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Volunteers Katherine Freygang, left, and Deb Bennett cleared wood chips from the base of pine trees to prevent rotting on Sunday, July 24, at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon.

State's hazard tree policy faces rebuke

By John Coston

SHARON — Environmental groups that protested the state's controversial tree-cutting at Housatonic Meadows State Park last winter slammed a draft hazard tree policy, saying it fails to recognize progress in restoration of the park and would fall short of preventing future damage.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) draft policy is mandated by Public Act 22-143, Section 17, which was passed by the Legislature at the end of its session in May. The law is an attempt to oversee the state's management of hazardous trees in state parks and campgrounds, and was triggered by the cutting of more than

100 trees at Housatonic Meadows. DEEP held a virtual meeting this month to allow for public comment on the draft policy, with written comments due by mid-July.

The crux of criticism of the new draft policy is that it focuses narrowly on "Heritage Trees" — not all trees targeted as hazardous — under its proposed new procedures. The agency defines a

See TREE POLICY, Page A8

Urgently Hiring Community services face risk as employers struggle

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

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Last fall, employers were hopeful that the labor shortage would subside once workers making more by collecting an extra \$300 in weekly unemployment insurance than in minimum-wage jobs returned to the workforce when government subsidies ceased.

It hasn't. Things will get better, they reasoned, once parents of young children rejoin the job market when schools reopen.

It didn't. Midway through the third year of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, the struggle to hire and retain workers has reached a crisis point for vital community services, from health care, home care and child care to grocery and retail shops, nursing homes, nonprofits and family-owned businesses that are the heartbeat of rural communities.

"Unfortunately, the government incentivised people not to work, and as a result, some peo-

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Inflation and energy prices affect retirees the most because they can't change their income unless they go back to work.

Kevin O'Connell,
CEO, Geer Village Senior Community



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Carrie-Ann Olsen, director of the nonprofit Sharon Daycare Center said her agency recently added two classrooms to accommodate 20 additional children, and now the challenge is to find teachers to fill new positions.

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau

As case numbers rise, bureau requests funds

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — After facing a surge of cases, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau (HYSB) has requested additional funds from each of the six towns in the region in order to service the community effectively.

The HYSB is a nonprofit organization that offers free mental health services, including in-school counseling, clinical counseling and enrichment programs like social clubs, for children between the ages of 4 and 18.

During the hardest days of the pandemic, HYSB was forced to suspend its enrichment programs, as well as resorting to video-call counseling. With the number of cases rising after the pandemic, as well as the amount of care each

case needs, the HYSB has requested \$60,000 from each of the six towns — \$360,000 in total.

"Our agency is at a critical turning point where we've never been at this much of a capacity before, and we really want to be able to meet the demand," said HYSB Executive Director Kelly Parker. "We had a waiting list for the first time in our 30-year history and it was really hard for us to have to implement that."

On average, the HYSB counsels between 120 and 150 clients each week, while only having three counselors: two clinicians and a clinical director.

"Everyone knows someone who

has been touched by the mental health crisis. Perhaps right now, because of COVID-19, people are more aware of it," said Dave Barger, a selectman in Falls Village and the chairman of the HYSB Board of Directors. "Because of that it is less stigmatized."

When presenting her request to the six towns, Parker said the response was "positive." So far, Sharon and Cornwall have made contribu-

tions toward the \$60,000, but have not paid in full. With the money the HYSB has already received, they are looking into a part-time counselor for the time being.

"Our youth in the Northwest Corner is our most valuable asset," said Barger, "and to care for them in any way that we can, I think is part of the mission that we have with the HYSB in serving them with their needs."

Horn forms PAC to assist state, local candidates

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) has formed a political action committee to help candidates for state and local offices who share Horn's ideals and beliefs.

MPAC (the M stands for "Maria") is separate from Horn's reelection campaign.

In her announcement, Horn

wrote about her alarm at the recent decisions of "a reactionary Supreme Court."

"When the federal government can no longer protect our rights, or take action on the urgent issues before us, state government is more important than ever. Electing representatives willing

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Housing vote set for July 28

SALISBURY — A town meeting vote is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Salisbury Congregational Church on a proposal to grant right-of-way access for a proposed affordable housing development.

The Salisbury Housing Committee seeks access over a town-owned corridor off East Railroad Street as part of a planned development of 18 to 20 rental units on a 5.3-acre lot donated to the committee in May by a private citizen.



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Three-day forecast

Friday Sun, high 87°/low 73°
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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Motorcycle collision

On July 17 at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Main Street in North Canaan a 2014 GMC Acadia driven by Krista Lewis, 33, of North Canaan was exiting the Mobil gas station and turned onto Route 44, causing an oncoming 2017 Harley Davidson motorcycle ridden by Mark Duntz, 55, of Sharon to brake suddenly and lose control. The motorcycle and the GMC collided, resulting in Duntz being transported to Sharon Hospital. Lewis was found at fault for the collision and issued a verbal warning for making an improper turn.

Breach of peace, assault

On July 17 at approximately 4:20 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of an active disturbance at a residence on Church Street in North Canaan. Christopher David Duquette, 48, of Salisbury was charged with breach of peace in the second degree and assault in the third degree. He was

scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on the following day.

Bear crossing the road

On July 20 at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Belden Street in Falls Village a 2007 Dodge Caliber driven by Jerry Cox, 55, of Falls Village swerved and exited the roadway, striking the wire rope guardrail. Cox stated that he had swerved to avoid a bear that was running across the road. Cox left the scene of the accident by foot to attempt to get cellphone service in order to report the accident. The vehicle was towed and Cox was found at fault for the accident. He was issued an infraction for failure to maintain the lane.

Deer in the road

On July 22 at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall a 2019 Honda Accord Sport driven by Arias Danny Pesantez, 18, of Torrington exited the roadway and drove into a bush. Pesantez stated that he swerved to avoid a deer in the road. He was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

Unknown vehicle hits stop sign

On July 23 at approximately 6:15 a.m. Troop B

Northwest Cares resource book

SALISBURY — The new edition of the Northwest Cares resource book has been published and will be available at local libraries, town halls, social service offices and elsewhere.

The book provides information on where to get help with all sorts of issues and is

a result of the collaboration of a group called NW Cares, representing social service as well as local philanthropic agencies.

The edition was spearheaded by a local group investigating the start of a NW CT Village.

Books are available in the Home Assistance Office at 30 Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 Monday through Friday.

Salisbury program to count bats

SALISBURY — Did you know that bats roost in the attics of the Scoville Memorial Library and the Academy Building? Every evening at dusk, they fly out.

Bats provide invaluable pest control, pollination, and seed dispersal for our community, but they face a variety of conservation challenges.

Join Devaughn Fraser, wildlife biologist with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to learn more about these misunderstood mammals on Thursday, Aug. 4.

The event, sponsored by the Salisbury Association Land Trust and the Scoville Memorial Library, will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. starting in the outdoor Buttons Garden. Fraser will provide instructions and clickers so that participants may ob-

Online This Week

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

Nature's Notebook: Forest pathologist's grim outlook for four tree diseases

Robert Marra of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station told an audience that genetic engineering might prove a better strategy than creating hybrids in restoring American chestnuts.

Joint Climate Smart Task Force of North East and Millerton achieves milestone

After years of effort, the joint Climate Smart Task Force of North East and Millerton has achieved bronze certification from New York State.

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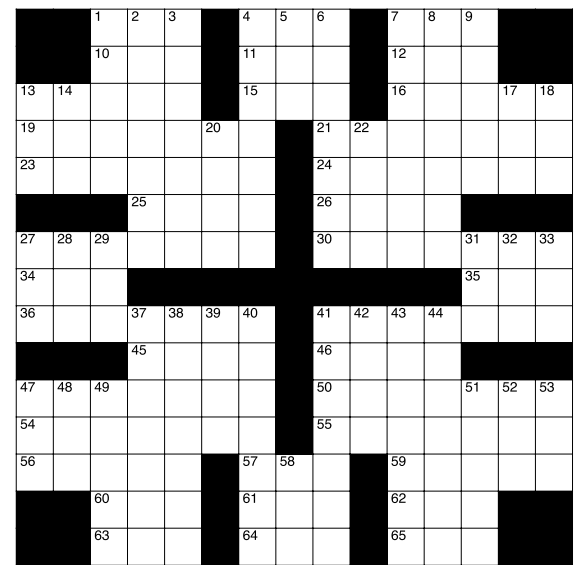
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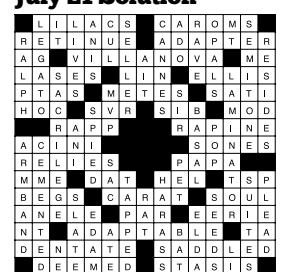
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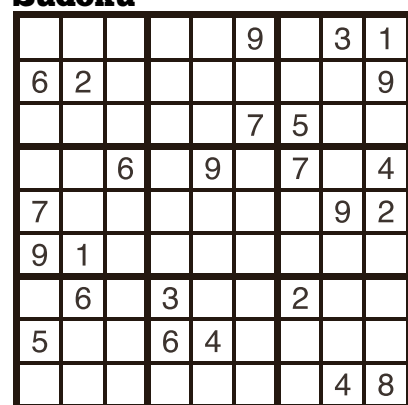


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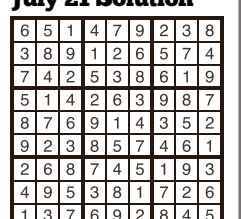
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Our Towns

Cornwall rummage sale is back!

By Leila Hawken



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The ski lodge at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area was filled to the brim with high-quality, low-price possibilities as part of the annual Cornwall Woman's Society Rummage Sale held on Saturday, July 23, through Monday, July 25.

Conservation trust enrolls 375 acres in 'forever wild' status

By John Coston

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Conservation Trust (CCT) enrolled 375 acres of its forested preserves in the Wildlands Partnership, meaning that the land is now permanently "forever-wild," allowing nature to flourish with minimal human intervention.

The Wildlands Partnership is an initiative of Northeast Wilderness Trust (NEWT) that engages local land trusts across the Northeast in wilderness conservation.

CCT added wilderness-level protections through a Northeast Wilderness Trust conservation easement to its 200-acre Greyleg Preserve, 100-acre Nancy Nauts Dobbs Preserve and 75-acre Red Mountain Preserve.

The protections permit those properties to evolve through natural processes without intensive human management. The forever-wild protection allows access for the public to enjoy the natural beauty of this land on foot.

These three preserves have particularly high conservation value, CCT said. They contribute to

clean, cold water to the Hollenbeck and Housatonic rivers, provide diverse wildlife habitat for native species, and show remarkable capacity for ecological resilience in the face of climate change.

Eight rare species—including whippoorwills and eyed brown butterflies—have been catalogued on or near the preserves. The forever-wild lands abut Mohawk State Forest, altogether totaling a 1,230-acre protected forest block.

Since CCT's incorporation in 1987, it has permanently conserved more than 2,000 acres of forest and farmland in Cornwall.

"CCT's decision to participate in the Wildlands Partnership began with the desire of the generous donors of the Greyleg Preserve to have their property left forever wild to nature and limited public access," said Bart Jones, president of CCT.

Northeast Wilderness Trust is a regional land trust working to conserve forever-wild landscapes for nature and people. It safeguards 64,000 wild acres across New England and New York.

Kent sidewalk work set for August start

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Construction work on new sidewalks in the town center is scheduled to begin on Monday, Aug. 1.

A report on the schedule of the work was made by First Selectman Jean Speck at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Thursday, July 21.

Mather Construction is the contractor for the project. According to the schedule, granite installation will begin on Monday, Aug. 8.

Food trucks

Responding to a resident's concern about a food truck seen at a local event and ensuing confusion about the regulations, the selectmen sought to clarify the town's policy. The issue was brought to the selectmen's attention by Land Use Administrator Donna Hayes.

Newly appointed Parks and Recreation Director Jared Kuczynski reported that his department had paid a flat fee to a vendor who distributed free ice cream from a position at the end of the parking lot at Kent Center School. He reported, and Speck confirmed, that no money was being collected, nor was food being sold.

Kuczynski asked for clarification on how the truck distributing free ice cream relates to current food truck policy.

"As we reinvigorate the Parks and Recreation program and have more events, where do we stand?" Kuczynski asked.

Responding to Selectman Glenn Sanchez' question about whether the ice cream event would be expected to happen again, Kuczynski replied that he would envision a similar event each spring.

The selectmen agreed to discuss the issue again at a future meeting.

A dispute about roosters

In another matter brought to the selectmen by Hayes, neighbors were engaged in a dispute about roosters owned by one neighbor but disturbing the at-home work of another neighbor, due to the roosters' crowing.

Resident Doug Wynn asked the selectmen to have a conversation about roosters — not livestock, just roosters. Hayes noted that it has been 10 years since the last rooster issue in town.

Wynn reported that he bought his 4 acre property about four years ago and since the pandemic has been working at home, but he finds that the roosters interfere with his ability to conduct his work.

He reported that he has planted buffer plantings and introduced ambient noise within his home, but the roosters still penetrate.

Wynn is seeking a determination on the number of roosters allowable by the regulations and would seek a change in the regulations.

Albert Loverro, Wynn's neighbor, reported that his roosters are located 103 yards away from Wynn's home.

Hayes said that the town's "right to farm" ordinance permits residents to approach the selectmen with a dispute. She also noted that livestock of various types are permitted outside of the town center and the properties are located outside of the town center. Residents are permitted to try to change the regulations, Hayes added.

Speck indicated that she will confer with the town attorney and follow up with mediation.

CORNWALL — After a pandemic breather, aficionados of the Cornwall Woman's Society Rummage Sale were drawn in great numbers to this year's event welcoming its return with open arms and wallets. Having been put off for two years, there was a tremendous pent-up urge to acquire more belongings.

For three days beginning on Saturday, July 23, with rock-bottom prices and ending with a can-you-believe-it bag sale offering further price reductions on Monday, July 25, shoppers acquired all manner of top-quality everything, browsing among the venues located in the town center, Town Hall and two churches, not to mention the ski lodge at Mohawk Mountain where the lodge was full, as were the tents beyond.

Furniture, antiques, art and finer objects including lamps were displayed at Town Hall. The UCC Congregational Church, although under renovation, offered long expanses of books, as well as small appliances and other electrical things. This year for the first time, stationery was at the ski area.

Historic Lakeville guided walk

LAKEVILLE — Lakeville was a center of industry and commerce from the 1730s through the 1970s.

Historian Lou Bucceri will lead a walk and tell stories about places from Porter Street to the Furnace Neighborhood.

Sponsored by the Salisbury Association Historical Society, the event is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m.

The walk will begin at the Lakeville Post Office, last less

than one hour, and is less than a half mile in length.

The Lakeville Historic District contains a mixture of residential, commercial and industrial buildings along with a small mill pond. Some buildings of note are the Farnham Tavern, Holley-Williams House and the Holley Manufacturing Company mill complex.

For more information about the event, call 860-435-4804 or email info@salisburyassociation.org.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church hosted the better-clothing boutique and the Mohawk Ski Area had everything else.

Greeting visitors to the book area was Marge Purnell, encouraging all to come and look and then to come back again later.

Purnell had high praise for all the volunteers, citing their devotion and crediting them for being "really smart."

The smart people had arrived at the logic that would guide the arrangement of the books for sale, Purnell explained.

For example, it seemed logical to group "adventure" with "disaster," and then nearby would be placed "marriage advice."

Although she was volunteering in the book area, Maggie Cooley was mentioned often, even by volunteers in other sale locations, for her dedication to the well-being of the entire event.

One volunteer called it the "biggest recycling project in the Northwest Corner," as thrilled shoppers carried their treasures away home.

The massive event was to benefit the Cornwall Woman's Society that in turn supports Cornwall's high school graduates who intend to continue their education. Local organizations whose volunteers serve the community's needs also benefit.

Pausing to reflect for a moment on the strength of the event, Woman's Society Treasurer Cheryl Thibault said, "It looks pretty good, a steady stream of shopping all day."

The 2022 rummage sale was under the guidance of Susan Hellmann, Carla Herman Landy and Janet Savin, assisted by the multitude of volunteers, all of whom were finding it to be great fun.



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Friday, August 5, 3-4:15pm

ART EXCURSION TO CORNWALL

Meet SML staff at the Cornwall Library to see the exhibition by artist Greg Goldberg and to learn about the Library's history. Afterwards, we'll visit the Rose Algrant Art Show (at the Cornwall Consolidated School in West Cornwall) to view works by local artists Susan Fox, Tim Prentice, Sally Van Doren and many others.

Saturday, August 27, 10am-noon

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Beloved teacher & coach remembered

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Friends, former students and colleagues joined the family of legendary science teacher and track coach David B. Lindsay at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) on Friday, July 22, for a celebration of life.

Lindsay, who died Oct. 10, 2020, began his career at HVRHS in 1966.

Lindsay's daughter Lori acted as master of ceremonies, and in her opening remarks recalled how her father "treated everybody the same, with respect, dignity and fairness."

Chris Heacox remembered how, as a member of Lindsay's track team, he lost the tournament shot put competition to the same competitor two years in a row.

Sitting with Lindsay in the latter's office, the young Heacox vented his frustration.

Lindsay heard him out, and then asked, "So what are you going to do about it?"

Lindsay recommended going to a track and field camp that summer. Heacox did, learned a lot and the following year beat his nemesis.

Heacox said the experience "set the trajectory for my life."

Gary Davis was a captain on the track team, and got into hot water with Lindsay after he and his co-captain and teammates went into the newly painted locker room, despite signs warning of fresh paint, and made a mess.

After a great deal of extra running up and down the steep banks outside the school, Lindsay told the boys that, as captains, he relied on them to keep the team on track.

Then he made them run some more.

David Bayersdorfer spoke of Lindsay's adventurous side. When Lindsay couldn't get anywhere near Mount St.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lori Lindsay, daughter of the late David Lindsay, remembered her father at a celebration of life at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Friday, July 22.

Helens in the aftermath of its May 1980 eruption, Lindsay hired an airplane to fly around the volcano so he could take photographs.

Bayersdorfer praised Lindsay's seemingly limitless energy — from the lengthy and eventually successful campaign to have a proper track built, to his advocacy

for the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center, to his establishment of the robotics team.

Andy Brockway, who supervises the robotics team, said he was drafted into the job more or less sight unseen in 2001.

With a very small group and not a lot of resources, the team immediately won an event.

"His main thing was — How do we help the students?"

Kent chamber meeting & pollinator walk

KENT — The Kent Chamber of Commerce August meeting is Monday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m. at the Village Farm, 684 Kent Road in Gaylordsville. Connie Manes and Melissa Cherniske of the Kent Land Trust will do a pollinator walk at the farm at 5:30 p.m., before the meeting.

The rain date is Tuesday, Aug. 2. RSVP to info@kentct.com by Thursday, July 28.

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Route 4 drain, paving project nears completion

By Leila Hawken

DOT Communications Manager.

SHARON — Although it may have seemed to some like more than a year since work began, the state Department of Transportation (DOT) drainage and paving project on Route 4 is now close to completion.

The whole project stretched from Route 7 west to Old Town Road, a distance of 3.9 miles at a total cost of \$1.6 million, as reported on Tuesday, July 19, by Josh Morgan,

The project that began in the fall of 2021 included reconfiguring drainage and installing new storm drains, leveling the roadway and, finally, paving, Morgan said.

Painting of the lines is next, with the yellow centerline expected to be done soon, weather dependent, followed by the white right-hand edge lines to be added in the next few weeks, Morgan said.

Rose Algrant Art Show Aug. 5

CORNWALL — The Rose Algrant Art Show, one of Cornwall's oldest traditions, opens Friday, Aug. 5, at Cornwall Consolidated School.

The show features Cornwall artists exhibiting and selling paintings, photography, drawings, ceramics, textiles, prints and sculpture. For more information go to www.rosealgrantartshow.org.

Housatonic Railroad talk Aug. 2

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's 1st Tuesday at 7 summer talks continue on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 7 p.m. with a slide-show presentation of the early years of today's Housatonic Railroad by Geoff Knees. Knees was one of the initial volunteers who worked with John Hanlon to get the Housatonic Railroad up and operational.

The presentation also includes showing of Rolf Schneider's railroad photos by Dave Jacobs. Schneider owned the popular Berkshire Hills Hobby and Supply shop in North Canaan until his retirement a few years ago.

The talk is at the South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Route 63 in Falls Village. The talks are free. For more information, call 860-824-5607.

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Cornwall readies wastewater project

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — The study committee that worked on the West Cornwall wastewater project proposal, which was approved by July 9 town meeting vote, will now serve as the building committee.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported at the regular Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, July 19, that the board will retain responsibility for the eventual bid process and construction.

Volunteers are welcome, Ridgway said, particularly if they offer expertise in construction, architecture and engineering, and the committee should have a layperson.

Selectwoman Priscilla Pavel agreed to continue her service on the committee.

An early step will involve the choice of a project engineer, Ridgway said, commending the work of Stephen McDonnell of WMC Engineers in Newington who assisted the study commit-

tee throughout its six years of research and planning. Now that the project has been approved, Ridgway said, the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant application prepared by WMC will proceed through the review process.

New plow truck

By unanimous vote the selectmen accepted a bid from Western Star of \$127,000 for a new plow truck to replace the town's 21-year-old truck. The bid amount covers the cab and chassis. Installation of hydraulics to operate the plow assembly will cost an additional \$100,775, as reported by town road foreman Jim Vanicky. The new truck will be delivered in early November or earlier, in time for winter weather, Vanicky said.

Summer paving reduced

Due to current high cost of asphalt materials, the selectmen agreed to limit summer paving to two projects, including the Town Hall parking lot to be paved for \$55,000 and Jewel Street for

\$197,000, the latter likely to be done in September. The selectmen will then leave the remainder of the paving funds in the budget, looking ahead to accomplishing more projects, perhaps in the spring of 2023.

Intrusive parking

Responding to residents' concerns about visitors to West Cornwall parking along River Road in the village, dangerously close to the intersection adjacent to covered bridge, selectwoman Janet Carlson called for the selectmen to find a solution, suggesting signage as a good start. Affected areas, she said, were in the vicinity of Frank food and Railroad Square. Some residents termed the intrusions as trespassing.

Pavel agreed that a large part of the problem is that it is not clear where cars may park. All agreed that it is best that cars park away from the corner. Ridgway said that he will speak with business owners in the area to consider a solution.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 18, 2022:

Approved—Application #2022-0173 by owners John and Elizabeth Sprague, for a 3-Lot Residential Resubdivision. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 8 as Lot 28-1 and is located at 120 & 126 Dugway Road, Falls Village, CT.

Approved — Special Permit Application #2022-0176 by owner Erik Tomaino, to convert an accessory building to contain a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot in accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 57 as Lot 10 and is located at 56 East Main Street, Salisbury.

Approved Subject to Conditions—Special Permit Application #2022-0181 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC (Little Guild of St. Francis) to hold a short-term event — The Great Country Mutt Show in accordance with section

221.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 04 as Lot 16 and is located at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville.

Approved Subject to Conditions—Special Permit Application #2022-0182 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC (Round Hill Highland Games, Inc) to hold a short-term event — Round Hill Highland Games in accordance with section 221.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 04 as Lot 16 and is located at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville.

Approved Subject to Conditions—Special Permit Application #2022-0184 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC (Salisbury Winter Sports Association) to hold a short-term event — Connecticut Craft Beer Grand Prix in accordance with section 221.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 04 as Lot 16 and is located at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville.

Approved Subject to Conditions—Application #2022-0189 by owner 129 WHR, LLC for a site plan modification for driveway improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations.

The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 58 as Lot 16 and is located at 129 Washinee Heights Road in Salisbury.

Approved Subject to Conditions—Site Plan Application #2022-0192 by Mark and Laurel Caliendo to convert an attached garage into an accessory apartment in accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 08 as Lot 66-1 and is located at 24 Falls Mountain Road, Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
07-28-22

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0191 by Dean DiGiacomo for a Variance, 475 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT, Map 26, Lot 1 per Section 304.1 and 300.3 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday,

August 2, 2022 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycrct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday August 1, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycrct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
07-21-22
07-28-22

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0188 by Janet Andre Block for a Variance, 4 Main Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 15 per Section 304.1 and 300.3 of the Salisbury Zoning

Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburycrct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday August 1, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburycrct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2021 is due and payable July 1, 2022. The

first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2021 will become delinquent on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from July 1, 2022 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed on line by going to the Tax Collector's page of the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentct.org.

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is a red drop box next to the front door of the Town Hall for payments.

Payments are also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

Beginning July 1, 2022 bills may be paid by credit card in the office or online using Point and Pay.

Deborah Devaux, CCMC
Tax Collector
06-23-22
07-07-22
07-28-22

OBITUARIES

William P. Suter

SALISBURY — William P. Suter, 85, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2022, with his family at his side. Bill will be forever missed and remembered for fearlessly following his passions and laughing his way through life at 100 miles an hour. He loved spending time with family and found success within both Wall Street and the theater world.



Bill was the son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Clay) Suter, and brother to Albert and Mary, born in Newark, New Jersey in 1937. He was raised in South Orange, New Jersey. Bill enjoyed playing basketball and summers at the Jersey Shore, primarily in Manasquan and Sea Girt. After attending Brown University and Harvard Business School he led a successful career in finance. He was a numbers guy, passionate about theater, New York City, summers in the Hamptons, betting on games with friends/family, and playing poker (sometimes all night long), tennis and paddle tennis.

Following a 28 year career working on Wall Street, including being named youngest partner at Jesup and Lamont, awarded #1 on Institutional Investor's All American All Star team multiple times, and working 15 years at Merrill Lynch, Bill transitioned into a second career as a Broadway producer. He applied his financial skills to

raise money while having fun enmeshed within the creative theater community. He loved working with actors, directors and playwrights to mold and shape stories, bringing them to life on stage where they could shine. He was so proud to be part of many productions, including Almost an Eagle, (1982), Lady and the Clarinet (1983), Pulitzer prize-winning, Tony nominated 'night, Mother (1983), Hurlyburly (1984), MaRainey's Black Bottom (1984), The River (1988), Redwood Curtain (1993), and ART (1998). He was also proud to be a multi-year Tony Voter.

After he settled into Northwest Connecticut he brought his theater skills to his new community as a founding member of TriState Center for the Arts (TriArts), now known as The Sharon Playhouse, once again molding productions and warmly greeting guests and friends at most every show.

Bill is survived by his children, Steve, Cindy, Wendy, and his six grandchildren, Katie, Nick, Emma, Anna, Grace, and Murphy, and all those who affectionately call him 'Uncle Bill'. The family will celebrate Bill's life on October 22 at the Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome at the Sharon Playhouse, a special place to Bill Suter.



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

The July Block Party, thrown by The Wassaic Project on Saturday, July 23, drew art enthusiasts from several states in and around the Tri-state region. Matthew Davis came from Newburyport, Mass., to enjoy the celebration of art.

Art, music showcased at The Wassaic Project's annual July Block Party

By Hunter O. Lyle

WASSAIC – Despite the oppressive heat, art-minded individuals turned out for the annual July Block Party, a summer-time tradition thrown by The Wassaic Project that celebrates artists of all mediums and their creations.

While the July Block Party, which took place on Saturday, July 23, lasted most of the day, starting officially at noon and ending in the late evening, the events of the celebration took place in stages. It all started with a tour of the gallery at Maxon Mills, a seven-floor former grain elevator.

To start off the day, Maxon Mills, now a progressive art gallery located in the hamlet of Wassaic, invited guests to tour its newest exhibition, A Tournament of Lies. The show was named after a line from the hit band R.E.M.'s 1987 hit "It's the End of the World as We Know It."

The gallery was open from noon to 8 p.m. and featured discussions and a Q&A session with some of the artists. It was filled with colorful, imaginative and abstract

works from artists both local and from elsewhere.

"It was a wonderful, massive, vertical labyrinth, and every time you turned a corner it was a different visual pocket," said Shlomi Ravi, who works in the art scene in Brooklyn and had never been to The Wassaic Project before. "It kind of felt like you walked into someone else's dream."

After the hour-long tour, Richard Saja, an artist from Catskill, whose needle-point artwork was featured in A Tournament of Lies, led an embroidery workshop for children and adults alike.

Starting at 1 p.m., guests worked with Saja to make feathers for a burlap owl tapestry. The workshop lasted until 4 p.m., overlapping with an open tour of the Luther Barn, site of The Wassaic Project's art residency studio; that session ran from 3 to 4 p.m.

From 2 to 8:45 p.m., attendees of the block party were invited to the Lantern Inn for refreshments. The popular establishment would also be the location for the culmination of the day, a

live performance from the Brooklyn-based band, Social Creatures, which took the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Free stress reduction classes

SALISBURY — Suzanne Mazzarelli, who teaches Noble Horizons' weekly Therapeutic Movement class, is offering a series of free in-person stress reduction classes at Noble on July 26, August 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mazzarelli specializes in techniques to address chronic stress and anxiety which have been linked to many serious health conditions, among them heart attacks, strokes, accelerated aging of the immune system and high blood pressure.

Workshop participants will learn strategies to connect the mind, body and spirit to feel more grounded and empowered during times of stress.

Mazzarelli is a certified therapeutic yoga instructor and owner of Be Well Community Yoga. Her class is offered at no charge and does not require registration. If there is sufficient interest, the class may continue into the fall. More information is at www.noblehorizons.org or 860-435-9851.



PHOTO BY HUNTER O. LYLE

The tour of A Tournament of Lies, the newest art installation at The Wassaic Project, culminated with an abstract room filled with anthropomorphic dogs in various poses.

Hunt Library fundraiser

FALLS VILLAGE — The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host Augustfest in the Village on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Held outdoors on the library's lawn, it will feature grilled brats, craft beers from Norbrook Farm Brewery, hot pretzels from The Falls Village Inn, a silent auction, and live music by Kane Clawson with Country Jam performing songs by Patsy Cline and others. A vegetarian option and lemonade will also be served, and each guest will receive a limited-edition Hunt Library cup. There will be a silent auction.

Tickets are \$30; \$5 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased by calling the library at 860-824-7424, by visiting huntlibrary.org.

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

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<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Canaan United Methodist Church 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
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<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>
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Sharon Hospital Community Update



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Our Towns

NECC Chef & Farmer Brunch for a 'good cause'

By Judith O'Hara Balfe

MILLERTON — When it's for a good cause, most people are willing to donate money for the greater good. That was certainly the case on Sunday, July 24, at the North East Community Center's (NECC) Annual Chef & Farmer Brunch, held this year at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury.

It was NECC's 11th such event, though the first one held in person since the COVID pandemic began.

Some of the attendees said they came for the gourmet food, some said they came for the auction prizes, but all agreed they came to help NECC raise money for the important work it does for the community to help meet the needs of so many.

A number of local farms, chefs, restaurants and other purveyors provided the fare for the day, including: Heirloom Fire; The Farmer's Wife; 52 Main; Troutbeck; Lime Rock Park; Ronnybrook Farm; Champetre; LeGamin; Thompson-Finch Farm; and the NECC.

Chef James Gop of Heirloom Fire cooked all of his dishes outside and the aroma was tantalizing.

Beverages were provided by 52 Main; Berkshire Springs; Chatham Brewery; Harney & Sons Fine Tea; Irving Farm; Ten Mile Distillery; and Lime Rock Park.

NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent remarked from the podium that residents in the Harlem Valley "live in a desert" when it comes to many social services.

"[There's] a desert in the areas of transportation, housing, child care, food and mental health, and it's been more profound since the pandemic," said Sergent.

She went on to thank all who have supported NECC this year and in years past.

"You kept us strong," she said, adding that strength has helped NECC address the services desert and allowed it to offer programs to folks in the local region. She gave examples of NECC serving more than 6,000 meals and providing transportation, with more than 3,000 trips

made during the past two years.

NECC honors Osofsky

Joan Osofsky, the owner of the home goods store Hammertown Barn in Pine Plains, Rhinebeck and Great Barrington, was named NECC's Community Leader Honoree. Osofsky has been on the NECC Board since 2018 and has helped organize the Chef & Farmer Brunch for many years. Before the Chef & Farmer Brunch began, Osofsky would hold annual fundraisers for NECC at Hammertown Barn in Pine Plains.

Ambassadors Marilyn Gross and Kim Hausner, a husband-and-wife duo who moved to Millerton in 2015, are avid volunteers the NECC staff admires. Their hard work and positive and fun spirit earned them special recognition at the event on Sunday.

He does a lot of handyman jobs for NECC and they both deliver groceries to local shut-ins, which they did throughout the pandemic.

In addition to lending a hand at NECC, the pair also



BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Joan Osofsky was named Community Leader of the Year at NECC's Chef & Farmer Brunch, and was congratulated by her son Gregg, left, with his daughter.

volunteers at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake.

"The Millerton area captures a real sense of community that I've never known before — and NECC is in so many ways the center of it," said the pair through a joint statement.

Auction

After the ceremony, a live — and lively — auction was held, conducted by C.K. Swett, his expertise developed at Christie's, Phillips and Heritage. The auction items were impressive and included dinner for eight at the Tamarack Preserve's Turkey Hollow Lodge with four bottles of Chateau Giscours 2009 (the winning bid for that was \$5,000); a stay at an exclusive resort for seven nights that garnered \$10,000; 12 bottles of Opus One that earned \$2,500; and a round

of golf for three with a golf pro that grabbed \$3,500.

Silent auction items included gourmet dinners; gift baskets; a Tory Burch handbag; gift certificates; and many others. Winners were announced at the end of the event.

To say that auctioneer C.K. Swett was a master of persuasion would be an un-

derstatement, and the last part of the auction, known as "Raise Your Paddle," left no prizes behind and only donations were made, netted NECC another \$210,000.

The event ended with a riveting performance by Vemilo. Everyone seemed to agree, the 11th Annual Chef & Farmer Brunch was a rousing success.

Introducing Mongo

Fixed line meets big fish

The last few years I have spent more and more time using the telescoping, fixed line, no-reel fly rods that come under the umbrella term "Tenkara."

Devotees spend hours arguing the nuances and nomenclature for different kinds of fixed line rods, and since few of them speak Japanese I suspect they are still missing something.

For our purposes, I will stick with "fixed line."

This is not the same as a cane pole. Even the cheapest fixed line rod is a surgical instrument compared to a cane pole. And you can't collapse a cane pole and stick it in your pack or pannier.

Last August, while fishing a private lake that contains largemouth bass, pickerel, crappie, assorted panfish and the occasional lobster, I decided to get a couple of fixed line rods that are designed for carp fishing.

One is 18 feet long and the other 15 and change.

From a seated position in a pontoon boat, the 18 footer proved to be too much.

Why?

Because an 18 foot rod with a 15 foot line plus another couple of feet of sturdy tippet is a lot more than a medium-sized angler who wears a 33 inch sleeve in dress shirts can deal with when bringing a 4 pound, irritated fish to the 38 inch net.

If that's too much math, let me put it this way: I'd need another yard's worth of arm to net this fish.

With the 15 foot rod, I put on a 12 foot furled line with a sinking tip and about two feet of 1X tippet.

To that I tied a heavy streamer called the Bass Vampire. It sinks fast, is about 2 inches long and is a violent shade of purple, with yellow eyes. Think Minnesota Vikings color scheme.

From the pontoon boat, which is basically a floating chair powered by oars and/or swim fins, I lobbed the Vampire in and around a line of boulders that provide cover for sun-shy bass.

Then there was one of those, "Darn it, I'm hung up" moments, closely followed by "No, that's a fish!"

Unlike their smallmouth counterparts, largemouth



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Introducing Mongo, a largemouth bass caught last year with a fixed line rod. For perspective, the purple thing in the fish's mouth is about 2 inches long.

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

bass give up fairly easily. This one put up a bit of a fuss, enough to bend the rod to the point where I was glad it only cost 30 bucks.

Then it very sportingly jumped out of the water and hung there long enough to see that this was a pretty impressive specimen.

Then and there, I named it "Mongo."

The acrobatics took the fight out of Mongo, and I was able to haul him in — by handlining — without incident. (This is where I miss having a reel.)

He obligingly stayed still

in the water by the boat, giving me a reproachful look while I fumbled with the camera.

Mission accomplished, I removed the Vampire from his jaw, noticing that if I wanted to I could have stuck my fist in his mouth without encountering tissue.

This was a big fish.

Mongo swam off and I resumed the hunt.

My perseverance paid off a few minutes later when I hooked Mongo's kid brother, Mingo.

Fishing with a fixed line rod is fun. It's different. It's a nice option to have.

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HIRING

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ple have grown accustomed to not working, so they're not working," noted Mike Schopp, co-owner with his brother, Ed, of Stadium System, Inc., the largest independent reconditioner of athletic equipment in the country.

The third-generation, family-owned business has been in operation since their grandfather, Arthur Schopp, founded the company in 1948.

Stadium System specializes in refurbishing football helmets and equipment for school athletic programs throughout the Northeast, from youth to college teams. It currently employs about 53 people between its sprawling North Canaan factory and adjacent retail store.

Schopp said he believes several factors are contributing to the worker shortage, including shifting demographics.

"There has been a transformation, I think, in our region. What was once a second home has become permanent, and the trades people are all having this demand for labor which has increased greatly."

As a result, he said, the area's constricted labor pool has become fiercely competitive, and workers are more selective. Many workers are choosing to spend nice weather outdoors doing seasonal work, "and then they go on unemployment" during the off season.

Stadium System's "Help Wanted" signs, a common sight along roadsides and in front of his shop, have attracted enough workers to get Schopp through the seasonal crunch, when tens of thousands of helmets pass through the factory to be sanitized, reconditioned and returned in time for a new football season.

"I just hired two people on the spot, and we've got some high school kids coming in, which we always rely on. We are at about 85% staffing," he said. And operational costs keep rising.

"We're paying a lot of overtime to get the jobs done."

Urgently hiring at Sharon Daycare Center

In Sharon, the nonprofit Sharon Daycare Center, Inc., is struggling to keep up, according to Director Carrie-Ann Olsen.

On a recent early July

Q&A

Chris DiPentima, Connecticut Business and Industry Association president and CEO

Q. What is being done statewide to address the worker shortage?

A. Workforce development initiatives, such as those that the state is driving, along with the private sector, are helping address the shortage, as is public-private collaboration around access to child care.

Q. The health-care industry in Northwest Connecticut, particularly nursing homes, hospitals and agencies that provide home health care, is desperate to find and retain staff. How critical is the situation?

A. The shortage of health-care workers is particularly acute in rural areas like the Northwest Corner. The health-care sector has recovered just two-thirds of all jobs lost to pandemic disruptions in March and April of 2020.

Q. What are the major factors impeding the labor market's recovery?

A. We must give young people the ability to stay in Connecticut after graduation from high school and/or college, and we must provide employers the ability to compete on a regional, national and global scale. Inflationary concerns will not be helped by Connecticut's diesel tax, which rose 23% July 1 and will be compounded Jan. 1 when the state's new highway use tax takes effect.

morning, Olsen and staff were at work expanding space at the school to accommodate two additional classrooms that will comprise eight infant and toddler spaces and 12 preschool spaces.

Even with the expansion, said Olsen, there are still 11 infants and toddlers on a wait list.

"We are responding to the great need in the community by opening up these classrooms, and now we need more teachers to cover them," said Olsen. While hiring has always been a challenge, she noted, "I would have easily gotten 20 to 25 applicants. Right now, I have three."

Staff retention, she said, is vital, and because of her center's nonprofit status, it has limited funding, compared to for-profit centers.

"But we are lucky in a sense that we have a long-term staff of teachers." The center offers perks such as gift cards, extra time off and other incentives.

'I guess you could say we stole him away'

At Jacobs Garage in Falls Village, owner Judy Jacobs said efforts to hire enough employees to keep the 92-year-

old family business running reached "a real crisis mode" last year and was two weeks away from closing due to a lack of mechanics. Although the coronavirus was raging, business was booming.

"We were never as busy as we were during the height of the pandemic. All these new people moved into the area," Jacobs noted. Then came the loss of one of the shop's mechanics, who grew tired of commuting an hour and a half each way just to get to work. "He did it for a few years. It's a wonder he stayed that long."

"It became so stressful, and we just couldn't keep up with the work. We were two weeks away from closing because we could not get any help. It was that bad."

Her only choice was born out of necessity: She recruited a mechanic from another shop.

"I guess you could say we stole him away," she said.

'Not looking promising'

At the Geer Village Senior Community in North Canaan, CEO Kevin O'Connell said recruiting for positions paying \$16 to \$45 per hour, especially for second and



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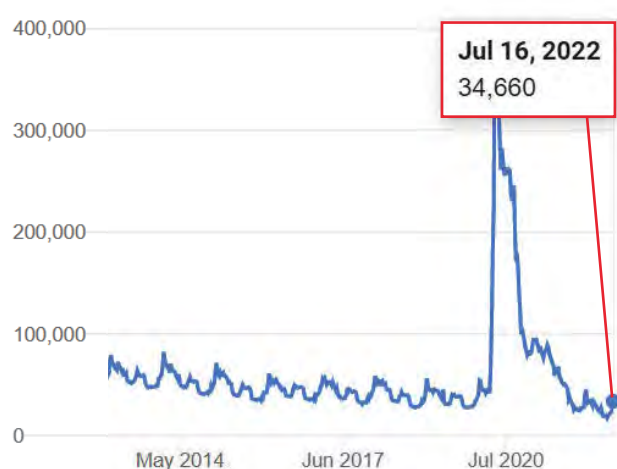
Mike Schopp, owner of Stadium System, a third-generation family-owned business in North Canaan, is surrounded by thousands of football helmets in various stages of reconditioning during the height of the company's busy season.

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4%
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Total Unemployed
76K
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third shift, has been difficult.

"Dietary workers, CNAs, LPNs, RN, therapists. We are currently filling those positions with very expensive agency staff, overtime and summer temp workers.

"It's not ideal," said O'Connell, "but it fills the vacancies while we recruit. The rising cost of gasoline and inflationary pressures in general are making it almost impossible for people to commute to North Canaan from anything more than 30 minutes away."

The Geer administrator, who has been attending affordable housing sessions around the Northwest Corner in recent months, said by providing "reasonably priced local housing options, we may be able to build a base

of people with the skill sets we need close by."

O'Connell said he predicts a long, tough road ahead, which he said, "isn't looking very promising."

With fuel prices rising, people will want to work as close to home as possible to minimize what they spend on commuting. "People in the Northwest Corner will be making some very tough choices."

The Geer CEO said if he sees any opportunity to build the local labor pool, it may come from seniors who are coming out of retirement to supplement their incomes. "Inflation and energy prices affect retirees the most because they can't change their income unless they go back

MARIA HORN

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to fight for those rights, and work together to make sure that everyone in our state is protected today and in the future, is critically important at both the state and local level. "

In a phone interview Sunday, July 24, Horn reiterated that MPAC is for supporting like-minded candidates.

Asked if it is unusual for a member of the Legislature to form a PAC, Horn said no. When she first ran for

the General Assembly, she received support from PACs associated with Democratic leadership in the Legislature.

"This is a way to pay it forward," she said.

There are 309 PACs currently listed with the State Elections Enforcement Commission, many of them "Two or more persons" organizations such as MPAC. Another local example is the 30th District Republican Senatorial Committee.

to work."

O'Connell recently interviewed several individuals looking to work 20 hours a week "just to help heat their homes and fill their gas tanks."

The workers speak out

According to Chris DiPentima, president of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA), the global pandemic has irrevocably changed what people expect from work, and the landscape will continue to evolve as business owners struggle to find ways to meet workers' demands for autonomy and flexibility, and better pay, perks and benefits.

For Gregory Eads, who has been employed for two decades at the family-owned Davis IGA in Kent, job satisfaction — and longevity — comes from being valued and respected team members.

"Luckily, we have a lot of people who have been working here for a long time," said Eads, in between helping a customer and organizing produce. He credits his success in the company to owner Gary Davis' employee-friendly culture, where workers are well compensated, respected and treated "like family."

The grocery has not had problems filling positions as it draws workers from across the state line, from Dover, N.Y., Eads noted.

Stadium System employee Dustin Lawrence of North Canaan, who was hired by the company about nine months ago, said he chose to work there because the pay and benefits are good, the warehouse job fit his skills, and work is only a half-hour walk, or a two-minute car ride away.

"Me and my fiancée are living with her parents" because of the high cost of finding housing in town, explained Lawrence, who does not have a driver's license. "I had other choices, but this is what I like to do. I love how this place has summer hours and winter hours. It's hard work, but definitely worth it," said Lawrence. Plus, at lunchtime during the summer, the company sponsors "Hot Dog Fridays" for employees.

What makes a company the employer of choice?

CBIA's DiPentima reflected on what the "new normal" is going to look like when the dust finally settles. "There will certainly be a permanent shift in company offerings, especially benefits and flexible work environment, even after the labor market settles," he explained.

"Employers and employees have learned that not all benefits are valued equally by each employee."

Coming next: Removing Barriers — manufacturers take a collaborative approach.

TREE POLICY

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Heritage Tree as one "recognized by DEEP for its unique size, age, historic or cultural significance, or aesthetic or ecological value."

DEEP personnel may determine if a tree constitutes a Heritage Tree after review of public input and by following criteria established in training.

"Arborists shall be consulted when determining whether a Heritage Tree should be identified as a Hazard Tree, and if so, how such hazard may be cost effectively mitigated," the draft states.

The DEEP personnel conducting the inspection will consider the recommendation of the arborist and availability of resources, to determine mitigation measures.

For any tree not identified as a Heritage Tree, trained DEEP personnel can assess the defect on the tree. Facility supervisors will determine corrective actions for Hazard Trees that are not Heritage Trees, according to the draft policy.

"DEEP's draft, as currently written, has narrowed the process practically to the point of simply maintaining

the status quo, which goes against both the intent of the bill (Public Act 22-143, Section 17) and citizen engagement," the Berkshire-Litchfield Environmental Council wrote.

Katherine Freygang, a member of Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA), a citizens group that has found new levels of collaboration with DEEP employees on the ground, wrote: "Trust is being built with combined expertise and goodwill. I am appreciative of these [DEEP] employees. However, this [draft policy] is not supporting them or our collaboration either."

Bruce Bennett, the tree warden in Kent and a HMPA member, wrote: "My concern about limiting this policy to such a small group of Heritage Trees increases the potential removal of any healthy tree with marginal justification."

Freygang, Bennett and other members of HMPA held their first clean-up session at Housatonic Meadows on Sunday, July 24, to remove rotting wood chips from the

bases of pine trees and to plan next steps.

"We are in the process of doing a thorough review of the public comments received," DEEP said in a statement, "and will also review any internal comments/questions from divisions within the Environmental Conservation branch (including Forestry, Fisheries, Wildlife, and State Parks) to get a diverse perspective before finalizing the policy."

At the July virtual hearing, DEEP Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumble noted three principal highlights of the policy, which include the hiring of licensed arborists to assess the designation and removal or mitigation of a tree targeted as hazardous, advance notice to the public with physical signage and online notification and consideration of replanting to offset the value of a tree that is removed.

The new law also requires DEEP to complete a tree-planting demonstration project at Housatonic Meadows State Park and file a report on its tree-replanting strategies.



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FILM: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Come Along for the Ride on Aug. 12 with 'Paper Moon'

The Boondocks Film Society (BFS) is a curious little family, one that has no apparent roots but has enormous love — for the diverse members of its film-fan community and for the cult films that those members love to watch, together.

Founders Jeff Palfini and Cindy Heslin choose offbeat productions, most of which celebrate the quirkiness of adults and teens who live slightly on the outside edges of normal society.

For the screening locations, they select outdoor venues that fit the theme or feel of the featured film. There are always movie-appropriate food and drinks available at the pre-show party.

The August Boondocks film is Peter Bogdanovich's 1973 comedy, "Paper Moon," starring Ryan O'Neal and his 10-year-old real-life daughter, Tatum — who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Addie Loggins.

Addie is the gritty young temporary ward of O'Neal, a con man



PHOTO FROM IMDB

Ryan and Tatum O'Neal bicker their way across Kansas and Missouri in the 1973 film, "Paper Moon."

traveling through the Midwest during the Depression. Her mother has died; it's up to Moses Pray to get her safely to the home of relatives in Kansas.

The always hilarious Madeline Kahn comes along for part of the ride, and Randy Quaid makes a brief appearance.

The black-and-white

photography by Laszlo Kovacs ("Easy Rider," "Five Easy Pieces") is both bleak and gorgeous. The script was adapted by Alvin Sargent (who wrote "Ordinary People") from a novel called "Addie Pray."

The setting chosen for this Boondocks screening is South Farms in Morris, Conn., which is

near the county seat in Litchfield. The barn at the center of this wedding and party venue is vast and white and feels like a super-glamorous version of an old-time Midwestern barn.

For the pre-screening happy hour there will be a band playing 1930s jazz; film-inspired food; and movie-themed craft cocktails. It's hard to imagine what food will match up to "Paper Moon." One can only assume that wheat will be involved.

The screening itself will begin around 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 — but come at 7:15 p.m. for food, fun and music. Admission is \$20; there is an additional cost for food and drinks.

Buy tickets at www.boondocksfilmfestival.org.



PHOTO FROM JEWISH PARTISANS FILM

Berkshire International Film Festival will show "Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance & Bravery During World War II" on Aug. 2.

THE FIGHT OF THEIR LIVES, IN A FILM AT BIFF

The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) and New Moon Films will offer the New England premiere of the award-winning "Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance & Bravery During World War II."

Partisan Michael Stoll, whose powerful story is featured in the film, will be in attendance for

a post-screening discussion with the film's director, Julia Mintz.

Against extraordinary odds, more than 25,000 Jewish partisans courageously fought back against the Nazis and their collaborators from deep within the forests of Belarus, Ukraine and Eastern Europe. They engaged in treacherous acts of sabotage, blowing up trains, burning electric stations, attacking armed enemy headquarters.

Shattering the myth of Jewish passivity, the last surviving partisans tell their stories of resistance in "Four Winters," revealing a stunning and inspiring narrative of heroism and resilience.

The film is a recipient of Steven Spielberg's Jewish Story Partners Grant and was awarded Best Documentary at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival 2022.

The film will be shown on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 4 p.m. at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at www.biffma.org.

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Lakeville was a center of industry and commerce from the 1730s through the 1970s. Walk with historian Lou Bucceri as he tells stories about places from Porter Street to the Furnace Neighborhood.

This history tour sponsored by the Salisbury Association's Historical Society will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m.; meet in front of the Lakeville Post Office.

The walk will last a little less than one hour and is less than a half mile in length.

Weather cancellation notice will be on the Salisbury Association's Facebook page.



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THE UNGARDENER: DEE SALOMON

Too Much of a Good Thing? Probably, Yes

Last word, for now at least, on the spongy moths; my friend Spencer asked if the open tree canopy created by the caterpillar destruction had caused a plant growth spike here. Well, yes, I had noticed that the trees had grown vastly taller than in years past. That leaves were larger — wild strawberry leaves the size of my hand. And that there was barely a bare patch of earth. But I had done such a thorough job with the dastardly caterpillars, scraping off the egg sacs all fall and winter and spraying the BT from the moment they hatched, that the damage was minimal except to the tallest oaks (no small thing); the tree canopy was largely intact.



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

While the spongy moths have stopped destroying the tree canopy for this year, it's a banner year for Red Actea or baneberry. Collect the seeds to sow in the woods for future flowers.

I have a different hypothesis to make sense of this year's explosive plant growth and, while I have not heard or read anything similar, I believe it may be true.

Last year we had a massive infestation of Asian jumping worms. They were crawling everywhere and devoured almost every inch of topsoil on our property (for the full disgusting story, read "Don't Look Down" in the February 2022 issue of the Cornwall Chronicle at www.cornwallchronicle.org/wp-content/uploads/February_2022.pdf).

In the digestive process, the worms had released way more nitrogen than the soil would in its normal decomposition. This — that Asian jumping worms release nitrogen in the soil — I can verify with standard Google searches.

For plants, nitrogen is the key to growth. So it makes sense that, with

the release of nitrogen into the soil, I am seeing extravagant growth this year.

Other vital nutrients have been depleted by the worms, so the impact remains to be seen.

And another factor is also at play: The worms have churned up seed

that had been buried underground for years and, all of sudden, could germinate.

Areas that had been meticulously weeded for years now are carpets of both native and non-native plants. While the Trillium are 3x last year, the narrowleaf bittercress are 8x.

As I sit on the woodland floor to pull the bittercress I become aware of something that is not here: the culprits themselves! Where have the jumping worms gone?

I thought at first that this had to do with the bone-dry soil, but after the rains last weekend I pulled bittersweet and burning bush on at least 10 different areas and still found not a single one. It is still too early to tell, but could it be that, having sucked everything nutritious from the soil, they are not able to make a go of it this year?

NB: Two days after writing this, I found two worms, each about 3 inches long, while weeding in the near woods.

At least where I am situated, in Litchfield County on the shores of the Housatonic, it is a

banner year for *Actaea Rubra* — the baneberry that boasts bright red berries on upright stems. On our property, I am picking the berries, not to eat, as they are poisonous, but to sow back into the woods. I have been harvesting and planting this seed for years; it is easy to do and works well.

Same for *Actaea Pachypoda*, the doll's eye or white baneberry that is a bit rarer and whose seed matures later in the season. I always leave a few berries on the plant for the birds and mammals that eat them; soak

and separate the seed from their fruit using a colander and my fingers (some people are sensitive, so gloves are a good idea).

In the fall I will spread the seed in the woods. It takes a year or two to germinate; the result is glorious. A spare, horizontal set of leaves and an elegant vertical spike that ends with a white filigree of flower. The flowers become bright red berries that gracefully arch the stem. Look out for them ...

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

SALE AND SHOW OF WORKS BY AREA ARTISTS

The Summer Show" of Gallery SHS of the Sharon Historical Society & Museum in Sharon, Conn., opened July 16 and remains on display through Aug. 26.

This is a juried exhibition and sale of works by local artists in a variety of media and depicting many subjects.

A portion of all sales supports the Sharon

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For more information, call 860-364-5688 or go to www.sharonhist.org.

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Authors and Artists Put Pen to Paper, Again

The highly anticipated Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing in Sharon, Conn., will be held this year on Friday, Aug. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Because of ongoing construction at the historic library building, this year's signing event will be held (under the white tent, as is traditional) next door at the Sharon Historical Society. There will not be a library book sale on Saturday this year.

Thirty authors and illustrators will sign copies of their latest books this year, including baker Jessie Sheehan, gardener

Page Dickey, historian and watercolorist Adam Van Doren and Thoreau expert Ben Shattuck.

Other local favorites include Mark Scarbrough and Laurie Lisle and race car drive/sports commentator/painter Sam Posey.

Admission is \$40 and includes beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. Books will be available for purchase; all proceeds from the event support the programs and services of the nonprofit library.

Four festive author

dinner will follow at patron homes in Sharon. Dinner tickets are \$175 per person.

All book signing and author dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated and masks are strongly encouraged. Dinners may be held indoors; the dinner hosts request that all dinner guests test negative for COVID-19 on Aug. 5 (policy subject to revision).

To learn more and to buy tickets, go to hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/book-signing-2022.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Pieter Lefferts of Sharon, Conn., will be among the 30 authors and illustrators to sign copies of their latest work at the 24th Annual Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Summer Book Signing.

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EDITORIAL

Affordable housing in Salisbury

Right around this time in 2018, Salisbury took the positive step of approving at town meeting the Holley Block option for the Salisbury Housing Committee to lease property on Millerton Road in Lakeville owned by the town, and then began the process of analyzing it as a site for 12 to 18 affordable housing units. It was just the beginning of the plans that were presented twice for approval last year, were approved, and are now on hold due to a lawsuit from Lakeville landowners who would prefer not to have such housing be a part of their neighborhood. The targets of the lawsuit are the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission and the Salisbury Housing Committee.

Now, there is new hope for planned housing in Salisbury, behind LaBonne's and near (actually, over) the Rail Trail. The proposal, written about in this newspaper since May, includes 18 to 20 rental units on 5.3 acres gifted to the Salisbury Housing Committee by Jim Dresser, who lives adjacent to the land he donated. While neighbors have had the opportunity to discuss in public meeting the planning for these rentals, a newly formed advisory group should help this vision of much-needed affordable housing become reality.

There are still approvals to obtain, including at a July 28 evening meeting at which a right-of-way will be put to a vote. If there is a positive outcome, the Salisbury Housing Committee will be able to seek approval to begin construction.

We've said it before, but it cannot be said enough: kudos and profound gratitude to Dresser for his generosity and willingness to act on his knowledge of and commitment to the need for affordable housing in his community.

Back to Lakeville: This newspaper predicted in 2018 that there would be residents who would express shock, surprise and anxious discontent at the direction solid plans had taken toward the end of the process of the Holley Block property development. It does seem to happen at the conclusion of every initiative that there is a small but highly vocal group who had no idea what was planned and who disagree with whatever form the proposed building plans have taken. We sincerely hope this does not become an issue for the newest Salisbury initiative.

The issue of affordable housing has now become perhaps the most contentious topic in the town of Salisbury — and in other towns in the state. Friends are finding themselves on different sides of an issue they believed they could agree on in less disagreeable times — like 2018? It's time to find common ground again in order to provide for all the town residents' housing needs. If Salisbury can do it, that will give inspiration and hope to its surrounding town neighbors.

See Mary Close Oppenheimer's column last week on Liv Franson that is part of her longtime series on affordable housing. This story has a good and encouraging outcome. But the current multi-unit housing in town, which continues to have long waiting lists, cannot serve the full population of a town and a region where pricing has risen astronomically in the past couple of years.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Should Pence receive a medal for merit?

The heart of the heartland, Indiana, has ceased beating with an easy Hoosier smile, annual basketball hysteria, pride in the Jackson 5, the big O and Jimmy Dean. Indiana now garners headlights as its Secretary of State falsely debases a gynecologist, a shooter blasts the Greenwood mall, and, of course, the embarrassment of a one-time-only-elected governor, Pence, calling another Hoosier VP, Quayle, on whether to aid and abet a coup — commit treason.

I grew up in Indiana when state officials and statesmen with character were elected: Lugar, Daniels, the Bayhs. Few United States senators of either party surpass Richard Lugar (elected 1977-2003) in decency, achievements (human rights, arms control and disarmament), and vast domestic and international regard. Lugar was a decorated statesman — “a gentle

giant of bipartisanship” back when governing was serious, when the Senate acted, was responsible. Lugar received the President's Medal of Freedom in 2013 — given for especially meritorious contribution to the security and national interest of the United States.

Last week, Pat Cipollone finally testified in public regarding the violent January 6, 2022 insurrection. The former White House counsel was forthcoming after Cassidy Hutchinson's damning Jan. 6 Committee testimony and Liz Cheney's call to honor. For 18 months Cipollone was silent. He and his White House elite zipped their mouths while a pandemic of lies along with COVID spread furiously across the U.S. Two pandemics, a virus and a cowardly withholding of facts, depleted this nation by color coding its citizens good or bad, responsibly

courageous or mean cowards, red vs. blue.

Cipollone advocated for Pence to be awarded the President's Medal of Freedom for what? Not aiding and abetting criminality? Pence defied his own lynch mob and Trump's mob leadership to stay, be present for his constitutionally assigned duty to conduct a legitimate certification of the election naming Joe Biden as President. Done for 232 years.

For December into January, Pence knew of Trump's illegal plans to overturn the congressional proceedings, knew of the desired role for him to get certification thrown to the House of Representatives for a Trump victory, a stealing of the voters' will. For this — Pence's knowledge and his inaction prior to 1 p.m. Jan. 6, the manslaughter of five, the spectacle for the nation and the world of the U.S. Capi-

tol overrun with an armed mob directed by the losing president — Pence ought to get a Presidential Medal of Freedom?

Fits with other recent Republican recipients of this prestigious award: Devon Nunes and Jim Jordan enablers of grift and fraud awarded this medal by Trump in secret, unremarked anywhere.

So why not award Pence for his silence before and after the deadly incident at the Capitol, for his prior knowledge not turned to preventive action? Pence has said that speaking publicly about Jan. 6 is beneath his position. Elected VP, under oath, paid by the American public, trusted by the American public — he is beyond telling the truth, ceasing lies, thwarting the demise of democracy. Pence is no giant.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Fiery clouds

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — July 1922

ORE HILL — James Flint has been confined to the house with an attack of quinsy.

Mr. Joseph Beebe has a cow that has given birth to twin heifer calves.

Miss Madeline Beers has resigned her position at the Telephone office.

50 years ago — July 1972

The Penn Central railroad has jumped the gun on its previously announced timetable, and has applied for authority to abandon trackage from New Milford to Canaan. Connecticut Gov. Thomas Meskill protested the move to abandon Friday in a letter to the Interstate Commerce Commission. He requested a public hearing in the area, and underscored the state's intention to expand rail service north of Danbury on the Berkshire line. Railroad spokesmen said earlier they would wait until mid-September before petitioning the ICC for abandonment authority.

The roar of engines overhead again alarmed Lakeville and Salisbury residents Tuesday night, as two giant airplanes passed over the area at estimated altitudes of 400 to 500 feet. The planes were identified Wednesday as C-130 aircraft belonging to the Air National Guard. They were enroute from Binghamton, N.Y., to Fort Devens, Mass. The low-flying planes were spotted by several Salisbury residents at about 8 p.m. Tuesday night. Residents reported that the four-engine, unmarked, khaki colored aircraft passed over The Hotchkiss School at heights of no more than 500 feet.

Charles B. Estabrook Jr., brother of Lakeville Journal publisher Robert Estabrook, died Friday of leukemia at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. He was 50 and at the time of his death was a supervisory commodity specialist with the Agency for International Development. Mr. Estabrook, his wife, the former Martha Hayward, and their two sons, Thomas and Charles, had visited a number of times in Lakeville, most recently over the July 4 weekend.

Name plates, flowers on terraces and other homey signs show that Salisbury's housing complex for the elderly, Noble Horizons, is beginning to look like home. At least 18 residents had moved in last week.

Come July 31 the local crew for the State Highway Department will move with all its equipment to new quarters at the highway garage in Cornwall Bridge. Involved in the move will be all nine men of the Sharon crew, presently quartered

at Gay Street, including area foreman George Hosier. The move is part of state consolidation to economize.

Steve Blass, Canaan/Falls Village native, realized another long-time ambition Tuesday night as he pitched for the National League in the annual All-Star game in Atlanta.

FALLS VILLAGE — Beebe Hill School will begin the third phase of its 129-year history this Sunday when it is reopened as an educational museum. The school will be rededicated in ceremonies beginning at 2 p.m. The old school was erected in 1843 and served as one of 10 one-room school houses in Falls Village until June of 1918.

25 years ago — July 1997

For 251 students in Region 1, summer has more to do with the three Rs than with hanging out at the beach and whiling away the afternoons. That's the largest number of students ever enrolled in the Region 1 summer school program. The program, which includes three divisions, runs for three weeks from July 7 to July 25 at Sharon Center School.

Robert “Bobby” Day of Salisbury completed his 35th year this month as an employee at the White Hart. Mr. Day has worked for four different owners of the local inn coming to Salisbury first under the sponsorship of John and Elyse Harney.

Dave and Cheryl Pecha, proprietors of the new Great Falls Book and Coffee House, are welcoming customers at their eatery/reading room space in the former Riverrunning Expeditions building on Main Street in Falls Village.

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

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Viewpoint

The stories of two gentlemen from Columbus, Indiana

Two gentlemen from Indiana, one a politician the other a public-spirited industrialist, show strikingly by example what has happened to the Republican party over the past half century. Curiously, both men came from the same town, Columbus, Ind., a thriving community of 48,000 people about 40 miles south of Indianapolis.

Born in Columbus in 1959, Michael Richard Pence was raised in an Irish Catholic family that owned several gas stations. While studying history at Hanover College (B.A. 1981) he became a "born again" evangelical Catholic. Graduating from Indiana University Law School in 1986, he practiced law briefly and ran two unsuccessful campaigns for Congress, finally winning a seat in 2000.

In his years as a congressman, Pence was known for his social conservatism, opposing abortion, Planned Parenthood and expanding rights for LGBTQ people. He liked to tell people that he was, "a Christian, a con-

servative and a Republican, in that order."

In 2012, Pence ran for governor of Indiana and won. His most remembered accomplishment was signing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which critics claimed allowed businesses to refuse to serve gays and lesbians. After a widespread backlash, the bill was revised to be more acceptable to disaffected groups.

Pence was selected as Trump's running mate in 2015 presumably to help him with conservative voters and because of his previous experience in government.

Vice presidents, until fairly recently, have tended to stay quiet and in the background; Pence's term as vice president was no exception. His obsequiousness in his relationship with Trump was widely noted and often made fun of.

Lately, Pence has become admired as never before for his refusal to yield to Trump's demand that he use his position as vice president to overturn the results of the presidential election. His cou-

rageous display of rectitude on Jan. 6, 2021, as Trump's supporters called for his life was exemplary. However, Pence was well aware of Trump's illegal election maneuvering both before and after the election and did nothing to protest publicly or attempt to stop it. Had he done so, the attempt to overthrow the duly elected government might not have happened. While it may be part of Pence's personality to avoid confrontation, it is also commonly known that he is seriously considering a presidential bid in 2024 and seems very reluctant to alienate Trump supporters.

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER
MAC GORDON

In 1967, Steven Roberts (widower of NPR correspondent Cokie Roberts) wrote a lead article for Esquire magazine with a portrait of J. Irwin Miller on the cover and a striking caption stating, "This man should be the next Pres-

ident of the United States." Although Miller himself had no interest in becoming a political candidate, the point was made; here was a sterling individual with the right sort of experience and character for a national leader. And according to Roberts, he was quite personable as well.

J. Irwin Miller (1909 - 2005) was born into a Columbus, Ind., family that had become reasonably well-to-do over the years owning some real estate, a local bank and a modest company that made small diesel engines, the Cummins Engine Corporation.

A serious student, Miller graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale and acquired a graduate degree from Oxford. He went to work in 1934 for Cummins Engine, working his way up the hierarchy to become president and later chairman of the board, serving for the next 60 years with

a time out only for wartime service in the U.S. Navy.

Under Miller's leadership, Cummins Engine grew from a modest regional business into an unusually successful Fortune 500 company.

In 1954, he established the Cummins Foundation and made an offer for the Foundation to pay all architectural fees for new public buildings in Columbus. Although most Americans have never even heard of it, Columbus is known to architects from all over the country because it contains nearly 100 buildings of significant architectural distinction.

Only a small handful of major American cities offer a larger display of outstanding modern architecture. This cornucopia of art and architecture is the result of the efforts of one individual: J. Irwin Miller. He loved good architecture and worked tirelessly to make Columbus more beautiful.

Despite his devotion to business, including the local Irwin Trust Company

where he served as president and chairman over the years, Miller took on an enormous number of civic improvement projects and was responsible for several public art projects including a magnificent sculpture by Henry Moore.

Miller served as a trustee of many organizations, including Yale University, the Ford Foundation, The Emma Willard School and the Museum of Modern Art. In addition, he helped establish the National Council of Churches, a major force in establishing the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

A Republican of a sort seldom seen today, Miller was active in politics but he was independent enough in 1964 to vote for Lyndon Johnson over Barry Goldwater.

Miller was a true benefactor and his unselfish sense of civic responsibility stands out against our more selfish world. We could use more leaders like Miller today.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Poised to work (or is it play?) another day

Common sense: bread, food

Every day we hear a different opinion on what we should and what we should not eat or drink. For adults, a little alcohol is good for you (although "little" is never researched properly) then even a little can do a m a g e you. Smoking cigarettes kills and yet a little smoke you inhale from others or your fireplace is not harmful, or not "so harmful," or not measurably harmful.

Diets focus on "healthy eating" and then tell you to avoid all sugars (all fruit has sugars yet fruit is good for you), keep it low carbohydrate, keep it high protein, then eat only vegetables (which are carbohydrates!), then avoid all fats, then natural fats and oils (like olive) are good for you... the seeming list of contradictory instructions and guidance is never-ending.

Here's a truth: You are what you eat. Here's another truth: Not all human species genetically ate the same foods for many, many millennia.

The reality is that there is no one-size-fits-all success story: here except one set of rules: Eat smaller amounts as you age; eat those foods that your system agrees with and make you feel good; and, above all, stop bouncing around in your diet. Find what works, truthfully

tastes good, and stick to it for health — not looks.

Why "tastes good?" The truth is, things that taste bad are your generational taste bud training to help you avoid things that can kill you. Go ahead, bite into a lemon peel... it tastes awful. Turns out the oil in the peel is bad for your digestive tract. Common sense applies for all things food.

Now, what tastes good? In the modern age clever people in the business of food have found chemical reactions for your taste buds to fool them into thinking something really tastes good. Your brain says, "That's not poison, it tastes great!" These chemicals are called excitotoxins — one of which is MSG, but it is not the only one. Coupled with hormone-laced meats that tell your body to "eat and store more," the food industry has you in a corner.

Every year my mother went to Europe, with a regular diet she cooked for herself, she could not understand why she lost weight in Europe for the same amounts of food. Difference in food? There were no added hormones in the European meat whereas in the U.S. all "grain-ing" of cattle for slaughter are fed hormones to make them put on weight (the U.S. doesn't test meat, only blood... the hormones are in the meat tissue).

And this takes us to the most staple food of all: Bread. Here's a tip. Take 3 cups of non-processed flour (make sure it has no additives); add and mix well a third of a teaspoon of brewers' yeast (Fleischmann's or other); one heaped teaspoon of salt; a cup and a half of hot water. Set aside for three hours well-covered in a warm place. Do not knead. Take out, put in a lidded oven-proof bowl on parchment paper. Set it aside while the oven heats to 475 degrees. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove the lid and bake for another 15 minutes. That's bread, simple, cheap, fast. And healthy.

Your ancestors have been eating plain bread for many, many millennia. Your guts will be happy. Now, read the ingredients in your store-bought bread. Malted barley? A sweetener and an excitotoxin. And that list of all those other things? See if you can buy them and then try tasting even a little of those additives. Your taste buds will scream at you.

So, listen to your natural self and stay away from fads and additives, processed and "low-fat" anything all to make it taste "good." These will be additives never intended nor genetically approved by your bio-organism before. Stick to real food. Oh, and it's a whole lot cheaper.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now resides in New Mexico.

The first Lakeville Journal

Near the end of the 19th century, when Salisbury was dry and the nearest place to buy drink stronger than sarsaparilla was Millerton, when whippoorwills could still be heard on summer nights, when the butcher filled orders from a covered wagon he pulled up to back porches and rush hour on Main Street meant slow-ambling cows at milking time — the big news in town was the launch of this newspaper.

The first Lakeville Journal was published on August 14, 1897 from its office on The Old Turnpike (Main Street) in Lakeville, in the building that now houses Argazzi Art. It came out on Saturday mornings and could be had for a nickel, or \$1.50 for an annual subscription.

"A paper helps a town, and a town helps a paper," observed one of the many letters from newspapers as far away as the North Dakota Republican congratulating Colvin "Col" Card, the paper's first publisher, and Irving J. Keyes, its first editor. Their first editorial promised that the paper would not engage in "favoritism toward any class of people or any particular individual."

The first issues were four-pagers: front and back printed by a syndicate in New York that covered national news, while inside pages featured original reporting printed locally. Why the split? All type was set by hand in those days, each letter pressed into place, so printing a weekly larger than a "single-sheeter" was beyond the capacity of a small shop.

Beneath its masthead, the Journal announced itself as "A Local Paper, Devoted to the Interests of Lakeville and the Towns of Salisbury and Sharon" but from its beginning, columns included the interests of readers beyond and locally: Ore Hill Rumblings; Lime Rock Happenings; Twin Lakes Correspondence and Chapinville (later, Taconic) Events.

What would you have read if you'd picked up the first issue while, say, waiting for a shave in the barber shop

that is now Deano's Pizza?

You'd have learned that the Prime Minister of Spain had just been assassinated and that two hundred women escaping a heat wave in Russia had drowned in a bathhouse, but the story that would have grabbed you was the one that got the most ink: the Alaskan Gold Rush.

"Alaska Will Be Paved with the Bones of Gold Hunters!" predicted a headline, warning that tens of thousands

of Americans from all walks of life embarking on a trek to pan for gold in the Yukon Valley were engaging in a "Rush to Almost Certain Death." The U.S. Secretary of the Interior issued a stern "Warning to Gold Hunters," printed in its entirety.

That some from around here were caught up in the fever seems apparent from an ad run by a Lakeville purveyor of luggage using key words of the time: "Ho, For Alaska! Trunks, Strong and Large, To hold \$1,000,000 in gold dust!"

Inside pages held quieter news: 600 attended a regatta on Lake Wononscopomuc; Myron Holley opened an ice cream parlor; Peter Turner was laying out a new sidewalk fronting his house; and a Millerton driver had passed through Lakeville "like a streak of lightning... driving his black road horse at a 8 minute clip."

Classified ads appeared in the second issue under "Everybody's Column"

and included an offering for a mail-order course in shorthand instruction and a warning from the Town's First Selectman that "all persons found bathing in Lake Wononscopomuc between 8 am and 7 pm without suitable bathing suits will be punished."

A "Letters from the People" column was added and soon the paper became a clearinghouse for fact and opinion, a pressure for accountability in town governance and a font of information on both sides of local issues.

What were the local issues? According to an editorial in May 1901, "What All Would Like to See" were:

- A system of street lights for Lakeville
- Something in the shape of real sidewalks
- The formation of a Fire Company with plenty of material
- Some of the holes in sidewalks and gutters filled up
- A practical sanitary sewer system
- A larger turnout than ever before on Memorial Day

I'm grateful to The Lakeville Journal for helping our community achieve these past goals, and for enduring to help us implement civic changes we wish for today.

Helen Klein Ross is a writer who lives in Lakeville. Her late husband, Donald K. Ross, was a foundation executive who helped this paper navigate the early days of its non-profit venture.



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Our Towns

A quarter of CT doctors work for big hospitals. Is that good for patients?

By Katy Golvala and Dave Altamari
CT Mirror

MILLERTON — In 1999, Kristie Schmidt, an internal medicine physician, opened a practice here, just a mile from the Connecticut border.

The office was located in a cozy, refurbished barn. Sharon Hospital provided her with a loan, which it eventually forgave, to help her get up and running. Her small staff included her husband at the time, who managed the billing, and a nurse who doubled as the secretary and knew every patient by name.

But after about a decade, the challenges of running a small business came to a head.

“It became increasingly difficult to make an adequate living,” she said.

So in 2012, Schmidt joined a large group practice called Mid Hudson Medical Group. Under the agreement, Mid Hudson got a cut of what she made from patient visits. But, because of its size, the company was able to negotiate higher rates from insurers, so Schmidt still took home more than she did when practicing independently. Plus, Mid Hudson took over back-office tasks, like billing, that were taking up time and energy.

“My income went up some, and the hassle factor went way down,” said Schmidt. “It was a relief to not have to go broke.”

As the health care industry becomes more and more concentrated, some small private practices like

Schmidt’s find it difficult to compete with big health care systems. So, instead, they’re joining them.

As of January, hospitals owned 26% of physician practices nationwide, up from 14% a decade ago. An additional 27% of practices were owned by a corporation, such as a health insurer or a private equity firm, leaving fewer than half of physician practices under independent ownership.

What about the patient?

But, to the patient, does it really matter whether practices are owned independently or by a health system?

Hartford HealthCare officials highlighted a 2019 report, paid for by the American Hospital Association, an industry lobbying group, that argued that mergers are beneficial for patients.

But independent research shows that, as big hospital systems acquire more and more physician practices, patients end up paying more for the same level of care.

Schmidt’s practice is now part of Nuvance Health, a group of seven hospitals in Western Connecticut and the Hudson River Valley. In addition to working at her own practice, she also worked as a full attending physician at Sharon for a decade and is still on staff at the hospital.

She said that, in the time since she started her career, health care has suffered the same fate as retail, for example, where big businesses such as Amazon and Walmart have moved in and made it impossible for small players to survive.

She particularly worries about the impact of this trend on rural communities like hers, where delivering care may not be seen as profitable for big systems.

“My big concern is that when I first started here 22 years ago, there were 10 internal medicine doctors. Now, we’re down to four, and I’m the youngest,” said Schmidt, who is 61 and hopes to continue practicing until 70. “I just want health care in this community to continue to be available.”

When doctors join big hospital groups, it drives up costs for patients in two ways, research has shown.

When prices go up

First, hospital systems are able to negotiate higher rates with insurance companies than private practices for the same level of care. So, when a practice gets acquired by a hospital system, its prices go up.

“The bigger the hospital market share, the more market power, the higher the prices,” said Meredith Rosenthal, the co-author of a May 2022 study documenting price increases at acquired physician practices in Massachusetts.

The second way vertical integration drives up prices is because acquired physicians are more likely to send their patients to hospitals within the system for follow-up services, like blood work, imaging and outpatient surgery. While this allows all of a patient’s records to stay within the system, these services tend to cost more at hospitals than they do at independent



YEHYUN KIM / CTMIRROR.ORG

Dr. Kristie Schmidt stands in her office decorated with small bottles given to her by patients. Schmidt feels her patients appreciate the personalized experience she provides, but she questions whether this type of patient experience will continue to exist as private practices are joining big health care systems.

facilities.

“That change in referral patterns actually leads to a pretty sizable increase in prices,” said Christopher Whaley, a policy researcher with the RAND Corporation who has studied the economic effects of vertical integration.

Five health systems

Together, the state’s five health systems account for more than a quarter of the approximately 17,000 physicians licensed to practice in the state.

Schmidt’s current employer, Nuvance, is the primary operator of hospitals in Western Connecticut and the bordering New York region. Though Schmidt is weary of big business in health care, she feels as if there aren’t many viable options outside of working for a corporation.

“If I don’t work for Nuvance, I don’t work in this community,” she said.

Private practices are facing unprecedented financial pressure, driving physicians, like Schmidt, to opt for the support a system can provide. And young doctors entering the profession are overwhelmingly choosing to work at hospitals instead of private practice, health care officials have said.

COVID-19 only made life in private practice more difficult. The support of a large system made it easier to purchase PPE, get staff tested and get coverage for anyone who needed to quarantine. Between 2019 and 2021, the share of corporate-owned practices increased by 38%.

Schmidt still sees patients in her cozy barn in Millerton. She’s been treating some

folks for so long that they’ve become like family, she said.

Her practice routinely receives high patient satisfaction ratings, and Schmidt feels as if people appreciate the personalized experience she provides. But she worries about whether this type of experience can continue to exist, given the fundamental changes sweeping through the health care industry.

“It’s been a struggle to maintain that way of life and that way of practicing, and it continues to be a struggle,” said Schmidt.

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