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Voters waited to check in at the town meeting in Salisbury Thursday, July 28. The meeting started about 40 minutes late because of the heavy turnout.

Affordable housing plan clears hurdle in Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — By a vote of 291 to 50, Salisbury voters approved a resolution allowing the Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) to use town-owned property for access for a proposed affordable housing development at town meeting Thursday, July 28.

The town meeting was held in the Salisbury Congregational Church, which was sweltering. It was scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.,

but the heavy turnout meant things didn't kick off until 8:07 p.m.

The question was called at 8:52 p.m., and it took until 9:15 p.m. to count the paper ballots and announce the result.

The discussion included brief remarks from members of the SHC, reminding voters that access to the site is a necessary first step for applying for grants to do environmental and traffic studies and start designing the housing.

There were voices in opposition,

saying there are better sites in town that are mentioned in the town's affordable housing plan.

Others expressed opposition on environmental grounds.

Several speakers noted that by approving the access, the town is not approving a specific housing development, but simply allowing the process to move to the next step. Any plan still must go before the Inland Wetlands and Planning

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Removing Barriers

Manufacturers collaborate to attract, retain post-pandemic workforce

This is the last in a series about the labor market in the Northwest Corner.

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — In 1961, Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) opened a 25,000-square-foot facility on Grace Way in rural North Canaan with eight employees. The facility was specifically designed to manufacture the BD Syringe, the world's first-ever fully sterile, single use disposable plastic syringe.

Six decades and a global pandemic later, the site has grown to 385,000 square feet where 450 associates are needed to keep the Northwest Corner's largest employer operating around the clock, producing more than 2 billion medical devices each year that are sold worldwide.

Where there is growth, there are growing pains, and throughout the decades the company has

faced pressure to retain and hire a skilled workforce to meet critical production demands.

"Since 1961, our employees have played a major role in responding to health care crises across the globe, from smallpox to H1N1 and most recently COVID-19 vaccinations," said Dustin Andersen, plant manager at BD in North Canaan.

"Like many other companies, we've been closely monitoring the increasingly competitive labor market and associated labor shortages here," said Andersen, who noted that staff retention is taken seriously by the company.

"In 2022 alone, three of our associates celebrated 45 years here

Since 1961, our employees have played a major role in responding to health care crises across the globe, from smallpox to H1N1 and most recently COVID-19 vaccinations.

Dustin Andersen, plant manager, Becton, Dickinson and Company in North Canaan

in our facility, which is a true testament to the high value we put in our associates and their professional development. We take great pride in our legacy of contribut-

ing to the local community and its people."

Even though BD maintains an average employee tenure of 11 years, according to Andersen, "we're currently hiring 24 open positions here in Canaan," including those for molding machine operators, CNC toolmakers, night crew mechanical technicians and microbiology laboratory technicians and various supervisory positions.

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Handful of races set in primaries on Aug. 9

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Voters have only a handful of races to consider in the Republican and Democratic party primary elections Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The highest profile race is for the GOP nod for U.S. Senator. Former state House Minority Leader Themis Klarides (formerly representing the 114th District) squares off

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Salisbury selectmen oppose hospital cuts

By Matthew Kreta

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen met Monday, Aug. 1, and agreed to sign a statement opposing proposed changes at Sharon Hospital.

The statement reads, in part: "We cannot support the termination of the Labor and Delivery unit

and are concerned about changes to the ICU. We believe that the decision to terminate the Labor and Delivery unit, and associated surgical capability, may put expecting mothers at serious risk due to lengthy alternative travel times and this is inconsistent with regional efforts to promote and expand women's (and men's) reproductive health."

However, the selectmen also make it clear that they understand

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The charm of Chimney swifts

Hearing a cacophonous sound from inside your chimney this summer? While I can't promise it's not a poltergeist, I can offer an alternative explanation: Chimney swifts.

This bizarre bird is native to Eastern North America and cousin to three other swift species that are found out West: White-throated, Vaux's, and Black swifts. Despite their similarities to swallows at first blush, Chimney swifts (and their relatives) are members of a completely different family and thus bear no close relation. In fact, swifts are the only members of their family (*Apodidae*), informing us that they bear no immediate relation to any other bird species worldwide.

Chimney swifts (*Chaetura pelagica*) are cavity nesting birds that adapted to using brick or stone chimneys for rearing their young since European colonization in the 1700s. They historically relied on snags and dead trees for rearing their young, which were plentiful



PHOTO BY SUNNY KELLNER, SHARON AUDUBON

More than 40 Chimney swift fledglings are treated at the Sharon Audubon Center's wildlife rehabilitation clinic. All viable subadults will be released into a 'staging' colony in mid-August when a large flock begins to assemble for migration to the Amazon River basin.

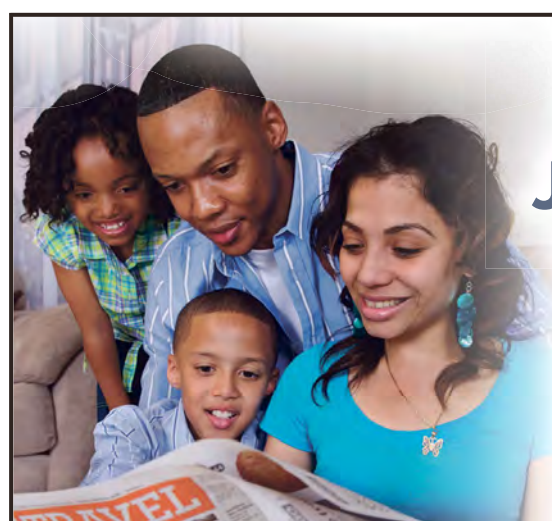
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BETHANY SHEFFER

enough to sustain the species when our Eastern forests were abundant and continuous. But once European colonists arrived, instead

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 Saturday Scattered T-Storms, 85°/67°
 Sunday Afternoon T-Storms, 89°/68°

Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at www.tricornernews.com.

Sharon uses ARPA funds to outfit bus promoting mobile education for children

SHARON — Sharon selectmen voted Tuesday, July 26 to use \$21,000 in anticipated federal ARPA funds to outfit a bus to provide free books to children.

Amenia holds affordable housing forum

AMENIA — During a public forum on affordable housing possibilities, about 35 residents gathered on Saturday, July 30 to hear a report on a planned 14-unit development.

Mid-day Music and Meditation at Salisbury UCC on Aug. 5

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC will present its monthly Mid-day Music and Meditation on Friday, August 5 from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. at 30 Main Street.

The Meeting House doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and attendance will be restricted to one-half capacity. Audience members will be admitted on a first come-

first-served basis. Masks are optional.

For this musical meditation, the church's Music Director David Baranowski will present a half hour of organ works including Bach's Italian Concerto BWV 971 and Handel's Organ Concerto in G minor opus 4, no. 1 HWV 289. For more information, please contact the church office at (860) 435-2442.

Cornwall discussion to educate about bears in the NW Corner

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Association will host a bear education talk on Wednesday, August 10 at The Cornwall Library, 30 Pine Street, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Kyle Testerman, a wildlife specialist with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), will discuss the history of bears in the NW Corner and how to be good bear neighbors. Learn about

the habitat bears need, what DEEP does with problem bears and how to reduce bear-human encounters.

The talk is open to everyone in the NW Corner. In person is limited to 50 people, so pre-registration is important. It will also be on Zoom to allow for a larger and wider audience. Registration required for the Zoom link at www.cornwalllibrary.org.

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.

Drove into stream

On July 25 at approximately 9:45 a.m. on West Cornwall Road in Sharon a 2015 Volvo Xc70 driven by Olivia Ingeborg Charles, 21, of Sharon exited the roadway and came to a stop in a shallow stream. The Volvo was

Early chair exhibit in Kent

KENT — This summer's exhibit at the Kent Historical Society explores the differences in style and design among chairs from circa 1600 to 1800, with examples on loan from private collections.

"Put It Down Over There: Musings on Early Chairs" will be presented in the Seven Hearths Museum on weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through September 5.

Admission is free for members; \$5 suggested donation for non-members.

For more information, see www.kenthistoricalsociety.org or call 860-927-4587.

Equus Effect receives grants

SHARON — The non-profit Equus Effect recently received two grant awards in support of the organization's work providing military veterans and others in high-stress environments with essential tools to expand their capacity for healthy, authentic relationships through purposeful engagement with horses.

The Torrington Savings Bank Foundation awarded a grant for \$7,500 and the Northwest Community Bank Foundation awarded a grant for \$2,000 to help build the organization's programs.

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

towed from the stream and Charles was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

Collision while exiting driveway

On July 26 at approximately 11 a.m. on Wells Hill Road in Salisbury a 2012 Toyota Tacoma driven by Clare Keller, 28, of Thomaston, was pulling out of a driveway and struck an oncoming 2015 GMC Yukon driven by Erica Janet Brandt, 37, of Lakeville. Keller was issued a verbal warning for failure to grant the right of way at an intersection.

Asleep at the wheel

On July 26 at approxi-

mately 5:45 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of a disturbance on Long Pond Road in Salisbury. Dylan James Gop, 29, of Millerton, had been driving a Honda Element that swerved off the road and struck a wire rope guard rail. Gop was later found after leaving the scene of the accident and stated that he had fallen asleep while driving. He was charged with evading responsibility for property damage, failure to drive in the proper lane and operating a motor vehicle without a license. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 27.

Assault

On July 27 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of an active disturbance on Dug Road in Sharon. The male party, Alexander Lotocki De Vellgost, 69, of Sharon had fled the scene, but was found to be the primary aggressor according to the report. He was later found and charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 28.

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.

Kent forum on phishing attacks and online security set Aug. 31

KENT — Personal use of technology has left many users with unease about security threats — or perceived threats.

An entry-level, non-technical lecture at Kent Memorial Library on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. will discuss everyday issues, and show common-sense measures everyone can take to help reduce risks in their online world.

In addition to the basics of online security, including password management, discussion will focus on the

most common threats faced by consumers: "phishing" messages (scams in emails, texts, and phone calls), and "scareware" (fake alerts in pop-up windows).

Presenter Michael Jay is a certified Apple Teacher, and the owner of Personal Tech Support. In addition to his work consulting for and tutoring individuals, small businesses and regional institutions, Jay has taught technology-related courses at several universities, including Rutgers and NYU.

Back to school assistance

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services is sponsoring a back to school program.

Gift cards for school clothing will be provided to children in the town of Salisbury. Families who are in need should call Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.

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- Composition
- Very willing
- One and only
- Cluster cups
- Famed Hollywood director
- Score perfectly
- Important lawyers
- Undivided
- Part of the foot
- Spun by spiders
- Married woman
- Reagan's Secretary of State
- Instruments
- The A-Team drove one
- Short-tailed marten
- Oil organization
- Predecessor to the EU
- "Hotel California" rockers
- Color at the end of the spectrum
- Actress Ryan
- Digital audiotape
- Expression of creative skill
- Scientific instrument
- Dog-__: marked for later
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Fencing sword
- Turkish title
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- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume
- Type of student

CLUES DOWN

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- Bowfin
- Chinese dynasty
- Small venomous snake
- Global news agency
- Common fractions
- American state
- Tired
- Boxing's GOAT

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Our Towns

Clambake pros return for Lloyd Fund benefit

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The annual clambake (and fundraiser) for the Jane Lloyd Fund returned to Satre Hill in Salisbury Saturday, July 30, after a two-year hiatus.

Around 10:30 a.m. volunteers buzzed around getting things ready.

Henry Orłowski-Scherer, a Lloyd family friend from New Jersey, was on clam chowder detail.

Like everyone else, he was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the clambake pros from Massachusetts.

“The first time I saw the fire I thought ‘this is awesome,’” he said as he poured a quart of half-and-half into the immense pot of simmering chowder.

Eliot Osborne and company got started with the live music, beginning with a rendition of Bob Marley’s “Three Little Birds.”

Around 1:30 p.m. the pros from Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein in Gill, Massachusetts, had indeed arrived and were building the edifice for the fire.

This is a layered structure of 4 x 6 inch lengths of wood with flat boards inside to hold rocks. Ripped-up cardboard boxes serve as kindling. The kindling and boards burn up,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ray Zukowski (right) directed volunteers in the proper placement of wet, heavy tarps over the pile of hot rocks and bivalves at the Jane Lloyd Fund clambake in Salisbury Saturday, July 30.

leaving a pile of hot rocks inside the charred structure.

Ray Zukowski and the crew pulled the structure apart, and then the second part of the process began.

First layer, wet corn husks. Second layer, seaweed.

Crates containing lobsters were added, along with bags of clams and corn.

Zukowski, an imposing figure, loomed through the billowing steam, directing the volunteers.

Finally, wet, heavy tarps were pulled across the steaming pile.

Then everybody sat down and waited in bivalvular anticipation.

Jane Lloyd of Salisbury

died of cancer in 2005. The Jane Lloyd Fund was subsequently established by her family to help families in the Region One area who are struggling financially with the costs of cancer treatment. It is an endowed fund within the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

Community resource book now available

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — “The Northwest CARES Help Book,” which gives information on community resources in the Northwest Corner, is available for free at town so-

E-bike options? Local cyclist explains

By Riley Klein

SALISBURY — Shepherd Myers, local cyclist and electric bike enthusiast told an audience at the Scoville Memorial Library Thursday, July 28, about the different options available for electric bicycles.

With fuel prices on the rise, Myers wanted to find a green alternative for getting around town. He quickly realized there were many options to consider in the e-bike market. Scooters vs. pedal-assisted, factory vs. retrofitting, and front-drive vs. rear-drive vs. mid-drive.

Myers said the first thing to consider is one’s individual needs and goals for an e-bike. Myers was aiming to replace his car for daily errands without breaking the bank.

“I was looking for a cargo bike but didn’t want to shell out \$5200.”

For trips under 20 miles, a pedal assisted motorized bicycle seemed the best option.

An experienced bicycle mechanic, Myers opted to



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Shepherd Myers advised a group of enthusiasts about different electric bicycle options at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Thursday, July 28.

custom-build his e-bike.

He found a used mountain bike on Craigslist and ordered a kit from JohnnyNerdOut, an e-bike YouTuber who offers consulting services and bundle packages for new enthusiasts.

The kit cost Myers around \$1100.

He then got to work retrofitting the bicycle with a battery, motor, display panel and

specialized brakes.

“These days I only use my car if it’s raining,” said Myers.

He is able to ride the bike from Lakeville to the Stop & Shop supermarket in North Canaan, load up on groceries and return home on a single charge (although Smith Hill uses a lot of battery power).

Myers said other options include various ways to buy e-bikes online, which can be a gamble, and going to a bicycle shop.

The latter option is the most expensive, he conceded, but the buyer will have a wider range of choices — and the shop handles the assembly.

After the presentation, a reporter got to take Myers’ e-bike for a spin in the library’s parking lot.



Kent Sidewalk Sale

August 4-7

Everyday Sales,

Events & Specials

Heron Gallery: Alison Palmer handmade ceramics sale. 50% off porch items. Sales throughout the store. Thurs - Sun 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Silver & Sage Trading: Selected Native American jewelry, clothing and gift items. Red Tag items along with 20% off and more. Thurs - Sun 10 AM to 5 PM

Chestnut Woodworking & Antique Flooring: 20% off already discounted items under the tent. Thurs & Sun 12 to 5 PM; Fri 12 to 6 PM; Sat. 11 AM to 6 PM

Rolling River Antiques: 50% off storewide plus complimentary designer gift bag by Karen with \$10 or more purchase! While supplies last. Thurs - Sun. 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Scribble Art Workshop: Wooden toys, art kits & art supplies 25-50% off. Thurs & Fri 9 AM to 4 PM. Sat 9 AM to 3 PM; Sunday closed

Fife 'n Drum Gift Shop: Outdoor: Sales on the porch; 25% off sales inside (does not apply to LEGOs, candles & cards). Fri - Sun 12 to 5 PM

Kent Memorial Library Outdoor Book Sale: Thurs thru Sun 10 AM - 5 PM weather permitting. 2012 Mini Cooper Base Convertible raffle tickets on sale. Special events for

children and families (see daily schedule).

Foreign Cargo: The whole store is on sale! 10 - 40% off everything. Thurs - Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun 12 - 5 PM

Sundog Shoe & Leather: All shoes from 10% to 40% off! Clearance tents with additional 30% off. Thurs - Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM; Sun 12 to 5 PM

House of Books: Assorted used books and gift items with a variety of discounts. Thurs - Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM; Sun 12 - 5 PM

Terston Home Accents & Apparel: Under the Tent - Savings up to 70% off More discounts inside! Thurs - Sat. 11 - 5; Sun Noon to 5

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Kent Station Pharmacy: 20% off all front store non-seasonal gift items. Thurs & Fri 9 AM to 6 PM. Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM, Sun 11 AM to 4 PM

Kent Greenhouse & Gardens/ Garden Center: 40% off ALL plants not planted in the ground. Other in-store specials available, see gift shop associate for details. Tutorial on Sat. 10-11 AM (see Sat. schedule for details) FREE gardening gift to the first 10 attendees! Thurs - Sat: 9am - 5pm / Sun: 10am - 4pm

Kent Art Association: Artwork by various local artists at 20

-70% off original. Some vintage artwork pieces as well! Thurs - Sun 1 to 5 PM

Koblentz & Co. Antique & Estate Jewelry: Under the tent on the lawn Great assortment of real and costume jewelry. Thurs - Sun 10 AM to 5 PM

Food & Drink
Fife 'n Drum Restaurant: Noon to 4 PM: \$6 Margaritas, \$5 draft beer. Lunch specials: lobster rolls, pulled pork sandwiches. Thurs - Sun ~ Lunch 11:30 - 3 PM. Dinner 5:30 to 9:30 PM

Sophie's Restaurant & Bakery: Special Street Food from Around the World on the patio! Plus delicious baked goods! Thurs - Sat 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Sun 10 AM to 4:30 PM

Visit our other eateries for their culinary fares: J.P. Gifford Market, The Villager Restaurant, Swyft, Wilson's Café, Kingsley Tavern, KPG Kitchen & Bar, Davis IGA

Galleries
Kent Memorial Library: Exhibit on display: Stephen & Barbara Dull "A Weaver & the Furniture Maker" See Everyday Sales for hours.

Kent Art Association: KAA Elected Artists and Members Show. Opening Reception, Friday, August 5th from 6-8. Gallery hours: Thursday thru Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Craven Contemporary: Trees and Flowers featuring Mio Akashi. Thurs - Sat. 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 PM

Kenise Barnes Fine Art: Susan English - Weather. Thurs - Sat.

11:00 AM to 5:30 PM; Sunday 12:00 to 4:00 PM

Carol Corey Fine Art: Lisa Lebofsky "On the Horizon". Thurs - Sunday 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Ongoing

Kent Memorial Library: Thursday, Aug. 4, 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch in the Kent Memorial Library Junior Room. Bring your lunch, enjoy some stories, and then do a craft! **Friday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m.** A special performance by Magician Scott Jameson to celebrate the end of our summer reading program. All ages are welcome. **Saturday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m.** Sidewalk chalk drawing day. All ages welcome. Meets in the Junior Room. Call or email to register: kmjuniorroom@biblio.org, 860.927.3761

St. Andrew's Parish Annual Giant Tag Sale: Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Rain or shine! 8:30 to 10:00 AM Early Bird purchasing ~ \$10 entry charge; free entry between 10 AM and 4PM. Saturday, 10-4, Sunday 11:30-2:30.

Henna by Nicky: Friday-Sunday, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Terston Home Accents & Apparel, Kent Town Center

Thursday
Wanda Houston & The HBH Band: 6:00 to 8:00 PM Free Concert Park & walk in with your blankets, chairs & picnics. NOTE: No dogs or trash. Please prepare accordingly: pack out what you bring in!! Please support Kent's Food Bank by bringing a non-perishable item for collection

at the event. RAIN CANCELS THE CONCERT Kent Land Trust Field, south on Route 7

Friday, August 5th
Kent Quilters ~ Handmade items on sale: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM On the Golden Falcon Lot

Kent Farmer's Market ~ support our local farmers!: 3:00 to 6:00 PM Fresh produce, meat, honey, vegetables, honey, craft beer, homemade soups & salsa, embroidered goods, prepared foods, desserts, and more!

Saturday
Kent Greenhouse & Gardens: 10:00 to 11:00 AM Tutorial:

Decorative Mixed Planters for Summer with Audrey.

Kent Quilters ~ Handmade items on sale: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM On the Golden Falcon Lot, 20 North Main Street

Drum Circle ~ all are welcome: 1:00 PM Foreign Cargo
60's Night at the Fife 'n Drum Restaurant: 6:00 to 9:00 PM Special guests: Gordon Titcomb, George Potts, Lenn Colacion. Reservations required: 860-927-3509

Sunday
Tarot & Essential Oils Event: 5:30 PM \$39 at Tarot in Thyme. (475) 218-3412

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'Guys and Dolls' soars at Sharon Playhouse open

By Dan Dwyer

SHARON — Sharon Playhouse's joyous production of the 1950 "Guys and Dolls", one of the greatest American musicals of all time, opened Friday evening with the exuberance of a Broadway premier at a jam-packed Bobbie Olsen Theater. It's the first full production staged in Sharon's updated, old summer-stock barn since the pandemic, which gave the evening a special buzz. And the show's score by Frank Loesser, one of the all-time great musical comedy composers and lyricists, is chockablock with some of the most popular songs that came from Broadway — delivered with vocal authority by a sparkling cast. But what really distinguishes Sharon Playhouse's production is the tap choreography by director Justin Boccitto, who renders this Broadway classic into the non-stop, vivacious musical fable it was meant to endure as.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY GARRETT

Left to right, MacKenzie Farrell, Michelle Lemon, and Danielle Jackman in "Havana."

Based on a short story and characters created by Damon Runyon, "Guys and Dolls", set in late 1940s Times Square, weaves a pair of boy-meets-girl, girl(finally)-gets-boy stories with the foibles of lovable low-lives grifting from one crap game to the next. Sexuality here is

innocent (well, maybe a little naughty); criminality is feckless. In brief, small-time crap-game organizer Nathan Detroit (Robert Anthony Jones) in debt makes a wager he thinks he can't lose with big-time gambler Sky Masterson (C.K. Edwards). The bet — to get a date with

Sarah Brown (Amanda Lea Lavergne), the goody two-shoes who runs the local Bible-thumping mission house. Nathan's fiancée of 14 years, burlesque showgirl Adelaide (Lauralyn McClelland) befriends Sarah, who admits she's fallen for studly Sky. Adelaide is ready to give up on wedding the fear-marrying Nathan. Plot twists later, when a crapgame occurs in the mission, truths get revealed, true feelings prevail, and — you guessed it — the men reform and everyone lives happily ever after.

Under Boccitto's clever direction, it all unfolds charmingly and giddily. Loesser's hit tunes just keep on coming, but this time tap gets integrated with the score unlike this reviewer has ever seen. The overture and opening sequence signals it all, with the ensemble in black and white silhouette moving in Times Square streetlife. When the curtain drops the full chorus is revealed in wittily-designed technicolor MGM

musical costumes. The show takes off; airborne, it soars.

Loesser's melodies range from romantic ballads to comic diddies. Ms. Laverge as Sarah, well known to Playhouse audiences for "Crazy for You" and "Anything Goes", gets the romantic gems like "I'll Know" and "If I Were a Bell", which she delivers with soprano perfection. Ms. McClelland as Adelaide gets Loesser's comic plums: "Bushel and a Peck", "Adelaide's Lament" ("a person could develop a cold") and "Take Back Your Mink". Her squeaky, nasal, vocal interpretation is as priceless as Faith Prince's who played the role in the last Broadway revival, it's that good.

Boccitto's tap routines are most extravagant in the

show's title number, but even more impressive is the sequence of "The Crapshooter's Dance", a knockout ensemble tap, which segues into Sky's "Luck Be A Lady". The showstopper, of course, is "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" here led by an endearing Joshua Spencer who redefines the role of Nicely, Nicely (made timeless by Stubby Kaye) with a very funny Dom Giovanni as his sidekick Benny Southstreet.

Sharon Playhouse's "Guys and Dolls", from beginning to end, is one big smile, something we all could use these days.

Dan Dwyer, the U.S. reviewer for the German magazine *Blickpunkt Musicale*, is a member of the Board of the Lakeville Journal Foundation.

Sharon Hospital schedules community update on Aug. 8

SHARON — Sharon Hospital, part of NuVance Health, will host an online community update from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, August 8, via livestream video.

Hospital President Christina McCulloch will discuss the latest hospital developments and provide updates on the affiliation in 2019 that created NuVance Health.

An independent monitor, engaged by NuVance Health, will report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Care Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presen-

tation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling (845) 554-1734 with their name and phone number. Questions can also be mailed to: Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT, 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the website: www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums.

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event.

Comcast broadband proposal

Sharon plans Aug. 15 info session

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Following years of effort by the town's broadband task force to find a way to provide internet access for every home and business, the Board of Selectmen considered a recent proposal from Comcast at its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26.

The selectmen agreed that the Broadband Task Force could schedule a public information hearing to be held on Monday, August 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

If town residents are in support of the proposal, then the task force would return to the selectmen to being the process of devising a way to fund the project. The project would then go on to the Board of Finance for review and eventually, a Town Meeting would be called for voters to decide.

Under the proposal, Comcast would partner with the town to provide high-speed cable to underserved homes, thereby ensuring that every home and business has access to internet service.

"We've come a long way

and we are close to a solution," First Selectman Brent Colley said, recalling that the town had researched a \$12 million option to separate from Comcast and to become an independent broadband utility. Comcast has proposed a \$1.6 million plan to extend its services to underserved roads and to those roads served by other companies.

Broadband Task Force co-chair Jill Drew reported that there are 27 miles of town road and private road to be covered, amounting to 234 households. The cable would be laid underground in places. Under the agreement Comcast would extend the cable all the way from the road to the homes, not just to nearby poles.

"I believe this is the most important decision the town can make for its future over the next 20 years," Drew said, describing the obvious far-reaching benefits for residents and the town. She noted the results of a 2019 survey drawing 550 responses from residents, 70% of whom supported the idea of expanded internet access and

an additional 25% responded "maybe."

The town funded the cost of the survey and the preliminary engineering study to assess the costs should the town decide to form its own utility.

"There is a lot of support for this idea," Drew said.

"This is a lifeline for a lot of people," task force co-chair Meghan Flanagan said, indicating that Frontier, the other internet provider for the town, had not responded to calls.

Comcast stepped forward and negotiated a solution with the town for the \$1.6 million cost, estimating that the work could be completed within six months from the date that the application for pole installation was approved. Under the proposal, if the town pays the \$1.6 million, Comcast will pay the remainder of the cost for the project.

Drew said that she considers it a shovel-ready project, asking the selectmen to schedule the informational meeting leading to a potential town decision by early September.

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OBITUARIES

Rosemary Ellen 'Rose' (Ezersky) Ralph

LAKEVILLE — Rosemary Ellen "Rose" (Ezersky) Ralph, 69, of 15 Indian Mountain Road, passed away July 29, 2022, at Danbury Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of Stanley J. Ralph. Rosemary and Stanley were married for 50 years. Rosemary was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 5, 1952, daughter of the late William and Mary (O'Shaughnessy) Ezersky.



survived by her daughter Denise Ralph and her significant other Sheldon Swart, both of Lakeville and her granddaughter Taylor Swart, also of Lakeville. She is also survived by her two brothers Jim Ezersky of Cleveland, Ohio and Pat Ezersky of Lakeville; her sister Laura Wheeler of New York. Rosemary was predeceased by her son Matthew J. Ralph in 1999.

Rosemary had worked as a school bus driver for Region One for seventeen years. After that time she worked for The Lakeville Journal in the mail room and as a driver. While not driving either her bus or her paper route Rosemary enjoyed watching the many wild birds that visited her yard and doing word search puzzles. However, her greatest passion was her family. Rosemary was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

In addition to her husband Stanley, Rosemary is

A graveside service will be held on Saturday August 6, 2022, at 11:00 am in the Mountain View Cemetery Sand Road, Canaan, Connecticut. Calling hours will be held on Friday August 5, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be sent to either the VFW Couch-Pipa Post 6851 104 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, CT 06018 or to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad 8 Under Mountain Rd. Salisbury, CT 06068.

Tomassina 'Tommie' Panepinto

NORTH CANAAN — Tomassina "Tommie" Panepinto passed away peacefully at the Rosewood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rensselaer, New York on July 29, 2022. She had been a resident at Rosewood since October 2021. Her loving care there, was a blessing.

Tomassina was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, the oldest daughter of the late S. Joseph Nania and Mary Pothier Nania. She was predeceased by her beloved brother Peter and her dear daughter Teresa.

Tommie moved to North Canaan, Connecticut when she was in the second grade. She attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School where she earned accolades for academic performance and community service. With great courage for a small town girl, Tommie went off to Trinity College in Washington, D.C. While at Trinity, Tommie was inspired by the Sisters of Notre Dame to care for others and to work for peace and social justice. During her tenure at Trinity, in the turbulent late 1960s she went to Honduras to work with a community of impoverished, indigenous Honduran women. Upon graduation, Tomassina was awarded the Mary Murray McArdle Award in recognition of her contribution to the Trinity College community.

After graduation in 1970, Tomassina went to New York City to pursue her education at the New York University School of Social Work, where she earned her Masters Degree. There, she met her husband Bill, whom she married

in 1971. Tommie and Bill had three children; Bill in 1972, Teresa in 1975 and Vincent in 1981.

The family moved to Altamont in 1980 and Tommie quickly became involved in local efforts for peace and social justice in Altamont Village and at her parish, St. Lucy's. In recognition of her deep faith, devotion to the Catholic community and psychological acumen, Tomassina was one of the first lay woman to be appointed to the Albany Catholic Diocese Priest Formation Board. Tomassina worked for over twenty years as a social worker for the Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health. She retired in 2013. In 2017 she suffered the first of several debilitating strokes.

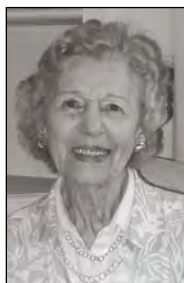
Tommie is survived by her husband Bill, her sons Bill and Vincent, her granddaughter Cassandra, her brother Anthony and his wife Irene, her brother Gerard and his wife Diane, her sister Maria and her husband Richard Stillman.

Tommie also had loving relationships with her nephews and nieces — Clayton, Nicole, Andrew, Catie, Brendan and Richard.

Tomassina was a warrior for social justice. She was deeply devoted to family, friends and community. She will be remembered for her humility, loving spirit, fine intellect, boundless compassion and infinite patience. To her family, Tomassina was a power of example.

Bertha 'Betty' Ruth Morehouse Scribner

SALISBURY — Bertha "Betty" Ruth Morehouse Scribner, age 106, died peacefully with family by her side on July 27, 2022, at Noble Horizons. She was preceded in death by Robert Hollister Scribner, her husband of 57 years, in 1999. She was born in 1915 in Sharon, Connecticut at the first Sharon Hospital on Calkinstown Road, the daughter of the late Henry Stebbins Morehouse and Bertha (Humphreville) Morehouse of Amenia, New York. She was the youngest of eight Morehouse children and one of the fifth generation of Morehouses to live in the family brick house (called Bogardus Hall) and farm on the Sharon, Connecticut-Amenia, New York town (and Connecticut/New York state) line. She was baptized at Christ Episcopal Church in Sharon, which was built using bricks made from clay from the Morehouse farm. She attended grade school at the Leedsville District School, seventh and eighth grade at the old Amenia High School, and then grades nine through twelve at the new Amenia High School, where she was a member of the Section B Champion women's basketball team and (a portent of things to come) the class historian. She then graduated from Peirce School of Business Administration



in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1935 she became the first editor of the family 'newspaper,' The Weekly Echoes of Bogardus Hall, which continued within the family for 75 years. On October 4, 1941, Betty married her beloved husband, Robert Hollister Scribner, at Christ Episcopal Church in Sharon; they met while working at the Connecticut Power Company. In 1945 they moved into their home at 55 Gay Street in Sharon, where they lived for 50 years. In 1995 they moved to a cottage at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Connecticut. Betty was very active in local organizations. She has been a member of the Sharon Women's Club since 1948, became a member of the Sharon Congregational Church in 1954 (and later a deaconess), became a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church in 1992, was a trustee of the Sharon Historical Society, was an assistant leader of the Sharon Girl Scouts, and was a matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Sharon. Family was very important to her, and she followed her passion for family history by becoming a dedicated genealogist, taking several classes, and doing detailed research on her ancestors. She was a member of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and by de-

tailoring her family history was able to become a member of the Mayflower Society, the Jamestown Society, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of Connecticut, Society of the Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, Descendants of Hartford, Descendants of Ancient Windsor, the Rockwell Society, and the Rich Family Society. Her work on her Morehouse descendants culminated in her writing a book for her family in 2006 (at age 90), Little Treasures: From Thomas Morehouse Sr. and Some of His Descendants Through 12 Generations and More, 1639-2006; the book detailed family history, genealogy, and stories. She has shared her work by donating materials to the Sharon Historical Society and the Amenia Historical Society.

Her genealogical work has continued, and she recently discovered that there was an

Academy in Sharon that her grandfather Julius Stephen Morehouse attended.

Mrs. Scribner was predeceased by her parents and her seven siblings. She is survived by her two daughters, Joan Scribner Bettman and husband James of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Cheryl Scribner Schultz of Madison, Connecticut; predeceased by her husband Robert; her grandson, David James Bettman of Mill Valley, California; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great grandnieces, and great grandnephews.

A private family service was held at the Salisbury Cemetery. Arrangements were in the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Sharon Women's Club, the Salisbury Congregational Church, and the Sharon Historical Society.

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Amelia Cortesi Downey

NORTH CANAAN — Amelia Cortesi Downey, 98, of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on July 1, 2022, at Braden River Rehabilitation Center in Bradenton, Florida. She was the widow of the late Paul J. Cortesi and the late Joseph P. Downey. Amelia was born in Torrington, Connecticut on August 29, 1923, daughter of the late Chester Vassella and the late Catherine (Godenzi). She has been a resident of Bradenton since 1991 after her retirement from Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. in Lakeville in 1988.



Prior to her move to Bradenton she was a resident of North Canaan and Falls Village. She is survived by her son, Dr. Paul J Cortesi III of Torrington, her daughters Elizabeth C. Knickerbocker of Millbrook, and Cheryl C. Downey of Falls Village, two step children, Kevin J. Downey of Falls Village and Susan D. Gawel of North Canaan. She was blessed with 13 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. Burial and memorial service will be private.

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Lack of skills, proper work ethic cited as concerns

A number of factors are fueling the worker shortage, according to a Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) Aug.-Sept. 2021 state manufacturing survey. They include the current wave of sector retirements, the state's high cost of living, misperceptions about manufacturing as a career choice, and the need to continue aligning educational curricula with employer needs.

Thirty-six percent of manufacturers struggling to find workers said applicants do not possess the required skills or expertise for the job, 29% report candidates lack the proper work ethic, and 18% cite competition from other employers offering higher wages and/or more expansive benefits.

The CBIA survey also found that 43% of surveyed manufacturers want lawmakers to prioritize investments in education and vocational training programs, 18% support additional



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This photo, taken in 1961 when Becton, Dickinson and Company opened its North Canaan plant, shows workers on the production floor of the original 25,000-square-foot facility.

unemployment reform, 14% want lower taxes—including exempting training programs from the state sales tax—and 12% called for work incentives.

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, manufacturers, facing a "silver tsunami" of retirements, were working to address the worker shortage, said Chris DiPentima, CBIA President and CEO.

A Deloitte and Manufacturing Institute's 2022

Competing for Talent: Recasting Perceptions of Manufacturing study provides key insights into educating the public about benefits of manufacturing and how to attract and retain a post-pandemic workforce, according to a June report from CBIA.

"Those unfamiliar with manufacturing have minimal awareness of how modern technology, such as robotics and artificial intel-

ligence, can make jobs safer and allow employees to do more productive work," the report states.

BD Canaan, for example, is prioritizing highly-automated assembly lines, which require a technically skilled workforce.

"For many of these roles, no previous experience is required, and we're fully committed to growing our talent through tools like apprenticeships and other training," said Andersen.

The Deloitte report further reveals that while only 34 percent of the public believe entry-level manufacturing jobs tend to pay more than other industries, 66% of those who work in manufacturing believe that is true.

Northwest Regional Sector Partnerships formed

In the Northwest Corner, a coalition of manufacturers is working to make their industry more competitive by forming a Regional Sector Partnership (RSP). RSPs define their own agenda and tackle a range of issues important and sometimes unique to their region.

"This initiative is supported by the state and is intended to be a new way to manage resource support for five regions in Connecticut," said Evan Berns, who chairs the Manufacturer's Coalition, formed in 2013 under the umbrella of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

"Each region identifies its needs," he said, noting that three chambers of commerce

— Northwest, Waterbury and Danbury — comprise the Northwest RSP.

Business leaders engage in peer-to-peer networking

"We have identified a couple hundred manufacturers with 50-plus employees, and another 100 with 50 employees or less. We are working on initiatives to address their needs," said Berns, who served as CEO of Seitz LLC in Torrington until the company, which was founded in 1949, was acquired last year by the Arizona-based Molded Devices, Inc.

The first initiative includes workforce training, job readiness and career education targeting "junior and high schoolers on up, as well as vocational education or non-vocational education support."

The RSP will focus on workforce availability aimed at guiding youth and underemployed toward choosing manufacturing as a career and encouraging youth to stay in the region or return to the region.

Berns said there is an "amazing network of resources" available to young people interested in pursuing a career in manufacturing, and the sector is positioning itself as an attractive option for workers.

"Those employed in the service industry are not going to get that kind of training and development to further their path into a successful career," noted Berns.

According to the Deloitte report, the industry's benefits and hourly wages

performed better than retail and service sectors, and the tenure of a manufacturing employee is "among the highest when compared to other private-sector industries."

The study revealed that average hourly earnings in 2021 for manufacturing were \$30, retail \$22 and services \$28.

Additional RSP regional initiatives include eliminating transportation barriers for workers, particularly in the rural Northwest Corner, influencing local and state policy to support regional manufacturing needs and fostering growth in specific markets or technologies.

The Northwest RSP is also exploring ways to foster growth in specific markets or technologies, including medical, military, aerospace, automation and other markets, Berns explained.

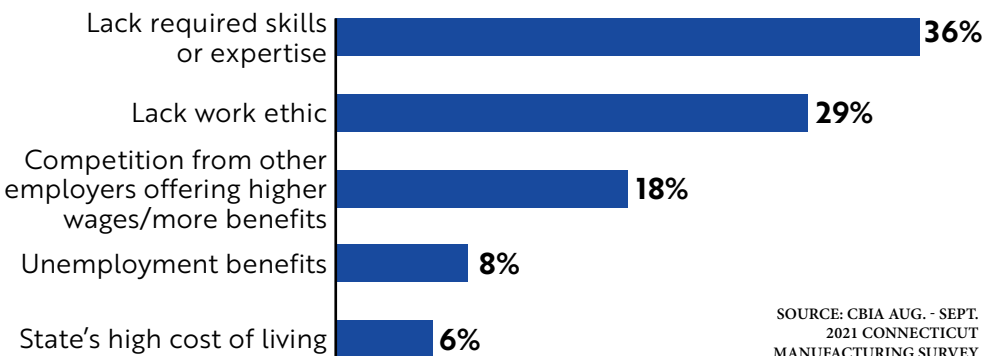
The Manufacturer's Coalition chairman said the Northwest RSP has developed a "Concierge Connection" comprising three individuals in the region: Pam LaRosa, director of the One-Stop Workforce Operation, Rocky Young, community service representative for the Connecticut Department of Labor (DOL) and Steve Gray program coordinator for the CT Workforce Investment Board.

"If local companies work with their chamber and communicate with Pam, Rocky and Steve, that will get them 90% of what they need, said Berns. "We are not looking for time from manufacturing leaders, we are just looking for their voice."

Connecticut manufacturing survey

What's the main reason for your difficulty finding workers?

The pandemic exacerbated the labor shortage, an issue that has hampered Connecticut manufacturing growth for years.



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SWIFTS

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of experiencing population declines because of habitat destruction, Chimney swifts thrived in the advent of breeding structures that they likely didn't have to compete with other animals over.

This in and of itself is interesting, as many animal species fail to adapt to such drastic changes in their environments in so short a time.

When we observe their features up close, we're privy to a couple of adaptations that make these birds well-suited for dark spaces.

Let's start with the most obvious: their sooty feather coloration. Imagine being a hungry racoon and hoping to find a quick snack near the opening of a chimney. Good luck! These birds are diurnal and thus brood their young in chimneys by night, so natural selection has fine-tuned their camouflage to render them virtually invisible in the dark.

Next, we might notice how large their eyes are in comparison to their small heads. This feature is also a nod to the birds' proclivity for darkness, the large eye possessing an increased capacity for absorbing light in environments where light is scarce.

Lastly, when we look at the feet, we would notice the odd arrangement of toes: all four facing forward. The muscles in swifts' feet are so underdeveloped that they're physically unable to perch horizontally, and thus must always maneuver about vertically when not in flight.

Unfortunately, we're seeing a decline in these magnificent bird's population throughout the Eastern U.S.

Pesticides taint the insect prey that adult birds rely on to feed their young, and the reduction of viable brick or stone chimneys the birds require for nesting are perhaps the two greatest threats.

Climate change, howev-



PHOTO BY SUNNY KELLNER, SHARON AUDUBON

Sharon Audubon has admitted Chimney swift nestlings from Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts to its wildlife rehabilitation clinic.

er, threatens to stress local populations even further by increasing the frequency of rainstorms and their intensity, in addition to raising summer temperatures and humidity levels. The latter is of special concern because of how Chimney swifts' nests are constructed and adhered inside the chimney.

During the breeding season, the salivary glands inside the birds' mouths double in size, allowing the bird to secrete enough saliva to hold their humble nest of twig pieces (broken off in mid-air by their beaks) together against the interior wall. Heavy rainfall and humidity dissolve this salivary adhesive and the nestlings fall into the fireplace as a result. This is very dangerous for them, as the parent birds will discontinue feeding and brooding them.

At the Sharon Audubon Center, the wildlife rehabilitation clinic specializes in treating these birds when the nestlings find themselves in the scenario described above.

This year, we have admitted 40-plus Chimney swift nestlings from Connecticut and the surrounding states of New York and Massachusetts. We will release all viable subadults into a 'staging' colony in mid-August when a large flock begins to assemble in preparation for migration to the Amazon River basin, so stay tuned for a listing of our annual "Swift Night Out!" program on our website and social media pages.

In the meantime, you can help these birds by uncapping your chimney and providing breeding habitat for them, by refraining from using lawn chemicals such as pesticides (let the birds eat the bugs for you!), and by advocating for clean energy policies at the local, state and federal levels. Lastly, you can always call our facility at 860-364-0520 should you find nestling chimney swifts that need help.

Bethany Sheffer is Volunteer Coordinator & Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center.

HOSPITAL

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it is a complex matter and that they appreciate the hard work that hospital board and staff put in. "While we acknowledge all of that great work, we'd like a seat at the table to find solutions," First Selectman Curtis Rand said.

"This is a much bigger problem that a lot of people don't fully understand.

We don't want to add to the problem, we want to add to the solution," Selectman Don Mayland added.

The selectmen in Sharon, Cornwall and Kent are also on record as opposing the hospital cutbacks. The full text of the statement can be found at tricornernews.com.

(See article on an upcoming Sharon Hospital information webinar, page A4.)

The selectmen approved \$5000 for the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission to be spent on the employment of Hannah Poulter as a communications consultant. Lee Ann Sullivan, a member of the SAHC, briefly reported on Poulter's qualifications to the selectmen and assured them she would be an asset to the commission.

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and Zoning commissions.

Sally Spillane, the immediate neighbor of the site, said her expectation is that the SHC will come up with a "really good project for our neighborhood and our town."

Tom Morrison, speaking on behalf of the Republican Town Committee, called a yes vote on the resolution a "no-brainer" and warned that if the town does not hit affordable housing targets, private developers or the state government will step in.

After about 30 minutes of

PRIMARIES

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against challengers Leora R. Levy and Peter Lumaj. The winner will face incumbent Dick Blumenthal (D).

There are three candidates on the GOP ballot for Secretary of the State: Dominic Rapini, Brock Weber and Terrie E. Wood. However, Weber dropped out of the race on July 16.

On the Democratic ballot, Stephanie Thomas and Maritza Bond are the choices for Secretary of the State.

Erick Russell, Dita Barghava and Karen Dubois-Walton are vying for state treasurer.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

LITTLE GEMS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Mixing it Up With Beauty and Style at the Rose Algrant Art Show

The Rose Algrant Art Show started as a sort of salon, with works on show by Algrant and her friends. James Thurber, for example, was an early participant and FOA, or Friend of Algrant.

It has grown into an exhibit and sale of work by Cornwall, Conn., artists, including some who are beloved here and famous well beyond the confines of Litchfield County.

Although Algrant left this world in 1992, her legacy lives on in the annual show and sale, which includes work in a wide variety of media, from fabric to wood to ceramics to canvas and photography.

A highlight of each year's sale is the chance to purchase (at an attainable price) a work by Robert Andrew Parker, a Litchfield County treasure. His work is includ-

ed this year, as are works by famed architect Tim Prentice, Dave Colbert, Lazlo Gyorsok, Nancy Daubenspeck and more.

For the full list of information on the show and its participating artists, go to www.rosealgrantartshow.org.

The 2022 Rose Algrant Art Show will be at Cornwall Consolidated School on Friday, Aug. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Nationally known artists such as Philip Taaffe and beloved local painters, ceramic artists and photographers gather together each year for a show and sale of their work in Cornwall, Conn. This photo is from 2021.



PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

The Baroque Is Back at Music Mountain

The final of four concerts by the New Baroque Soloists will be held in Gordon Hall at Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 5 p.m.

As always, the performance will be led by Music Director Doug Myers, founder of the group. This is the group's 16th season performing large-scale chamber music, but its first season at Music Mountain. Three concerts have already been held, on July 20 and 27 and Aug. 3.

There are typically five to seven musicians for each concert, performing on violin, viola, oboe, cello, harpsichord, organ, flute, horn and French horn. Most of the musicians are

members of other groups, orchestras or university faculties with prestigious music programs including Juilliard. They come together for the purpose of recreating a unique sound in the musical pantheon. Most of the musicians will play solo within the musical work.

The specific musical program is only determined two or three days before the concert, and is posted online at www.northwestmusicassociation.com.

There is no admission charge to hear the concert in the air conditioned Gordon Hall, but donations are gratefully accepted. The Music Mountain concerts are hosted by the Northwest Music Association.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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OPERA: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

'Don Giovanni' and Songs by Black Composers End the 2022 BOF Season

Berkshire Opera Festival wraps up its second full season since the COVID-19 pandemic with a fully staged "Don Giovanni," with Andre Courville as the insatiable seducer, Christian Zarembo as the comic sidekick Leporello, Laura Wilde as Donna Anna and John Cheek as the commedantore.

One of Mozart's most famous works, "Don Giovanni" is a dark comedy about the titular Don Juan, who mercilessly seduces women as conquests. The story line of a man who would undoubtedly have been quickly canceled in the modern world creates a showcase for beautiful singing.

Berkshire Opera Festival has consistently put on productions with stellar singing and acting, notably in "Rigoletto" and "Don Pasquale." The "Rigoletto" got a

prolonged standing ovation. The staging of "Don Pasquale," a comic opera, was both funny and imaginative.

Perhaps because of the social and cultural climate of the past few years, "Don Giovanni" has been featured in several companies' seasons, including Tanglewood, which did a staged version last month that was spectacular.

Performances will be on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m., at

the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

"Don Giovanni" will be sung in Italian with projected English translations; the Berkshire Opera Festival website also has a summary of the plot. The opera's running time is approximately three hours and 10 minutes including one intermission. Tickets are from \$20 to \$120 and can be purchased through the Mahaiwe box office (413-528-0100).

Earlier in the month, on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Berkshire Opera Festival will offer a program of art songs by Black composers, an unjustly neglected repertoire. The performers in "High on the Ramparts" are soprano Kearstin Piper Brown and tenor Joshua Blue. The performance will be in the Crane Room at the Berkshire Museum in Pittsfield, Mass.

Tickets are free but this concert is expected to sell out, so reservations are required. Go to www.berkshireoperafestival.org.

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SUMMER SALES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Waxing Poetic Over the Delights Of Kent's Summer Sidewalk Sale

Life in our region has been changed by COVID-19 and by the advent of many new homeowners, some of whom bring new traditions and customs to a part of the world that loves Doing Things the Old-Fashioned Way.

But one thing that everyone can get behind is summer sales, which are fun for everyone, a good boost for struggling small businesses and an excellent excuse to get out of the house and visit someplace new — and perhaps acquire some friends and acquaintanc-

es in the process. Everyone is friendly and in a good mood at a summer sale, unless of course you snatch a one-of-a-kind item from the hands of an eager shopper. Shopping can be a competitive sport.

The annual Sidewalk Sale Days in Kent, Conn., offer a mix of old and new, one-of-a-kind and multiple editions. It is a bonafide day trip for many residents of the northern portion of our region, who treat Kent as something of an exotic expedition. And there are several excellent

vendors of food, including the relatively new Wilson's by High Watch, on Main Street, and the old favorite, Kent Coffee and Chocolate at the northern end of town. The Villager coffee shop is straight out of the Gilmore Girls — without irony, just good food and friendly faces.

Kent has books, books, books, which have sadly become sort of a rare sighting in our small towns. Older (and some new) books of all shapes, sizes and topics are available outdoors from the Kent Memorial

Library throughout the summer. More pristine editions are found at the southern end of town at House of Books, which is back in its original building after extensive renovations.

Kent has long been famous for its boutique art galleries and for its shops with artisan and craft items. In addition to the permanent shops in the village there will be several sales of work by local artists, including some renowned ceramic artists.

In the past few years, some new stores have opened; in the Kent tradition most offer things that look nice, smell nice and feel nice — to your hands and to your soul.

Group tag sales are the best tag sales. The one at St. Andrew's Church at the southern end of town is always one of the best of the year, featuring large and small items that are useful and/or decorative. This year the church community is joined by the Roger Sherman Chapter DAR.

There is all this and, of course, so much more. Essentially the entire village is taking part in this Chamber of Commerce event. Hop in the car, leave lots of space in the trunk and keep in mind that there is still a national shortage of coins. Small denomination dollar bills are also helpful.

The annual Kent Sidewalk Sale Days are scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 7. For more information and a schedule of sales and events, go to www.kentct.com.

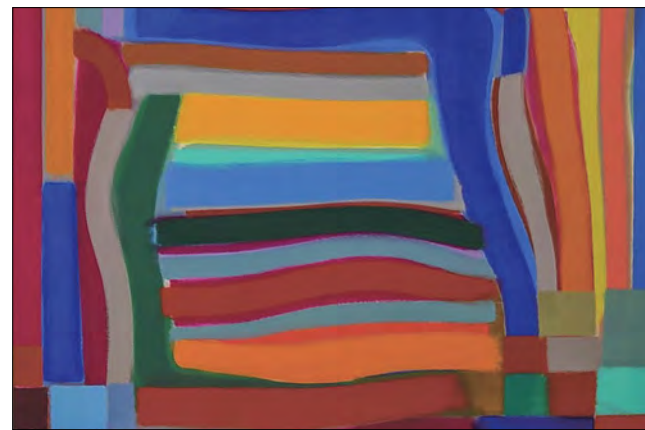


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"Pentimento Paintings," work by Cornwall, Conn., and NYC painter Greg Goldberg, remain at the Cornwall Library until Sept. 4.

THE DARK MEETS THE LIGHT, THE OLD MINGLES WITH THE NEW IN 'PENTIMENTO'

A show of work by Greg Goldberg called "Pentimento Paintings" remains on display at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., until Sept. 4.

In art history classes, professors often refer to pentimento in rapturous tones, particularly when discussing paintings from, say, the Renaissance, or the oil panels by 17th-century Dutch and Flemish painters. In Italian, pentimento means repentance; in English art historical speak, it refers to the underlying layer of drawing or painting that was later deliberately covered by the artist. It's exciting because it reveals evidence of an artistic thought process, a glimpse into the stages of a work of art.

Artist Greg Goldberg employs this term for the title of his exhibition as a way to refer to the visual evidence of underpainting being intrinsic to how he creates these images.

Goldberg's "Pentimento Paintings" were made in West Cornwall, Conn., over the past 11 months. While abstract, the works respond to their natural surroundings and seasonal changes in color and light. And of course, those unseen layers are an integral part of the work as they help to determine the ultimate visual structure. They are visible as edges

along the perimeter of individual marks, at the intersection of colors, and beneath transparent and translucent colors. The marks range from sweeping to staccato and develop slowly, over many months, to gradually create a visual and spatial logic that implies the passage of time. Both meditative and dramatic, each painting is a visual history of this accretion of defined brushstrokes.

Using oil paint on linen, Goldberg's choice of colors is sensual. Inspired by the radical palette of Renaissance master Jacopo Pontormo, transparent ultramarine blue and quina-cridone violet are played off against opaque tones (tertiaries, muted grays and earthy browns).

Many of the colors are found in the natural surroundings of Cornwall, while others are overtly artificial. Structurally, there is nothing predetermined; the works are a flowing improvisation.

A native of New York City, Goldberg splits time between the Garment District in Manhattan and Cornwall. His works are included in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, The Estée Lauder Foundation and numerous private collections.

His website is www.greggoldberg.art. Learn more about the exhibition at <https://cornwalllibrary.org/events>.



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Sidewalk Sale Days return to Kent, Conn., from Aug. 4 to 7. This photo is from last summer's sales.

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EDITORIAL

A critical resource for students: HYSB

The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) was founded 30 years ago, in 1992, to support Region One youth between the ages of 4 and 18 in the goal of attaining strong emotional health. That anniversary is a meaningful milestone for this crucially important agency, and for all the towns it serves. Over those years, the challenges of childhood and teen life have changed and expanded exponentially, in many ways making it harder year by year for adults to understand fully the way young people process the world around them.

Think of what those years of growth were like before the internet, which many of our readers experienced and found hard enough to manage. But in the era of social media, TikTok and Twitter? So many influencers seem to live just beyond an invisible wall of total confidence. Their presentation of beauty and unending fun is carefully managed, unrealistic and an utterly unattainable model of youth that can create depression and increased anxiety in children and teens, who expect the same of themselves at all times.

While there's lots of fun to be had in childhood and the teen years, for sure, this can also be a very tough time in life, with metabolic changes contributing to the difficulty of understanding one's thoughts and feelings in relation to their own individual growth and change. The help available from the counselors at HYSB can make all the difference to young people in finding tools to manage their years of growth and maturing, and in making good decisions for their present and future. These counselors become aware of those who need support through the public schools: the teachers and administrators, and the students themselves can reach out directly to HYSB for help as well. What an invaluable resource in a rural area, where access to full mental health services is not as varied as in many urban areas. But the fact that these services are free to those who use them makes the work of the HYSB all the more impressive.

Knowing that as many as 150 clients a week look for sessions with the professionals on staff at HYSB, it's understandable that to maintain a certain quality of care for Region One students, the bureau is now looking for additional funding from the six towns it serves in the Northwest Corner. There are not only individual sessions that need to happen, but also youth programs that provide outreach within each school population. The programs include Second Step for elementary and middle school students, Empowering Young Women at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, a Social Skills Group, a Girls Group and a Summer Internship Program. The programs are evaluated and modified according to the needs of each school each year, as those needs can change dramatically in a matter of months. COVID proved that from 2020 on.

Each town's students benefit from the HYSB services every year, creating more open communication and access to tools that will make them feel more productive and positive during their school years. It makes sense for the town governments to consider increasing their financial support (see article by Hunter O. Lyle in last week's Lakeville Journal) in order to recognize the value of the services HYSB provides. And consider making a contribution in honor of their 30th anniversary. Right now, more students than ever are reaching out for help in finding counseling and enrichment programs, as they are still recovering from the hard years of COVID restrictions yet are trying to take full advantage of all that Region One schools offer to help students thrive. Go to www.hysb.org for more.

HYSB Mission

HYSB exists to strengthen the emotional health of youth and families by providing free behavioral health services and empowerment programs in partnership with our public schools, local organizations, donors and volunteers in the Northwest Corner community.

Hayes and Horn address hunger in CT

On an icy day in January 2020, I stopped at a gas station in Torrington. As I got out of the car, I noticed a man standing near the building. He was not dressed warmly and was noticeably shivering. I asked why he was there. He told me he had lost his job because of the pandemic, and he did not have enough money for food. Hunger is a real problem right here in Connecticut.

Both U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes and State Rep. Maria Horn have been working to alleviate food insecurity. Congresswoman Hayes voted for the CARES Act, which provided resources for people economically devastated by the pandemic and to reduce hunger. She is the Chair of the Subcommittee on Nutrition Oversight and has worked to provide food for students in school, as too many students eat their only meals at school. She helped pass the Keep Kids

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Sandhill cranes in Canaan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Railroad Days a rousing success

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen we would like to thank all of those who participated in Railroad Days this year. It was a great success, with fun had by all.

I would like to send out a very special thank you to John Lannen, as well as all the Members of The Railroad Days/Events Committee; Fire Chief Brian Allyn and the members of the Canaan Fire Company; William Minacci and the North Canaan Ambulance Corp; The Town of North Canaan Highway

Dept. and the Transfer Station personnel; Our Resident Trooper Spencer Bronson.

I would also like to thank all the civic organizations, churches, local businesses, news media, and radio and the Marine Corp League Northwest Detachment #042, for their involvement with Railroad Days; Mike Reagan for a job well done with organizing the Craft Fair this year and extend a special thanks you to all those who came to enjoy and partake in the activities.

I would also like to thank Jenn Crane and her committee for Family Fun week that we had in June. It was the first time for these events, so hats off to them, and to bigger and better for next year.

Thank you all for your hard work and planning to make this happen and once again, to make it a huge success. Hope to see you all again next year a job well done everyone!

Charles P. Perotti
First Selectman
North Canaan

MacLean book worth a careful read

A formula for alienating Americans from one another

Whether you are a Republican, Democrat or Independent, if you believe in active citizenship, honest government and effective democracy, the book "Democracy in Chains, The Deep History of The Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America" by Nancy MacLean will shock and open your eyes.

You will discover the history of a plan that's been underway for decades that is alienating ordinary Americans from the belief that government is a force for good or an institution to protect the general welfare.

You will learn about an ideology focused on "economic liberty" that seeks to convince ordinary Americans that government should not provide for the "General Welfare" as stated in the Constitution but only protect private property. Focused on preserving wealth, avoiding taxes for the super-rich and protecting corporations from responsibility for bad behavior or adverse consequences to society. "Economic liberty" advocates the privatization of all common goods except law enforcement and defense. If successful, this ideology will sow chaos in our society by encouraging the impoverishment of the working and middle class in subservience to the wealthy.

MacLean's book is a primer on the history and the depth of the ideological and strategic battle now being waged against the American

people in the name of property and wealth preservation. You will learn how billionaire Charles Koch has built a movement and devoted millions on educating and infiltrating every sector in our society with his brand of "economic liberty." He has trained and set loose into local and state governments, Congress and the judiciary thousands of politicians schooled in carrying out an unrelenting campaign against government, pushing the privatization of essential services or governmental austerity in the face of desperate public need, in the name of protecting wealth, the wealth of billionaires, from taxation. Many of these "economic liberty" warriors have been taught to see the government as the enemy rather than a force for good. And, recently, as shown in an investigative report by Jonathan Swan at Axios, the Koch empire has joined forces with Trumpism.

MacLean's book gives us the full scope of the effort and a richer understanding that property superiority and preservation leads to a fear of majority rule and democracy itself. This enmity for democratic government becomes a mantra for privatization of all public institutions like libraries, hospitals, sanitation and water services.

This school of "economic liberty" sees these institutions as socialistic or advancing socialism. This movement funds a school of politicians who advocate

the privatization of virtually all governmental functions including key elements of our social safety net like Medicare and Social Security. They view even these earned benefits as "creeping socialism."

We need politicians who believe in democracy and see government as a way to improve all our lives and extend the common good so we can all thrive. We face many problems as a nation, problems that take all of us working together to solve. Vigilance in the service of the public good is truly the price of our liberty. Read "Democracy in Chains."

Leonard Polletta
Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1922

LIME ROCK — The Ack-er Ardoe Show is giving very interesting shows each night this week in Mr. Frost's lot.

Preparations are being made to apply a coat of road oil and sand to the road between Salisbury and Lakeville.

Floyd Hamm has purchased the Jigger Shop of William Stanton and took possession on Tuesday.

Booze and autos do not go well together, and nine out of ten of the accidents that occur may be laid to booze. A man driving a car while under the influence of liquor is a menace not only to himself but to everyone on the road, and the authorities should see to it that the risk is reduced as far as humanly possible. There is more or less argument regarding the booze question, but there can be no argument regarding the danger caused by an auto driver who is seeing double or perhaps not seeing at all on account of booze.

50 years ago — 1972

Recent tests have shown evidence of pollution at the Lakeville Town Grove, according to Dr. Peter H. Gott, Salisbury's Director of Health. "Several people have talked about the Conney Island atmosphere at the Grove," Dr. Gott said this week. "It has become terribly crowded, especially on weekdays, with hundreds of people coming there to swim. The situation is not dangerous — the Grove will not be closed," he said, "but it does indicate that the Grove is being over-utilized. A few years ago only a couple of dozen people could be found at the Grove on weekdays, but now people are coming here from out of town and out of state. There just isn't time for the water to clear itself," he said.

Project Ceval of Canaan this week released an engineering study which finds Northeast Utilities' pump storage plans for Canaan Mountain technically feasible. The report, prepared by Hill and Lind Inc. of Norwell, Mass., stops short of final backing of the Canaan Mountain project. The engineers say that further study of environmental impact and of costs for alternative proj-

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Weaning the U.S. from war to peaceful, robust diplomacy

Other than being an adjunct booster of overseas Pentagon military operations and re-fortifying its vulnerable embassies, what does the U.S. State Department stand for and do anymore?

Sometimes it's hard to see much difference with the much larger Department of Defense (DOD). Its more belligerent statements or threats since Bill and Hillary Clinton's days have made the DOD sound almost circumspect.

Recall it was Secretary of State, "Generalissima" Hillary Clinton, under Obama, who, against the opposition of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, pressed the president in 2011 to unlawfully overthrow the Libyan regime unleashing chaos, violence and mayhem in Libya and in neighboring African nations that still prevails today. (Later, Obama said it was his biggest foreign policy regret.)

Our country's founders established the State Department in 1789 to conduct diplomacy (plus consular duties). Its charter explicitly instructs its function to be peaceful relations with other nations.

We now have Secretary of State Antony Blinken who comes from the Hillary Clinton school of routine, unconstitutional and unlawful adventures overseas. He is ignoring the arms control treaties, especially with Russia, that have either expired, are about to expire, or are violated by both Russia and the U.S. and other nations such as the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

Then there are the treat-

ties signed by 100 or more countries to which the U.S. State Department has scarcely made a move for Senate ratification. These include the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Criminal Court, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty, the Convention on the Cluster Munitions and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Waging peace and conflict resolution should be the State Department's main mission. There is a lot of inherited work for Antony Blinken and a revived foreign service corps to engage big time. Mr. Blinken could press aggressively for cease-fires for example, as with Russia's war in Ukraine.

In 2019, former president Jimmy Carter called the United States "the most warlike nation in the history of the world," adding that only 16 years out of our nation's 242 years were times of peace.

Washington and its "military-industrial-complex" (President Eisenhower's words) have set records toppling foreign governments that were duly elected by the people, and propping up right-wing dictatorships in Latin America, Africa and Asia, so long as they obey us and our corporations. (See: "War is a Racket," by General Smedley D. Butler, 1935.)

Against this militaristic mania, you may wish to know about the Veterans for Peace (VFP) organization of which I am a member. VFP

is embraced by veterans from all our wars going back to World War II. Its members have written, spoken, picketed and pursued non-violent disobediences against the

recent wars of the U.S. Empire. VFP has highlighted the immense harm done to millions of innocent victims in these countries, speaking out against the injuries and illnesses of returning U.S. soldiers. VFP advocates for robust peace missions and enforceable arms control treaties.

I found VFP's short report on the connections between militarism, environmental destruction and climate violence, especially noteworthy. (See VeteransforPeace.org.)

Veterans for Peace challenges the proliferating impact of militarism and the vast bloated un-auditable military expenditures throughout our political economy, culture and educational institutions.

With the leadership of Executive Director Garrett Reppenhagen, VFP is planning a major expansion of its activities. Membership is open to non-veterans and they welcome donations. In particular, very wealthy elderly people who are looking for a universal cause to recognize might envision what a new future of peace and social justice looks like for our posterity. They can call Mr. Reppenhagen at 314-899-4514 or email him at reppenhagen@veteransforpeace.org.

Perhaps, the State Department can host a meeting with Veterans for Peace to remind itself of its original mission.

Consumer advocate and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader grew up in Winsted and is a graduate of The Gilbert School. He is the founder of the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted.

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Colors of August

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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Some good environmental news

Recent news regarding the environment has been varied, some quite discouraging while other news seems very optimistic.

The U.S. Supreme Court, issued a decision severely limiting the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to restrict power plant emissions and suggested that future rules regulating industry be shaped less by executive agencies and more by Congress. This is bad news for environmentalists.

Now some better news. After being defeated in the Senate last fall, President Biden's Build Back Better bill has resurfaced once again, this time called the Inflation Reduction bill. A few weeks ago it was proclaimed dead by its key author, Sen. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia. But further negotiations with U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, the Majority Leader from N.Y., has brought it back to life. Since all 50 Republican senators are opposed, the Democrats need all 50 of their senators plus the vice-president to pass the bill under "reconciliation." They still need the currently undeclared vote of Krysten Sinema of Arizona.

The newly named "Inflation Reduction Act," if passed, is an omnibus bill with \$369 billion earmarked for environmental improvement, the largest amount ever for such purposes. There are many provisions in the package that are anathema to environmentalists, such as those favoring more fossil fuel development. But Sen. Manchin, who has made a fortune in the coal business and has received more contributions from the fossil fuel industry than any other senator, drove a hard bargain. But still most Democrats are enthusiastic and feel that these compromises are necessary to get the bill passed. A vote is expected in early August.

In addition, there is some very good environmental news with regard to coal burning power plants which may help offset Sen. Manchin's efforts to keep them going. They're being closed, not only because they are extremely polluting but also because they are less economical than newer, more environmentally friendly ones fueled by wind and solar power.

But the comparative cost in favor of wind and solar is additionally improved when a coal plant is partially re-used as part of the new facility. Left behind after an old coal burning power plant is decommissioned are its connections to the power grid, miles and miles of high tension wiring and towers that

can be directly hooked up to the new facility, thus saving many millions of dollars that would otherwise have to be spent on new transmission facilities.

Nowadays, both wind and solar power facilities usually include giant batteries or arrays of batteries that can often be installed in the shell of the old coal fired plant (these batteries solve the problem of supplying power when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing). Furthermore, using the existing building shell saves a lot of money.

The majority of the 266 remaining coal fired power plants in the United States are approaching the end of their operational lifetime. Most appear to be good prospects for conversion to alternative energy plants.

Most also include large parcels of land that might be used for wind or solar farms or other productive purposes thereby significantly reducing the overall cost of putting the new plant into operation.

Local regulatory hurdles that often hamper the construction of new fossil fuel plants are apt to be less of a problem with cleaner wind or solar ones, all the more so when they are re-using already in place facilities including transmission lines and substations.

At least a dozen states have solar-powered facilities planned to replace aging coal fired power plants. New Jersey and Massachusetts each have off-shore wind farms in the works that will connect underwater to decommissioned coal plants located on the coast.

A coal fired plant in Baldwin, Ill., that's set to retire by 2025, will get 190,000 solar panels on 500 acres of land it already owns. Together, the panels will generate 68 megawatts of power, enough to supply somewhere between 13,600 and 34,000 homes, depending on the time of year.

If converting older coal fired power plants in the United States to wind, solar, and other cleaner fuels makes sense, it makes sense to do likewise in much of the rest of the world.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hayes and Horn address hunger in Connecticut

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Fed Act to provide meals at schools and provide summer food services.

The 5th congressional district has many small farms and Hayes wants these farms to provide food for our schools. She supported the Scratch Cooked Meals for Students Act to have better reimbursement for schools which provide healthy meals from fresh farm food rather than pre-assembled processed meals.

In Hartford, State Rep. Maria Horn has also been fighting against hunger. She supported House Bill 5301, which became the Public Act 22-101, which is combating food insecurity in Connecticut public colleges and universities by lowering costs of food and meal plans and providing financial assistance and helping to access more fruit and vegetables. This permitted many students to be able

to continue their studies. Horn organized a food bank in June 2020 through the Farmers to Families program with the Friendly Hands Food Bank in Torrington. She helped distribute 1500 boxes of food to people in the Northwest Corner, where many people had never experienced food insecurity before.

Inflation is causing the cost of food to rise, making the problem of hunger for many families more acute. This fall, Congresswoman Hayes will be on a special task force at the White House on food insecurity.

We are lucky to have both Jahana Hayes and Maria Horn who are addressing the very real problem of hunger in our state.

Liz Piel

Sharon

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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ects are still needed before that judgement can be made.

Lakeville and Salisbury can expect to see and hear more of the low-flying military airplanes which have alarmed local residents during the last several weeks. The New York Air National Guard says it will continue missions out of the Schenectady County Airport in the months ahead. A communique from Air Guard headquarters states that "these routes will be flown both day and night, as well as on weekends."

25 years ago — 1997

Four years ago, Terry Dougherty was a 50-year-old suicidal alcoholic about to take his last chance for recovery at a low-cost facility. Last week, he took a major step in a plan

to help others by announcing he'll open a similar, highly accessible addiction treatment center in Canaan. By the fall, Mr. Dougherty plans to reopen the former Parkside Lodge as a non-medical rehabilitation center. He has renamed it Mountainside Lodge.

Jessica Wright, daughter of David and Laura Wright of Lakeville, graduated May 17 from State University of New York at Cobleskill. Ms. Wright earned a bachelor of technology degree in ornamental horticulture.

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

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on application #2022-0193 by owners Jon and Savannah Stevenson for a three-lot residential resubdivision at 130 Taconic Road, Map 19 Lot 15. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 15, 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 application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas. 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

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Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0190 by Paul and Judith DePaolo to convert an accessory building to contain a detached accessory apartment on a single-family residential lot at 18 Burton Road, Salisbury, Map 10, Lot 11-1 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing

will be held on Monday, August 15, 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 application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 25, 2022:

Approved – Declaratory Ruling Request 2022-IW-74D Bob Stair on behalf of property owner 145 TR LLC for a new 6'x24' dock in accordance with Section 4.1c of the Regulations of the Commission. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 19 as lot 19 and is known as 145 Taconic Road, Salisbury.

Approved – Declaratory

Ruling Request 2022-IW-064D

Jonathan Zeiner on behalf of property owner Taylor Farm Bolton LLC for Long Term Timber Management - Commercial Selective Timber Harvest in accordance with Section 4.1a of the Regulations of the Commission. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 05 as lots 01 and 38 and is known as 47 Dimond Road, Lakeville.

Approved – Declaratory Ruling Request 2022-IW-70D Linda Smith on behalf of property owner Park Smith to construct a .57-acre Farm Pond in accordance with Section 4.1a of the Regulations of the Commission. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 02 as lot 16

and is known as 121 Long Pond Road, Lakeville.

Approved – Subject to Conditions—Application 2022-IW-071 by owner 31 Robin Hill LN LLC (Leven) for the construction of a new 16'x30' carport and driveway in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 34 as lot 1 and is known as 31 Robin Hill Lane, Lakeville.

Approved – Application 2022-IW-072 by Mark F. Weber to repair storm damage to boat house including a 5 square roof, chimney and railing. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 37 as lot 1 and is known as 177 Sharon Road, Lakeville.

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