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The Salisbury Forum

American journalism alive, remains in flux

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Forum hosted “The Future of American Journalism,” a panel discussion with four veteran journalists, at The Hotchkiss School on Friday, Sept. 16.

The moderator was television journalist Brian Ross, who spoke with former Washington Post Executive Editor Marty Baron, Subrata De, executive vice president and global head

of programming at VICE News, and John Coston, editor of The Lakeville Journal.

The event was part of the celebration of The Lakeville Journal’s 125th anniversary and drew an audience of more than 300.

Ross, a member of the Lakeville Journal Foundation board, started off asking about the panelists’ news habits.

Baron said, “I’m totally online.” He reads The Washington Post, The New York Times,

The Wall Street Journal and The Berkshire Eagle, subscribes to a Bloomberg newsletter, and regularly reads The New Yorker and The Atlantic.

“Hardly any television,” he added.

De said she does watch TV news, follows social media, listens to the radio and reads major newspapers, “but not a daily set.”

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Brian Ross, left, moderated the Salisbury Forum discussion with Marty Baron, Subrata De and John Coston at The Hotchkiss School on Sept. 16.



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Celebrating 125 years

The Lakeville Journal’s 125th anniversary was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 17, at the town Grove in Salisbury, where several hundred people gathered in support of the paper’s future as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Actors Meryl Streep and Sam Waterston, who served as honorary co-chairs of the jubilee event, were presented metal facsimiles of the paper’s first edition from Aug. 14, 1897, by Lakeville Journal Foundation Chair Noreen Doyle and Vice Chair Dan Dwyer.

Sharon Hospital cuts take on fresh focus

By John Coston

HARTFORD — The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) has scheduled a public hearing in October on Sharon Hospital’s request to eliminate labor and delivery services as a cost-saving measure.

The Save Sharon Hospital organization also has scheduled a series of community meetings and a rally

on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. on the Sharon Green.

The OHS hearing will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 18 via Zoom, with a technical discussion starting at 10 a.m. and public comments at 3 p.m.

Sharon Hospital is part of non-profit Nuvance Health, which operates seven hospitals and outpatient facilities in northwest Connecticut and the Hudson Valley. According to Stroudwater Associates, a consultancy to rural and community hospitals, approximately 35% of the people served by Sharon Hospital live in Connecticut ZIP codes and

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Candidates for Legislature talk of priorities, in Goshen

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — Incumbents from the state Legislature sat with their opponents and fielded questions Wednesday evening, Sept. 14, at Sunset Meadows Winery in Goshen. The event was sponsored by the Goshen Business Circle.

Moderator Mike Rell (a lobbyist and son of former Gov. Jodi Rell) handled the questioning of state

Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), who is running for a third term; her opponent, Republican Chris DuPont; state Rep. Stephen Harding (R-107), who is running for the 30th state Senate seat vacated by retiring state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30), and Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, the Democratic candidate for the 30th District.

Each candidate made an opening statement.

DuPont said if elected he will act as an “advocate” for the Northwest Corner. He said he is opposed to any attempt to take authority away from town land use commissions and school boards, and that he supports law enforcement and small businesses.

Horn said as chair of the Legislature’s public safety committee,

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Sharon Audubon listens for pinging birds

In August, the Sharon Audubon Center launched a new way to track birds, thanks to Audubon’s Migratory Bird Initiative, a grant from the William T. Wharton Trust, and the willing hands of volunteers from Drake Real Estate Partners.

By installing a 34-foot tower equipped with antennas and a solar-powered computer, the Center joined the international Motus Wildlife Tracking System (Motus), a fast-expanding technology that gathers data about bird movements in stunning detail.

This new equipment will enhance the Center’s work of monitoring birds and supporting community participation in bird conservation. Many of our declining “local” birds are migratory, spending most of their year hundreds or thousands of miles from our neighborhoods. A pressing need in conserving them is a better understanding of how and where they move throughout the year. Motus tracking can provide that.

Motus, which gets its name from the Latin word meaning “movement,” is a wildlife tracking system run by Birds Canada, a partner organization to Audubon. The system includes a network of antennas that



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NATURE’S NOTEBOOK
EILEEN FIELDING

A Swainson’s Thrush (like this one pictured) was tagged last spring in Massachusetts, going north. Its signal was picked up last week in Maine, and again a few days later as it flew through Sharon, en route to Central or South America.

is being deployed worldwide — so far, over 1,000 on four continents. These towers detect signals from birds that have been fitted with tiny radio transmitter “backpacks” known as nanotags. Nanotags can be put on flying animals as small as hummingbirds and even butterflies!

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Our Towns

Former Geer physical therapist launches private practice

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Mike Mangini recalled visiting rural North Canaan in 1997 to apply for a position as a physical therapist at the Geer Village nursing home. Having served as a physical therapist for the then-Washington Redskins from 1990 to 1995, he was pumped for a new challenge.

“I took a drive out there to take a look. Geer didn’t have outpatient physical therapy at the time, this I remember,” said Mangini. “I looked around and thought maybe I’d come here to work for six months.”

Six months turned into 25 years, during which time he expanded services to include outpatient physical therapy and served as the department’s director.

Then fate intervened last month when Geer Village Senior Community announced plans to discontinue its outpatient physical therapy services as part of a restructuring to focus on its core mission: its resident population.

Thursday, Sept. 15, was Mangini’s last day on the job. The next day, Geer’s outpatient physical therapy program closed to the public.

One door closes and another one opens

Over the years, Mangini, 55, had amassed a loyal following, and now the licensed physical therapist said he is opening his own private practice, Mangini Physical Therapy and Personal Training. Negotiations are currently underway, he said, to rent office space at several possible locations in town, including at Geer Village.

As of press time, a decision on the exact location had not yet been reached, but Mangini said his target opening date is Oct. 1. In the meantime, he is

offering mobile physical therapy/home visits.

The physical therapist said he is hopeful that his new business could land back at Geer, as it is not only an attractive and familiar facility but is conveniently located and has ample parking. Regardless of the final site, Mangini said he is committed to opening his practice in town and serving the greater community.

He plans to work out of a new main office as well as a telehealth satellite office in the basement of his New Hartford home, and will offer mobile physical therapy options for people with limited mobility or transportation. His business motto is: “Feel Better. Move Better. Live Better.”

Mangini said his goal is to “keep it simple,” as he grows into his new business by booking no more than about eight patients daily to allow a “complete, one-on-one” session with him for their entire 45-minute appointment. “I’ve done this for 33 years and have seen a lot of busy clinics, great clinics and lousy clinics, and know the models and what they look like,” he said. His goal is to deliver “exceptional service and a great experience,” focusing on quality over quantity.

Mangini noted that he is an out-of-network provider for commercial insurance with an affordable fee structure for a normal session. He is in the process of creating a new website.

Growing need in rural Northwest Corner

Mangini said over the years he has become acutely aware of the difficult challenges people face in rural communities, particularly seniors, when it comes to accessing health care, a problem that has heightened since the

pandemic as health care professionals leave the area and the profession.

The older population in the Northwest Corner, he said, is booming, and with a growing need for services that promote mobility, reduce pain, restore function and prevent disability for those who have suffered injury, are recovering from joint replacements or other surgeries or for those afflicted with disorders and diseases that limit their mobility.

The physical therapy patient volume has grown in recent years, spurred by a broader focus on controlling health-care costs, a growing

interest in physical activities, earlier discharges from hospitals, high rates of obesity and the quest to find safe alternatives to opioids, according to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), an independent federal body established by Congress in 1997 to analyze health-care costs and quality of care.

Degrees and certifications

Mangini, who has been an avid runner since high school and was inspired to enter the field after receiving physical therapy treatments as a teenager, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy in 1990

from the University of New England.

He later received his advanced Manual Therapy Certification in 2004 and his Orthopedic Board Certification in 2006 and 2016. He earned his doctorate degree in physical therapy in 2014 and achieved his Trigger Point Dry Needling Certification, level three, in 2017.

Mangini described the past week as an emotional one.

“I’d been working most of my career here, so it’s kind of bittersweet,” he said.

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Dr. Joseph learns about his patients so he can gain perspective to guide their care based on their circumstances. He treats both acute and chronic health conditions but enjoys focusing on prevention. In his free time, Dr. Joseph enjoys nature, gardening, sports, cooking and traveling.



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Sharon Hospital



OBITUARIES

More obituaries appear on Page A6.
Gregory David Kochman

NORFOLK — It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Gregory David Kochman, age 69, a resident of Norfolk on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022. Greg is survived by the love of his life and wife of 50 years Susan Kochman; daughters Heather Kochman, Sarah Duffy and husband Terry, Meghan Pallone and husband Michael; granddaughters Hazel, Emma, and Lilyah; brothers George and Richard Kochman. Greg was

predeceased by his parents George and Doris Kochman of Willowick, Ohio. He was a standout golfer and craftsman, owning his own tile business for more than 35 years. His passing will leave a huge hole in the hearts of family and friends who were always entertained by his stories, sense of humor and recognizable laugh. Although Greg's life ended before we were ready, the time he spent in our lives was memorable and full of joy.

NORTH EAST — Eileen Mae Moore, 89, the Matriarch and 70+ year resident of Shekomeko (Town of North East) passed away Thursday, Sept. 15, 2022, at home with family by her side. She was born June 16, 1933, in Sharon, the daughter of Emma Hardisty Morrison and Jerome Bernard Morrison. As a young child she attended many of the local one-room schoolhouses



and later graduated from Pine Plains Central School. She worked in her younger days at the miniature figurine factory in Pine Plains and much later in life as a care giver for some adults. Mostly she was a farmer's wife and mother of four. She would be known though over the years to be the adopted Mother to many. On Nov. 14, 1953, she married Thomas James Moore, Jr. They would live on and run the Bryan Farm

in Shekomeko (fifth generation) until her husband's death in 1985. She remained in Shekomeko for the rest of her life. She was known far and wide for her keen skill at the card table, her quick wit and great joke telling, her love of animals, fashion and dancing. She probably should have worked for the local Police Department or even the FBI, because she usually knew what was happening or who did it before most, thanks in part to the many friends that called her faithfully every day or week and stayed in touch. She is survived by her two daughters, Stacey L. Moore and Vicki L. Fallon (husband, Maurice) and her son, Bryan T. Moore (wife Cheryl), her son-in-law, Thomas J. Bonk, her grandchildren, Angie and Shawn Moore,

Justin and Joshua Bonk, and Mathew, Morgan, Mark and Marissa Moore as well as 10 Great-children. She was pre-deceased by her Husband Thomas, her daughter Theresa J. Moore, her brother Bernard Morrison and her sister Maude Haight. She will be fondly remembered by her children dancing every morning of her life with their father to Willie, Waylon, Hank and the others on the kitchen floor while she cooked their breakfast. There will be no services, but Memorial donations may be made to any animal shelter of one's choice, the Millerton or Pine Plains Fire Departments. To share a favorite memory or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Salmon Kill bridge closed until spring for repairs

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen met online Monday, Sept. 12, and discussed the Salmon Kill bridge, the possibility of a new ordinance for short-term rentals, and a new sidewalk between the Scoville Memorial Library and Salmon Kill Road.

The bridge on Salmon Kill Road will be closed starting Monday, Sept. 19, for repairs and will remain closed until spring.

The bridge, which has been confined to a single lane of traffic since April 2020, is between Brinton Hill Road and Route 112.

First Selectman Curtis Rand reported on a recent letter from the Materials Innovation and Resource Authority (MIRA), stating that the waste disposal organization has lost 29 towns after a recent increase in disposal fees. "I'm not sure what the long-term viability is," Rand said.

MIRA closed the Hartford trash-to-energy plant in July, after it became apparent the facility required an expensive renovation.

In the interim, the solid

waste of MIRA towns such as Salisbury is being shipped to out-of-state landfills.

The selectmen heard from Land Use Administrator Abby Conroy about the possibility of an ordinance to both regulate and possibly issue citations for short-term rental units. A short-term rental is defined as a rental for fewer than 30 days.

Selectman Don Mayland suggested, as an owner of two short-term rental units in Vermont, that Conroy and the Planning & Zoning Commission get in touch with the two main short-term rental

companies, Airbnb and Vrbo, and work together with them to see what options they provide for enforcement for those who rent properties. "They could be our best ally in this," said Mayland.

The selectmen were open to the idea of the ordinance and will work with the commission to determine how best to approach the situation.

Construction of a new sidewalk on Main Street between the library and Salmon Kill Road will begin in the next few weeks. The sidewalk will be paved, as opposed to concrete.

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Adult Programs on Zoom

TUESDAYS • 7 PM
October 11 Henry James Novellas with Mark Scarbrough
November 8 Washington Square
December 13 The Turn of the Screw
December 13 The Awkward Age

THURSDAYS • 7 PM
September 22 Postering Sharon
September 22 Children's Book Week Posters with Leonard Marcus
October 20 World War I Posters with Leonard Marcus
November 3 The Library's Historical Poster Collection with Darren Winston and David Pollack

Posters will be on display at the Sharon Historical Society gallery Oct. 16 - Dec. 22.

Book and Author Events on Zoom

THURSDAYS • 7 PM
October 6 Bob Goes to Jail by Rob Sedgwick in conversation with Mark Scarbrough
October 27 Sheet Pan Sweets by Molly Gilbert
November 10 Gateau: The Surprising Simplicity of French Cakes by Aleksandra Crapanzano

Women in Finance

WEDNESDAY • 6 PM
November 9 What Women Need to Know Before Applying for Social Security with AAA Retire

Family & Children's Programs at the American Legion

5:00 - 7:00 PM
September 30 Board Game Family Night at the Library

10:30 - 11:30 AM
Oct. 1 & Nov. 5 Song and Storytime First Saturday of every month

October 1 National Observe the Moon Night! Moon activity bag kits available

Halloween Events

4:00 - 5:00 PM
October 14 Paint a Pumpkin

4:00 - 5:30 PM
October 21 Zombie Barbies

3:00 - 4:00 PM
October 28 Monster Craft & Spooky Stories

5:00 - 7:00 PM
October 31 Trick or Treat at the American Legion

November Programs

3:00 - 5:00 PM
November 1 National Family Literacy Day Reader's Tea Party

3:00 - 4:00 PM
November 18 Owl Storytime & Craft

1:00 - 3:00 PM
November 25 Fry Bread: Eat it, Read it, Write it

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Crops sown in winter in India
- Nursemaids in East Asia
- Investigators
- Treated like a child
- About religious belief
- Widely used exclamation
- Car mechanics group
- Not good
- Indigenous people of Alberta
- Everyone has one
- Fencing sword
- Soaks
- The human foot
- Of she
- Erythrocyte (abbr.)
- Soldiers
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Playwright O'Neil
- Stone parsley
- Small stones
- Gas descriptor
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- Jeans manufacturer
- NHL great Bobby
- Cool!
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Winged
- Partner to "ooohed"
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Coated
- Furry household friend
- Chinese principle underlying the universe
- Prefix meaning "within"
- Makes easier
- Transferred property
- Branched
- Hillsides
- Abba __, Israeli diplomat
- Call it a career
- Behave in a way that degrades someone
- Health insurance
- Recommend
- Baltic peninsula
- Father
- After B
- Bar bill
- Doctors' group
- 2,000 lbs.
- Equal to one quintillion bytes

Sept. 15 Solution

Sudoku

		6		2				
		4	3	5		8		
2			8	4	9			
								2
		7	6					
8	1				3			
9		4						
			1	5		7		
		7			2	5		

Level: Intermediate

CLUES DOWN

- Eggs in a female fish
- Military mailbox
- Unit to compare power levels
- Line on a map connecting similar points
- One who accepts
- Partner to cheese
- Ancient Greek sophist

Sept. 15 Solution

6	7	8	9	2	1	4	5	3
1	5	4	8	3	6	7	9	2
2	3	9	5	4	7	8	1	6
5	2	1	4	6	9	3	7	8
9	8	6	7	5	3	1	2	4
7	4	3	2	1	8	5	6	9
4	6	2	3	7	5	9	8	1
8	1	5	6	9	4	2	3	7
3	9	7	1	8	2	6	4	5

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Sports

Salisbury football survives frantic fourth quarter

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury School Crimson Knights defeated the visiting Trinity-Pawling Pride 19-15 Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17.

Most of the scoring took place in the fourth quarter, which began with Salisbury leading 6-0 from a touch-down pass from quarterback Brady O'Sullivan to receiver Teddy Williams at 8:29 in the second quarter. (The extra point attempt was no good.)

The teams went back and forth in the third quarter without scoring, and as the fourth quarter began, the Pride's Braden Root rumbled into the end zone. The extra point was good and Trinity-Pawling led, 7-6. Salisbury running back



Salisbury School quarterback Brady O'Sullivan in action late in the fourth quarter against Trinity-Pawling Saturday, Sept. 17, at home.

PHOTOS BY SAV FRIEZE

Brandon Daley scored at 3:57 (two-point attempt failed) and the Crimson Knights had a 12-7 lead.

Trinity-Pawling quickly responded. A third down and eight play from the Salisbury 32 yard line was broken up by the Crimson Knight's Pierce Bowlin, and the Salisbury fans began to relax.

But on fourth down, a scrambling Kyle West heaved a bomb into a crowded end zone, and somehow the Pride's Lucas Hunter caught it for the touchdown. Root converted the two-point conversion, and the visitors were up 15-12 with a little under two minutes to go.

O'Sullivan connected with Williams again with 33.8 seconds left, and with the extra point Salisbury led 19-15.

With seconds left, Trinity-Pawling took one last shot, but a touchdown from Tony Provenza with 3.4 seconds left was nullified by a hold-ing call.



Teddy Williams hauls in a pass late in the fourth quarter during Salisbury's 19-15 win over Trinity-Pawling.



PHOTO BY SAV FRIEZE

Race for control

Ava Segalla, in white, of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and Lexi Lefkowski, of Northwestern Regional High School, race for control of the ball on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Barkhamsted. It was a 2-2 tie in regulation play. After two overtimes, the final score was 3-3.



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

Rodeo draws riders from across country

The second heat of the Hudson Valley Rodeo's competition was barrel racing. Female riders raced around three barrels in a clover formation as fast as they could. The rodeo was held Saturday, Sept. 17, at Keane Farm in Amenia.

Hole-in-one at Hotchkiss course

LAKEVILLE — Sue Kistner of Clinton Corners, New York, had a hole-in-one on Thursday, Sept. 15, while playing the par 3 eighth hole at The Hotchkiss School golf course. Her ball landed on the green and rolled several yards before falling into the cup. It was Sue's first "ace" and it was witnessed by her playing partners Shelda Unite, Randy Osolin and Ben Zalman, all of Lakeville.

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Salisbury, Connecticut:
Thurs, Sept 29 at 4pm
Scoville Memorial Library,
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Millerton, New York:
Wed, October 5 at 6pm
Northeast-Millerton Library Annex

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Hear from our public officials, doctors, and fellow community members on how you can help save Maternity and the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

Sunday, Oct 16 at 2pm
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to prevent the closure of Maternity at Sharon Hospital. For the Zoom login and further information visit our website.

Tuesday, Oct 18, 3pm via Zoom

Save Sharon Hospital, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization composed of volunteers and healthcare professionals from the Northwest Corner and the neighboring New York area who are concerned about the continued quality and availability of healthcare in our region. We are committed to supporting and maintaining the full range of services at Sharon Hospital.

All events are sponsored by Save Sharon Hospital, and are not affiliated with the venues where the events are held.

www.savesharonhospital.org

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Chris DuPont, Maria Horn, Stephen Harding and Eva Bermudez Zimmerman

she is focused on law enforcement and mental health, both in providing training and resources for police who must interact with people suffering from mental health problems, and for the mental health of law enforcement officers themselves.

Horn is also on the Energy And Technology Committee, where the “blinking red light” is providing broadband access for Northwest Corner towns, and on the Environment Committee.

Of the latter, Horn said the environment is the “cultural focus” for the region. “It impacts almost everything we do in the Northwest Corner.”

Horn also said a priority of hers is to ensure and enhance rural health-care services, including access to reproductive health care and, specifically, abortion services.

Harding also described himself as an advocate for the Northwest Corner and vowed to “ensure it is getting the services, attention and respect it deserves.”

He spoke about better broadband access, about the plan to close the labor and delivery unit at Sharon Hospital, and about making sure towns retain the ability to make decisions about open space and conservation.

Zimmerman recounted her experience as an advocate for early education, health care and small business. “I know what it means behind the scenes,” she said.

Rell, working from written questions from the audience of about 50 people, noted that the state is running a surplus of about \$900 million, and asked what should be done with those funds. He asked specifically about the prospect of full funding for the pension plans of state workers, and about unemployment claims caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Harding said, “We have a long way to go.” He said the state’s regulatory environment has improved somewhat, and said he was worried about the effect of large numbers of unemployment claims on the ability of small businesses to expand.

Zimmerman said, “I think it’s fair to say when taxes are used responsibly, we’re OK with it.”

She urged that budget surpluses be used for small business grants to help businesses expand and/or make repairs and improvements that were delayed by the pandemic.

Horn said the surplus should be used first to make sure the state’s “rainy day fund” is fully funded and then for the unfunded pension liabilities.

“That hasn’t gone away,” she said, adding that while the state has put some \$5 billion toward the liability, \$40 billion remains.

DuPont said the Legislature should be called into session to discuss the surplus.

“It’s our money. It should be returned to the taxpayers.”

Rell asked about pay raises for state workers, reducing the numbers of state workers, the effect of the pandemic on state services, and controlling the cost of overtime in those agencies that are experiencing a lack of employees: the State Police, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Transportation.

Horn reminded everyone that the state works with a two-year budget, and that the session that begins in 2023 is a budget year.

“We slimmed down, and then the pandemic hit. The Department of Labor was overwhelmed.”

The result was a lot of overtime and poor service.

“So short-term ends up costing more,” she continued. “There is no easy answer but we need to make sure it’s not a quick fix.”

DuPont said the state should support services, especially in corrections, and encourage more people to apply for those jobs.

Zimmerman said she worked as a navigator for state employees trying to access their benefits, and found many of them frustrated by the attrition on the state workforce. “That hasn’t changed,” she said. “We need to fill these positions.”

Harding said the pandemic forced the state to find efficiencies. “Who knew about Zoom?” before the pandemic, he asked. He noted that state employees are retiring in large numbers because of changes to pension regulations.

He said the Legislature should be asking department heads for efficiencies “at the management level.”

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“I mostly need to know where people are.”

Coston, a part-time farmer, said the first thing he does is “make sure the sheep are in the pasture.”

Then he takes in a mix of local, national and international news, from The Journal, Post, Times, CNN, Fox, PBS, the Northwest Corner Chatter Facebook page, the Waterbury Republican-American and the Hartford Courant.

Ross asked about the Post’s slogan, “Democracy Dies in Darkness.”

“It wasn’t me pressing for it,” said Baron. He said Post owner Jeff Bezos wanted a memorable slogan, and it took a year and a half to come up with something.

Ross asked if the slogan was a defensive response to the Donald Trump presidency, and to the president’s harsh words for the press, such as “enemy of the people.”

Baron said no. “We were working on it well before he was elected.”

He said people assumed the slogan was directed at Trump, and when Joe Biden won the 2020 election, it was suggested that the paper could drop the slogan as no longer necessary.

De said in her experience Washington reporting was conducted in something of a bubble. “VICE was never in the bubble. Our motto is ‘Breaking the News.’”

Ross asked if the idea of balanced reporting, in the sense that each side gets a say, is outdated. De said “the story gets the say.” She said most of VICE’s audience is under 30 years old. “Every story needs to get that full treatment.”

Coston was asked about working at The Lakeville Journal, “still in existence.”

“We have to produce a paper that people have to have, said Coston. “One that truly reflects what the community is all about.”

“We have to be neutral, and give everybody their say.” Coston said that with The

NATURE

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The tags emit unique signals that a Motus antenna detects at a distance up to 15 miles (depending on terrain and other conditions). Each “ping” from a tagged bird is recorded and automatically uploaded to a central database curated by Birds Canada.

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This information is also incorporated and visualized in Audubon’s newly released online tool, the Bird Migration Explorer. As we see where birds go and where they encounter challenges, we can more precisely apply resources to help them. Motus-based research has already shown impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides on songbird migration and has revealed previously unknown routes and schedules of migrants.

Here at Sharon, we plan to use Audubon’s online



PHOTO BY EILEEN FIELDING

A 34-foot Motus tower was installed at the Sharon Audubon Center in August to gather information about bird movements via a network of antennas that is being deployed worldwide.

Bird Migration Explorer and Motus data for education, engagement and conservation action. So far, our tower listens for birds tagged by others, but we’ll explore opportunities to tag birds, too. Tagging requires training, permits and funding. It would be fascinating to track the young American Kestrels from the local nest boxes we monitor, or the rehabilitated Chimney Swifts that we release into wild flocks headed

for South America. This just in! Our tower got its first detection: a Swainson’s Thrush tagged last spring in Massachusetts, going north. Its signal was picked up a few days ago in Maine, and it just came through Sharon, en route to Central or South America. With luck, other towers will reveal its further travels.

Eileen Fielding is the Center Director at the Sharon Audubon Center.

HOSPITAL

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65% in New York’s Hudson Valley. Stroudwater was engaged to examine the hospital’s financial and operational issues.

In recent months, the towns of Sharon, Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury, Norfolk and Goshen have signed statements opposing Nuvance’s plans to eliminate or reduce vital services at Sharon Hospital. In New York, the town of Amenia also has opposed the hospital’s plan.

The hospital has held sev-

eral community meetings to discuss its plans with residents, the last of which was held Sept. 8 in North Canaan and was attended by only two citizens.

The average daily number of patients in its labor and delivery unit is less than one, yet it remains a fully staffed department. Sharon Hospital also seeks to consolidate care in its Intensive Care Unit into a new Progressive Care Unit.

Save Sharon Hospital plans community roundta-

bles on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Bernard’s Church in Sharon at 6 p.m.; on Thursday, Sept. 29, at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury at 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Northeast-Millerton Library at in Millerton at 6 p.m.

Oral public testimony to OHS requires registration. Written comment may be submitted prior to the hearing via email at OHS@ct.gov by Oct. 17. For Zoom link information go to <https://bit.ly/3dsJUyM>

Lakeville Journal’s nonprofit status comes responsibilities.

“We are the training ground for future journalists.”

Asked about press being neutral “or more proactive,” Baron said, “I don’t like how these things are framed.” He said he sees the job as collecting facts, asking questions and, while keeping an open mind, writing “the totality of it and tell people what the story is.”

“There are always more than two sides, so I don’t think in terms of neutrality.”

Ross observed that “no president has loved his press coverage,” but Trump took it further, going after Bezos’ primary business, Amazon.

“What was that like?”

Baron said it was not a surprise, given that Trump routinely announced his plans on Twitter. Trump “interfered” with a \$10 billion Department of Defense contract that ultimately went to Microsoft Corp., not Amazon.com Inc.,

Baron added, but it made no difference to the Post’s coverage.

“Bezos did not intervene or interfere” with the Post. “He let us do our job.”

Ross said that Trump’s “enemy of the people” description of the press gained some popular support.

De said that news organizations in general have experienced “a separation from people,” and added that most outlets have had to make do with fewer resources.

Asked about younger and/or aspiring journalists, Baron said he has found, to his surprise, “tremendous interest” in the profession. “I detect a different posture” in younger reporters, he continued. “They do want to express themselves. We were trained not to express ourselves.”

“So what were your rules?” asked Ross.

Baron said Post reporters are expected to use “care and restraint” on social media, and

to not participate in protests, and not donate to causes. He said most observed these limits but a few did not, which he found unacceptable.

“If you want to express an opinion there are many other options. It’s not our role as a news organization.”

Ross said that VICE stories are “not passive,” and De said that VICE has its own “standards and practices.”

“It is different,” she said. “It’s personal, relational. It’s still journalism but it feels different.”

Coston said “to some degree the more prevailing issue is young journalists think it’s OK to ‘round off the numbers.’ In a small community you can’t get away with it.”

Asked about the value of community journalism in smaller communities, Coston cited First Selectman Gordon Ridgway of Cornwall. “Gordon said The Lakeville Journal is why we have a ‘Northwest Corner.’”



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Time Travel and the Butterfly Effect

Here's the thing about time travel: You have to be enormously careful because of the butterfly effect, which famously figured in Ray Bradbury's story "The Sound of Thunder." A careless hunter on a time safari steps off the designated path and crushes a butterfly; horrific changes in the future ensue. Let's see how this plays out in two very different TV miniseries.

"11.22.63"

I still recall the voice of Walter Cronkite on that afternoon: "President Kennedy died at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time."

The 2009 novel "11/22/63" by Stephen King is one of the great time travel stories of this or any era.

It was adapted into an eight-episode TV series (called "11.22.63") in 2016, starring James Franco, who plays Jake Epping, an English teacher in Maine. The first episode opens as his friend Al Templeton (Chris Cooper) reveals an astonishing feature of his diner: a portal to a day in the past: Oct. 21, 1960.

His health failing, Al

enlists Jake to take over his mission: Go through the portal to 1960, confirm that Lee Harvey Oswald was the killer and, if so, take him out and prevent the assassination of JFK. Jake, at loose ends after a divorce, agrees. Al is aware of the butterfly effect and also warns Jake that the past pushes back on attempts to change it.

Back in 1960, Jake travels to a small town near Dallas, where he finds a teaching job and begins a romance with the lovely school librarian, Sadie Dunhill (Sarah Gadon).

He rents an apartment next to Oswald (played creepily by Daniel Webber) in order to observe him and confirm he's the killer. The next episodes develop into a period drama in which Sadie learns of Jake's plan and signs on to help. Their efforts are set back by a couple of devastating confrontations; is it the past pushing back?

What happens as the assassination time approaches and arrives is beyond surprising, and only Stephen King could fashion the finale, which turns a gateway to hell



PHOTO FROM IMDB

Elisabeth Moss plays a reporter in 1990 Chicago stalked by a time-traveling psychopath in "Shining Girls."

by Elisabeth Moss overcomes a convoluted plot.

She plays Kirby, who works at the Chicago Sun-Times in 1990 and is struggling to overcome a near deadly attack by a serial killer. The high concept (read sci-fi) twist here is that the killer is a time traveling psychopath named Harper.

Harper (Jamie Bell), just released from service in World War I, discovers a house that offers a portal into the future. His rejection by a French dancer motivates him to travel to the future for the purpose of murdering a series of talented and attractive young women.

Back in 1990, Kirby and Dan, a colleague compellingly played by Wagner Moura, investigate a series of killings

with the same brutal signature, some oddly separated by many decades. Kirby convinces Dan to join her in tracking down the killer. Since Harper can jump to any time period, this is like catching a circling shark with your bare hands.

As the story swings between Harper and Kirby, her life keeps shifting in dramatic and unexplained ways. Her cat becomes a dog; she is single in one episode, married in another. Since Harper's future is in Kirby's past, these shifts in her reality could be the butterfly effect, but I saw no sign that anyone connected with this show has heard of such a thing.

Are you following all this? My head was spinning at times, but the superior acting and production generate enough suspense, so that you will probably join me in staying with Kirby to the end and her violent confrontation with Harper.

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into a spin on a dance floor. This production is not flawless: The middle episodes sag slightly, and the romance seems overly sentimental, but it is never less than enormously entertaining.

Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, others.

"SHINING GIRLS"

Perhaps it's not fair to compare a masterpiece of time travel to this new miniseries based on a forgettable novel, but sometimes an adaptation works better than the book. In this case a spectacular performance

HAYSTACK BOOK TALKS FESTIVAL

This year's Haystack Book Talks Festival in Norfolk, Conn., will be held on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2.

There will be 80 seats available in the Norfolk Library Great Hall and the programs will be live-streamed.

Authors this year include Tomi Obaro, Janice Nimura, Dorothy Wickenden, Lynn Garafola, Marina Harss, Bridgid O'Keefe and Victoria

Smolkin.

On Saturday, there will be a special talk at 5 p.m. at Husky Meadows Farm between Melissa Clark and Sam Sifton.

In-person registration is required in advance for all events at www.norfolkfoundation.net/book-talks.

Live-streaming registration is required in advance at www.norfolkfoundation.net/book-talks.

SOSIN PLAYS A LIVELY KLEZMER SCORE

Donald Sosin is a resident of Salisbury, Conn., and one of the world's foremost players of scores for silent films.

He will be performing in Bantam, Conn., on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. with famed klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals. They will play the score that they wrote to accompany the turn-of-the-century film

"The Man Without a World."

The film is described as "a moving and comedic melodrama set in a typical *shtetl* (village) in Poland, where a Yiddish poet falls for the pretty daughter of the local merchant. ... It is an unusually artistic silent drama made in the early 1890s and passed off as a supposedly rediscovered 'lost' silent film from the 1920s."

Klezmer is the lively, often-improvisational musical style created by Ashkenazi Jews in Eastern and Central Europe.

The duo will also perform their score with the film in Princeton, N.J., the following day, Sept. 29, which is National Silent Movie Day.

Ticket prices range from \$8.50 for children to \$10.50 for senior citizens and members of the military to \$12.50 for adults. Order and learn more at www.bantamcinema.org/movie/the-man-without-a-world.

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BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Seeing the Loss of a Loved One As a Place to Begin Again

Nearly everyone I know is actively planning to write their memoir and hardly anyone I know has succeeded in doing so.

Bruce McEver is one of the few exceptions. A part-time resident of Salisbury, Conn., McEver is both a finance professional and a poet.

In the Tristate Region, he is known to many fans of music and light opera as the husband of the late and beloved Georgia McEver, who started the Light Opera Company of Salisbury, which became known by its initials: LOCOS, which sort of captured the mad fun of the group's annual Gilbert and Sullivan productions, featuring G&S professionals from New York City plus a cast of enthusiastic locals.

Georgia McEver died in 2000, suddenly and unexpectedly, following a stroke. In an interesting choice from a book structure point of view, Bruce begins the story of his life with the death of his beloved spouse:

"When I began writing this narrative, I knew there was no other way to begin other than to describe the great chasm that opened before me that day," he says in the first chapter.

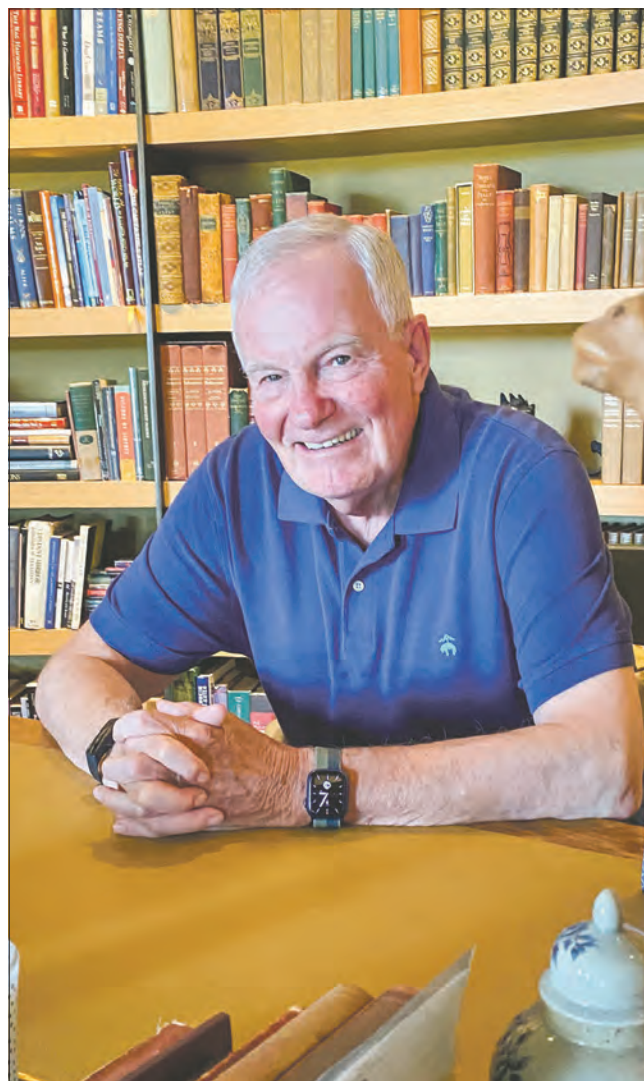


PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER
Bruce McEver, a part-time resident of Salisbury, Conn., has written a memoir that touches on life, love, the arts and high finance.

He describes the hours leading up to the stroke, and those that followed; Salisbury residents will recognize many of the names and places he describes, including the McEvers' doctor, Bruce Janelli; and their pastor, the

Rev. Richard Taber, who continued to be a close friend and spiritual advisor to Bruce after Georgia's death.

McEver is both poetic and harshly honest in his descriptions of that time in his life. While much of the book is about his love verging on adoration for Georgia, he also recalls that, as he sat in the hospital beside her, he realized that, "Georgia had been God's gift to me, and I felt like I hadn't loved her enough or spent enough time with her."

The remainder of the book talks about the

shifts in his life, in the ways that he views and builds his business, in the way he experiences romance and marriage after Georgia's death. He starts to study and to write poetry, a big step in a new direction for a man who describes himself as having grown up dirt poor in Georgia.

Writing poetry has made him a writer of prose that is lyrical as well as clear and economical. He doesn't waste time or words.

When asked who he thinks would enjoy this book, McEver blinks and says, "Well, everyone."

What he means is that there are many and varied topics that he covers in depth: How to start and run a successful Wall Street firm; how to keep your soul and integrity intact while doing so; how to find love, how to lose it and how to love again; and how to learn to love art and the arts, while devoting your life to numbers and negotiation.

And of course, anyone who has lost a loved one too soon will be moved by his description of the process of mourning. The book begins with a description of a day shortly before his wife died when he was in Manhattan, jogging up the front steps of the Museum of Natural History on Central Park West.

"There, I found a pigeon who seemed to be mourning over another bundle of gray-blue feathers lying in an empty corner. It was flapping its wings and cooing, trying to gather up its partner, bring it back to consciousness."

Bruce McEver's memoir is called "Many Paths." The cover features work by the artist Enrique Martinez Celaya. It is available for \$22 at Oblong Books & Music in Millerton, N.Y., and through online book sellers.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

COOL CARS:
LANS CHRISTENSEN

Carroll Shelby's Masterpiece: The AC Cobra

Carroll Shelby: Legendary automotive icon, Le Mans winner, engineer, driver and definitely outspoken Texan, decided that he wanted to build cars.

His thought was to produce a competitor to the Chevrolet Corvette. His mantra: "Little car, big engine," and with that in mind he convinced British AC car manufacturer to supply him with chassis — and Ford to supply him with V8 engines.

Only Shelby could have pulled it off ... but he did, and in 1962 he produced arguably the coolest American "sports car": the AC Cobra.

Here's how he described his vision: He said he wanted a car that "you could drive to the market, and race on weekends."

The AC Cobra was carefully modified, and evolved in 1964

to the staggeringly powerful street racer known as the Shelby Cobra.

Between 1962 and 1968 there were only 998 examples built. The terms "rare" and "priceless" don't even come close to describing these models.

Smaller custom manufacturers were licensed to keep building the Shelby Cobra. These are considered "continuation cars" and are exact replicas in every respect.

But it all started with the AC Cobra. The perfect example in the photo above is a 1965, with 9,000 original miles. It took owner Perry Margoules four years to find it; it had sat untouched for 25 years!

It was a super cool sighting of a super cool car, that Margoules brought to a July 31 Concours at Candlelight Farms in New Milford, Conn.

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EDITORIAL

Gratitude and joy as 125th celebrations come to a close

It's been a summer of celebration of local journalism in the Northwest Corner, spurred by the 125th anniversary of the founding of this newspaper, The Lakeville Journal, in 1897. Here's hoping you were able to join in some part of the festivities, from the community Street Fair to the exhibit at the Salisbury Association's Academy Building (which is still going), to the movies at The Moviehouse, to the combination of the Salisbury Forum and the Newsprint Jubilee gala last weekend, Sept. 16 and 17. It's all been exhilarating and encouraging for those of us who are committed to continuing the tradition of keeping local media alive for our communities.

Those communities have made it clear, not only through their participation in the 125th events, but also through their support of our new nonprofit organization, that they do value local news coverage and want us to stick around into our 126th year and beyond. Our goal is to live up to your expectations and produce the best local journalism we possibly can. As we move forward into our next chapter, we encourage all our readers to share with us your opinions and your thoughts on how to best serve your community's needs.

As our world evolves, The Lakeville Journal will continue to evolve. It will take good judgment and knowledge of our Northwest Corner towns to do that in the way that works best. That we will ask you to help us understand better every day. We will be putting out a survey once again to you, our readers, to gain more insight into your direct wishes.

Please take part in that survey, and use this opportunity to continue to build community here and to connect with us all at The Lakeville Journal. In the aftermath of so much connectivity this summer during our 125th anniversary celebratory events, especially after more than two years of distance created by the pandemic, it's only to our benefit as a region to keep that direct communication going.

Thank you to all who took part in these events, and to all of you for your support, whether as advertisers, donors, subscribers, readers of the news from copies you buy at area stores or online. We are here because of you, and for that you have our profound gratitude. We take your confidence in us and your belief in local journalism very seriously.

With your continued collaboration, whatever that looks like, we will hope to fulfill our mission well into the future:

Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

Local news needs to survive and thrive

Thank you to the Salisbury Forum in partnership with The Lakeville Journal for the superb panel discussion on "The Future of American Journalism" in celebration of the Journal's 125th Anniversary. The community had a wonderful opportunity to hear from prominent and well-respected journalists from television, prominent national newspapers, online news and our new editor of the Journal, John Coston, who formerly served for many years as a news editor at the national news desk at The Wall Street Journal.

The forum made a poignant case for why this community needs to keep our 125-year tradition of local community news going. Across this country, 2,500 local newspapers have closed, or those still reporting are doing so with less resources and staffing over the past 20 years. So many stories are not being told and many voices are not being heard.

At the forum, Subrata De, the Head of Global Programming for VICE News, an online worldwide news service, commented that when people feel they have no voice or that no one is listening, they become alienated. They turn to outside sources to get their news. It may not be reliable or credible as a source for their news, but it fills their void and it forms their views.

We need local news sources to cover the issues that affect our lives: health care, schools, public safety, housing, the environment and local politics. A community needs a news source that people can trust, reflects their concerns and tells their stories. Paraphrasing John Coston, who was paraphrasing First Selectman of Cornwall Gordon Ridgway, when we lose our local source of news, we lose what holds us together. Here's to many more years of The Lakeville Journal.

Roberta Willis
Lakeville

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. More letters on page B4.

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Monarch: nature's royalty

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hayes' record speaks volumes

Our 5th District Congresswoman Jahana Hayes has NEVER supported "defunding the police," and considering that her husband spent 25 years on the Waterbury police force, it is insulting that her opponent is smearing her record with that false accusation. I was present at a recent gathering of candidates in Salisbury to hear Representative Hayes' own words, spoken with passion and pride: "For 25 years, I prayed that my husband would come home safe-

ly, and I relied on the officer next to him to have his back. I know what the job entails and I have worked during my time in Congress to support law enforcement."

Check the Hayes' record: In her congressional role she has brought millions of dollars to police departments in the district. This year's budget provides for: Wolcott (\$3.2 million), New Fairfield (\$2.1 million), Watertown (\$3 million), and for police/community programs in New Britain (\$15,000), and

Waterbury PAL (\$171,000). (She emphasizes that these funds are not disbursed yet, but in this year's federal budget.)

She has voted to save police pensions and mental health support, and to re-establish trust between police and communities they serve. Anyone serious about well-funded, just police protection should vote for Jahana Hayes on Nov. 8.

Joanne Hayhurst
Lakeville

Salisbury P&Z should hear concerns

Last week's Lakeville Journal had letter about a recent P & Z hearing during which the neighbors' comments about a re-subdivision on Taconic Road were given short shrift by the commission. That experience was unfortunately familiar. Last year an application was submitted to the P & Z for a special "philanthropic" permit on a large residential property on Long Pond Road. It referred to having retreats and community events, among other activities. Long Pond Road is a rural/agricultural area, some of whose residents are already deeply affected by the noise from Lion Rock.

This special permit application understandably raised considerable fear among more than 65 neighbors about possible excessive noise and traffic that could change the peaceful character of the whole neighborhood. We neighbors made a detailed list of our concerns and tied them into certain existing P & Z regulations. We also went to the effort and expense of hiring an experienced lawyer to present these

concerns at the final hearing. As we were allowed to talk at the prior hearings on this application, we assumed we would be able to speak at the final P & Z, and most certainly to have our lawyer present our concerns about the still undefined parts of the application. It was shocking then to hear the Chairman announce upfront that neighbors' concerns had no standing before the commission as long as a permit/proposed use could be considered within the regulations.

Most disturbing was the fact that after the applicant presented her revised application, neither our lawyer nor any of us were allowed to speak. Instead, the commission members moved directly to a lengthy, internal discussion about how the applicant's requests could be made to fit within existing agriculturally defined parameters. The applicant then agreed to be guided by those parameters and withdrew her application. Unfortunately for the 65 neighbors, the number, size and impact of any planned events, our

major concern, went undisclosed.

We live in a place that traditionally tries to weigh individual rights against the needs of the present AND future community at large. Almost everyone wants to protect what makes this place special while still allowing for change. Thus, for our community's good and for fairness itself, both sides of an issue should be presented before a final decision on an application is made. Indeed, the essence of due process is the right for both sides to be heard, a right we were denied.

Let me end by saying that I have the greatest respect for the members of this commission. They have a daunting task that requires zoning expertise, time, energy and yes, patience.

It's a hard job! However, It should not be an onerous burden to ensure that individual and community views are both allowed to be presented in future proceedings.

Barbara Maltby
Lakeville

Hayes is right on health care, hunger and more

Like Rep. Jahana Hayes, I'm a history teacher. Like Jahana, I believe in the Constitution's promise to "promote the general welfare." (See The Preamble.) That is the job of Congress.

In her four years as Congresswoman, Jahana Hayes has used her considerable know-how, intelligence, compassion, and energy to fight for our welfare, especially regarding hunger and health care.

Few issues are more important than hunger. As chair of the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Rep. Hayes helps to assure that the nation's economic problems do not deprive families and veterans of needed meals. She has fought hard for SNAP, WIC, and the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Jahana also sponsored a bill to eliminate school hunger, and to assure that family farms, like those in District 5, get their fair share of USDA funding.

Reliable health care is often unaffordable. Jahana has pushed to make essential medical care possible for all. She has worked to lower drug prices, to improve Medicare and Medicaid benefits, and to make health insurance affordable. She has also addressed mental health needs for veterans, and for students, for whom the pandemic has greatly increased depression and suicide.

Rep. Hayes' congressional opponents consistently vote against her proposals. If you want to protect the health of our nation, please vote to re-elect Rep. Jahana Hayes.

Carol D. Schulz
Canaan

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1922

Charles Wise of Salisbury has a Rhode Island Red hen which recently laid an egg weighing four ounces. This is nearly as large as the best one recorded, and some idea of the size of the egg may be gained when it is stated that the average egg weighs about 2 1/2 ounces.

Roy Gaines of Kent spent a few days with Morris Dennis at Pine Cone Camp at Ore Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A.

Edison were recent guests at Mrs. A.M. Waitt's in Sharon.

Red raspberries were picked from Mrs. T.L. Norton's garden on September 20th.

Mr. L.A. Bulman of Lime Rock celebrated his 81st birthday last Friday by spending the day in Ashley Falls.

The cement road from Roberts Store to E.L. Peabody's frontage is now finished and open to traffic. The work of lowering the sidewalk down the hill past Farnam Tavern and Miss Jennie Smith's property will now be undertaken.

50 years ago — September 1972

Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 last Saturday morning, some 972 broad-winged hawks were counted at Cooper Hill Farm in Ashley Falls, Mass., during the Housatonic Audubon Society's second annual Hawk Watch.

Small claims sessions of the 18th Circuit Court were scheduled to start this morning in Salisbury, with town officials openly irritated over the failure to notify them formally in advance. Although Chief Circuit Court Judge John J. Daly had disclosed plans for the small claims sessions as long ago as June, not until Tuesday of this week, 48 hours before the session, was there any official contact or request for courtroom facilities. On Tuesday morning Salisbury Town Clerk Lila Nash received a telephone call from Ernest L. Fetzter, clerk of the 18th Circuit Court in Winsted, informing her that the small claims sessions will be held on the third Thursday of every month, alternating between Salisbury and North Canaan.

Local and state officials, in their continuing search for the source of gasoline which has entered the water supply of some establishments on Route 7 near Cornwall Bridge, have found a leak in one of the gas tanks of the Phillips 66 gas station near the Elms Restaurant. Dr. G.S. Gudernatch, Sharon medical examiner, said that the gas tank had been emptied of all gasoline, filled with water and sealed. This may not be the only source of the gas in the water wells in the area, Dr. Gudernatch said, and the investigation is continuing.

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Viewpoint

Flooding will have continuing effects around the globe

Floods are so common that we seldom pay much attention to them. But lately floods have become more severe and weather forecasters are saying that they are only going to get much worse.

Of the several climate-related disasters, floods are probably the most universal; big or small, they occur almost everywhere. In the summer of 2022, we have been seeing footage of record breaking rains and floods all over the world: Australia, India, China, South America, and Europe. Over 1,000 people are reported to have been killed by flooding from the recent storm in Pakistan. In the United States, huge storms this summer that have resulted in massive flooding have occurred in California Texas, Missouri, West Virginia, Kentucky and several other states.

Anywhere the land is not protected with sturdy planting (i.e. areas recently mined or logged and with especially dry soil) fierce rains are likely to create unstable mud. The mud clogs normal drainage systems further impeding drainage. The bigger the rainstorm, the more likely there will be a significant accompanying landslide.

The recent floods that

have bedeviled West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky are the result of inadequate preparation for dealing with massive flooding. But the mountainous natural terrain and the derelict landscape from unreclaimed "mountaintop removal" strip mining almost guarantees major erosion and flooding.

Little exists to channel the flood waters away other than small existing streams and roadways. Most of the rural residents live in low lying areas known as "hollows" which are quickly flooded out, most recently leaving over 40 people dead.

Climate researchers at UCLA have recently predicted a megastorm in the Pacific Ocean that will envelop California sometime in the next 50 years. (Readers may have encountered the term "atmospheric rivers" to describe enormous concentrations of water vapor in the sky that are instrumental in the progression of rainstorms, particularly on the U.S. West Coast. A further description requires a much longer article.) They anticipate a month-long rainstorm over the entire state. Apparently such storms have occurred in the past every few hundred years but none has happened since the 1860s,

when the state's population was tiny. Now California has nearly 40 million people and grows over a third of the nation's food in its flat Central Valley. This megastorm would be an unprecedented disaster.

The Northeast has perhaps the most benign climate in the United States, northwest Connecticut's particularly so. While we have weather disasters like other states, they're usually milder (currently we're experiencing a drought but nowhere near as severe as that devastating the far West).

Many Connecticut old-timers still talk about the flood that nearly destroyed the town of Winsted in 1955. Apparently a pair of strong back-to-back storms veered off their usual course and headed inland, nearly destroying the heart of the Winsted and other locations in Connecticut, and killing at least 87 people. After this flood, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came in and created a dam above Winsted on the Mad River that can be seen to the right as a large

berm when you are driving into Winsted on Route 44 from Canaan.

While flooding seems inevitable, there are still ways we can moderate its impact. In the U.S., a typical death toll after a serious flood has dropped over the past few decades, largely because of more timely and accurate forecasting and communication. This will continue to improve and combined with better emergency services including rescue and shelter will reduce accidents and death.

Engineering solutions such as providing more levees and flood walls, dredging creeks to greater depths, and increasing drainage piping where useful will help us better cope with increased flooding. Many new and existing structures can be raised "on stilts" as is happening more and more at seaside resorts (it may not be beautiful but can sometimes prevent beach houses from being washed away in a storm).

Better public drainage systems with well maintained natural swales or drains and

proper grading around a building is critical to avoid having flood water entering the building. A conservative rule would be to slope the ground at least 10% away the face of a building for some distance. Where this may not be possible, drain and channel the water through swale or pipe to a suitable downhill location.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

Flashed basements are a common household complaint even without a ma-

king storm. Proper grading around a building is critical to avoid having flood water entering the building. A conservative rule would be to slope the ground at least 10% away the face of a building for some distance. Where this may not be possible, drain and channel the water through swale or pipe to a suitable downhill location.

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER MAC GORDON



PHOTO OF A RED-TAILED HAWK LOOKING FOR A MEAL BY JAMES H. CLARK

The Monarchy

Not thinking myself an anti-Monarchist in the small "r" republican sense, I didn't give the Queen's death much thought. Until I tuned in and said, What the blimey, I'll watch a bit.

What's the cockney for being blown away? The only rhyming slang I know is a bit too fish 'n chips, heavy on the vinegar, for this broadsheet and probably wouldn't go down too well in the Murdoch's "Sun", but hold your sausage and mash! I was riveted.

Early on in the coverage, the Prince, now King, is walking the line greeting his subjects and as he shakes a woman's hand, she kisses it.

What?!
What did I just write? She kisses his hand?!

If that sort of thing happened in this country, the woman would be in leg irons, put in solitary and fed rancid water, rat-chewed crusts and treated worse than Chelsea Manning.

The new King seemed to think that the kiss was just fine and he kept moving down the line.

Lines, did I write? People waiting 24 hours to walk past the coffin, stopping for two seconds before moving on. And no one camping, voguing, putting on airs, all of them dignified, respectful, I guess, veddy British.

At a small dinner party a while ago, two British women in attendance, both dear friends. The talk turned to the Royals. The one woman started trash-talking Meghan, she's in it for the money sort-of-thing.

I, ever chivalric, came to the Duchess's defense, saying that I thought she had endured lots of prejudice, with the good folks at Windsor grouching about little Archie possibly being of a darker hue. (He seems to be about the whitest kid on the planet.)

My friend said, No, no one was doing that and that Harry and Meghan should have stayed to do their "duty."

I almost lost it. DUTY? You mean like cutting ribbons for the opening of slag heaps?

What I did say was far more tempered, and certainly sexist. And what's wrong with having a gorgeous princess, I barked, in my best English sheepdog imitation. (No disrespect to Kate, pretty nifty herself.)

The Duchess in an interview said, I didn't think it would be easy, but I did think it would be fair. Bloody right, Meghan. The convo quickly moved on.

Prince William in military garb; Harry not, but oddly showing his medals nonetheless. On some sort of T-shirt? I couldn't quite tell.

The next day, both in military, with Harry's medals on the outside of his uniform, tee shirt not in sight. The new King had insisted that Harry, despite his having given up slag heap duties, should be in full regalia and I am pretty sure that the King doesn't have to give an order twice.

Have I become an unabashed Monarchist, giving up all republican leanings?

Not quite, but it's hard to speak because my upper lip seems to have turned a bit stiff.

Lonnie Carter is a playwright, Obie winner and his signature play is "The Sovereign State of Boogedy Boogedy."

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community support at Sharon Hospital

As a longtime development officer for healthcare, I find joy in what I am privileged to do every day: match funding opportunities at our hospitals with the philanthropic desires of our donors. Each gift that results from such efforts is deeply fulfilling for everyone: the patients who ultimately benefit from it; the doctors, nurses and staff whose work is enhanced by it; the community that feels safer and has more options because it's been given to their hospital; and the donors, who witness how their hopes can be translated into action.

When Sharon Hospital became part of Nuvance Health three years ago, a new philanthropic community joined the donor family. Even as we were working with leadership to assess the Hospital's needs and present its vision, the pandemic struck – and the generosity of the Northwest Corner poured into the Hospital through our Sharon Match/Challenge. The funds raised – more than \$2 million – have supported significant enhancements and improvements, such as:

- A complete wireless technology infrastructure upgrade to improve telehealth, patient experience and physician/patient communications
- A new MRI machine with a cardiovascular package, essential given the population increase and demand for services
- A comprehensive HVAC upgrade to ensure the safest

ventilation and environment for patients and staff

Going forward, philanthropy will be essential to ensuring Sharon Hospital's continued success. While there are a few things philanthropy cannot do – such as provide year-over-year support for major medical areas – there are many more things it can do. Some of the most successful initiatives I've been proud to help facilitate over the past decade have sprung from the creativity of donors and healthcare leaders working in sync. These initiatives have helped to revitalize communities, add transformational programs and cutting-edge equipment, and change the lives of patients and families.

Sharon Hospital is fortunate to serve such a passionate, dedicated community. My colleagues and I look forward to working with Sharon Hospital's new president, Christina McCulloch, and the rest of the full-time leadership team to continue working transparently with our community, and re-envision how community support—combined with the hospital's growth-based transformation plan—can further strengthen and expand the five-star care already provided at Sharon Hospital.

Grace Linhard
Chief Development Officer, Nuvance Health

Sharon

Bend toward justice

Liz Cheney is a hero
Proving Trump is a zero
The hearings are a must
The accusations just
Once and for all
We see his gall
He needs to go to jail
Or justice is a fail.

Michael Kahler

Lakeville

More letters previous page.

Thanks from SFS

Salisbury Family Services held a benefit dinner and barn dance on Saturday, Sept. 17. The event was a huge success and we want to thank Thao and Scott Matlock for the use of their lovely barn, the event committee that created a beautiful venue, and SFS board members. We also want to thank the sponsors for their generous and enduring support of the work that

SFS does in this community.
Kim Fiertz
Helen Scoville
Co-presidents
Salisbury Family Services
Salisbury

The 64th District Candidate's Debate will not happen this year due to scheduling conflicts.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

Continued from previous page

Just over a year ago Robert Yoakum's humor column, "Another Look," first appeared in the pages of The Lakeville Journal and in newspapers across a 6000-mile span. Beginning next week his column will be put out twice weekly by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, appearing in newspapers with a total circulation of 4,100,000.

A new face and a new shop are attracting visitors in Falls Village's growing little business section. Grace Kiley of Canaan is the proprietor of Grace's Apron and Gift Shop located next to the old railroad station. The store, open

daily from 11 to 4:30, stocks homemade aprons, knitted wear and other gift items.

The Community Service hardware store in Falls Village will be "closed for the moment, for the winter," according to Community Service Inc. president Michael Turnure. The one full-time employee at the Falls Village store will be transferred to the company's Lakeville store. "We just don't generate enough business during the winter to keep it open," said Mr. Turnure of the Falls Village store, which has been operating since 1929.

25 years ago — September 1997

A fire in an empty Daisy Hill Road house in Canaan was deliberately set last Friday, according to the local fire marshal. Volunteer firefighters from Norfolk and Canaan responded to the two-alarm blaze, ironically in the same abandoned house used by the fire departments for training purposes.

Salisbury Town Historian Virginia Moskowitz received a present this week. Elizabeth Terhune Rossire gave Mrs. Moskowitz a book with the names of all those who ate or stayed at the Farnam Tavern

between 1913 and 1922. She and her former husband, the late Sidney Terhune, owned the former tavern for many years and unearthed this long-ago registry. The Terhunes sold the tavern in 1984 to the present owners, Rita Matthews and Gerard Thompson of Southfield, Mass.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. Go to www.scovillelibrary.org for access to more archives of local news, including The Lakeville Journal.

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Our Towns

Kent adopts housing plan; trooper hire to face town meeting

By Leila Hawken

KENT — An eight-member affordable housing steering committee has created a state-mandated Affordable Housing Plan that the Board of Selectmen unanimously

voted to adopt at a regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Assisting in the process was consultant Jocelyn Ayer, director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, who reported

that she is working with nine area towns as they complete similar affordable housing plans.

Ayer noted the presence of what she called “synergies” with the town’s current Plan of Conservation and

Development, finding compatibility between the two documents.

Included among the goals in the housing plan are to expand and preserve affordable housing, to support home-buyer options and to create

options for accessory apartments.

“Kent has a really good nonprofit doing great work with affordable housing,” Ayer said, speaking of the ongoing work of Kent Affordable Housing.

According to Kent Affordable Housing, considering data prior to the pandemic, 40% of households in Kent would qualify for affordable housing, and 199 households are paying more than 50% of their income on housing.

To view the housing plan, go to www.townofkentct.org. First Selectman Jean Speck said that the next step will be to form an implementation committee.

Selectman Rufus de Rham noted that recent years have brought what he termed “a skewed housing market.”

He saw the plan as a good effort to keep a balance and to serve the people whose employment is in the town.

School Resource Officer

Updating the selectmen on the proposal by the Board of Education to hire a school resource officer for Kent Center School with shared responsibilities to the town, Speck reported that the Board of Finance had approved an amount of up to \$200,000 at a recent meeting and recommended that the matter go to a vote at a town meeting.

The Board of Education will schedule an informational public meeting.

Sidewalks

Streetscape Committee Chairman Mike Gawel updated the selectmen on his observations of the ongoing sidewalk construction work. He reported that he does not see remediation of his compaction concerns, nor does he see inspections being done. Application of sealant to the sidewalks continues to be spotty, Gawel said.

Sharon gives nod to affordable housing plan

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Board of Selectmen approved the town’s Affordable Housing Plan at its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13.

Months of meetings by the volunteer Housing Plan Steering Committee, which studied the local issue of availability of affordable housing, led to adoption of the plan.

Housing is considered affordable if it costs no more than 30% of a household’s income. According to the Sharon Affordability Housing Plan, 310 households spend

more than 30% of their income on housing costs. And 205 of those households have reported spending more than 50% of their income on housing costs. This makes them severely housing cost burdened.

Selectman Dale Jones, who served on the steering committee, added, “We tried to make it as inclusive and as realistic as possible.”

“It was a really great process,” said First Selectman Brent Colley.

Sharon had 465 households that earned less than 80% of the area median income and has only 36 homes

dedicated to remaining affordable, according to the state’s Affordable Housing Appeals 2021 list.

The steering committee was formed in late 2021 to comply with a 2017 state law mandating that each town in the state create a plan to be updated at five-year intervals. The housing plan must work in concert with the town’s state-mandated Plan of Conservation and Development.

Preparation of the affordable housing plan was assisted by consultant Jocelyn Ayer of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity.

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