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Willie Hallihan moved a traffic cone to accommodate a driver on Thursday, Sept. 1, after the vintage racecar and sports car parade.

Falls Village transported

Historic car parade tours region's roads

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At about a quarter to five on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 1, a couple hundred people in downtown Falls Village were all set for the arrival of a parade of vintage race cars and sports cars.

Spectators were staking out their spots as early as 2:30 p.m.

There were people in folding chairs. People on the steps in front

of the Falls Village Cafe. People wandering around on the Green, many holding plastic cups of beer.

The town constables were ready for the parade to come down Main Street.

The Wanda Houston Band was warmed up and armed with a set list heavy on songs with an automotive theme (i.e. "Route 66," "Pink Cadillac").

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Weather conditions spell 'perfect storm' for algae blooms

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — State and local health officials are warning people to avoid exposure to potentially toxic algae blooms in Litchfield County lakes and ponds, fueled by a recent confluence of unusually hot weather, flash downpours and drought.

"It's the perfect storm," said Robert Rubbo, director of the Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) which received notice in late August from the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) of concerning algae clumps massing in shallow coves around East and West Twin Lakes in Salisbury.

The lake association had preliminary samples analyzed and found that the masses contain traces of cyanobacteria, also known as blue-

green algae. While cyanobacteria is harmless at low levels, at elevated levels certain toxins it emits can be harmful to pets, especially dogs, and to humans, particularly children.

"Ingestion is the biggest thing with blue-green algae, especially with pets, who drink a lot of water when they go in, and it could be deadly to them," said Rubbo. "The toxins are dangerous even to humans if they are swimming and ingest a certain amount of water."

According to health officials, blue-green algae blooms have raised concerns in Connecticut and across the nation because the organisms can produce an array of neurotoxins, liver toxins, cell toxins and skin irritants.

More testing needed to determine toxin types, levels

On Aug. 30, Grant Bogle, president of the Twin Lakes Association, said he was awaiting results

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LITCHFIELD COUNTY IN DROUGHT

74% streamflow sites below normal	16,591 acres of hay in drought	2,097 acres of corn in drought	5,811 cattle in drought	1,760 sheep in drought
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DATA ESTIMATES BY NIDIS, DROUGHT.GOV

Drought grips NW Corner

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A summer of high temperatures and unusually low rainfall has brought a severe drought to the Northwest Corner, with river levels running low and grass turning to straw.

A survey of area experts indicates the worst may be yet to come.

The impact is being felt by farmers who harvest hay and manage livestock, by landscapers who are losing revenue as lawns have stopped growing and in the region's forests, where trees are just making a comeback from a spongy moth infestation this past spring.

"During a drought there is not enough water carrying nutrients to the branches to produce good growth, leading to smaller leaves



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

and possibly a total lack of flowers the following year," said Bruce Bennett, Cornwall Energy Task Force member and tree warden of Kent.

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The Blackberry River by Beckley Furnace in North Canaan was running low on Saturday, Sept. 3. As of Tuesday morning, Sept. 6, about three inches of rain had fallen in the area.

Hotchkiss' Moon to share views on Ukraine, Special Olympics

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — Keith Moon, long time teacher and coach at The Hotchkiss School, will be giving a talk on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Noble Horizons on Russian leader Vladimir Putin, the war in Ukraine and the Special Olympics.

Moon has been traveling to Russia and Ukraine regularly since 1983, when Ukraine was still one of the 15 republics of the Soviet Union. Having been to Russia 20 times over the last 40 years, Moon remarked in an interview Wednesday, Aug. 31,

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PHOTO SUBMITTED

Keith Moon, center left in photo, with Slovakian, American and Ukrainian athletes and local officials in Slovakia in August.

A country store again faces change

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL BRIDGE — After guiding the well-being of the Cornwall Country Market and its community for more than a decade, owners Idella and James Shepard have decided to sell the historic landmark business.

They are now working toward a gradual move west to Oregon in order to be closer to Idella's mother, who is in progressing need of family assistance. While the store is on the market, they have worked out an alternating schedule between the two states.

Commenting on their plans this week, James Shepard said that the store will remain open for the foreseeable future.

Idella Shepard's mother resides in Boring, Ore., a city of more than 7,000 people located 14 miles from Portland in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

The Shepards plan to move to this town named for William Boring, a Union soldier who came to the region from Illinois as a homesteader after the Civil War, raised a family and prospered.

Today, Boring is a destination for vacationers. The picturesque

community is not without a sense of humor, as they have linked themselves to a sister community named Dull, Scotland. And an Australian town named "Bland."

Boring town features include a bagpipe festival, alpaca farms and, for the young people, an annual "Goth" river rafting event, all in black (including the inner tubes) with appropriate Goth face make-up.

As for the popular Country Market alongside Route 7 in Cornwall Bridge, Shepard noted that the

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Three-day forecast

FridayCloudy, high 84°/low 60°
 SaturdayCloudy, 82°/60°
 SundayCloudy, 82°/62°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Parking lot hit and run

On Aug. 28 at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Main Street in North Canaan a 2019 Nissan Rogue driven registered to Shaundra Elizabeth Race, 44, of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, was struck by a vehicle while parked in a handicap spot in the parking lot of Stop & Shop supermarket. The unknown vehicle then fled the scene of the accident after striking the unoccupied Nissan. Anyone with infor-

mation is asked to contact Troop B.

Arrest warrant

On Aug. 30 at approximately 5:45 p.m. Troop B served an active arrest warrant to Vera Carrea, 59, of Cornwall Bridge. She was charged with violating the conditions of her release in the first degree. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court the following day.

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

Habitat plans fundraiser, two new builds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut is holding "Get Back Together 2022," a fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 24, at The Green Barn at Stillwaters Farm, 138 Housatonic River Road in Salisbury, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The event marks the first such event for the organization since the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the August tag sale held at The Hotchkiss School.

Evan Cooper is the new executive director of the organization, replacing Bob Whelan (who is now on the

Metro-North Southeast bus

WASSAIC — Metro North Railroad announced train riders will travel by bus between Wassaic and Southeast stations, with a transfer to trains at Southeast, starting Monday, Sept. 12 and ending Nov. 20. Riders are advised to allow for an additional hour of travel time. For more go to www.new.mta.info/alerts.

Habitat board).

In an interview Sept. 1, Cooper and board President Bill Spalding said the organization has two "builds" in the works, in North Canaan and in Torrington.

Spalding said expanding the organization's reach to Torrington opens up new opportunities for building homes, recruiting volunteers and raising funds.

In the Habitat for Humanity model, the organization retains ownership of the land, volunteers build a home, and a family buys the home. Habitat assists with zero interest mortgages, and retains the right of first refusal when and if the homeowner decides to sell.

Habitat actively seeks donations, not just of cash but also of land, building materials and specialized labor and expertise.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Evan Cooper, at left in photo, and Bill Spalding.

Both Cooper and Spalding emphasized that Habitat works to make the new homes fit in with the neighborhoods. "We keep the neighbors in mind," said Spalding.

The North Canaan site, off Route 44 east of Dutchers Bridge, already has one Habitat home, with two more planned.

Cooper said the organization hopes to have the North

Canaan foundation ready this fall, for construction in the spring.

Cooper said that building materials have increased in cost, which makes fundraising more important than ever.

The Sept. 24 event will feature "food, libations, dancing, and a live and a silent auction." Tickets are \$50. For more information and tickets, go to www.habitatnwct.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, a public auction consisting of miscellaneous personal property, furniture and household goods will be held at Stor-It-All, Inc., 325 Ashley Falls Rd and 13 Clayton Rd, Canaan, CT 06018 at 1:00 PM on Friday September 23, 2022. Stor-It-All, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time, for any reason.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing for a comprehensive update of the Town of Salisbury Underlying Zoning Map. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will

be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The proposed map has been posted, and agenda and meeting instructions for participation will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. The proposed map may be reviewed at the Town Clerk's Office in the Salisbury Town Hall during regular business hours (9:00AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:00 PM) Monday through Friday.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
 Martin Whalen, Secretary
 09-08-22
 09-15-22

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Housatonic Heritage Walk 2022 season features Canaan's Beckley Furnace

A historic tour of an iron industry furnace was provided by Friends of Beckley Furnace on Saturday, Sept. 3 in North Canaan.

Sept. 11 Memorial set in North Canaan

The Canaan Fire Company will sponsor a 9/11 memorial beginning at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 directly across Route 44 from St. Joseph's Church.

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Correction

In an appreciation of George Thomas Smith that appeared in the Sept. 1 edition, Donald "Don" Warner should have been identified as one of the founders of the Berkshire Litchfield Environmental Council. Warner was incorrectly identified as Donald "Don" Walker. Lincoln "Link" Foster should have been identified as Lincoln "Linc" Foster.



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Nuvance has applied to the state to close the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and replace it with a progressive care unit, which would treat a mix of lower acuity patients. According to Nuvance's application, sicker patients, such as those with "clinical conditions requiring ICU level nursing care," would be transferred to another hospital.

"In inclement weather it may be impossible to transfer patients to Vassar or Danbury Hospitals. Without an ICU, ICU nurses will leave and there will be a shortage of nurses with the skills and desire to care for patients that require a special expertise.

"Our hospital has had a Five Star rating with CMS [the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services] with the present ICU arrangement and that may be lost with a progressive care unit as Nuvance is proposing. Without a fully operational ICU in its present location, Sharon Hospital will NOT be a full-service hospital and its patients will suffer," exclaimed Dr. Kurish.



Dr. David Kurish, an internist and cardiologist who has been treating patients at Sharon Hospital for over 40 years.

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Our Towns

Kent officials grapple with sidewalk project concerns

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Project oversight being one of the responsibilities of the Streetscape Committee, concerns raised by that committee's chairman about the sidewalk and curbing project were discussed by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Streetscape Committee Chairman Mike Gawel reviewed his observations about the work as it is proceeding along Main Street and Bridge Street, reiterating areas of concern he had raised at the Aug. 22 selectmen's meeting along with local stone mason Justin Money.

While Gawel acknowledged that the state's regulations direct that granite curbing be placed atop compacted soil, he recommended

to the selectmen that specifications for the next phase should include cradling the granite in concrete.

Pointing to the current work being done, Gawel said that there remain places where the gravel is not sufficiently compacted, although the construction crew is placing blobs of concrete at each end of the curbing section, trusting that the blob will hold the curbing in place.

First Selectman Jean Speck said that she has spoken with state Department of Transportation (DOT) officials and with SLR (project consultants) representatives to understand how the cradling model would be an improvement over the current state specs for concrete blobs. She was not ready to decide, she added.

SLR representative Mike Doherty commented that the

gaps between the compacted gravel underlay and the granite should not occur and that he had corrected that situation to ensure that the entire curbing slab would rest fully on the gravel.

Doherty also indicated that concrete is being added to the sidewalk side of the curbing, but not to the street side, as the state DOT does not allow concrete to abut the street. Speck pointed out that the project is being done on state property, so the town needs to follow their specifications.

Responding to Gawel's concerns about chunked curbing, Doherty said that the chunks will be removed and radial curbing installed on the curved portions.

Citing the specifications that two even coats of curing compound were to be applied to the sidewalks, Gawel described the application as



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Workers smoothed the cement on Kent's new sidewalk on Friday, Sept. 2, along Kent Green Boulevard.

"spotted."

"They are not spraying an even coat," Gawel said.

When the construction crew is compacting the gravel, no water is being used to moisten the gravel for better compacting, Gawel noted.

Gawel also continued his questioning of how North Carolina granite came to be used for the project.

Selectman Rufus de Rham reported that he had toured the project with Gawel recently. "There were a lot of small details, but they did add up," he said, adding that the compaction should have been better.

"We're paying for inspectors," de Rham said, praising the dedication of the Streetscape Committee and their fund of knowledge brought

to bear on the project.

"SLR is committed to providing quality service," Doherty responded, noting that inspectors are covering several projects at once.

Continuing discussion about the North Carolina granite, Doherty noted that they seem to be the only supplier and the granite comes through unfinished with irregularities. He said that the material meets or exceeds state standards.

Doherty noted that Mather Construction (Kent's contractor) used the same granite for the curbing in Salisbury three years ago. "It's becoming more common," he added.

Selectman Glenn Sanchez joined in thanking the Streetscape Committee for its oversight.

"A lot of things have gotten out on the table," Speck agreed.

Sharon explores funding options in Comcast planning

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — To clarify the process and various funding options that will guide the town's consideration of Comcast's \$1.6 million partnership proposal, the Board of Selectmen held an open conversation at a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1.

The next step was to be the Board of Finance meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6, when the Comcast proposal would be discussed and a decision made about whether it should be sent on to a town meeting.

With Sharon Connect Task

Force co-chairs Jill Drew and Meghan Flanagan included in the conversation, the selectmen focused on potential avenues for project funding, recognizing that residents would want that information explained at a town meeting.

First Selectman Brent Colley said, "People are concerned about how the project would be funded."

In advance of the Board of Finance meeting, Drew and Flanagan are creating various funding models so that residents can understand available options.

The town's Undesignated Fund showed a balance

as of June 30, 2021, of about \$2,490,000, and it is seen as a possible source for at least a portion of the cost that will be divided into two portions, \$800,000 at the start of the project and the other half when the project is completed.

Town Treasurer Tina Pitcher noted that the town must keep 15% of both the town budget and the education budget as a reserve in the Undesignated Fund.

"The Board of Finance might opt to take some of the cost from the Undesignated Fund, some from ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] and perhaps the balance to be

borrowed," Selectman Dale Jones suggested.

To qualify for grant funding, Pitcher said, "you need to show that the project is included within the state-mandated five-year plan for capital expenditures." Colley added that the town has a few major projects coming up in the next two or three years, including new sidewalks, the Town Hall parking lot and the town garage building.

Drew said that she has been researching bank loans as possibilities, finding that local banks want to work with

the town.


"The Comcast project is ready to go," Selectman Casey Flanagan said and both Drew and Meghan Flanagan indicated that Comcast is eager to see the project begin.

Reviewing the timeline, Colley said that if the Board of Finance approves the project, they would likely authorize a town meeting. The selectmen would be asked to schedule a date for the town meeting.

In the interim before the town meeting occurs, the project contract would be drawn up and be ready for

signature, if the voters approve the project.

One resident sought clarification of Comcast's policy discussed at last month's public hearing, seeking assurances that the project includes wiring to the home providing that the homeowner subscribes to the service before the lines are installed along the street. If the homeowner chooses not to subscribe initially, and then wants to subscribe after the project's completion, the company's standard hook-up charges would apply.



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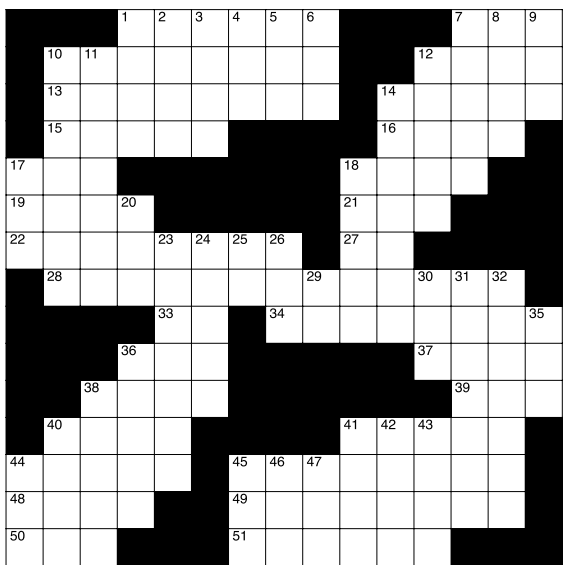
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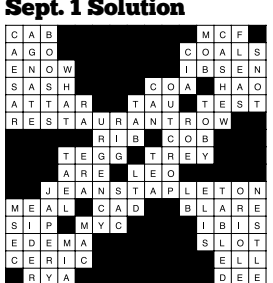
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- Wine
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Sept. 1 Solution




Sudoku

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Sept. 1 Solution

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The Housatonic Heritage Walks are free, guided interpretive walks to the historic, cultural, industrial, natural and scenic sites in Litchfield County and Berkshire County. The walks are scheduled on weekends through Oct. 2. More information at www.housatonicheritage.org



Wearing protective gear, three beekeepers gave the Adamah Farm's bees some sugar water to try to compensate for the relative scarcity of plant nectar in this drought year.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Adamah Farm, a place to discover farming

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Adamah Farm Director Janna Siller led a group of visitors around the farm up Beebe Hill Road from the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center Sunday morning, Sept. 4. The tour was part of the Housatonic Heritage Walk series.

Siller explained that the farm is tended by a group of "fellows," who apply for the three-month experience.

The fellows (numbering 12 at the moment) get "the opportunity to learn about farming, to see what it means to grow food," said Siller.

The farm's produce is used in the Isabella Freedman kitchen, and is sold via a Community Supported Agriculture program.

The visitors got to see how the farm protects the land by using a variety of methods,

with no chemicals and minimal use of machinery.

Chickens milled around the compost heaps. The milk goats, who were getting a year off from their duties, emerged from their small structure and hustled over to the fence to look curiously at the humans. Then they started eating everything in sight, as is their wont.

"Their favorite is poison ivy," said Siller.

Three people in protective gear were busy giving the farm's bees some sugar water, to make up for the relative scarcity of plant nectar in this drought year. The visitors watched from a prudent distance.

Adamah Farm has planted some 200 hybrid chestnut trees in a steepish hillside meadow. The blight-resistant hybrid seedlings are in tubes to protect against mice.

All around the farm are

signs, some in English, some in Hebrew, reminding the farmers about the connection between food, fellowship and faith.

"We think about cycles," said Siller. "About being one part of a larger web of life."

For more information on Adamah go to www.hazon.org. For more information on upcoming Housatonic Heritage walks go to www.housatonicheritage.org.

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Take a walk back in time through historic Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The truly remarkable thing about the Lakeville history walk on Saturday, Sept. 3, was that the guide, Lou Bucceri, used electronic amplification.

Bucceri's booming voice normally requires no artificial assistance.

The tour started off at the Lakeville Post Office.

The building was a federal project, built in 1941 by the Works Project Administration, at a time when the feds were on a "building spree."

Bucceri said Lakeville's post office was one of 23 built around this time in Connecticut.

They all have murals, too. But the murals were not WPA projects.

The postal service was then part of the federal Treasury Department, which had a "fine arts section."

"So these were not unemployed artists, but artists employed by the Treasury Department."

George Cox painted the Lakeville mural, which shows Ethan Allen and assorted activities relating to the Revolutionary War.

It's very nice. It's also inaccurate.

"Ethan Allen was not here during the Revolution," Bucceri said through his speaker, pausing for a moment as a tractor trailer labored past.

The mural wasn't painted directly on the wall, either.

"It is, essentially, a decal" Bucceri said. "It was created off site and applied to the wall in 1941."

"He left it unsigned," Bucceri continued. In 1952, Cox's son convinced him to come up and sign the mural.

The tour continued, and visitors learned about the barroom where one could meet Salisbury's only "lady of the evening" in a restaurant and bar in the building that today houses the Petpourri store.

This building dates to 1778, and with much of the surrounding area, was owned by Dr. Joshua Porter, a polymath who also served as first selectman and state representative and oversaw the conversion of the Lakeville blast furnace to the production of cannons.

Bucceri said that Lakeville village was the commercial

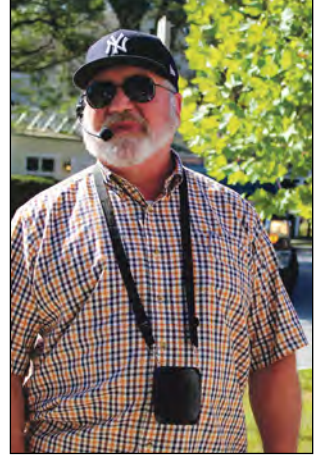


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lou Bucceri

hub of Salisbury township for a long time, boasting multiple grocery stores, a movie theater, an auditorium, different retail stores, and a park.

Bucceri said the area around the junction of Routes 41 and 44 was referred to as "the Hub."

The walk was sponsored by the Salisbury Association, rescheduled from last month. Bucceri will lead a Housatonic Heritage walk in Amesville Sunday, Sept. 18.

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Insurance plans get double-digit rate increases in 2023

By Jenna Carlesso
CT Mirror

The cost of health insurance plans on and off Connecticut's Affordable Care Act Exchange will increase next year by as much as 25%, according to final numbers released by the state Friday, Sept. 2 deepening concerns about health care access.

Insurance officials signed off on the rate changes eight weeks after carriers proposed an average increase of 20.4% across individual plans and 14.8% across small group policies. The department approved an average hike of 12.9% on individual plans and 7.9% on small group.

The approved changes range from a decrease of 6% on certain policies to increases of 20% and 25% on others.

While the average rate hike approved by the state is lower than what insurance companies had requested, it still represents a significant boost in costs to consumers in the coming year.

"The department's hard-working actuaries and professional staff were able to reduce the health insurance rate increase requests. But the skyrocketing cost of health care that these premiums cover must be addressed," Connecticut Insurance Commissioner Andrew Mais said in a statement. "The unit cost of hospital inpatient and outpatient care has risen about 9% per year. Prescription drug prices have risen even higher.

"The rates announced today will continue to protect consumers from inflationary pricing and unwarranted profits while ensuring Connecticut residents have access to a stable, competitive health insurance market. But we must examine other available avenues to reduce overall costs and keep care, and this insurance, affordable."

Residents and health care advocates had urged state insurance officials to reject the substantial rate hikes. On Friday, Sept. 2 they reiterated their concerns about how the finalized rates would affect health care access and affordability.

"Health care costs and insurance premiums were already unaffordable for many Connecticut families and small businesses," Attorney General William Tong said Friday. "These double-digit rate hikes – among the highest in the country – will only make that worse."

"I'm glad the insurance department did a thoughtful review and came forth with cuts to the outlandish requested rate increases. But it's still too high," State Health Care Advocate Ted Doolittle said.

Lynne Ide, program lead for communications outreach and engagement at the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, said the General Assembly should pass legislation giving the insurance department "more teeth" in the rate review process, including making consumer affordability a priority.

"The end result is that hardworking individuals and small businesses who are trying to provide insurance to their employees are left hanging," she said.

ConnectiCare Benefits Inc., which sells plans on and off the exchange, requested an average hike of 24% for individual policies on the exchange. The insurance department signed off on an average increase of 15%,

with hikes ranging from 10% to 23.6%, depending on the plan. The on-exchange plan covers 75,003 people.

ConnectiCare Benefits also asked for an average increase of 22.9% on its small group policies offered through the exchange. The department approved 15%, with increases ranging from 13.1% to 18.9%, depending on the plan. The policies cover 3,476 people.

Anthem Health Plans, which sells policies to 27,698 people through the exchange, requested an average increase of 8.6% on its individual plans. The insurance department approved an average of 6.3%. Depending on the policy, rate changes range from a decrease of 3.9% to an increase of 13.6%.

Anthem sought a 3.6% average hike on its small group plans. The department approved an average decrease of 1.4%. Changes range from a decrease of 6% to an increase of 20.2% for policies that cover 19,271 people.

ConnectiCare Insurance Company, which offers plans on and off the exchange, requested an average hike of 25.2% for its individual policies on the exchange. The department signed off on a 15% increase. Increases range from 9.1% to 20.3%, depending on the plan. There are 8,782 people enrolled in the exchange plans.

Off-exchange policies range from a 0% increase (Aetna Life Insurance small group) to an increase of 25.1% (an individual plan through ConnectiCare Benefits).

Cigna, which offers small group policies off the exchange, had asked for an average hike of 19.6% on its plans. The insurance department signed off on 12%.

Open enrollment for 2023 health policies begins on Nov. 1. only make that worse."

The Journal occasionally will offer articles from CTMirror.org, a source of nonprofit journalism and a partner with The Lakeville Journal. A longer version of this article appears online at tricornernews.com.

OBITUARIES

Mary A. (Naglieri) Wilkinson

PINE PLAINS — Mary A. (Naglieri) Wilkinson, 97, a former resident of Pine Plains, passed away on Friday Aug. 26, 2022 at Spring Village in Danbury. She was born on July 18, 1925 in Jersey City, New Jersey, a daughter of the late Nicholas and Marina (Rucci) Naglieri.

Mary was a graduate of the Wadleigh High School for Girls in Manhattan. She later attended business school and was employed as a private secretary for Conover Mast Publishers. She later worked as a receptionist for PS 112 in the Bronx where she also assisted in the library with the reading program. Mary was a communicant of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Pine Plains and also a member of the Milan Senior Citizens.

On Aug. 25, 1945 in Manhattan she married Robert C. Wilkinson. He predeceased her on May 12, 2006. She was also predeceased by a son Robert N. Wilkinson on Sept. 13, 2018.

Survivors include her daughter and son in law, Mary

Ann and Michael DeRosa of Danbury; a daughter-in-law, Carol Wilkinson of Pine Plains. She also leaves five grandchildren, Michael DeRosa, Heather Emerich, Thomas DeRosa, Jessica Quinn and Robert N. Wilkinson II along with five great grandchildren, and in addition her sibling, Carol Taurone.

Friends are invited and may call on Wednesday Aug. 31, 2022 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Peck and Peck Funeral Home, 7749 S. Main St. in Pine Plains. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Kent Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains.

In lieu of flowers kindly consider the Pine Plains Rescue Squad, Pine Plains NY 12567 or Constellation Healthcare Hospice, 240 Indian River Road, Orange CT 06477.

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Salisbury Forum panel considers Future of American journalism

The Lakeville Journal and Salisbury Forum will present a panel discussion on "The Future of American Journalism" on Friday, Sept. 16, at The Hotchkiss School.

The event is part of the 125th anniversary celebrations of The Lakeville Journal.

Panelists will be moderated by Brian Ross, former Chief Investigative Correspondent at ABC News. Ross will be joined by Marty Barone, former Executive Editor

of The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and The Miami Herald; Subrata De, Executive Vice President and Global Head of Programming for VICE News; and John Coston, the new Editor of The Lakeville Journal and former news editor at The Wall Street Journal.

Admission is free. Register at salisburyforum.org. Seating in the Walker Auditorium may be limited. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Elisabeth Posselt Barker

KENT — Elisabeth Posselt Barker died in Portland, Oregon on June 14, 2022. She was born on Dec. 31, 1937 in New York City to Oscar and Lisbeth (Griesser) Posselt, who had separately emigrated to the U.S. from Germany in 1930. The family moved in 1941 to a farm property in Kent, Connecticut, where Betty attended Kent Center School and Housatonic Valley

Regional High School (HVRHS). She later received degrees from Bennington College and the University of Michigan before settling in Portland with her husband, Tony Barker, after their June, 1965 marriage.

Betty was a long-time teacher of English and French at the Beaumont Middle School in Northeast Portland and accompanied groups of students on exchange trips to France. After retiring she trained as a Master Gardener and served as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood, political campaigns, Port-

land's public radio station and Ariadne Garden, an award-winning community garden in her neighborhood. She also traveled repeatedly to Lucca, Italy, to study Italian and explore a country she came to love.

Betty is survived by her son, Abe, of Seattle and two beloved grandchildren, Melissa and Duncan, as well as a brother, Harold Posselt, and his wife, Edie, of Storrs, and sister, Catherine Bachrach and husband Bill, of Kent. Her brother, Ted, predeceased her. Other survivors include nephews Theo and Daniel Posselt and nieces Jaime and Andrea Bachrach, and many devoted friends and former students.

Betty's husband, Tony Barker, died in Portland on April 3, 2022. Tony, who grew up in Goshen, also graduated from HVRHS and later Colgate College and the University of Michigan Law School. He leaves many family members in the greater Goshen area.



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DROUGHT

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Brittle trees, in addition to poor air quality and reduced crop yields, are characteristic of severe droughts.

During severe drought, water restrictions begin to be implemented and burn permits are suspended.

As of Thursday, Sept. 1, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website reported the current forest fire danger level remains high in Litchfield County and burn permits are still suspended.

In eastern Connecticut, certain locations continue to experience extreme drought, as defined by widespread crop loss and dry wells.

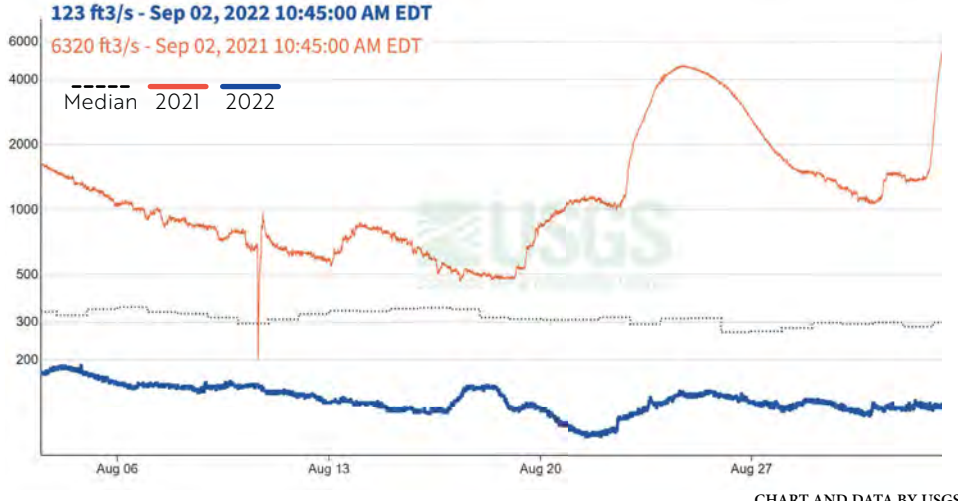
There is a long way to go before this summer drought can become a thing of the past. Bennett said that 11 inches of rainfall will be required to return to typical water levels.

The National Weather Service indicated new precipitation amounts of between 1 and 2 inches were possible from the rain following Labor Day weekend.

Karen Kalenauskas, president of the Litchfield County Farm Bureau, said the quick bursts of rain that fell last week aren't quite what we need to recover.

"We got about 3 inches in 45 minutes but all the rain ran off and didn't soak the way we want," she said. "It helped but we would like a nice, long, all-day soaking rain."

Joan Nichols, executive director of the Connecticut



Streamflow of the Housatonic River in ft³/second

Farm Bureau Association, explained some of the struggles our state's farmers have experienced as a result of the drought.

"Some dairy and poultry farmers have had to ship water in, with others pulling water from the municipal water systems because their wells have gone dry," said Nichols.

Dairy cattle drink gallons of water each day. The U.S. Department of Agriculture suggests that a growing animal or lactating cow can require up to 2 gallons per 100 pounds of body weight.

Nichols warned that the drought will cause adverse affects for the off-season as well.

"Hay production is way down," said Nichols. "Many farms have not been able to get a second cutting in."

Janna Siller, farm director at Adamah Farm in Falls Village, echoed the concerns that lie ahead.

"If it doesn't start raining soon it will be hard to estab-

lish our fall cover crop, the plants we grow to rejuvenate the soil for next season," she said.

The seasonal yield was down this year at Adamah and area wildlife struggled to survive as well, putting additional strain on the crops.

"Mammal pressure on the farm has been much heavier this season," said Siller. "The raccoons, squirrels, mice and voles all seem to be searching for moisture and they find it in our irrigated crops."

In addition to agricultural concerns, the forests of the Northwest Corner have been under stress as well. The drought may prove to be a deadly combination for trees that were defoliated by spongy moths this past spring.

"During the 2016 defoliation and drought in eastern Connecticut, thousands of oak trees perished because of this combination," said Bennett. "I can only hope the good rain that we had this spring will prevent that from happening here."

The environment has been forced to cope with compounding stress factors year after year recently.

"This time last year the main concern was flooding; this year it's the complete opposite," Nichols said.

The graph above shows streamflow levels at the Falls Village monitoring location along the Housatonic River. At the time of this reading, the flow level was just 4% of the level recorded a year prior.

Steve Culton, a fly-fishing guide and instructor who frequents the Housatonic River, advised that fishing on the river in current conditions would only add stress to an already vulnerable fish population.

"The stress threshold for smallmouth bass is 76 degrees. In Kent this summer I was getting water temperatures of 82 degrees," Culton said. "Normally I would be hitting the Housatonic two or three times a week in August. I'm not fishing it at all right now."

ALGAE

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of testing being conducted in conjunction with the association's lake management company "to understand more about the specific level and type of toxins that may be present."

In the meantime, said Bogle, as a precaution, the lakes association has alerted appropriate officials in Salisbury, the TAHD, and the state Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (DEEP).

"They were smart enough to test and sample and report it. This is a growing issue," noted Larry Marsicano, a limnologist with AER, the lake management company hired by Twin Lakes Association.

"We're seeing the filament more this year than we have in past years. There are lakes out there that are constantly trying to manage cyanobacteria even in open waters."

"It's a fine line," between trying to inform the public and not causing panic, said Chris Bellucci, assistant director of DEEP's water planning and management division. He said his office received notification of the Twin Lakes blooms through samples and images submitted by TLA association member Peter Neely.

"We know about it and have reviewed the pictures, which indicate there are indeed signs of cyanobacteria," the DEEP official confirmed in an Aug. 31 phone interview.

Should cell counts and testing determine high toxin levels at a body of water, par-

ticularly public swimming areas, then DEEP will post health alert advisories.

Always present, sometimes harmful

Blue-green algae blooms are not unique to Twin lakes. Every lake, said AER's Marsicano, contains cyanobacteria. "It's not like the new plague."

"The Twin lakes and Lake Wononscopomuc [in Lakeville] are lakes that support different kinds of algae populations. You might be out there and see this big cloud of green algae, and there would be no issue associated with that and it's usually done by late July," Marsicano explained.

Marsicano said while the Twin Lakes are known to be "pretty clear," particularly out in the open waters, "now we are suddenly confronted with this shift where blue-green algae masses are accumulating in the coves."

No issues at Lake Wononscopomuc

Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association, said blue-green algae has posed no problems at Lakeville Lake this summer.

"So far there has been hardly any, and of course we are a much deeper lake," he noted. "It's been windy almost all summer, so the wind breaks up algae and doesn't allow it to accumulate on the shoreline."

Nutrients from humans exacerbate the problem

Cyanobacteria, which often resemble scum, foam or a thin layer of paint on the surface of water and range in hues from green to bronze, are more likely when water is warm, slow-moving and full of nutrients, such as nitrogen or phosphorous. Nutrients enter the water when runoff from properties washes into lakes and ponds.

"It hasn't rained in quite a while, and you have everything on the surfaces of lawns that have not washed away in quite some time. And then you get a big flash of rain and all of a sudden," DEEP's Bellucci said, an influx of nutrients flows into the lake, fueling blooms.

According to Rubbo at TAHD, heavy rains also contribute to increased bacteria levels, like E.coli.

MARKET

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

The Cornwall Country Market in Cornwall Bridge, which dates to 1835, will be changing hands once again.

store's future will rest with a new owner as will the current arrangement whereby Harold MacMillan's Housatonic River Outfitters maintains a small department within the store.

Reflecting on the past 10 years, Shepard said that he and Idella have enjoyed experiencing young families who came into the store. They watched the children of those families grow, and now those same children are entering the fourth grade.

"Little kids who used to be super-shy peering over the counter, are now such mature giants, and they come back now and think we don't remember when they were afraid to order by themselves," he said.

Shepard spoke of the challenge of bidding good-bye to so many people in the community.

"I can see their faces and think of their names, people like Gus Haller and Kenny Strobel who had been coming to the market for 60-70 years. Every year there would be another face missing from the old breakfast club," Shepard said.

"We have had to say good-bye to so many, both personally and locally, it gets hard to keep having to say good-bye to so many of our finest residents," Shepard added.

The Cornwall Country Market's own history began in 1835 in Cornwall Bridge when it was H.W. Breen's General Merchandise. It may have changed names at the hand of new owners

over time, but surprisingly not that many times before it came to be owned by the Shepards.

New owners will come along, but the store's connection to the community and the dedication of Idella and James Shepard will remain a treasured legacy.

UKRAINE TALK

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that it has been incredible to witness the changes to both countries over the years.

"The history is complex. The two countries have, at many times in their history, been the same country," Moon said.

He also said Putin's invasion was telegraphed for many years. The Russian leader gave a speech back in 2003 outlining the current war.

Moon also plans to talk about another major interest of his: the Special Olympics. A longtime board member for Special Olympics Connecticut (SOCT), Moon hosts annual "swim-a-thons" to raise money for the orga-

nization. He has raised more than \$200,000 over the course of the last 27 years.

These two topics came together with Moon's recent trip to Slovakia: He recently returned from a two-week trip where he gave a gift from SOCT to refugee families from Ukraine.

The money will be used to create the Dream Day Care Center in Slovakia.

While there, Moon hosted an overnight youth camp for refugee family children with intellectual disabilities ages 4 to 11 to participate in


gymnastics and swimming events.

"I think this is a big step in how these families can start to move forward," Moon said.

Families from Slovakia, Ukraine, America and Romania participated.


With nearly 7 million Ukrainians displaced due to the war, Moon will be using his unique perspective as a versed traveler and Special Olympics coordinator in his Sept. 24 talk.

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Long-Lost Posters Bring Life to Local History

The venerable, stone Richardson-style Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., is being renovated and modernized — so the functional parts of the library (books, staff) have moved to temporary quarters at the Herbert Klebes American Legion building, around the corner from the firehouse.

To read about the library's interesting architecture and history, go to the website at www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/our-origins-our-present-our-future. You can also learn there about what the new and improved library will look like and offer.

In the meantime, the

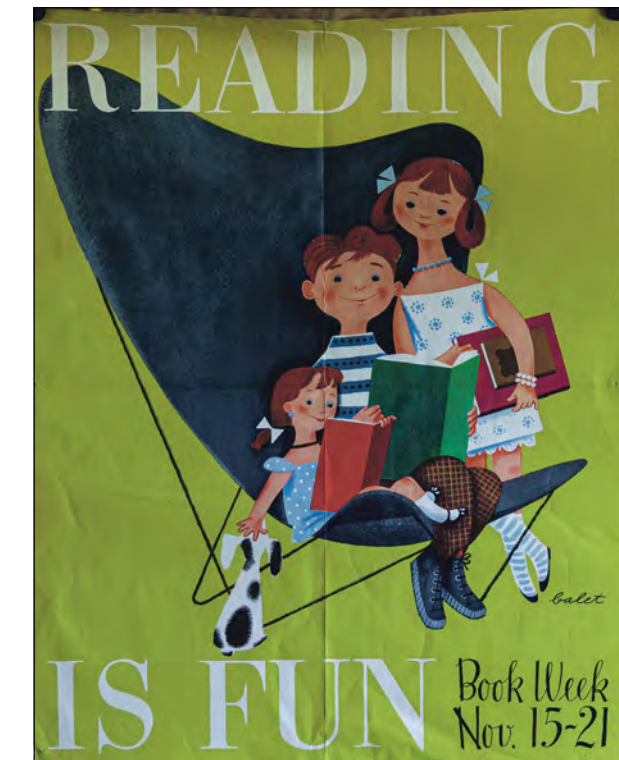


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library staff have been having some breathtaking Aha! moments as

they go through ephemera discovered in nooks and crannies when they cleared out the original building.

The word “ephemera” seems dismissive — to anyone who is not fascinated by day-to-day life as it was lived years ago. Sure, you can read history tomes, but it's so much more amazing to see and touch actual objects used by regular folks as they went here and there and did this and that. Ephemera is the most intimate way to look at and learn about history.

It's not obvious that a library would have a lot of ephemera tucked

Posters discovered during the renovation of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., will be the subject of three history talks between September and November.

away in odd spots, but as it turns out ... there was quite a bit of ephemera at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

A new find that's being shared with the community is a cache of publicity posters for local and national events.

“These are posters we found in a table drawer when the movers emptied out the library at 10 Upper Main St. last summer,” said library Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister.

“They lowered the table that had resided in the upstairs Connecticut Room over the mezzanine railing to get it downstairs. The drawer slid open. There were 101 posters in it. They had not seen the light of day for decades.

“We discovered posters from World War I, World War II, several National Children's Book Week posters from the 1940s to 1961, proclamations from the State

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Isonomia by Yvette Molina is one of several works in a new show at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn.

LIVING AND WORKING IN COLOR, AT STANDARD SPACE

Douglas Turner has curated his third show for Theo Coulombe's Standard Space art gallery in Sharon, Conn., which opened Sept. 3 and remains on display until Oct. 9.

Called “Structured Optimism,” it features the work of four American female artists: Elan Cadiz, Yvette Molina, Katarra Peterson

and Lina Puerta. The show presents a vivid palette from four women of color, in a variety of media.

Learn more about the show and find links to the artists at www.standardspace.net.

The gallery is at 147 Main St. in Sharon and is open by appointment: 917-627-3261 or info@standardspace.net.

SHAKESPEARE'S GREAT TRAGEDIES EXPLAINED

Who could do a better job of explaining the structure of a complex play from the Elizabethan era than a home designer who also has a degree in literature from Columbia University? Bob Rumsey will lead participants/ readers in a course at the Taconic Learning Center on three Shakespeare plays: “Hamlet,” “Twelfth Night” and “King Lear.”

The class will be offered on Zoom by the Taconic Learning Center on Fridays beginning Sept. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be eight sessions, ending Nov. 4.

Of the plays that he selected for the class, Rumsey says, “Hamlet” and “King Lear” have been called ‘the twin peaks of Shakespeare's achievement in tragedy.’ Madness is central to both plays, in Hamlet's case pretended, in Lear's actual.

“In ‘Hamlet,’ the dramatic pressure is internal, in Hamlet's response to his intolerable personal situation. In ‘King Lear,’ the pressure is more external and Lear responds to a world that is evil.

“For light relief, the tragedies will bookend ‘Twelfth Night,’ the most musical of all Shakespeare's plays, in which the anti-hero Malvolgio, who is ‘sick of self-love,’ gets his comic comeuppance.”

Shakespeare plays are widely available at libraries, bookstores and online, but Rumsey will also put the text up on the Zoom screen.

Taconic Learning Center offers classes taught by area residents with special interests. This semester there are five classes; there is a set fee to join the program (the requested donation is \$60) and then all classes are free. To register, go to <https://taconiclearning-center.org>.

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Paul Newman went from professional actor to professional race car driver, and often drove at Lime Rock Park (in cars including Datsuns, Trans Ams and Corvettes).

STRAIGHT AT LIME ROCK PARK NAMED IN HONOR OF PAUL NEWMAN

Corvettes and other vintage race cars were not the only highlights of the Historic Festival at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., over Labor Day Weekend. There was also the dedication of a section of track to one of Lime Rock's favorite and most famous drivers, the actor Paul Newman.

Newman lived in Westport, Conn., and was a frequent visitor to the track. He started out with a Datsun 510 and then mastered larger, faster cars, eventually becoming a regular in the professional Trans-Am champion-

ship.

"Newman won his last race at Lime Rock during a Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) event, carrying the No. 82 — his age at the time — on board a 900-horsepower Corvette," according to a press release from the track.

On Saturday evening, there was a ceremony at the track as the back straight was named in the actor/racer's honor. It is now known as the Paul Newman Straight.

For more on the Historic Festival, see the news pages of this week's Lakeville Journal.

...posters

of Connecticut, some remarkable Connecticut-specific posters from World War II, and an incredible poster announcing the Fourth of July festivities on the Sharon Green in 1918, months before the end of World War I."

The ephemeral posters are, of course, interesting on their own. But the library is enriching the presentation with three talks by nationally known experts who not only shine light on what's in the collection, they also have connections to Sharon and can help put the posters in local historical context.

First will be two virtual talks by Leonard Marcus, a founding trustee of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Mass. (Carle was the beloved author/illustrator of children's favorites including "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"); and the curator of a recent show at the New York Public Library, "The ABC of It: Why Children's Books Matter."

He is the award-winning author of two dozen books on the making of and history of books for children; he has curated a show of World War I posters; and he has been a guest author at the annual summer book signings for the Hotch-

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kiss Library of Sharon. On Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., Marcus will present a talk about the posters used between 1942 and 1961 to publicize National Children's Book Week (an annual event started by the Children's Book Council in 1919).

On Oct. 20, he will talk about World War I posters (also virtually, also at 7 p.m.).

On Thursday, Nov. 3, again at 7 p.m., former Sharon resident and rare book dealer Darren Winston will talk about the collection as a whole and put it in the context of local and national historic events, especially World Wars I and II.

He will be joined by David Pollack from David Pollack Vintage Posters in Wilmington, Del., who is considered one of the nation's leading poster experts.

Since leaving Sharon, Darren Winston is now head of the Department of Books and Manuscripts at Freeman's auction house in Philadelphia, Pa.

To learn more about the posters and to get the links for the talks, go to <https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/> events.



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CALENDAR

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ART

Berkshire Museum, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshiremuseum.org
Art of the Hills: Visual Evidence, June 4 to Sept. 11.
Living Ink: The Art of Tattoos, June 25 to Oct. 30.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com
Visit website for current showtimes.
The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Movies Make The News, News Makes The Movies Film Series, Aug. 15 to Sept. 18.

MUSIC

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
Emily Mure and Matt Sucich, Sept. 10, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

BOOKS

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org
Writers Table Fall Celebration Reading, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m.

DANCE

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y. www.copakegrange.org
Ice Cream Social and Square Dance, Sept. 10.

KIDS

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www.nemillertonlibrary.org
Danny Sings About Everything, every other Thursday, 9:30 a.m. (online).
Tween and Teen Board Game Club, Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

TALKS

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
The Future of American Journalism, Sept. 16.

THEATER

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org
SHEAR MADNESS, Aug. 26 to Sept. 11.
A RAISIN IN THE SUN, Oct. 7 to 16.

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EDITORIAL

Recognition of farming and farmers

It can be too easy for even Northwest Corner residents, who are as a group highly aware of their natural surroundings, to take for granted access to a varied supply of produce of all kinds. Farm markets and stands now abound in the region, and supermarkets generally have a good, rotating supply of fruits and vegetables, in and out of season.

But for farmers, maintaining a sustainable relationship with the land has only become more challenging over recent years due to climate change, rising costs and, this year, a drought the intensity of which hasn't been seen in years. For any who were unaware of this, the meeting of more than 40 farmers Aug. 24 (see story by Editor John Coston in Sept. 1 Lakeville Journal, www.tricornernews.com), hosted by Freund's Farm in East Canaan, brought all these issues to light. Also bringing much-deserved attention was the presence of U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5), U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh, and state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), all of whom have some power to take action to support farmers in their critical work.

The farmers at the roundtable discussion came from urban as well as rural parts of the state, which is only encouraging from the point of view of those many of us who wish to support local food production. With distribution becoming more challenging after the worst onslaught of the pandemic, the more local products we can find the better. And what is more important to the health and vibrancy of a community than food?

It was also good to see ag students at the roundtable. Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village has one of the strongest agriculture education and FFA programs in the state, giving those students who have a family history or simply their own interest in farming the chance to make it their life's work. Having local farms for all kinds of crops makes a region stronger in many ways. Still, it's a hard path no matter the passion and love of the land of the farmer. The crops and the livelihoods of the farmers, as pointed out at the meeting by Falls Village farmer Dan Carr, are always vulnerable to the effects of climate change and extreme weather. Preparing for the future with the help of the government would mean less anxiety for those farmers, and better outcomes for consumers who depend on the farmers' success for their food.

The more programs there are that connect schools to locally produced food, the more students will understand where the food they eat originates and how it arrives on their tables. These same students may then be more willing to consider growing their own food where possible, or supporting those local farmers who grow it.

Now is the time to support those local farmers, so take full advantage of the harvest that is coming in despite the drought and appreciate what went into growing that food. It will taste better and have higher nutrition than what will soon be available once winter sets in.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Corn-cutting day in Lime Rock

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zoning maps changing in Salisbury

On Sept. 19, Town of Salisbury residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the latest proposed revisions to the town's Zoning Maps, at a scheduled Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) public hearing. The proposed new maps can be accessed at the town website, www.salisburyct.us. The Salisbury Economic Development Committee (SEDC) urges all to attend the meeting, and

endorses the PZC's plan for the revisions.

The revisions will encourage more retail, commerce, and live-where-you-work apartment units on or near the main routes through our villages. They rationalize and clarify the classifications for the many parcels that previously were ruled by two or more types of zones, each with their own requirements and restrictions on such matters as setbacks and conser-

vation and land use.

The revisions will also simplify the permitting process and make it more transparent, enabling staff, applicants, commissioners, and the public to all see the same relevant information at the same time. The SEDC commends and thanks the selectmen, the assessor, the town staff, and the PZC for their ongoing efforts to digitize information and otherwise make the zoning process

understandable and accessible to the public.

Please attend the Sept. 19 meeting so that your voice can be heard on this subject, so vital to our town's future.

Ward Belcher, Janet Graaff, Tom Shachtman, Robert Schaufelberger, Katherine Kiefer, Bruce McEver

Salisbury Economic Development Committee
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Return U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes to D.C.

Why is it critical to select the best candidate for Congress and not to vote just along party lines? The person we elect will be our advocate and voice in Congress. Our U.S. representative will not only vote on all issues before Congress but also have the opportunity to propose and change legislation. U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) is doing an excellent job for us.

Recently Rep. Hayes hosted roundtables and tours of

area farms and included USDA Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh. The Representative has been a major force in creating opportunities for farmers to supply schools with locally produced food. Although I'm not a farmer, I was happy to see this because agriculture is an important part of our local economy and Rep. Hayes's position as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture makes her an excellent spokeswoman-

an.

In addition, her support and leadership in developing bills and getting them passed makes her an important spokeswoman for me. Things that I value most are: the support of the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes legislation on climate change, reduction in the cost

of prescription drugs and healthcare, and energy costs. I also count on her support of a woman's right to choose and gun safety.

It is critical that we return Representative Hayes to Washington so she can continue her good works.

Carole Dmytryshak
Salisbury

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — September 1922

LIME ROCK — Charles Brasie is enjoying a week's vacation from Boardman and Amundson's store.

SALISBURY — Paul L. Bartram leaves today for Penn. State College where he will take a course in Forestry.

— The work of laying the cement in the new road up the hill in Main Street is progressing well.

— Mr. Ward Finkle has resigned his position at DuFour's Garage to take a needed rest.

— The many friends of Mr. R.N. Barnum, formerly of Lime Rock, will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Mercer Motors Company.

— Last Friday Edward Reed was thrown from a load of hay while making the turn near Martin Solan's. He sustained a bruised hip, shoulder and knee, but was able to return Sunday night from Sharon Hospital where he was taken following the accident.

50 years ago — September 1972

"Wait and see" was the approach in Northwest Connecticut town halls this week as the State Supreme Court and a Federal District Court struggled with complexities of General Assembly reapportionment. Party caucuses were held Saturday in each town of the area in accordance with instructions issued by Secretary of the State Gloria Schaffer to nominate delegates to new nominating conventions for State Senator and Representative in each of the revised Assembly districts. These new districts are part of the controversial Saden plan for Assembly redistricting drawn up last fall at the Assembly's request by a panel of three state judges. It was ordered into effect by Hartford County Superior Court Judge Walter J. Sidor following legal tests that took the issue all the way to the United State Supreme Court without conclusive results.

— Dick and Nancy Bergenty have returned to Canaan after helping chaperone 26 young people on a 16-day

bicycle trip from Nova Scotia. The long trek began on Aug. 11, when a caravan of five cars, and a truck with a 25-foot flat bed left Bakersville at 5 a.m. carrying people, bicycles, tents, bedrolls, repair kits, and gear. Their destination was Amherst, Nova Scotia, 835 miles away by car.

— Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larkey of Los Angeles have purchased Music Mountain Farm, the 268-acre estate of Lorence E. Moore on Music Mountain Road, Falls Village. Mrs. Larkey is better known as Carole King, recording star. Her husband, a bassist, often accompanies her on records and in concert performances. The Larkeys have three children, Molly Nora, Louise and Sherry.

25 years ago — September 1997

A sculpture by Salisbury Central School art teacher Gayle DuVall will be showcased on the cover of the next issue of Visions. Visions is a magazine published three times a year by the Connecticut Art Educators As-

sociation. Cynthia Jerram, an art teacher at Cornwall Consolidated School, recently stepped in as editor of the publication.

— Northwest Corner state Reps. Philip Prelli of Winsted and Andrew Roraback of Goshen had perfect attendance in this year's recent legislative session, casting all 526 roll call votes and missing none.

CANAAN — It might sound like just another fish story but Sergio Ronzani has proof for anyone who might doubt his tale. The 6-pound, 27-inch brown trout he caught last May in the Blackberry River is mounted and hangs on a wall in his West Main Street home. Mr. Ronzani caught the specimen remarkably large for the relatively shallow river in an area between Church Street and the sewage treatment plant that he runs.

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

Viewpoint



The beloved baseball glove

Baseball continues to be one of the most popular youth sports in North America. More than 3 million kids in the U.S. play the game and about 10 million children play worldwide. They are not alone. In 2022, approximately 20% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 64 also play baseball, according to Statista. Every one of them do so with a baseball glove.

Prices have risen substantially since I was a kid. Today, the price of these baseball gloves can range from \$20 to \$400, depending on the kind of materials involved. Back in the day, most kids in my neighborhood kept their glove next to the bed. A typical summertime day started with pick-up games in the morning, followed by practice in the afternoon, and a little league game starting at 6 P.M.

In this age of the internet, children (ages 6 to 18) probably play less than we did, but they still spend four hours during the week in free play, another 6.5 hours in practice and training, and 4.5 hours at games, according to TeamSnap, a mobile and web service for managing recreational and competitive sports teams and groups.

Overall, the global baseball equipment market is valued at \$13.3 billion in 2022 and is expected to top \$16.6 billion by the end of 2027. Gloves account for a large share of those overall sales. COVID-19 dented sales, as well as the number of children who played baseball in 2020 and 2021. However, the long-term growth rate has turned back up. Analysts expect baseball equipment should return to its historical growth rate of 3.2% annually.

For those who do not play baseball, there are different types of gloves depending on what position is played, the size of the glove and dominant hand. Common glove types include outfield and infield gloves, first base and catcher's mitts, and pitcher's

gloves.

There are various types of gloves from the cheapest to the most expensive. There are plenty of lightweight and flexible gloves with enough padding constructed of all-synthetic fabrics. Many of these designs can resist moisture and absorb impact. These are normally the cheapest gloves (good for starters), but prone to breaking over time.

Full-grain, or cowhide, leather gloves are more expensive (\$30-\$60), and are thicker, and more durable, but require time to break in. These are the gloves most familiar to players of my age. The problem is they require time, effort, and a lot of glove oil to break them in, molding them to your hand, and your play.

There are more expensive choices like steer hide leather gloves (\$75-\$300), that are even more durable and the choice of many amateurs, as well as professional players. Finally, another high-end product, the kidskin glove, is usually the favored choice of certain professionals and can fetch as much as \$400 a glove. Infielders love these mitts. Light, smooth, and yet, durable, they balance comfort with ruggedness.

The top brands in this market include Wilson, Rawlings, Easton, Akademia and Mizuno, among others. Many baseball manufacturers are based in the U.S. However, many of these companies now outsource to other regions in order to reduce costs. In the 1960s, production shifted to Asia in places such as the Philippines, Vietnam and, of course, China.

Most of the wholesale baseball glove manufacturers are based in China. China boosts the factories, workforce, and training to deliver large orders in time. The quality is equal to most

brand-name products, but at much lower prices. These are the gloves usually purchased by schools, clubs, sports centers, and youth leagues.

There is only one place in the U.S. that still manufactures baseball gloves from top to bottom. Based in Nokona, Texas, and founded in 1926, Nokona has been making baseball gloves in a small brick factory since the Great De-

pression era.

The process of making a glove requires about 40 steps and can take four hours to complete. Basic parts of a glove include the bridge, web, heel pad, hinge and the lacing. As a result, Nokona's gloves can run many times the price of a competitor's mitt that is produced on an assembly line. For example, a 9-inch kid's glove that you can pick up for \$8 at your local big box store would cost \$220 at Nokona for an equivalent sized glove.

Surprisingly, most professionals have little interest in custom gloves. They usually purchase gloves from one of the many manufacturers. Rawling's and Wilson's gloves seem to be the manufacturer of choice for many pros. The good news, in my opinion, is that some things stay the same. Yes, the price has gone up by several multiples, but several generations can still relate to that feeling of slipping one's hand into a well-used glove as the game begins.

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THE RETIRED INVESTOR BILL SCHMICK

Stop campaigning for a bit, see what's happening

During his travels around the state distributing goodies in pursuit of re-election in November, Governor Lamont might perform a valuable service by pausing for a moment here and there to examine the performance of ordinary management in state government.

Two weeks ago the big failures were in education, where a state technical school teacher who had been fired for abusing minority students was reinstated to her job with \$225,000 in back pay. An arbiter ruled that since the technical school system hardly ever fires anyone, it couldn't fire this teacher either.

Then, under pressure of a gender discrimination lawsuit, the state Board of Regents for Higher Education reinstated a community college president and paid her \$775,000.

Meanwhile the parade of misconduct in the state police continued. First eight state trooper recruits were dismissed for cheating on an examination at the police academy. Then over several weeks five troopers were suspended on various charges, including theft, sexual assault, hit-and-run driving, and domestic violence.

Then Bill Cummings of Connecticut's Hearst newspapers produced a more shocking report: that four more troopers had escaped discipline after being caught creating hundreds of fake traffic tickets to try to gain favor from their superiors — and that state police headquarters could not explain

why the four were let off so easily.

According to the Connecticut Examiner's Steve Jensen, at least the commanding officer of the state police, Col. Stavros Mellekas, issued a note of caution to his department. "These incidents do not define us," the colonel wrote, "but we need to step up and lock down behavior."

And then a case worker for the state Department of Children and Families

was charged criminally with helping a client evade arrest for child sex trafficking.

The governor, a Democrat, had nothing to say about these incidents of misconduct. Republicans didn't call attention to them either. After all, most of the state employees involved are members of unions whose endorsements are coveted.

But even if no one in authority is curious about these cases, they still suggest that state government is not operating well for the public and, worse, that Connecticut's politicians are too scared to try to change that.

If competence and integrity seem hard to achieve in state government, developments last week in Bridgeport suggested that achieving competence and integrity in government in Connecticut's cities may be impossible.

Mayor Joe Ganim, whose first administration was a criminal enterprise that sent him to prison for seven

years, last week hired as the city's senior labor relations official a former Newtown police officer who was convicted 10 years ago of embezzling \$95,000 from the town's police union while he was its treasurer. Of course in Bridgeport city government a background in embezzlement may be considered valuable experience.

And a month after agreeing to a three-year extension of his contract, Bridgeport

school Superintendent Michael Testani announced that he would leave in November anyway to become superintendent in neighboring Fairfield. But since Bridgeport may be Connecticut's leading poverty factory, it is hard to blame anyone in public education for departing for a place where most students come to school prepared to learn — or where the kids come to school at all. (Last week Hartford's superintendent acknowledged that 44% of that city's students are chronically absent.)

The state and federal governments have been doing the poverty thing for almost 60 years. Will another 60 years have to pass before anyone in authority in Connecticut notices that it's not working?

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THE CHRIS POWELL COLUMN

A celebration of self-expression

Cadillac is more than a statement. It's a celebration of self-expression.

And a declaration of your independence."

I'm not fond of quoting William Barr, but that is what the New York Times used to refer to as a "barnyard epithet."

You did see that Steve Bannon said to Barr, "We're coming after you, Bro," for Barr's temerity to use that barnyard expression.

I'm having a hard time imagining that that expression is ever used in a barnyard.

Reminds me of Ex- Prez's saying that his Access Hollywood tape was using "locker room talk."

A number of National Football League players were asked if that is the way they spoke when suiting up, suiting down, and to a player said they were too busy discussing their IRAs.

The British playwright Doug Lucie says that "advertising is the revenge of business on culture."

Two pals in Chicago did very well there in the ad world, one retiring at 33 after coming up with Spell Cheese, K-R-A-F-T. (Miracle Whip, the Bread Spread, less successful). Jonathan Abarbanel then went on to produce my first play there, 49 years ago, so I shan't be too hard on him.

The second, retiring a bit later, now goes to Africa three times a year and supports all sorts of great causes, including Chicago's most needy theaters. So I shan't be hard on Nancy McDaniel either.

The friend of many of us, Clifton Read, of Dark Entry and Cornwall Bridge, was

head of Advertising for the Cancer Society during the Mad Men days.

One of my favorite Cliff stories — the three martini lunch.

The one that consoled you for the morning's work.

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The one that gave you the courage to go back to work.

Clif, who never smoked a cig in his life. Although his wife died of it.

How did these adsters do it?

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Really? Could Clif or my Chicago pals have written that obfuscatory drivel?

Clif who grew up in St. Paul next to Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald, a not so distant

relative of the composer, F. Scott who wrote jingles to pay the rent. Nothing like the Unsingable Star Spangled Banner, I suspect.

Tender Is The Night, This Side of Paradise and The Great Gatsby, The Original

Great American novel, F. Scott who gave us the phrase The Jazz Age. A white dude came up with that? Would we have those books without those jingles?

I am guessing not. That we would have those books, that art. All in all, Bless you, Old Adsters. Old Masters.

Martinis, anyone? Or is lunch over?

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

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER



Music Mountain plays on

The Merz Trio, above, had a five-day stint at Music Mountain in Falls Village over the long Labor Day weekend. The season is not over. There is more music to come, through Sept. 18. Go to www.musicmountain.org for the full schedule.

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Bygone era cars keep on motoring at Lime Rock's Historic Festival 40

By Lans Christensen

LAKEVILLE — The Labor Day weekend Historic Festival 40 at Lime Rock Park from Thursday Sept. 1 through Monday the 5th, Lime Rock showcased cars from a bygone era on the road and track.

This year's event started on Thursday with the traditional parade of cars proceeding from Lime Rock to Falls Village. The parade was larger than ever, with about 120 cars of every age, make, and model departing the track. From there they rolled on to Lakeville, Salisbury, and Falls Village with friends and enthusiasts cheering and waving along the entire route. A gorgeous Friday was



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Show cars all around the track at Lime Rock Park on Sunday, Sept. 5. For more photos, go to www.tri-cornernews.com.

filled with on-track activity. Practice and qualifying for more than 200 race entries in nine different race groups. The groups ranged from pre-war/early post-war cars, air cooled Porches, to the histor-

ic Trans-Am competitors of the 1960's and 70's. Saturday and Monday saw these cars competing wheel to wheel with the same competitive energy that drove them from their first races decades ago.

Sunday in the Park is a huge Festival highlight, and every year a new marque is chosen to be the honored centerpiece. This year it was the Chevrolet Corvette, marking its 70th anniversary, and they turned out in staggering numbers.

The General Motors Heritage Collection brought historic models of unique automotive significance. These, and other "Vettes" were part of the concours on the main straight, but Corvette owners from far and wide displayed their cars on track from the Big Bend all the way to the West bend.

In between the Corvettes were cars of every other conceivable marque, age, and rarity — from Alfa to Zagato.

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Stiltwalkers Sophie Allen and Ari Washburn, resplendent in white costumes and bearing black-and-white checkered racing flags, paced around.

And finally the cars arrived, led by a pace car from Lime Rock Park and preceded by a sustained and powerful sound best spelled as "VROOM."

The vintage car parade started at the track at 4 p.m. and wound through Lakeville and Salisbury before arriving in Falls Village. The parade and subsequent festivities marked the start of Lime Rock Park's Historic Weekend event.

Depending on who was asked, there were about 125 cars in the parade. (Three broke down en route, about par for the course.)

Longtime track owner

Skip Barber watched happily as the drivers parked.

"I say this every year," Barber said. "But this is a nice group of cars."

Constable Lou Timolat gave directions up by the Center on Main. Willie Halihan adroitly moved a traffic cone out of the way for a young fellow in an orange Porsche.

And Suzanne Cadgene, deploying a homemade arrow sign, helped out with the parking directions at the junction of Main and Railroad Street. She was assisted in this endeavor by her dog, Lily.

And by 5:05 p.m., the engine roar had died down, the smoke had cleared, and everyone could hear the band heading down Route 66 through Kingman, Barstow and San Bernardino.

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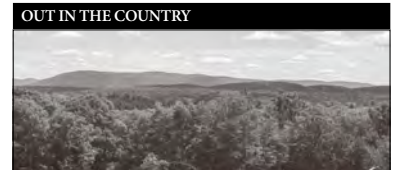
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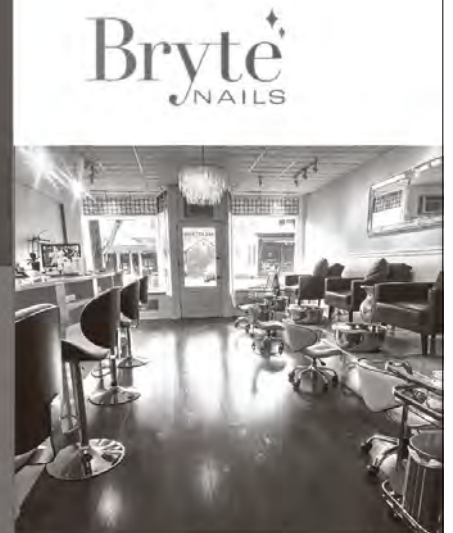
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