. He said that the state troopers cannot provide sufficient coverage for effective enforcement.

As for public outreach, he said that state officials are considering introducing the idea of signs and cameras, instituting a system of fines for violations. That process could take years to resolve, and the town would need to draft and approve an ordinance to participate in that state-generated system, resulting in passage of more time.

"I see this (Hilltop Road) as a test case," Flanagan said, recommending approving the speed humps for now and if a significant problem arises, the humps could be removed. "Speeding is a problem. If you want to try to help, this is it," Flanagan said.

Pointing out a display detailing hump construction, Jones said that the structures are more like "speed tables" than "humps," in that they have a gentle slope upwards to a flat area and then a gentle slope down, a trapezoid.

Hilltop Road resident John Hecht, for years a proponent of the project, noted that all of the residents on the road had signed a petition requesting the humps.

A second motion to approve the LoCIP funding for the project passed with a vote of 37 in favor and 12 against.

Although the Board of Finance had approved \$550,200 to fund this summer's project to replace the roof at Sharon Center School, voters did not approve the expenditure that would have used \$463,220 from the Board of Education's allotment in the Capital Non-Recurring Account and \$86,980 from the town's undesignated fund.

The first vote tally yielded a tie vote count of 25 yeas and 25 nays.

A second round of voting by show of hands resulted in a count of 29 to deny the funding and 19 in favor of the expenditure.

Cornwall selectmen outline summer projects

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — An array of information regarding ongoing projects in Cornwall was offered at a Board of Selectmen meeting on June 20.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that efforts are underway for the following projects: Road paving, the Little Guild's temporary worksite, the West Cornwall wastewater center, and addressing herbicide use on the Housatonic Railroad's tracks.

Cornwall received bids from two qualified vendors to repave Dudleytown Road, Everest Hill Road, and Popple Swamp Road. The selectmen approved the bid from Waters Paving in New Milford at the June 20 meeting.

"Waters seems like they have a much-appreciated aggressive bid to do this work," said Ridgway.

A start date for the roadwork is still to be set and the project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The Little Guild, which is due to begin major construction on its current facility starting this fall, has requested assistance from the town in setting up a temporary residence. The selectmen discussed two potential locations: the lower lot of the West Cornwall firehouse and a portion of unused land at Foote Field.

Ridgway said the proposed site at the firehouse would not impact driveway access for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and that Park and Recreation has approved use of the land at Foote Field. He said that while the firehouse is closer to the current facility, it is a smaller area and may not be able to accommodate three temporary trailers.

"The thought is that the firehouse is closer to the Little Guild itself so it's more a part of the landscape there than Foote Field," said

Ridgway. "Research is ongoing."

The environmental review of the location chosen for the West Cornwall wastewater center is nearing completion. Eagle Environmental was contracted to conduct the review and once its report is finalized it will be submitted to the federal government for approval.

"Hopefully that will happen by the end of this month," said Ridgway.

On May 31, Ridgway attended a meeting with State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), and Housatonic Railroad Company's (HRC)

general counsel Parker Rodriguez. Ridgway reported a sense of optimism over beginning a dialogue with HRC and was pleased to hear that it has reduced spraying along sensitive areas of track.

"Biggest thing that I got out of the meeting was a commitment from the railroad to do less of what they call aerial spraying on the railroad and do more mowing and cutting," said Ridgway.

Concerns remain over the types of herbicides in use, and conversations with HRC are expected to continue. Ridgway said a summer forum is being planned with

himself and Horn to address questions from the community, date to be determined.

BOS reviewed an upcoming vacancy at the Highway Department as Fred Scoville Sr. prepares to retire from the role of highway maintainer. The town is reviewing applications for the role and hopes to fill the position by Labor Day.

The selectmen approved two appointments to the Park and Recreation Committee: Kimberly Valkenberg Jackson moved from an alternate seat to a full committee member and Stephanie Jeske was added as an alternatemember.

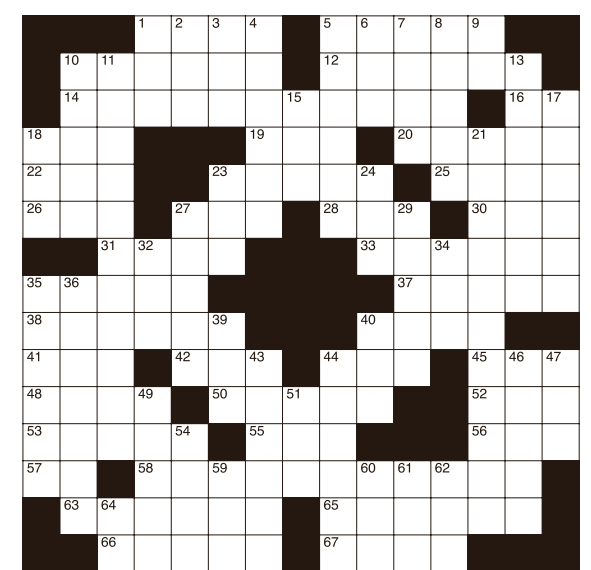
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Sloping position
- Descendant of a notable family
- Following accepted norms
- Root vegetable
- Having a shape that reduces drag from air
- Integrated circuit
- Records electric currents of the heart
- Used to anoint
- Japanese city
- After B
- Muffles
- Pass over
- Vase
- Soft touch
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Israeli politician
- Degrade
- Type of wrap
- Polyurethane fabric
- Avoids capture
- Vegetarians avoid it
- Decay
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Vessel to bathe in
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Frosts
- Dipped into
- Controversial replay system in soccer
- Comforts
- Needed for yoga
- Ands/—
- South Dakota
- Printing system
- Dramatic works set to music
- Highest points
- Social division
- Used to treat Parkinson's disease

CLUES DOWN

- Hill or rocky peak
- Initial public offering
- Type of light
- Test
- Flaky coverings
- Former NFLer Newton
- Part of the eye
- Roman god of the underworld



- Negative
- Indiana pro basketball player
- Replaces lost tissue
- Denotes one from whom title is taken
- Historic college hoops tournament
- Hut by a swimming pool
- Defunct European monetary unit
- Feeds on insects
- Adult male
- Melancholic
- Sheets of glass
- Slang for famous person
- Not good
- "Ghetto Superstar" singer
- The "World" is one
- Used to make guacamole
- Midway between south and southwest
- Wet dirt
- Ancient Egyptian name
- Set of four
- Strips
- Wife
- More dried-up
- Socially inept person
- Clusters on fern fronds
- Bar bill
- Prefix indicating "away from"
- Very important person
- Fiddler crabs
- Special therapy

June 22 Solution

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June 22 Solution

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Sports

Baiting wild brookies with big and bushy dries

LAKEVILLE — It was a busy week for the Tangled Lines community. Chris and Alice Sherwood of Sheridan, Wyoming, were in the vicinity for a wedding and assorted reunion-type revelry, and fishing for wild brook trout was high on their agenda.

We were scheduled for Thursday, June 15, and on Wednesday it was looking grim. All the little blue lines I favor were very low. The only glimmer of hope was some rain in the forecast.

It wasn't a lot but it was enough, and away we went

Thursday morning.

Chris had a nice little 7.5 foot for a #3 line, and I loaned Alice a 7 foot #4. I carried a Dragontail Kaida Tenkara rod, which packs down small and fishes at 9.5 and 10.5 feet, just because.

Mother Nature had thoughtlessly draped a fallen tree across my usual starting point, so we had to reconnoiter.

Asked about flies, I advised starting with big and bushy dries and working down.

This worked out for Chris, who had a brookie smack a Stimulator right off the bat.

It took a little longer for Alice, who ultimately got on the board with a dry-dropper rig that featured a size 16 Bread and Butter nymph.

We made our way upstream for about three and a half hours, until we reached a logical stopping point. They had more revelry to attend to and I had some newspaper stuff that needed doing.

Oh, and it was their 15th wedding anniversary.

Saturday, June 17, the Northwestern Connecticut Trout Unlimited chapter teamed up with the Pomperaug bunch for a picnic and day of fishing at Housatonic Meadows State Park. I missed lunch but did get to watch Tom Carter of Winchester get some switch rod instruction from the highly entertaining Jerry John of Northeast Spey, who did a proper demo later in the afternoon.

We watched from the boat launch ramp, and Jerry yelled instructions, and Tom worked his long line out from his 11 foot #5 Moonshine rod.

Despite owning a pair of two-handed rods, I have



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Tom Carter worked on his two-handed technique at the Trout Unlimited picnic.

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

never come close to cracking the code. After 45 minutes of listening to Jerry and asking questions, I am in much better shape. Now I have a pretty good idea of what I don't know about two-handed casting.

Alas, duty called and I had to scarp just when they were firing up the grill.

Meanwhile I kept receiving cryptic text messages from my attorney, Thos., who has been ensconced at the Covered Bridge campground on the Beaverkill near Roscoe, N.Y., for a week. Thos. had been prowling the stream away from the campsite and reporting great success.

All anglers are liars. The only saving grace is they are usually not very good at it. So once I get a bead on the level of hyperbole, I can make a



Chris and Alice Sherwood had success catching wild brook trout in a stream that cannot be named.

decent guess as to what actually happened.

So when Thos. texted that he caught two browns of 16 inches or better, that means he caught one 14 incher that got him all revved up, and then got a 12 incher that looked bigger in his fevered imagination.

Or to use a contemporary idiom, he was simply "speaking his truth."

Which takes me back to the Sherwoods. Alice had

a brookie on. She was just about to bring it to hand when it wriggled off and disappeared.

"Aww, rats!" said Alice. (She is an old-fashioned cussier.)

"Eight incher," said Chris. "At least 10," retorted Alice.

As guide and mentor, it was my duty to rule on the matter.

"One foot, and that's final!"



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

From left, Charlie Kivits, David Veris, Paige Bailey, and Henry Kneeland attended Sharon Park and Recreation's baseball camp from June 20-22

Sharon baseball camp builds skills

By Riley Klein

ers from the ages of seven to 14.

SHARON — Dozens of young athletes gathered at Veteran's Field in Sharon for a three-day baseball camp beginning on Wednesday, June 21.

Hosted by Sharon Park and Recreation each summer, Sharon Baseball Camp aimed to develop individual and team skills through drills and activities.

James Smith, who teaches physical education at Sharon Center School, has led the camp since 2014 and instructed play-

"We're having a lot of fun," said Smith as the campers prepared to practice fielding over-the-shoulder fly balls. "It's a regional thing. So all the schools in Region One are welcome to come participate and we've had good numbers. We've got 40 kids this year."

Athletes received individual feedback from coaches to help develop their skills and a "ballpark lunch" was provided on the final day of camp.

LIVING WITH HISTORY IN LAKEVILLE: The Lakeville National Register Historic District



Above: Lakeville Train Depot and Holley Manufacturing Company, 1898. Salisbury has a rich history and each of its five villages has made its own invaluable contribution. Recently, as there have been articles and editorials written about the revitalization of the village of Lakeville, it is an appropriate time to bring attention to Lakeville's history. This Public Service Article is Part One of a series on Historic Lakeville.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC LAKEVILLE, THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

We who live in the beautiful village of Lakeville in the town of Salisbury are fortunate to reside amidst living history. While the village of Lakeville has a local historic district, in 1996 a considerable part of the village center was certified by the Department of the Interior National Park Service as the Lakeville National Register Historic District ("The Historic District"). The Lakeville National Register Historic District is surely an extraordinary example of the purpose of what the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation refers to as recognizing the importance of the historical and cultural foundation of where one lives as a living part of community life.

This distinguished designation recognizes that the village of Lakeville met the exacting federal criteria in four specific areas of historical significance: architectural, industrial, commercial, and transportation. Comprising about 10 acres, the Historic District contains 25 properties, 22 buildings, and 3 sites. Most of the district's buildings date from 1759 to 1934, with the majority dating from the nineteenth century.

LOOK AROUND!

When you are walking in the 10-acre

Lakeville Historic District you are walking on a street grid that remains virtually unchanged from the 1800s. Known as Salisbury Furnace and Furnace Village in its early days, Lakeville was at the heart of the state's early transition from farms and farming to water powered industries. As townspeople, it is good to be aware of this role to fully appreciate the history in our daily lives. For example, Lake Wonnoscopomuc and the waters around it, Factory Brook and Factory Pond, should not be admired just because of their beauty, but also because of their historical importance as the major power source that enabled the village to grow.

THE ENGINE THAT DROVE THE BUS – THE INDUSTRIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF LAKEVILLE VILLAGE

There is no question that the Industrial Significance of Lakeville should be highlighted first, as it is the engine that drove the bus of what was to become the Lakeville Historic District. The Industrial Significance of the Historic District is not just local, but state and national as well. The easily exploited waterpower and nearby ore deposits led to construction of a forge in 1748, and Connecticut's first blast furnace in 1762. The American patriot and Lakeville resident Ethan Allen was a principal partner in this venture, hence the name Ethan Allen Street above

Factory Pond leading from Route 41 to the Grove. As other furnaces soon commenced operations in nearby New York and Massachusetts, our town became part of one of the United States' major iron-producing centers. It is the blast furnace near the shores of Lake Wonnoscopomuc that caused the settlement which grew up around it to be known successively as the Salisbury Furnace and then Furnace Village. A magnificent water turbine, formerly a water wheel, next to the Pocket Knife Square building can still be visited today.

History comes alive in the village of Lakeville when one realizes that part of Salisbury's contribution to Revolutionary War history was made around these streets. During the American Revolution, the furnace provided enormous quantities of cannon and ammunition, as well as pots, kettles, and utensils for the Continental forces. So important was our local iron ore industry that Salisbury has become known as the Arsenal of the Revolution. Work there was directed by Colonel Joshua Porter, who also commanded a regiment during the pivotal Saratoga Campaign of 1777. When you walk past his namesake street in Lakeville, Porter Street, nod your head to yet another local American patriot.

Under the direction of the Holley family, which assumed control of the furnace works in the 1790s, the site became

the center of a far-flung industrial network which included several local mines and forges, as well as other furnaces. By 1830, 215 workers turned out 2,000 tons of iron, consumed 10,000 cords of wood, and employed 200 draft animals. The development of the iron ore industry attracted large numbers of workers and artisans to the village and Lakeville became a thriving scene for industrial and mercantile activities.

In 1844, Alexander H. Holley—patriarch of the Holley family, the town's commercial and industrial leaders—opened the Holley Manufacturing Company and mill complex. This factory was home to the town's other prosperous industry, cutlery, as Connecticut's first pocket knife and cutlery factory; it was built on the site of the earlier Lakeville furnace. The cutlery industry flourished from 1844 through the 1930s. Holley served as lieutenant governor (1854) and then governor (1858) of Connecticut. The company he founded operated for nearly 100 years.

We can thank this family for the most iconic grouping of historic buildings in our present-day village community. And again, give a nod to the extraordinary contribution of the Holley's to our present day lives when you pass along Holley Street on the way to the Grove or Bauer Park at Factory Pond. By the late 1800s, Holley had erected a complex of

substantial brick mill buildings which remain the heart of the Historic District to this day. Familiar to most townspeople as the beloved Pocket Knife Square, this landmark area is home to the imposing and virtually unchanged three and one-half story brick mill, the central building of an extraordinarily well-preserved grouping of early industrial structures.

This remarkable convergence of townspeople and their vision was a pivotal association, resulting in one of the most important eras of American history: the era of development of the rural colonial iron industry before 1775, the era of the production of armaments during the American Revolution, and the era of the water-powered, factory-based Industrial Revolution of the early and mid-nineteenth century. •

Lakeville Community Conservancy public service article part 1. Learn more about the Lakeville Community Conservancy at lakevillecommunityconservancy.com



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OBITUARIES

Edward 'Eddie; Ed' Calandro

FALLS VILLAGE — Edward (Eddie; Ed) James Calandro died unexpectedly of an anoxic brain injury on May 30, 2023, following a successful surgery. He was 78.



Eddie was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Nov. 28, 1944, the third son of three boys. Ed liked to roam the streets of Bridgeport, engendering a wanderlust. To give his young life direction, Eddie joined the U.S. Army at 17. After his honorable discharge, he utilized the G.I. Bill to enroll in the Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre in New York City, under Director Sanford Meisner. He supported himself by driving a New York City cab and as a usher at Madison Square Garden. While working there, he saw rehearsals of many famous entertainers, but his favorite was Leopold Stokowski conducting Ravel's Bolero.

While in New York City, Ed became friends with anti-war brothers, Phillip and Father Dan Berrigan. The three met frequently for raucous dinners at the home of Mother Jogues. Eventually arriving in Southampton, New York, and while working to finance his adventures, he met his future wife, Carolyn. During the late 1960s and early 70s, he traveled the length and breadth of Central and South America, and the Great Plains of the United States studying the plight of indigenous peoples, particularly

the Northern Cheyenne, as highlighted in his novel, Skiriki. Ed developed a deep regard for our country's first conservationist, George Bird Grinnel, and had written his as yet unpublished biography.

Eddie and Carolyn married in 1973 in Southampton where they operated a successful night club, the Hotel St. James, and where son, Jamie, was born. Upon selling the business, they moved to Falls Village in 2000.

Edward was known for his brilliant mind, his knowledge of sports (a lifelong Yankee fan-atic), his kindness, generosity, appreciation of the natural world, his ability to fix anything, and his devotion to family and friends, especially his three grandsons.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Rose Calandro; brothers, Joseph (Sharon) and Ralph (Patricia); nephew/Godson, Robert Calandro.

Edward is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carolyn; son, Jamie and wife Dymna; three grandsons, Bryson, Brody, Beckham; nephews Mathew and Daniel; nieces Deborah and Christine, and their families. Also his much loved little dog, Wookiee/Wolfie. A private celebration of life will be held for family and friends.

To honor his memory, donations may be made to his charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



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Raindrops didn't halt Norfolk's parade of pets and their owners on June 23. Super Cooper (left) and Yollo (right) competed in the costume contest at this year's parade on the town Green.



Norfolk holds third annual Pet Parade

By Riley Klein

NORFOLK — A little drizzle wasn't enough to rain out the third annual Pet Parade on the Norfolk town Green on Friday, June 23. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed their best and put on a memorable show as attendees cheered.

In total, 26 dogs paraded in front of judges and an audience of roughly 100 people.

Many of the canines wore costumes related to their breed, name or personality traits while strutting their stuff and hoping to catch the eye of the judges.

All participating pups received a treat bag, and winners were named in the following categories: best costume, best ears, naughtiest, best trick, best groomed,

and judges' favorite.

The event was sponsored by the Norfolk Library and coincided with the Norfolk Foundation's town barbecue on the Green. The summer celebration featured live mu-

sic, hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, potato salad and ice cream.

"Isn't this great? It makes me happy," said Lisa Atkin, co-president of the Norfolk Foundation.



Yollo the husky and Rollo the bulldog at the Pet Parade.

Stissing Triathlon records 67 personal bests

By Elias Sorich

PINE PLAINS — A weekend of rain broke favorably on Sunday, June 25, the morning of the Stissing Triathlon, and approximately 100 athletes competed in the event under a bright and pleasant sun.

On the docket was a 750-meter swim through Stissing Pond, a 12.6-mile hilly bike rise, and a 3.3-mile run, making the event a sprint triathlon, exactly half the distance of a standard triathlon.

Cruising into first place in the men's category was Graham Gaydos, who set a course record with a time of 1:03:09 in Male 20-24, beating the previous course record by four minutes. Gaydos is a student at Williams College in Massachusetts, where he studies international relations and competes on the men's cross-country team.

Julia Mavrodin of Stamfordville took first place in the women's category, and sixth overall, with a time of 1:13:01 in Female 40-44. A course record was also set in the sprint aquabike, which is limited to swimming and biking, with Tom Denham of Delmar finishing at 57:44 in Male 55-59. Finally, a record was set in the sprint relay as well, by the "Siscathlon" team with a time of 1:11:45.

The triathlon was put on by Wilson Endurance Sports, which annually hosts more than 20 sporting events across New York state and Connecticut. Founded by



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From left: Matthew Berkshire, Katie McCully and Scott Costley set out for the 3.3-mile run course at the Stissing Triathlon on Sunday, June 25, in Pine Plains.

Mark and Tonia Wilson, the couple took over the Stissing Triathlon about five years ago, but the event had been held in Pine Plains for at least eight years before that. Mike Sikorski, who finished third with a time of 1:11:28 in Male 40-44, recalled his participa-

tion in the Stissing Triathlon stretching back as far as 2010, describing it as something of a yearly tradition.

The event was not without its dramatic moments, which included one participant skidding to the ground on a gravelly turn during the bik-

ing segment. But the triathlon went smoothly overall, with athletes in their 20s and 60s alike coming together after the race's conclusion to enjoy a picnic by the beach. According to the posted race results, 67 personal bests were recorded that day.

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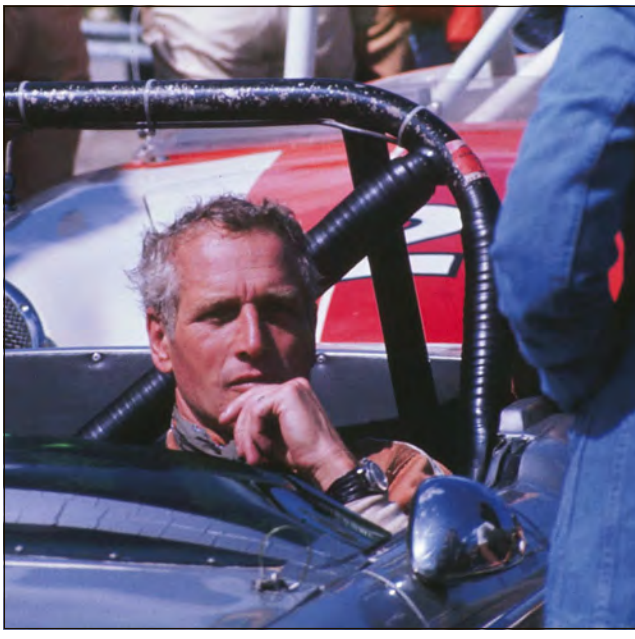


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Paul Newman was in racing, not acting mode when he was interviewed by Debra A. Alekisinas.

ask anyone there” to point me to Newman, who was racing that day.

I arrived early and the park was already a sea of fans dotting the grassy hillsides and clogged with activity. I inched my way to the paddock, where a blur of fast cars, drivers, pit crews, and trailers made it impossible to pull over and ask for directions.

Sweat dripped from my brow, either from nerves, the soaring temperature, or both. After about 10 minutes and several laps around the paddock at about 2 mph in my little red Geo Prizm, I spotted an oasis: a patch of ground in front of a red, white and blue race car, and pulled in.

My feet barely hit the ground when two sour-faced fellows in white overalls rushed over, waving frantically.

“Hey, lady, you can’t park here!” one guy shouted.

“Excuse me, but I’m from the local newspaper and have an interview scheduled with Mr. Newman in 10 minutes,” I sheepishly explained. “Can you please tell me where I can find him?”

With that, they both stopped dead in their tracks.

“See that race car you just parked behind?, asked one of the men, pointing to the flashy, No. 75, GT-1 Chevrolet Camaro inches from my bumper. “Well, that’s Mr. Newman’s car, and if he comes out here and sees that you’ve blocked him in, he won’t be very happy.”

He suggested I instead pull over into a nearby spot and went to summon his boss.

Minutes later, out walks the lean, 5-foot, 11-inch Newman in full racing gear, sunglasses shielding his famous, cerulean eyes. He had just finished a 10-minute practice run on the track’s deceptively simple, but notoriously difficult, winding circuit.

After exchanging pleasantries, I took out my pen and pad and asked a few questions.

He gave me a few short answers.

He said he liked that the track was conveniently located close to his Westport home. That he had been racing at Lime Rock since 1972 and had been coming back ever since. And that the stiff competition found at the Nationals rivals some of the most prestigious races in the country.

Try as I might for a comment of substance, I knew it was futile. The last thing he wanted to do that morning was talk to a reporter. He was polite, but his mind was where it should have been — on his upcoming race.

Then it dawned on me. This was not Newman the Hollywood actor standing in front of me. This was Newman the legendary race

car driver. I had infringed on his private time, far away from the spotlight and the cameras and the crazed fans. Consumed with guilt, I cut the interview short.

Newman seemed to appreciate the gesture. He smiled, removed his trademark aviator shades, blue eyes twinkling. I had read that once the sunglasses come off, his guard comes down.

We shook hands as I thanked him for his time and wished him a safe and successful race.

He smiled, thanked me for coming, said good luck with the article, and wished me a safe drive home.

Newman captured first place in the GT-1 race later that day, crossing the finish line just ahead of David Winkle of Lexington, Mass.

To this day, I am convinced the Racing Gods had smiled down on both of us.

Reporter’s Update: As I was wrapping up this column, my brother Chuck stopped by. I told him I was writing about my long-ago interview with Paul Newman. His eyes opened wide in disbelief. Just 30 minutes earlier, Chuck said he had been on the phone with a car buff who purchased a rare motor from him that is being rebuilt. It came from a vintage Camaro owned by Newman the same year as my visit to Lime Rock Park. The Racing Gods are still working their magic.

LRP

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remained faithful to its original seven-turn design, attracting driving legends such as Mario Andretti, Dan Gurney, Parnell Jones, Al Holbert, Derek Bell, Scott Pruett, Mark Donohue and Connecticut’s own celebrity racer and legendary actor Paul Newman.

Newman won his last race at LRP driving a 900-horsepower Corvette carrying his age – 81. He died in 2008 at age 83, only months after he took his last spin around the circuit with friends.

On Memorial Day in 2022, the track’s famous “No Name Straight” was bestowed a fitting name: the Paul Newman Straight.

Dicky Riegel, CEO of Lime Rock Park and the former president and CEO of Airstream, Inc. and COO of Thor Industries, Inc., along with partners Bill Rueckert and Charles Mallory, formed the investment group, Lime Rock Group, LLC, which purchased the historic venue for an undisclosed sum from longtime owner Skip Barber in 2021.

Riegel, who has logged countless laps on the circuit since his days as a student at the Salisbury School, paused briefly to point out another named stretch of track honoring racing legend Sam Posey, dedicated in 2013. Both of the course’s straights, he said, “pay homage to these amazing and pioneering drivers and friends of Lime Rock Park.”

In honor of Newman’s legacy, LRP has partnered with his charitable The Hole in The Wall Gang Camp, which is now the partner of the track’s fundraising efforts.

It didn’t take long for the news of an unlikely, idyllic country racetrack to spread to a group of professional race car drivers from the Sports Car Club of America.

One day in the mid-1950s, several members paid a visit to the Vaill family farm and convinced Jim Vaill to construct a more permanent paved course on the 385-acre farm where he operated a sand and gravel business and his father, Frank, grew sweet corn and potatoes.

The circuit flourished, and in 1963, Jim Vaill, who



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A aerial photo of the dirt track at Lime Rock Park taken in 1957

was trained as a singer and enjoyed performing opera but worked for his family’s farming and construction business, sold the racetrack to sell real estate.

Track ownership changed hands several times until Skip Barber, who started a high-performance driving school at LRP, bought the track and guided it throughout its heyday and for 37 years until his retirement in 2021.

“Skip was looking for successors, future stewards for Lime Rock Park. He said he preferred to sell it to people who didn’t want to turn it into a golf course,” recalled Riegel.

Despite LRP’s popularity among drivers and fans, the track has been mired in controversy since the early 1960’s. Neighbors of the track, fed up with the roar of cars piercing their peace and quiet seven days a week, fought successfully to have Sunday be a day of silence.

As a result, LRP has operated for the last 60 years under a series of court injunctions banning Sunday racing and restricting the track’s activities, particularly regarding unmuffled racing and hours of operation. It is the only auto racetrack in the country where Sunday racing is prohibited and that limits

its appeal as a venue for professional racing.

Neighbors maintain that the court injunctions represent a promise of mutual respect and agreement between neighbors and the track.

Tensions flared again in 2016, when LRP filed a lawsuit seeking to breach its contracts and to overturn the governing Connecticut Supreme Court injunction and allow Sunday racing and increase unmuffled events.

Named as defendants were the town of Salisbury, Music Mountain, Trinity Church, Lime Rock Cemetery and a group of neighbors. The court upheld the injunction.

That was the year that the grassroots, 495-member Lime Rock Citizens Council (LRCC), comprising neighbors and concerned residents in Lime Rock and beyond, revived its mission, recalled Doug Howes, the group’s vice president.

“The thing to remember is that most of us living in town came into town with the injunction already in place,” Howes said. “We never wanted to put the track out of business. Our goal is to keep the status quo.”

In 2021, Barber, who was nearing retirement, made one last unsuccessful bid to overturn the injunctions before

selling the property to the present owners.

Riegel said while the prohibition on Sunday racing has been a “major encumbrance on our economic opportunity, we recognize the importance to the community. We now work in partnership with the town of Salisbury and P & Z led by Michael Klemens.”

He said LRP must continue to operate seven days a week to remain financially viable.

“Sundays are definitely a part of our plan at Lime Rock Park, but never with racing,” Riegel explained. “I think there have been concerns and misunderstandings in the past about transparency, but going forward, what we say, we are going to do. Sundays are quiet and we always respect our role in the neighborhood.”

Members of the grassroots LRCC said in an early June interview they are optimistic a peaceful co-existence will prevail under the track’s new owners.

Already this season, residents have complained about park patrons disregarding posted speed limits when arriving to and departing from events.

LRCC’s Lisa Keller said track officials have taken steps to address the problem.

“They’re a class act, no doubt,” Keller said. “But they want to make money and we want a good economic environment in town. It’s a very congenial relationship.”

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MARSHALL MILES

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The Robin Hood Radio Network was built in the ensuing years, on air, streaming and on demand at robinhoodradio.com.

"Robin Hood Radio is the culmination of Marshall's years in radio," said Goodman in an interview on Sunday, June 25. "It is a balance of information and entertainment that serves the people who work and live here, and it's something of which he was quite proud, for good reason." She went on to say, "Everybody knew Marshall. And everybody has a Marshall story."

On his Facebook page on Tuesday, June 20, Marshall reached out: "Ask (cq) Mark twain said the reports of my death are premature. Yes, I have been sick, and very very sick but in the past couple of days under constant care at Hartford Hospital things are and hopefully all turn out OK. You won't hear from me a while. I'll ask is that your send strong prayers and good wishes my way. The doctor say I'm not out of the woods yet but I am on my way out once again thanks for your care and concern. Love you all."

AGING

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"We can discuss life and stuff together," Flaherty said of the series when he will offer ideas for better living at 50 or 90. Feeling qualified as a fellow elder, he will encourage attendees to ask questions.

Flaherty looks forward to September when he will turn 88 during the run of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at Sharon Playhouse. He has been cast in what he terms "a small part."

To register for the free event at Noble Horizons, go to www.noblehorizons.org/events. Registration will allow planning for hand-out supplies.

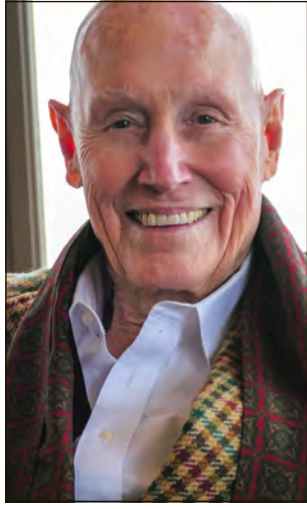


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Jim Flaherty, 87, offers tips to seniors about better living in a series of talks at Noble Horizons.



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A 1969 King Midget, which has a one cylinder engine and a top speed of 50 miles per hour.

Millerton car show to be annual event

By Patrick L. Sullivan

MILLERTON — North East Ford held its first ever car show Sunday, June 25.

Some 48 people brought their vehicles, which ranged from a 1969 King Midget, sporting a one-cylinder engine with 12 horsepower and a top speed of 50 miles per hour,

to a gleaming 1963 Mercury Comet. The owner's information card read: "Purchased last Sept. Exactly like my first car."

Jason Peltz, the service manager at the dealership, said the car show will be an annual event.

There was a DJ, food for sale, and prizes for the participants.

FITCH PHOENIX

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But it wasn't just the urge to create a track, Fitch was equally driven to create a car. Encouraged by the acceptance of the Corvette, the thought of a true luxury GT car slowly became a reality. Teaming with friend Coby Whitmore, they chose the Corvair chassis/drive train as the starting platform. It was the right size, a low posture, and most critically, it had a low profile, rear mounted, flat six cylinder engine.

This gave him a much freer palette to use for his design. He chose a coach builder in Turin, Italy, to build 500 examples of the "Phoenix". Introduced at the NY motor show in 1966, it boasted a 170 horsepower Corvair engine with a Weber carburetor which propelled the car to 130mph, and 7.5 seconds to 60 mph. Reception for the car was outstanding and orders were being taken for the proposed production of 500 cars.

But fate dealt Fitch a cruel blow. Congress had just established the Highway Safety Bureau which was examining all cars for safe drivability. This put production on hold, and the final blow came when activist Ralph Nader singled out the Corvair in his crusade against "unsafe" automobiles. With the heart and skeleton of his car taken away, production was halted with only one Phoenix in existence.

The car remained with

John Fitch until his death in 2012. As part of his estate, it was auctioned at the prestigious Concours d'Elegance in Greenwich in 2014. All Lime Rock, John Fitch, and Phoenix aficionados owe huge appreciation to Lime Rock resident and car connoisseur, Charles Mallory, who has brought the Phoenix home to Lime Rock — and that's not "home to rest." The car is driven, enjoyed, and marveled at every time it rolls out of the garage.

Field Day: Testing the ham radio emergency network in Amenia

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — While it was clearly fun for the gathered ham radio operators of the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club (SBARC) who met at AJ Hayes' home on Depot Hill Road for a Field Day event on Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, the event also had a serious purpose.

The 2023 annual Field Day tested emergency communications, a responsibility that ham radio operators throughout the U.S. and Canada assume as a vital contribution, as part of the North America Amateur Radio Emergency Drill system.

On Saturday, June 24, in the afternoon, the ham radio communication began in earnest, continuing throughout the night and concluding Sunday at noon.

"I've just spoken with people in Wisconsin, Virginia and Connecticut," reported Lee Collins, ham radio operator for 30 years and SBARC secretary. He added that by the end of the event, he expected to have achieved substantially wider coverage. In addition to North America, the event was communicating with radio operators in the various U.S. territories.

For each contact, Collins said, operators earn points that are tallied at the close of the event by the American Radio Relay League, based in Newington, Connecticut. Most important is to seek and establish connection with other ham radio operators as quickly and efficiently as possible.

For example, the frequently transmitted code "CQ" stands for "Seek You," letting the receiver know that another operator is seeking a connection. Each connection earns a point, so the volume and the pace are important in



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club, based in Salisbury, met for its annual Field Day on Saturday, June 24, continuing into Sunday, June 25. Operating one of the ham radio communication stations was Lee Collins, club secretary, left, who demonstrated that his setup could communicate wirelessly by code.

band antennas transmit and receive signals.

The ham radio network can provide effective emergency communications in the wake of natural disasters when other forms of communication can become overloaded with volume. For example, the Red Cross provides a variety of services, but can utilize ham radio operators to help with checking on the welfare of victims on behalf of family members.

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) dictates the frequencies the ham radio network can use, Collins noted.

For more information about the Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club, go to www.sberk.org

determining the effectiveness of the ham radio network.

"Code is an old way of communicating," Collins said. Not everyone today knows code. New methods include using a microphone, although code will cut through interference that can arise from atmospheric or solar conditions.

Another station in operation at the Field Day was using the newer microphone

method, and a third station was purely digital, computer-to-computer with human operators.

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Something Fresh At The Playhouse

Open your program for “Something Rotten!” the musical comedy currently running at The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., and you might spot something unusual — “Wig Design by Kurt Alger.” And what wigs they are — periwigs and flaming Botticelli curls, all part of bringing the colorful farce of Elizabethan London to life on the stage (Although ensemble member Griffin Tomaino’s hair is so good, no wig needed). This is the first full production from The Playhouse under the leadership of Rod Christensen and Carl Andress,

the new managing director and artistic director respectively. Along with returning Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, they’ve delivered a fresh season opener that bypasses aging audience nostalgia in favor of contemporary Broadway aesthetics — a snarky script, skewering pastiche, and big musical numbers in an effort to have showstopper after showstopper. Directed by Amy Griffin with choreography from Justin Boccitto, the show follows down-on-their-luck playwrights Nick and Nigel Bottom (Michael Santora and Max Crumm) deter-

mined to one-up their famed rival William Shakespeare (played gamely by Danny Drewes by way of George Michael), all leading up to the hammiest possible production of “Hamlet.” Still, for a show set at a time when women couldn’t act on The Globe’s stage, this production belongs to the women. Emily Esposito is a natural comedienne channeling Elaine Benes as Nick Bottom’s distinctly New York wife working odd jobs disguised as a man, while Melissa Goldberg, affecting perfectly daffy doe-eyes and an infectious Muppet trill, continuously finds new

notes as a Puritan who undergoes a ribald sexual awakening thanks to her love of spoken verse (really). The performance of opening night, and surely for the rest of its run, however, belongs to Jen Cody who takes on a gender-bent version of soothsayer Nostradamus, played by Brad Oscar in the original Broadway run. A Broadway veteran herself who children of the 2000s will undoubtedly know from her voice acting in Disney’s “The Princess and The Frog,” Cody doesn’t just steal every scene, she’s committing diamond heists. The show is hers. Go see her while you can.



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Danny Drewes as William Shakespeare in “Something Rotten!” at The Sharon Playhouse.

BOOKS: OLLIE GRATZINGER

An author’s path toward authentic ‘Gender Magic’

Rae McDaniel thinks you’re magic. It’s the central theme throughout McDaniel’s new book, “Gender Magic,” which was featured in an online, Pride-themed discussion with Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y. The event was presented in partnership with Dutchess County Pride Center and featured a conversation with Ellis Light, an organizer with the Trans Closet of the Hudson Valley, N.Y., a grassroots organization dedicated to providing clothes, gender-affirming supplies and other resources to the region’s transgender community without question or cost.



PHOTO BY ANDIE MEADOWS

Rae McDaniel

Part personal narrative and part how-to guide for exploring gender in new ways, “Gender Magic” is well-sourced, deeply researched and uniquely supportive, yet it manages to avoid both the pitfalls of academic writing and the cliches that often plague self-help books. With a conversational tone, McDaniel breaks down complex ideas with ease, humor and warmth. All in all, it makes for a compelling and approachable read for transgender folks and cisgender allies alike. That, McDaniel said, is the goal. “My hope is that, no matter what their gender identity, readers walk away from ‘Gender Magic’ with the knowledge that the world is a better place when everyone is able to live as their most authentic, audacious, lit-up self, free from fear and shame,” McDaniel

told Compass. With more than a decade of experience as a certified sex therapist, coach and educator, McDaniel — who is non-binary — explained that “Gender Magic” stems

from an ongoing dissatisfaction with the way transgender narratives are often framed. “I found myself frustrated at the vast majority of literature and research out there about trans folks. It mostly centered on the suffering of transgender people and how to mitigate risk,” they said. McDaniel added that it’s important to understand the risks and difficulties of being gender-diverse; they explain throughout their book that they don’t want to “love and light” their way out of tricky conversations. But nevertheless, McDaniel found that for their patients, the traditional suffering-first narrative felt restrictive and failed to reflect everyone’s experiences with gender transition. “I was hungry for information about what

it meant for trans folks to thrive and how allies and medical and mental health professionals could support them in doing so,” they said. “I wasn’t finding it, at least not at the level I wanted, so I wrote it myself.” McDaniel proposed the Gender Freedom Model, a path rooted in the queer joy that affirms transgender and non-binary individuals through play, pleasure and possibility. This model has proven itself as a useful tool in

McDaniel’s Chicago, Ill., based clinical practice, they said, and it permeates throughout Gender Magic as a refreshingly optimistic approach to gender exploration. In recent years, transgender rights have been the subject of debate and moral outrage, with the American Civil Liberties Union currently tracking 491 anti-LGBTQ bills in the United States. In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed into law

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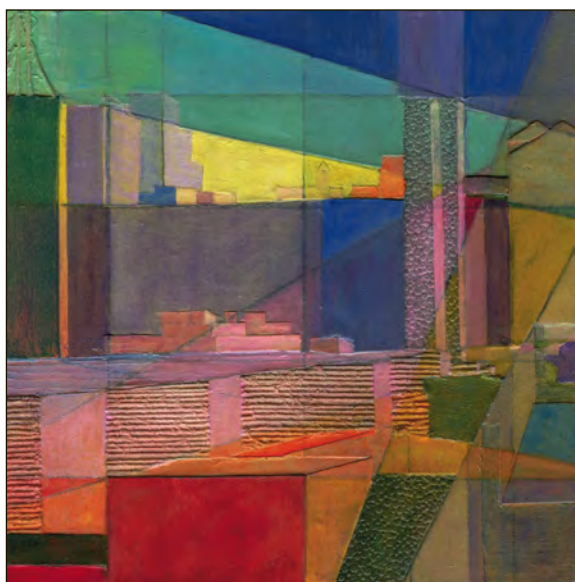
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BY JANET ANDRE BLOCK /COURTESY OF HUNT LIBRARY

Art By Two Salisbury Artists

Now on view at the ArtWall at The Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., is the work of two Salisbury, Conn., locals — painter Janet Andre Block and fiber artist Kate Stiassni. The pair previously exhibited together at the former White Gallery in Lakeville, Conn. "Seeing Double: Take Two" will be on view at the library through July 14.

...Author's path

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in May new restrictions on gender-affirming treatments for minors, bathroom usage and more. Tennessee passed in March a series of bills that amount to a total ban on transgender healthcare for minors and restrictions on "male and female impersonators" at drag shows, which advocates fear could affect transgender performers of all genres, too.

Two pieces of anti-transgender legislation have been introduced in Connecticut this year, according to the ACLU, both of which focus on prohibiting transgender student-athletes from competing on teams that correspond with their

gender identity.

But the turbulent landscape nationwide proves that books like Gender Magic are necessary.

"So much changed in our legal and cultural landscape since I started writing 'Gender Magic' in early 2021. I had to ask myself at some point if a book about approaching gender transition with joy, curiosity, and pleasure was even still relevant," McDaniel said. "I came to the conclusion that it has to be. Otherwise, what are we fighting for?"

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Bad Marriage Story

First-time novelist Margaret Klaw knows a thing or two about divorce — she sees it every week in court. A founding partner of BKW Family Law, an all-women law firm in Philadelphia, Pa., Klaw's first book, "Keeping It Civil" was a nonfiction peak inside some of her most fascinating cases in the ever-shifting politics of contemporary family law. In "Every Over Weekend," published this spring by She Writes Press, Klaw turns to fiction to explore the many perspectives in the separation of Lisa and Jake, two forty-something parents caught in a conflict of custody. A member of the well-known Van Doren family of Cornwall, Conn., (her grandparents were critic and biographer Carl Van Doren and book review editor Irita Bradford Van Doren) Klaw will discuss her novel at The Cornwall Memorial Library on Saturday, July 1, at 5 p.m.

Alexander Wilburn: As someone who works in divorce law, what

was the process of creating a fictional court case that still felt like it could be a true story?

Margaret Klaw: I've spent so much time in my career working with these kinds of cases that it wasn't hard to think up a scenario that wasn't too unusual. This is a classic case of people who have good intentions, have good will want to split custody with their children, and then events happen, one or the other gets suspicious, anger escalates and everything falls apart. That dynamic is very common. I didn't want to write a horror story in court, I wanted to write about people who are flawed, generally good, and yet things still go south. My feeling is often there is no one true story. Often things depend on people's perspectives. I wanted to write a novel that had not just moral, but factual ambiguity. I think that's what life really is.

AW: I did feel like the theme of the book is that the truth belongs to everyone — every



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character has their version of events. There isn't a bad guy in your case, it's a story of emotional disagreement.

MK: It's funny you say that because I feel that way too. But even just this weekend I went to a dinner party and one of the guests had just read the books, and she's divorced. She said, "We

have to talk about your book! I can't believe that judge, if that happened with my kids I would have been on a plane out of the country!" She hated Jake. I kind of like him, I don't think he's so terrible. But I have met some people with some very strong reactions to him. No one in the book is all bad... or all good.

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EDITORIAL

Summertime

Summer is here once again. The columns of this newspaper have put a focus on summertime for as long as it has been in print. What the editors printed on Aug. 14, 1897, in the first issue, when it cost 5 cents on the newsstand, has relevance today as an historical record of the life and times of our community way back when — William McKinley was president and the gas-powered motor car was becoming a commercial reality.

In that first edition, the editors chose to carry a front page story that warned of the ‘Perils of the Klondike’ faced by gold hunters rushing to Alaska, claiming they will face ‘almost sure death’ as a result of an impending reign of crime and starvation. But they also chose — a few columns over on the page — to memorialize summertime with a lighter, celebratory entry, a poem about the season, entitled “Summer.”

Summer

*Bird-song and sweet laughter, sound of water falling, hum of bee,
The air is full of music, and there comes soft cadence from the sea;
Sunshine, bloom and beauty, light and warmth of summer all around,
On my soul joy's sun is shining, in my heart the love-notes sound.*

—The London Lady

In this week's edition, the editors are struck by the whimsy of a local writer who conveys the charms of the ordinary firefly — a summertime treat that typically appears in May, June and July. “The Light Show,” by Clemens Loew of Salisbury, appears on Page B4. It's our way, in today's day and age, to acknowledge the mood that can accompany this season.

Summertime is here, and it is a time not only for the quiet backyard moment at twilight, but also a time for the community to get outdoors to see and be seen, and participate in a seemingly endless number of events and summer activities. It's a time for the community to come together — outdoors.

There's even a catch-and-release firefly celebration at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on June 29. The Salisbury Association Land Trust will host a mushroom walk on July 1 on Sugar Hill in the Amesbury section of Salisbury. There is music everywhere, it seems. Music Mountain has a full summer concert series. There's a free concert featuring the Steve Dunn Band at Millerton's Eddie Collins Park on July 8. The Sharon Playhouse has a stunning lineup this summer. There are summer movie nights. The now-mega Falls Village Car Show will flood Main Street with vintage vehicles on July 9. A few days later, North Canaan will come alive with Railroad Days, celebrating its 59th year. Whether a weekender or a resident, bikers and hikers and boaters will find the roads and trails and waterways waiting. On Aug. 13, The Lakeville Journal will hold its own Community Fair on Academy Street in Salisbury.

In 1897, the editors of this newspaper thought enough of summertime to accord it a small tribute at the top of the front page. Today, the editors have taken a moment to recognize that they stand on the shoulders of those who came before. If over the years the generations of editors were able to keep this newspaper going for 126 years, we should take notice.

Summer is here once again.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — June 1923

Mrs. C.A. Goddard and family of Cheshire have opened the Goddard cottage here. Dr. Goddard is with them and expects to spend the summer here. It is expected that Mrs. Stamp and Mrs. Morton will be in Salisbury later on. Dr. Goddard's many friends are pleased to greet him again and he declares that Salisbury looks good to him.

Users of the footbridge over Factory Pond are warned that the bridge is not considered safe and are advised not to pass over it.

“Brick” Melvin's left wrist was quite badly bitten by a tame coon which he was petting at the home of relatives in Burlington last Sunday. “Brick” is on the job but his wrist is about the color of his hair at present.

Awnings of gray and green stripes have been placed over every window and along the front porch of the Wononsco House. This in connection with the new dress of paint

makes the hotel very attractive. Landlord Lawrence has also extensively renovated and refurnished the interior of the hotel and it would now be difficult to find a neater hotel anywhere.

50 years ago — June 1973

Installation of a large Cottrell Vanguard web offset press began Wednesday in a new pressroom at The Lakeville Journal built for the purpose. When installation is completed the four-unit press will be capable of printing up to 15,000 16-page sections an hour and will have color capability.

The Lime Rock Raceway will resound with the boom of the newly made six pound cannon owned by the First Litchfield Artillery on Saturday July 7 at noon. The new artillery piece, which took

two years to complete, will be one of the cannons to fire a salute to Oliver Wolcott, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Mark Weaver graduated June 19 from Oliver Wolcott Regional Vocational-Technical School in Torrington. He completed the four-year carpentry trade course. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie J. Weaver.

It was Sunday in Falls Village — Loretta D. Smith Day — bright and sunny. Guests started arriving at the Falls Village Congregational Church at 3 p.m. to honor Mrs. Smith, who retired last June after teaching at the Lee H. Kellogg School for 29 years.

The highlight of the 1973 Sports Car Club of America racing program at Lime Rock Park will be the July 7 Datsun SCCA Nationals. Over 250 entrants are expected to compete in 10 half-hour races counting toward all-important national championship points.

“Auntie Pollution,” who has belabored the cause of conservation and ecology on Journal pages for the past two years, takes off her mask of anonymity this week as she retires from an active writing career. She is Lucy Harvey of Salisbury, and has chosen this moment to cancel her column because, at the age of 78, she is too busy with too many activities.

Connecticut Light and Power announced this week the sale to the National Park Service of 57 acres of land to become part of the Appalachian Trail System. The property, which runs along the Housatonic River in the towns of New Milford and Kent, will become part of the Appalachian Trail Relocation Project.

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

Losing a legend

We lost a legend this week with the passing of Marshall Miles, the voice of the Northwest Corner.

When my young family first settled in Salisbury, it was Marshall's voice that filled our home with local news and events, introducing us to local leaders, issues, and organizations, first through WKZE, and later when he and Jill Goodman began WHDD and “Robin-Hood Radio.” We started our day with the Breakfast Club, and tuned in to interviews and coverage of weather emergencies. Even the ads were good when he read them, and he became a member of the family before we actually knew him.

Since that time, I came

to rely on Marshall's wide knowledge and deep commitment to the region, and to treasure him as a friend and advisor. He was an accomplished interviewer, and could cover a lot of material in a short period, in an even-handed and direct manner. It was a privilege to be on air with him, and to continue those many conversations when the mics were off.

We will miss you Marshall. I plan to keep talking to you, and will hear your voice in my head for years to come.

Maria Horn
State Representative
Salisbury

Thanks for Sharon curbing

Three years ago, the people of Sharon voted to place granite curbing on the Upper Main side of the Green and to pay for it with town funds.

Last year, a vote authorized putting curbing around the rest of the Green, at the town's expense.

RAR Excavating and Building LLC from Tor-

rington handled all phases of the project and did a superb job. With the completion of the work, our thanks go to the Sharon taxpayers and RAR.

The Sharon Green
Committee
Sharon

On the effects of herbicide

Regarding your article in the June 8 issue, it is very good news that the HRRC seems to have taken a more responsible position concerning the herbicide spraying in Cornwall — with great thanks to the persistence and diplomacy of Selectman Gordon Ridgeway.

The “Change” apparently applies only to Cornwall. Attorney (for the railroad) Rodriguez must acknowledge there are 42 miles of Wild and Scenic River, a massive calcareous wetland, and many small streams, another river and other communities in addition to Cornwall directly affected by the herbicides. Since there is reason to “adopt change on spraying” for one community, surely this must apply to the other four railroad-through towns on the Housatonic and the two adjacent river towns that

Independence Day fireworks canceled this year at Lime Rock Park

The annual fireworks at Lime Rock Park have been a Salisbury Rotary Club tradition for over 40 years. This has always been one of Rotary's major fund raisers to provide scholarships and support nonprofits in our local communities. Unfortunately, due to the increase cost and dwindling attendance, the local Club has operated at, or very near, a loss for several years. The very difficult decision has been made to forego this event this year and will be evaluated for a possible return next year or, possibly, on a different date. To all of those who have faithfully attended over the years, we offer our most heartfelt thank you.

Bill Spalding, President
Salisbury Rotary Club
Salisbury

do not accommodate the railroad. The HRRC must assert responsibility other than merely “agreeing to speak with TEK” about Method 240. What about Round Up and OUST-XP (used last year)? And what about the Wild River with impaired flora and fauna due to highly toxic herbicides — especially in proximity to water?

Are any of these changes committed to an agreement in writing? One small step for HRRC is a tiny perhaps incremental tip-toe for the local environment.

Ellery Sinclair
Housatonic River
Commission, Housatonic
River Working Group
Falls Village

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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JUNE 29

A Firefly Celebration at the Scoville Memorial Library

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

Join us on June 29 at 7:30 p.m. for a special nighttime story time and learn some fascinating facts about these bedazzling beetles. Elizabeth Houck, Salisbury Central School science teacher, will lead an engaging discussion and a firefly-friendly capture, count and release adventure.

JUNE 30

Sharon Historical Society & Museum Cake Auction

The Sharon Historical Society & Museum will hold its annual fundraiser and cake auction on June 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and include participation in the cake auction, open bar, and hors d'oeuvres. To purchase tickets, go to www.sharonhist.org/event/let-them-eat-cake-2023/

David M. Hunt Summer Reading Kickoff Party

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Don't miss the summer reading kick off party on Friday, June 30 at 3 p.m. We'll celebrate with an ice cream party, followed by a musical performance by Mark Rust.

JULY 1

Building Relationships with Indigenous Communities

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Saturday July 1 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host "Building Relationships with Indigenous Communities" a talk with Lydia Downs, Collections Assistant and Deaccession Specialist at Mystic Seaport Museum.

Mushroom Walk Sponsored by Salisbury Association Land Trust

Sugar Hill, Amesville, Salisbury Conn. salisburyassociation.org

Dave Paton, who has been foraging and writing about mushrooms for over 30 years, will lead a walk on Sugar Hill, Amesville,

Salisbury at 10 a.m. on July 1. The program will focus on common and easy-to-identify species that are edible, toxic, and also known to have medicinal properties. Please register either by calling 860-435-0566 or email info@salisburyassociation.org. The Sugar Hill meeting location is the beginning of an Appalachian Trail access spur at the end of Sugar Hill Road in the Amesville hamlet of Salisbury.

JULY 3

My Neighbor, I'll Ask Him if I See Him

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. thecenteronmain.org

On Monday, July 3, The Center on Main presents the Joe Bouchard Band. Bouchard, a platinum recording artist and former member of Blue Oyster Cult, is donating all profits from the show to the Center and the Falls Village Children's Theater. Concert starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

JULY 7

Mahaiwe Announces Friday Night Summer Movies

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. mahaiwe.org

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center announces the addition of four films to its programming schedule this summer: *What's Love Got to Do With It* on July 7; *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* on July 28; *The Lion King* on August 11; and *Neil Young: Heart of Gold* on August 18. Tickets are \$8 or \$5 for ages 12 and under where applicable. Tickets can be purchased online at mahaiwe.org, or by calling or visiting the Box Office, 413-528-0100, on Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

JULY 8

Free Concert in Eddie Collins Park

Eddie Collins Park, 5991-5999 N. Elm Ave., Millerton, N.Y.

Steve Dunn Band will play a free concert at Eddie Collins Park in Millerton on Saturday, July 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. The concert is organized by the Millerton Park Revitalization Team and sponsored in part

by Salisbury Bank and a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation.

Community Sing-a-long with Danny Tieger

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

On Saturday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m., join us for a community sing-a-long with the one and only Danny Tieger at the Scoville Memorial Library. Based on the Beatles' songs you've voted to hear, Tieger will lead everyone through the choruses and songs of favorite Beatles tunes.

Ellie and the Clouds

Eric Sloane Museum, 31 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent, Conn.

The Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum is offering a series of free programs this summer for children and teens that explores clouds, weather and flight, which were all topics that Eric Sloane wrote about, illustrated and painted.

"Ellie and the Clouds" on July 8 for ages 8 to 12 and Aug. 5 for ages 12-15 explores the history of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) in World War II, with additional activities focused on the clouds and weather. Classes are free but registration is required due to limited space, www.eventbrite.com/o/the-eric-sloane-museum-32672883341. All students must be accompanied by an adult.

JULY 9

Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show

Falls Village, Conn.

This year's Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show will be on July 9. It will feature a huge variety of vehicles, vendors, food, live music, tag sales, historic tours, trophies, and dash plaques. \$15 registration, spectators free. Proceeds benefit Housatonic Valley FFA. No pre-registration.

JULY 12

Canaan Railroad Days

North Canaan, Conn. canaanrailroaddays.com

Celebrating its 59th year of bringing an amazing festival to the Northwest Corner of North Canaan, Conn., Railroad Days will be back from July 12 to 21.

'Big things, Momma, from small things someday come': Antibiotics, Part II

In the last column we met scientists Joan Strassmann and Pierre Stallforth, and left Joan, lying on the ground in a Virginia forest, peering through a magnifying glass at a pile of steaming deer scat. She saw the first *Dictyostelium* fruiting body in the wild, sprouting out of a pellet of poop.

We thought that was fun, but a small thing, a curiosity. But something bigger came of it. (*The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is at Mashantucket on Aug. 5*). That song could be an anthem of science; progress usually springs from small starts. The origins of microbiology and much of medicine derive from Louis Pasteur's experiments with crystals of sodium tartrate, followed by step including the germ theory of disease, that built over time.

In the 1960's some physicians thought they had infection on the run, but they had not reckoned with the uncanny ability of bacteria to mutate to drug resistance. In 1961, I asked a pediatrician friend of my family if he could help me find antibiotics among the molds of Laconia, New Hampshire. Great idea! he said, and we set to work; I planned to exhibit at the high school science fair. I isolated molds and Dr. Baker taught me to spread bacteria on blood agar petri dishes and then put molds next to them. We hoped that secreted fungal products would kill renal *E. coli* and pathogenic *Streptococcus* bacteria. None did.

New antibiotics are still a priority, and some of the methods are the same as when Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in the 1920's. Find something that grows on a Petri dish and test it against bacteria. This approach has limitations — most microorganisms do not grow on a Petri dishes filled with nutritious agar. Sebastian Götze and his colleagues in Pierre Stallforth's lab in Germany developed a method to find antibiotic

THE BODY SCIENTIFIC RICHARD KESSIN

producing genes that avoids these problems.

They call it "ecological niche genome mining."

They found a group of organisms growing together in what ecologists and evolutionary biologists call a niche. The organisms compete but have produced a stable co-existence that could require production of an antibiotic by one or the other member of the community. The goal is to find the gene that produces that antibiotic. They do not have to grow the organisms on Petri dishes. At this point, scientists (or students) collect the community of cells and dissolve them in a detergent that destroys most molecules but leaves DNA intact. The DNA comes from many species, but no matter. They can be identified by the sequences recovered. Students are valuable in this effort and can quickly end up with enough DNA in a plastic tube to work for a long time. Soon they learn to sequence DNA and analyze it. Finding something useful tends to concentrate their minds.

The Keanumycins (after Keanu Reeves), came from *Pseudomonas* bacteria living in the fluid of a *Dictyostelium* fruiting body, descendants of the one Dr. Strassmann found in Virginia. That niche was composed of *Dictyostelium* amoebae that had transformed into a fruiting body that had a droplet of a few microliters at the top of a stalk. The droplet (our niche) had about 80,000 tough spores. It also has *Pseudomonas* bacteria called QS1027, that floats outside the spores.

Sometimes a nematode crawls up the stalk and writhes in the droplet of our

little community, making it shake. Shaking fruiting bodies with worms in them are a little freaky the first time you see them. Victor Zayd-fudim, a high school student in our lab noticed them 20 years ago.

What do the Keanumycins do? There are three, plus several others that detected earlier. They do not kill bacteria. Rather, they punch holes in cell membranes of amoebae and fungi, which can be dangerous pathogens. Keanumycin A is a complex ring molecule with two variants.

One amoeba of *Dictyostelium* can eat 300 *Pseudomonas* bacteria in an hour, but not when the bacteria make keanumycin and or a second drug called jessini-peptin. These are lead natural product compounds for a new class of antibiotics.

Keanumycin A kills *Dictyostelium* at very low concentration, which is expected from its derivation, but it also kills several pathogenic *Acanthamoeba* species. The drug resistant yeast strain *Candida auris*, which can kill humans, is also controlled by keanumycin in vitro. (We are a long way from injecting these drugs).

The most important effects of keanumycin may be in agriculture because it kills *Botrytis cinerea* and other phytopathogens, *Botrytis blight* is a serious pest of greenhouse crops and vineyards. Pierre Stallforth and his colleagues are using the *Hydrangea* plant as their model organism.

Botrytis infects hundreds of plants, so they chose one. I wonder if these or other natural products will help control diseases of our trees.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Proponent of volunteerism and service to our community

I first became aware of Don Mayland when he worked at Hotchkiss School as an economics teacher. He took his students into the community and made them aware of what it took to run a Town from long term service whether paid or as a volunteer. He introduced them to micro economics at the Waste Management level to preservation of Wononscopomuc Lake (translates from Mahican "rocks at the bend in the lake") aka Lakeville Lake. To preserve Salisbury's culture and yet grow its 21st century needs has led Don into many volunteer and paid positions.

I mention but a few here: founder of Marine Study Program Inc.; served as President on the Market Place of Salisbury an organization to assure growth for our local food market; former President of Lakeville Lake Association to protect the interests of property owners and citizens of our Community; Board of Directors of Northwest CT Community Foundation raising money for local organizations and scholarships; one of 7 Commissioners on the Sewer Commission working with the Sewer Manager and State regulators upgrading

sewer system; ten years President of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service; and served on Salisbury Board of Finance.

These endeavors and more make Don aware of Salisbury's challenges: i.e. affordable housing, traffic control which is dictated by D.O.T., growth accommodations for Salisbury Central, high-speed internet service in our rural community, stable business community and so much more. Our three

Selectmen, First Selectmen Curtis Rand, Chris Williams and Don Mayland work efficiently and effectively for us.

Don has expressed to me he looks forward to this continued unity serving you as a Selectman. His record of volunteerism as well as paid positions is admirable. He embodies a leader and deserves to be re-elected as Selectman.

Marie Barnum

Salisbury

The Light Show

When the night turned dark and starry, my wife Aline asked me,

"Do you want to watch the show tonight?"

"Yes!" I said.

I immediately got two wine glasses and she grabbed the rose' from the fridge.

We walked out to the screened porch and sat in our front-row lounge chairs facing the stage—the surrounding blackness.

We talked in whispers to each other.

With wine glass in hand, we heard the symphony of crickets and watched the dance of fireflies flashing their lights to each other in a code we could not understand.

"You know that this is

a pickup bar, don't you?" I whispered.

"Yes, and we are intruders to their mating."

"We are voyeurs actually."

The girl firefly signals her light and the guy responds.

We are mesmerized by the dazzling light show.

Our eyes widen and flicker up, down and across the blackness in an attempt to unravel the mystery of their seemingly haphazard flash patterns. We are entertained and soothed.

Their beeps and flashes were a mystery to me. And that was the pleasure: I was grateful for the solitude and freedom for my mind to simply roam — like a nomad in the desert with no destination.

Aline and I reached out to hold hands.

We sipped our wine slowly, hesitant to cloud our minds.

As time passed, Aline's eyes got heavy with sleep. I took her hand and asked, "You want to go to bed?"

She got up, turned toward the darkness and whispered sweetly, "Oh, goodnight fireflies."

As we lumbered out of our theater I sang in my off-key voice the words memorialized by Louis Armstrong: "I see trees are green Red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you."

Clemens Loew

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