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

The Summer Scramble

Extra help needed to meet demand

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

By Debra A. Aleksinas

It's summertime, and the livin' may be easy for staycationers and tourists looking to eat, stay and play at businesses throughout the state's bucolic Northwest Corner, but not so much for frazzled employers who are desperately seeking seasonal workers in an already tight labor market.

"It's way bizarre, I don't know where the heck everybody is," said Kendra Chapman, owner of the Black Rabbit Bar and Grill in Lakeville.

"I've been doing this for 11 years at the Black Rabbit and at the White Hart Inn for 10 years, and I've never experienced this kind of staffing issue. Nobody wants to work."

Her summer help from last season has not returned. She had hoped that once the state ceased

We went into 2022 knowing that there was a good possibility we would have a lifeguard shortage. Emily Peterson, Falls Village Recreation Director



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Carla Galaise, center, pool supervisor at the Falls Village Recreation Center's community pool, is flanked by lifeguards, from left, Elaine Dekker, Madeline Dekker, Gus Dekker and Katelin Lopes.

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National Iron Bank honors 175 years of iron-clad history

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — Not quite as old as the hills, but certainly as old as the iron industry that sprang up from rich ore deposits in the hills, The National Iron Bank this year is celebrating 175 years of service to area communities.

The National Iron Bank is one of the oldest banks in the United States. Founded in 1847 the bank is the oldest private bank in New England and the oldest in Connecticut

to have retained its original name. In the past there have been 100 Connecticut-based banks with actual headquarters in the state. Now there are just 30, said Iron Bank President Steven Cornell during an interview on Tuesday, July 12.

Printing its own currency

In the mid-19th century the area prospered largely due to the iron industry that created employment for locals and attracted workers from outside the area.

The Iron Bank, as it was called





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The first dollar bill issued by Iron Bank in 1847.

then, was established in Falls Village, opening in October 1847, with \$193,725 in assets, and as was customary in those times, the bank designed and printed its own paper currency. The bank's seal, depicting the iron industry, was printed on the \$10 bills. Other denominations were \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and later, \$20.

The Falls Village building was built at a cost of \$2,500. The cashiers lived on the second floor over the bank, ensuring security after hours. The bank's Board of Directors met quarterly for the purpose of burning damaged and worn bills and certifying the amount to be newly printed to replace those

In 1864, under Abraham Lincoln's administration, a national currency system was initiated to pay the national debt from the Civil War and the bank became a national bank, The National Iron Bank in 1865.

In 1865, the bank installed its first burglar alarm system and as a back-up to the newly invented alarm system, acquired a guard dog. Later came a safe and a watch-

With such a long history rooted in the surrounding communities,

See BANK, Page A6

Rain fails to dampen 50th anniversary at Noble Horizons

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The community picnic on Tuesday, July 12 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Noble Horizons was well-attended and only slightly marred by a

Noble administrator Bill Pond was warily checking the weather on his smartphone around 4:30 p.m., as the Salisbury Band played and the line for the Lakeville Hose Company's fried chicken got lon-

At 5:09 p.m. Pond stopped the band and recommended that people take shelter indoors for the duration. This prudent advice was almost completely ignored, as the revelers simply squashed in under the tents and continued operations.

"Let the wind blow it away" said one woman.

Celeste Shannon had to scramble a bit to get the raffle prizes away from the small waterfall that developed between tents.

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Artist rendering of the railroad corridor looking north from the end of Railroad Street in Salisbury. From left to right: Rail Trail; buffer with boulders and trees; driveway; and Spillane house.

Salisbury affordable housing

Committee establishes a new advisory group

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — About 75 people packed a meeting room at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Saturday, July 16 for a second information session organized by the Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC), which is seeking access over a portion of the town-owned railroad corridor off East Railroad Street.

The nonprofit group proposes to build 18 to 20 rental units on the 5.3-acre parcel recently donated to SHC by adjoining property owner Jim Dresser.

The 11 a.m. informational session, which at times drew tense exchanges, was preceded by a 9 a.m. site visit offering residents a tour of the proposed right-of-way for a driveway over the old railroad corridor off East Railroad Street leading to the proposed affordable housing site.

About 20 participants, including neighbors, walked the area and asked questions as SHC members planted small white flags delineating the proposed right-of-way. The goal of the site visit, said organizers, was to give people a visual image of the proposed access point.

Resident Joanne Hayhurst said she found the early morning site visit, and information provided by SHC member Abeth Slotnick, to be beneficial. "You can see how it curves around (Spillane's) property," she said, pointing to the proposed access.

"Abeth explained how they are going to separate the rail trail itself from the road with boulders, or fencing," similar to the design used at the rail trail in Millerton. "We've just got to get to the starting line."

Access approval is needed before the housing plan can move

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Three-day forecast

Friday	Sun, high 91°/low 66°
Saturday	
Sunday	Cloudy, 88°/66°

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.

Property damage

On July 8 at approximately 9:15 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a disturbance that had occurred at a residence on West Cornwall Road in Sharon. Glenn Michael Crews, 26, of Purling, New York, was charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage of property in the second degree. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 22.

Motorcycle accident

On July 10 at approximately 1:45 p.m. on Route 7 in Sharon a 1976 Kawazaki KZ 900 motorcycle ridden by Joseph Lattarulo, 63, of Cos Cob, Connecticut, made a left turn with the motorcycle's kickstand still down. The kickstand caught on the pavement and Lattarulo was thrown from the motorcycle, which slid off the road and under a guardrail. Lattarulo was flown to Westchester Hospital in New York.

Drove into pole

On July 11 at approximately 6:45 a.m. on Sharon Goshen Turnpike in Cornwall a 2018 Toyota Camry driven by George Low, 77, of Goshen drove off the left side of the road and into a Frontier utility pole. Low was suspected to have endured minor injuries due the collision and was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the lane.

Violation of court order

On July 13 at approximately 2:30 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of an active disturbance at a residence on Kent Road in Cornwall. Following an investigation, Vera Marrea, 59, of Cornwall was charged with disorderly conduct and violation of a protective order. She was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 14.

Drove into pole

On July 16 at approximately 4:45 a.m. on Route 7 in Sharon a 2008 Buick Lucerne driven by Nicholas O'Neil, 20, of Kent drove off the road and into an Eversource utility pole. O'Neil was issued a misdemeanor summons and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to carry a license, operating a motor vehicle without the minimum insurance and failure to maintain the lane.

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

Stafford Springs hospital seeks to close labor and delivery unit

By Erica E. Phillips and Katy Golvala CT Mirror

Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs is seeking to permanently close its labor and delivery unit, joining several other Connecticut rural hospitals in cutting back on maternity and other services.

On Wednesday, July 14, Trinity Health of New England, which acquired Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home & Community Health Services in 2016, described the health system's plans to "transform its hospital-based services to meet the current and future needs of the local community more effectively."

In addition to the labor and delivery unit, the hospital plans to discontinue surgical services, the intensive care unit and the medical/ surgical unit at Johnson Memorial's campus in Stafford.

Birthing patients will be directed to deliver at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford, 30 miles away; outpatient surgeries will be performed at Johnson Memorial's Enfield campus; and the other services will be made available "at another Trinity Health of New England hospital," according to a press release.

Trinity noted that Johnson Memorial would file a required public notice through the state Office of Health Strategy, seeking approval to close the labor and delivery unit.

"These proposed changes are expected to take approximately 12 to 18 months to implement and are dependent on the state's Office of Health Strategy (OHS) approval," the press release

A representative for OHS wasn't immediately available

to comment.

Patient advocates have argued that cutting services at rural hospitals can have several negative impacts, such as limiting access to care, increasing costs for patients and reducing choice — all of which can have the combined effect of exacerbating existing health inequities. Many have pointed out the danger to birthing patients who don't have transportation to bring them to another hospital.

The changes Trinity is planning for Johnson Memorial align closely with those proposed in recent years by other rural Connecticut hospitals. Those hospitals share a common feature: They've all come under new ownership by larger health systems. As

hospital systems consolidate, they often reorganize eliminating services that are less profitable or duplicative.

Prospect Medical Holdings, a Los Angeles-based company that owns 16 hospitals across the country including three in Connecticut, sought to downgrade its ICU and discontinue surgical services at Rockville General Hospital in Vernon. Nuvance Health, which owns seven hospitals across western Connecticut and the Hudson Valley, has filed to eliminate the birthing unit at Sharon Hospital and replace the ICU there with what's known as a progressive care unit.

Last week, Hartford HealthCare, which owns seven hospitals in Connecticut, was initially denied its request to cut labor and delivery services at Windham Hospital, about 40 minutes from Hartford. The hospital now has the opportunity to appeal that decision before the state issues a final decision

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

Wanda Houston at Noble July 22

SALISBURY—Wanda Houston will offer an outdoor performance with her band, HBH, on Friday, July 22,7 p.m. at Noble Horizons.

Known for her soaring vocals and dazzling renditions of musical theater, jazz, gospel and R&B, Houston will be joined by members of her HBH Band, percussionist Jay Bradley and keyboardist Scott Heth.

Guests are welcome to bring their own chairs and blankets or request a table reservation. Please RSVP at www.noblehorizons.org or call 860-435-9851. The grounds will open at 6:30 p.m. The concert will take place rain or shine.

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Sharon Town Hall parking lot plans updated; more ARPA awards made

Selectmen gave an update on plans to improve drainage and add lighting to the Town Hall parking lot and also awarded more ARPA funds to individuals and nonprofits.

North Canaan P&Z hears affordable housing goals; plans for condominiums

A steering committee discussed a survey of residents and specific goals for affordable housing. P&Z also heard about a proposed 51-unit upscale condominium development.

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We're making this a festive fête to remember, but The Lakeville Journal Foundation needs your help to ensure it happens. We're seeking volunteers of all ages to help for two hour shifts on August 14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. You could help us set-up, clean-up, or even man a booth during the fair!

Bring a friend and join our Lakeville Journal team the day of this family event (and get your 125 Anniversary T-shirt). No prior training or meetings required, just enthusiasm for giving back and helping making a little summer magic for our community.

To sign-up, email Alexander Wilburn at alexw@lakevillejournal.com with your name and morning or afternoon preference by August 5.

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Our Towns

Kent hears proposal for state trooper stationed at school

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Responding to recent school shootings, particularly citing Uvalde, Texas, the Kent Board of Education has been reviewing security at Kent Center School (KCS), leading them to propose hiring a second resident state trooper for the

The proposal was heard by the Board of Selectmen at a special meeting on Wednesday, July 13.

The KCS Safety Committee has studied hiring a School Safety Officer, but then decided to approach the selectmen with an idea of hiring a second state trooper who would be stationed at the school during the school year and available to the town for the summer months when speeding and traffic safety issues arise. The town and the school would share the expenses proportionately.

The cost for a second trooper is estimated at \$187,000 to be split 70/30 under the plan, with the school paying the greater percentage.

Board of Education member Scott Trabucco said other options have been considered, including hiring a retired police officer, but that person would have no authority to act as a police officer, as a trooper would be able to respond.

'This might be an opportunity to solve two problems," Trabucco said, "gaining greater security for KCS and to have more coverage for the town during the busy

Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter noted that has expressed willingness

"It's a great idea," said First Selectman Jean Speck adding that it would fill a gap for the school and for the town by having a well-trained law enforcement person in place.

Selectman Glenn Sanchez commented as a member of the Noise and Traffic Committee. "It's needed in a variety of ways."

Anticipating the seriousness of a school emergency, Trabucco noted that without a security person, the school would need to wait a long time for help to arrive.

The selectmen voted to pass the suggestion along to the Board of Finance for

While not opposing the proposal, one resident suggested ways to further enhance security at the school, including installation of a chain-link fence around the school property and the addition of a trained patrol dog. **ARPA Funds**

In support of the recommendations of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Needs Committee, the selectmen approved their recommendations for funds to nonprofits and entities as presented in their report. The report is posted on the town website.

The application process will remain open through August 31, Connie Manes, chair of the ARPA committee reported, adding that applications are continuing

Selectman Rufus de Rham urged that the committee collect applications and disburse funds all at once after August, rather than the first-

state police local Troop L come, first-served approach currently in place.

> "Nobody knows how many people may step forward," de Rham said. "It's the fair way to do it," he added.

Several committee members felt that it was more important to get the funding distributed and into the pockets of the people in

Selectman Sanchez said that the committee had already planned for the volume of individuals who may apply.

Schaghticoke Petition Update

Town Attorney Jeff Sienkiewicz updated the selectmen on the status of efforts by the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (SIT) to gain federal acknowledgement through a petition submitted to the Office of Federal Acknowledgement. The petition had been submitted on April 1, seeking to become a sovereign government within

Meeting the deadline of July 5 to respond, the town had joined with state Attorney General William Tong and the Kent School, providing a joint statement in strong opposition to the petition, Sienkiewicz reported. The statement should be accessible on the federal agency's website.

According to Sienkiewicz, the next step is up to the SIT to respond or to submit additional evidence.

The town has asked that the federal agency rule on whether the SIT is a splinter group and therefore ineligible for acknowledgement.

"We are in a holding pattern, waiting for the next step," Speck summarized.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Rock me on the field

The Joint Chiefs played under a bright late-day sun on Thursday, July 14, at the Kent Land Trust field as part of the Kent Summer Concert Series in partnership with the Kent Land Trust, Kent Greenhouse and Gardens and the Kent Lions Club.

Former firehouse sale on hold

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen voted for a "reset" on the sale of the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St. at the regular monthly meeting Monday, July 11.

Selectman Greg Marlowe moved that the listing be taken down, the contract with Elyse Harney Real Estate be canceled, that an attorney review the sale and an engineer examine the property in light of concerns from the Planning and Zoning Commission about septic systems.

Selectman Dave Barger seconded, calling the move

First Selectman Henry Todd, noting that there have been four offers, agreed. "It's not on hold forever."

The selectmen tabled discussion of a town ordinance on simplifying the ballot for municipal elections.

The selectmen heard a presentation from Kelly Parker, executive director of the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau, who noted that recently the organization has served some 30 youths from Falls Village.

Parker said HYSB is trying to raise \$60,000 from each Region One town in order to hire an additional counselor for a five-year period.

At the Board of Finance meeting before the selectmen's meeting, Todd was asked what he thought the finance board's role in spending federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds should be.

"Our intention from the beginning was we just wanted advice, another set of eyes," Todd said.

"Not to approve, but to advise."



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State proposes cuts in parking space near town's crosswalks

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Reacting to an email from state officials proposing to reduce the number of parking spaces on either side of crosswalks, the Board of Selectmen decided to request a meeting to review those plans that would affect the town center along Routes 7 and 44.

The plan to reduce parking was discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, July 12. Under the plan's provisions, 20 linear feet along the curb would be designated as

"No Parking" on either to people, he said, indicatside of a crosswalk. One ing that he will remove it area of particular concern to the selectmen is along the curb in front of Roma's

First Selectman Charles Perotti and Selectman Christian Allyn plan to meet with state officials to learn more about the plan and discuss the details.

Toxic plant sighted

Selectman Allyn reported that he has discovered a toxic, poisonous plant called "Tree of Heaven" growing along Lower Road. The plant is hazardous to the soil and in coming days.

Allyn said that the plant looks like sumac with leaves suggestive of a fern and when disturbed, it smells like rancid peanut butter.

Allyn also reported that two more members are needed for the group that will consider the future of the river access area at the former Masonic Lodge property. Residents interested in volunteering to help with the project should contact him through the town

Brain Teasers

9. A way to praise

10. Opaque gems

15. Occupies

laver

cuckoo

37. Music genre

mourning

43. A dog is one

Sudoku

5

39. Secured forever 42. Bodily cavity

38. Indicates one is in

11. McKinley is one

12. Smallest interval in

classical Western music

13. Famed designer Lauren

18. Small island (British)

24. Covers with a thin sheet

21. Misuse of the sacred

26. Most valuable player

30. Investigated discreetly

32. Belonging to the bottom

35. Black tropical American

46. Chose to do something

47. Annoy persistently

27. Title of respect

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Eurasian shrubs
- 7. Strikes and rebounds 13. Group of advisers
- 14. Modern necessity 16. Top lawyer in the land
- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon
- **Ieremy**
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups 26. Distributes
- 28 Self-immolation
- ritual 29. Ad
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad" 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of
- property 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French) 45. A digital tape recording
- of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight
- unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- **60.** Northwest Territories 61. Can be made suitable
- 64. A professor's helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flowing 2. Computer department
- 3. Lasts
- 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
- 5. de sac
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 8 9 2 6 7 8 6 9 3 2 4

July 14 Solution

49. Large hotel rooms

54. Subway dwelling

57. Mild Dutch cheese

63. Ballplayer's tool

July 14 Solution

66. Midway between north

50. Beg

52. Docket

rodent

59. Spanish city

62. Consumed

and east

68. Atomic #3

55. Sources

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Artisans Market

Saturday, July 23

Railroad Days 2022: A community celebration

Railroad Days 2022 in North Canaan generated big community spirit starting on Wednesday, July 13 and ending with a penultimate bang on Saturday night as fireworks lit up the sky. On Sunday, it was time for a road race and lobster tails from a food truck.

St. Martin of Tours Church of St. Joseph set up tables on the lawn for its chicken barbecue dinner. Salisbury Bank offered free popcorn. There was traditional fried dough and cotton candy at the carnival. The Olde School Deli on Railroad Street kept a steady pace of customers. Firefighters were stationed at the intersection of Routes 7 and 44 for a boot-drive fundraiser. The accordian museum was open without an admission fee and Joe DeClemente of Queens, New York, known as "Papa Joe," entertained the crowd coming and going from Union Railroad Station with his accordian playing and crooning.

The parade included fire companies from the Northwest Corner and beyond and a host of community groups joined the procession past a reviewing stand next to Collin's Diner on Route 44.

Fire companies, besides North Canaan, included: Norfolk, Sheffield, Falls Village, Lakeville, Sharon, Sandisfield, Colebrook, Cornwall, Warren, Drakeville, Water Witch Hose Co. #2 of New Milford, New Hartford, Pleasant Valley, Riverton, Amenia, New Marlborough, Washington, Beacon, and East Hartland.

Many other businesses and community groups also participated in the parade. — John Coston



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Bianca Garrison of Bridgeport rides the merry go round with her daughters Bella (in her arms) and Giavanna at Lawrence Field in North Canaan on Friday, July 15, during Railroad Days 2022 Carnival.



Main Street Dance members passed the reviewing stand with banner flying on Saturday, July 16, during Canaan's Railroad Days parade.



The big swing drew smiles and squeals at the Carnival.



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Firefighters march under the watchful eye of the parade judge during Railroad Days in North Canaan.

LEGALS

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.salisburyct. 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 aconroysalisburyct. us. Paper copies maybe 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.salisburyct. 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@salisburyct. us. Paper copies maybe reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

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

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 11, 2022:

Approved - Application 2022-IW-069 by Savannah and Jon Stevenson a 3-Lot Residential Subdivision with site Development Activities in the Upland Review Area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 19 as lot 15 and is known as 130 Taconic Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Savannah and Jon Stevenson.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

07-21-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

Noticeisherebygiventhat the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 12, 2022.

Application 2022-0186 for a Variance to the setback requirements due to a hardship related to Section 304.1 and 300.2 Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 56, Lot 25, and is known as 37 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, CT. The owner of the property is Marisa B.

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

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

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 12, 2022.

Application 2022-0187 for a Variance to the setback requirements due to a hardship related to Section 304.1 and 300.2 Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 63, Lot 5, and is known as 278 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, CT. The owner of the property is Sarah Vogus Trust.

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

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL **TOWN MEETING** TOWN OF SALISBURY JULY 28, 2022 7:30 P.M. **CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF** SALISBURY, 30 MAIN STREET, SALISBURY,

CONNECTICUT A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, will be held at Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut, on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To act upon a proposed grant by the Town of Salisbury to Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. (SHC) of a conditional, non-transferable right-ofway over a portion of the old railroad corridor located

off the north end of Railroad Street for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from a neighboring parcel that SHC intends to develop for affordable housing. A copy of the proposed authorizing resolution will be available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk in advance of the town meeting.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 14th day of July, 2022.

Curtis G. Rand

First Selectman

Christian E. Williams

Selectman Donald K. Mayland Selectman 07-21-22 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF WINSTON CHARLES WHITE Late of Falls Village (22-00246)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated June 30, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Patricia M. Blair 70 Old Rt 82 Hudson, NY 12534 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk 07-21-22

TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF **SALISBURY CT LEGAL NOTICE**

The taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that I have received the Warrant and the Rate Bill to collect taxes on the Grand List of October 1,

2021 with a levy of 11.00 Mills. Said taxes become due on July 1, 2022. If said Real Estate and Personal Property tax is over \$100.00, it is payable in four installments due: July 1, 2022, October 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, April 1, 2023. Motor Vehicle tax shall be paid in one installment due: July 1, 2022. Payments must be received or postmarked by

August 1, 2022. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before August 1, 2022 interest at the rate of 1.5% (18% annually) .The minimum interest charge is \$2.00.Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, PO Box 338, Salisbury CT 06068. WPCA Sewer use fees for the year July 1, 2022 are also due and payable on August 1, 2022. Tax office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-4pm. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall open 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday and a 24 hour drop box on the Factory Street back side of the Town Hall.. Please check salisburyct. us for additional credit card payment information. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR THE INTEREST. Please contact the Tax Collector's Office 860 435-5189 or taxcollector@salisburyct.us, if you do not receive a bill or have questions. Dated this 10th day of June 2022.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC Tax Collector Salisbury, CT 06068 06-23-22 07-07-22 07-21-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JAMES D. CLAITOR **Late of Sharon** (22-00241)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 5, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Sarah Hardy O'Connell c/o William Jeffrey Manasse

William J. Manasse, PLLC 27 No. Main Street P.O. Box 460 Kent, CT 06757 Beth L. McGuire Chief Clerk

07-21-22

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARIAN SCHWAIKERT Late of Salisbury**

(22-00250)The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 7, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

John E. Schwaikert and William E. Schwaikert c/o Matthew J Lefevre Law Offices of Matthew Lefevre, Esq PC 38 Woodland Street Hartford, CT 06105 Beth L. McGuire

The fiduciaries are:

Chief Clerk 07-21-22

TAX COLLECTOR'S **NOTICE, TOWN OF CANAAN**

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Canaan gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2022 at the Tax Collector's office in the Canaan Town Hall, 108 Main St, Falls Village, CT on Monday's 9am -3pm and Wednesday 9am-12pm. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2022 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after August 1, 2022 will be charged interest from July 1, 2022 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his/her responsibility for the payment of taxes or delinquent charges. Sec. 12-130.

> Rebecca M **Juchert-Derungs**, Tax Collector, CCMC 06-23-22 07-07-22 07-21-22

OBITUARIES

William S. Blass Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — On career at the Falls Village July 16, 2022 Falls Village's Oldest Teenager

retired. Known to some as Bill, Willy, or Fish-Fish, he was known to most as Uncle Bill. To his kids he was Superman.

Fish Wrangler, Cannon

Master, Lord of the Wood, Finder of Mushrooms, River Whisperer, The Helper of All, The Builder, The Crafter, The Artist. Anyone who needed a hand from him, got one. If there was anyone who needed a place to stay, he had one. When anyone spent enough time with him, they found themselves with a set of new skills, bad jokes and fun ways to cause mischief. He was chairman of the 4 o'clock club, He was connoisseur of convertible Pontiacs, and a Doo-Wop fan straight from the 1950s.

Born in Canaan in 1938, he was one of seven siblings: Larry, Robert, John, Elanor, Priscilla and Judy, born to William and Luella (Cudney) Blass.

While he was in his twenties, he started his lifelong care of arrangements.

He leaves behind his wife of 40 years, Mary Ella (Fitch), and three children: Sonja Zinke and husband Eric, of North Canaan,

Electric Light

Co. He retired

after 30 years of

fishing there.

Heather Vansvik and husband Viktor, of Bovallstrand, Sweden, and William Blass, of Falls Village.

hydro station with Hartford

Words can not express how much of Falls Village this man represents — a man bigger than the shoes he stood in, and the red socks that filled them.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, where he volunteered for many years. P.O. Box 1, Falls Village, CT 06031

Services will be held Thursday, July 21, at 11 a.m., at the Falls Village Congregational Church in Falls Village. A reception will follow at the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon has

on Thursday, July 21 from 2 to

4 p.m. at the Newkirk-Palm-

er Funeral Home, 118 Main

Street, North Canaan, CT

06018. Military honors will

be bestowed at 4 p.m. In lieu

of flowers, memorial dona-

tions may be sent to assist

with expenses to the Welch

Family at 9 Shepard Road,

Apartment U5, Norfolk, CT

Thomas Jordan Welch

NORFOLK — Thomas Jordan Welch, 84, of 9 Shepard Road passed on July 13, 2022, at Noble Horizons surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Judith (Hoyt) Welch. Tom was born January 24, 1938, in Great Barrington, son of the late John and Catherine (Thompson) Welch.

Tom grew up in Great Barrington as a child and was a graduate of Searles High School. Tom then joined the U.S. Army where he earned the rank of Specialist Third Class and served from 1955 until 1958. He retired as a Purchasing Agent for the Berkshire Health Systems, Inc., located in Pittsfield, Prior to that, he had worked at the Becton-Dickinson Company in Canaan in the same capacity for over 25 years.

Tom was a member of the North Canaan Congregational Church in East Canaan, a member of the Torrington Elks, the Canaan Exchange Club, the National Purchasing Agents Association and the Am Vets Organization. He volunteered with Canaan Scout Troop Pack #22 and enjoyed playing golf as a member of the Wyantenuck Country Club in Great Barrintgon. Tom spent over 30 years as a percussionist and backup singer with Corporation Plus. Tom and the band traveled extensively throughout Massachusetts and Vermont.

In addition to his wife of 42 years, who was the love of his life, Tom is survived by his son Frank Martel, Jr. of Winsted, and Jordan Thomas Welch of Norfolk, Massachusetts; his brother David John Welch of both Boston and Great Barrington. He is also survived by his five grandchildren: Kaila Martel of Winsted; Justin and Jade Martel of Vermont; Catherine and Alexandra Welch of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

Calling hours will be held

Turn to Page A6 for another obituary.

Send obituaries to johnc@ lakevillejournal.com

AMENIA — Paul McEnroe, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, passed away on July 12, 2022. He was

the husband of Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Hart) McEnroe.

He wrote this obituary a few weeks before, which is as follows: If you are reading this, I have already

gone up in smoke (hope that is the direction).

No tears for me as I have had a long life filled with love, laughter, and many wonderful adventures.

I began my life as the son of Florence and John McEnroe of Amenia, who provided a loving home for me and my siblings – Jack, Alfred, Robert, and my sister Eileen who all have predeceased me. Although I was raised on a farm, I realized that farming was not for me. When I won a medal for salesmanship in high school, I thought this was my future.

Before I started on my many adventures, I served in the U.S. Army in WW2 in Europe, receiving citations for taking part in the Battle of the Bulge.

After my Army experience, I had many small businesses from an ice cream stand to restaurants and working as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. I then went on to become a partner in the Thompson and Blinn Insurance Company where I ended up purchasing the company.

My next adventure was with four partners purchasing The DeLaVergne Farms Hotel in Amenia. It was a landmark dating back to the 1700's. It was destroyed in a fire in 1974.

I have a special place in

Barbara Klaus

SHARON — Barbara she was soon hired as a staff Klaus, a loving wife, moth-

er, and grandmother, passed away at her home in Sharon on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 after a long illness. Barbara is the daughter of Ben and Anna Jaffee

and was born August 27, 1936 and raised in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, New York.

After graduating from Brooklyn College, she raised her family in Long Island, where she also turned her passion for storytelling into a career as an award-winning humorist. Her columns ran in the New York Times and Newsday, and her feature reporting was published in those two newspapers as well as other publications.

In the late 1980's, Barbara's work caught the attention of an executive at the original Roseanne TV show and When Bar-



bara retired, she and her husband Morty moved to Sharon where she took up horseback riding and became a regular figure at Riga Meadow for the last two decades. Barbara

Morty were also well known among local diners across the area, and had a special affection for the staff and patrons at the Woodland.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 63 years, Mortimer Klaus, her children Barry (Marcelle) and Anne, and grandson Jacob whom she adored more than any-

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution to your local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or perhaps lend a hand to someone you know struggling with memory loss.

Paul McEnroe

my memories for a property named The Troll Haus in West Dover, Vermont in the

> Mount Snow ski area. I owned it since 1968 and had many friends there. I have had many experiences but one of the most interesting was building a house on the island of

St. Maarten on the Dutch side. I had to slow down and be patient! Very hard for me! Vero Beach, Florida was also home to us for many winters. I was also very fortunate to be able to travel throughout Europe and the Caribbean.

We settled in Middletown, Rhode Island in 1975 buying a house on Indian Avenue and resided there for 46 years. I operated the Inn at Castle Hill in Newport, Rhode Island for 20 years where I had a wonderful staff and many "fun" times. My Newport experiences also included purchasing property on Mary St. and Thames St. where I built a 24 room Inn named the Intown. My wife was "Chief Honcho" there. I am writing this from my most recent residence "The Atria" in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. I can no longer ski, dance, drive, or travel but I have done it all in my past

You are probably wondering by now what charitable contributions I have made in my lifetime. I have tried to be generous to people who needed a little boost along

I have saved the most important part of my life for last. This was marrying my wife of 68 years, Betty McEnroe. She supported me in most of my schemes, except maybe the trip to New York to sell milk during a milk strike! My love for her has been a constant through these many years. Thank you honey!

I am survived by my sister-in-law Stephanie McEnroe of Painted Post, New York, my sister-in-law Lynn

Fourth year in Heaven Gary Frank Thornton May 30, 1967 - July 21, 2018



and so loved and alive Then you were quickly gone and left us to mour

The voungest of five

Days nights and years have passed But sadness and tears

last and last Four years or a hundred and four

You'll always be loved and missed even more My son, our brother

vou'll always be A part of our lives and family.

Love you to the moon and back, Mom, Charlie, Dave, Scott and Doug

Sullivan of Charleston, South Carolina, my brother-in-

law lack Hart of Columbia. South Carolina, 15 nieces and nephews and many great and great, great nieces and nephews.

In ending this, you probably wish someone else had written my obituary. It would have been much shorter! This was my last chance at expressing myself. I leave you with my favorite saying: "If you are born to hang you will never drown!"

My love to all my family

and friends. — Paul McEnroe

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Monday, July 25 at St. Mary's Church, Newport at 10 a.m. A private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842, www.potterleague. org/donate.

Arrangements are by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, for more information please visit www.oneillhayes.



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31 Year Memory of **Michael Lamay** July 23, 1991

since we got to see you last. You're in our hearts and in our dreams, our love's still bursting at the seams for you, you brought us all so much, and left an everlasting touch. So young, yet wise, so strong, so brave, we're grateful for the time you gave to us while you were in this world. So full of love, a caring heart, we're sad we ever had to part. But life goes on, so we have learned,

So much time has come and passed

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NOBLE

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN Barbara Wiggins at the picnic July 12.

Otherwise the rain had little effect on the festivities.

By 5:30 p.m. the rain was over.

With the public address equipment reconnected, Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand read a message from the selectmen. "You give comfort and peace of mind to many people."

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) brought with her two messages of congratulations, one from the state legislature and one from Gov. Ned Lamont (D).

Pond honored Barbara Wiggins, who was the facility's first nurse in 1972, and Mary Barton, for whom the facility's Volunteer Award has been renamed as the Mary Barton Volunteer Award.

SCRAMBLE

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handing out enhanced unemployment benefits last fall that job seekers would be back. But they are not.

"And then people get sick and you are always short staffed," said Chapman, "so I've got no wiggle room whatsoever."

It's a labor-shortage quandary facing many businesses and municipalities already struggling to retain and hire enough workers to keep their businesses open.

High hopes for a profitable summer after two seasons of COVID-19 restrictions and shutdowns are being dashed by hiring woes across many industries, including the restaurant, farming, hospitality, recreation and entertainment sectors.

Lifeguard shortage nearly sank pool opening

In Falls Village, the popular community swimming pool operated by the Falls Village Recreation Department almost didn't open this summer due to a lifeguard shortage.

A special meeting was called by Recreation Director Emily Peterson in early June to discuss staffing concerns and to raise the guards' hourly rate from \$14.22 to \$18 per hour to be competitive with salaries being paid to lifeguards at state parks and municipal pools in the region.

Peterson said earlier this year she contacted the life-guards who manned the pool last summer to gauge who would be returning, but most of them had their sights set on summer internships or higher paying jobs.

"We went into 2022 knowing that there was a good possibility we would have a lifeguard shortage," Peterson explained. "We researched what other towns pay and realized that we were a little behind in terms of salaries."

The town agreed to a \$4 hourly wage hike and a signon bonus of \$500 for full-

SHARON — Dena A. Van

Voorhis was born on Sept. 9,

1956, in New York City and

died on July 10, 2022. As a

child prodigy on the piano,

she was the youngest student

to ever be enrolled and at-

tended one of the great mu-

sic schools in New York City,

horses as well as every other

four-legged creature, This led

She also had a passion for

where she grew up.

two year olds.

time lifeguards and \$250 for part-time guards, with the understanding that they must remain employed throughout the entire season, which lasts until the end of August.

Feeling confident they would net job candidates, Peterson and Carla Galaise, pool supervisor for the recreation department, posted help wanted ads the jobs website Indeed.com and blanketed several dozen community bulletin boards with flyers in all the surrounding towns within a half-hour drive.

"I thought, OMG, not even a single response," said Galaise. "At that point we were freaking out."

Then came one response, said Galaise, "from someone in Africa interested in moving here. It was a scam, of course."

Ultimately, it was through word of mouth, "a lot of phone calls and a lot of time" that connected them with enough guards to get the pool open on time last month.

Business is hopping at farm brewery

Word of mouth was also the hiring strategy that worked for John Auclair, co-owner with his brother-Randy of Norbrook Farm Brewery in Colebrook.

Finding reliable employees to help maintian the 472-acre farm operation, which includes planting, weeding, making hay, caring for the livestock, maintaining trails and a disc golf course — plus tending to two hopyards — is a seasonal challenge.

"The past two or three years I had kids that didn't work out so well. They were on the phone all the time or hiding out in the men's room for 45 minutes. But luckily this year, I hired a neighbor's 17-year-old kid who is the exception to the rule, and how refreshing is that?" said Auclair, flashing a broad smile.

To ensure that he did not lose his new recruit to the local competition, he paid

OBITUARY

Dena A. Van Voorhis

the teen \$17 per hour, which is above the minimum wage of \$14 that went into effect July 1.

Word-of-mouth also helped

Auclair fully staffs his brewery by "tapping into either the student market or the teacher market during summers. That really helps us during the busy time. The only problem is when they go back to school, we are still busy through September and October and no longer have the surplus of help as we do at the moment."

Like many small businesses in Northwest Connecticut, Norbrook Farm Brewery has had to adapt to meet customers' pandemic-driven expectations, including a preference for gathering outside, said Auclair.

In addition to a vast stone outdoor patio with a custom fire pit to take the chill off cool summer evenings, he also added a 30-by-30 foot tented dining area.

"Everybody wants to sit outside, and that really puts a lot of work on the servers to cover all of this ground, he said, motioning to the expansive seating areas and distance between the patios and the tap room.

And the gatherings are growing in size, he said. "We've seen a huge uptick in small parties and events here, including two recent retirements, reunions, graduation parties and teacher end-of-year celebrations."

The Black Rabbit's Chapman similarly noted customers' preference for outdoor seating, so last summer she purchased several sets of high-top tables and chairs, which she put out early this season to accommodate patrons. Her high hopes were short lived, but not due to lack of business."I put the tables out, but now I don't have enough people to wait on them," she said.

On top of that, the restaurant was shuttered for a week in June when four staffers contracted COVID-19, and then closed again the following Sunday after she fell ill with the virus.

Students can 'pick and

choose'
Ian Strever, principal at
Housatonic Valley Regional
High School in Falls Village,
said there is no shortage of
applications for students to
consider when it comes to
summer employment. It is a
job-seeker's market.

"They can pick and choose a little bit more." In terms of this year's graduating students, he said many are heading off to college and others are looking to become entrepreneurs and start their own business, like a landscaping company or small farm.

"We communicate frequently to them that the purpose of a lot of scholarships are so that students can get out in the world and study, and hopefully come back to improve their communities."

Coming next: Urgently Hiring

Housing

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forward. A positive vote granting the right-of-way at a town meeting at 7:30 p.m. on July 28, also at the church, will enable SHC to begin the Planning and Zoning special permit process to seek approval to construct the rental units.

Advisory group planned

Peter Halle, co-president of SHC, began the information session by announcing that his group has followed up on a suggestion from resident Sally Spillane, who lives adjacent to the rail trail, to form an advisory group of neighbors and other residents to meet with SHC as the project develops.

"We have met and embraced the idea. We've never done anything like this before, so it is new to us," he said of the idea which came out of SHC's first info session June 30.

Halle also noted that, if granted, the access would be non-transferable and may be used solely for the development of the SHC parcel for affordable housing purposes and that the right-of-way would cease to exist upon any sale of the undeveloped property to another developer.

Clarifying another point raised at the first information session, Halle explained that no property along the rail corridor would be able to share or extend the SHC driveway without another town meeting and vote.

Lively exchange of questions, answers

SHC members Jocelyn Ayer and Slotnick gave an overview of affordable housing in the town and presented plans for the driveway access over the railroad corridor. The meeting lasted more than an hour and a half.

Slotnick explained that rather than follow an easement over Spillane's property, which would bring the proposed 25-foot driveway "within inches from the corner of her porch," the plan is to pull it a short distance away, "so we no longer have a

right of way easement across her back yard."

Comments and questions from attendees ranged from concerns about traffic and maintenance to support for the plan and the urgent need for affordable housing in Salisbury.

Several speakers voiced concerns about the planned housing density, future expansion of units and that allowing renters from other towns would harm Salisbury's character.

"This really just allows us to get to the starting point for the project," said Ayer. Traffic studies and architectural plans will be prepared once funding can be obtained. "We really need this access so we can answer all the other questions."

75 new dwellings in 10 years

Ayer, a volunteer with the SHC, explained that Salisbury has a goal to build 75 new dwellings over the next decade, lifting the percentage of affordable housing from the current 2% to 5%.

"Ninety-five percent of our housing stock is still open to market forces," she explained. "If we can get the units to all these other properties" that the town has targeted for affordable housing, said Ayer, "we can get to that 5%."

Resident Amy Longley asked if residents can be assured that there will be no future expansion at the site in additional phases, such as has happened with Sarum Village, which is about to break ground this year on its third phase and 10 new units.

Ayer said the language in the development plan would limit the East Railroad Street site to 18 to 20 units. "There is nowhere else for us to build. This property has a lot of limitations," including wetlands and vernal pools, she explained.

Longley also questioned how the development would be maintained and expressed concern about congestion in the area. "We are talking about people traffic and car traffic," she said. "I think cluster housing in the center of town is not a good idea."

Ayer noted that repairs would be make through federal funding to the state, and traffic studies would be conducted once access approval is granted.

Smaller density suggested

Fowler Street resident Sean Grace, whose property abuts Spillane's, voiced concern about the density of the housing plan. "Even at 20 units you still have a minimum of two cars going in and out at all hours and that does change the nature of the area."

Grace noted that 20 units is close to one-third of the town's targeted goal over the next 10 years and suggested a lower density of 10 units.

Another Fowler Street resident asked about the selection process for renters, to which Ayer explained that prospective renters are not chosen by the state, but rather they must undergo credit and background checks, meet certain income requirements and fill out an application in order to get onto the waiting list.

Slotnick noted that when people talk about huge amounts of traffic, they overlook the fact that renters will include single parents and retirees. "It's not like they are all together going to charge out in this huge parade of traffic."

Advocates see 'desperate' need Several residents, includ-

ing Kathy Voldstad, who recently purchased the old Ragamont Inn, spoke in favor of a "walkable community" and offered support for the East Railroad Street access plan. "I welcome this project and new people to town. It's just so constricting to shut people out. The diversity of our community is what made us so rich. We are much poorer in every way if we don't have them in our community."

Voldstad received hearty applause when she asked those in attendance to "please open your hearts and welcome people."

BANK

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celebrations are scheduled this month and into the fall at the bank's six locations. Each will offer entertainment, food and specialized activities. Branch websites will provide details.

The main office in Salisbury will hold its celebration on Thursday, Sept. 22, coinciding with a meeting of the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce, and offering a variety of features being imagined and arranged by Branch Manager Lorraine Oler.

"We are a community bank," Cornell said. During the pandemic, the

During the pandemic, the

bank disbursed \$20 million in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as the federal funding flowed through.

"In the next 10 years, we'd like to be the community bank for the northwest Connecticut towns," Cornell said, describing the bank as mid-sized.

"We will continue on the path of 'conservative management'. We've survived for the past 175 years; we'll never try to be more," he added.

In all its history, the bank has never closed, and now manages assets of \$250 million. Reflecting further on the bank's strengths, Cornell emphasized the significance of the commitment of Richard Wardell, board chairman, who has worked to create solutions for the area's affordable housing issues. "Wardell has run the bank with a steady hand," Cornell said, well in line with the bank's philosophy of conservative management.

For information about the Sept. 22 event, emailing Lorraine.Oler@ironbank.com or call 860-435-2581.

All Hail the Administrative State

The decision by the Office of Health Strategy discussed in the article by Katy Golvala found in this paper is the work of many civil servants. These fine people have dedicated their life's work to helping each of us have access to the benefits of our tax dollars. It represents hours and hours of work and years of experience.

As we all know, closing maternity services effectively endanger the lives of every woman as well as the life of the hospital itself.

It is time for Nuvance, Hartford Health Care, Trinity Health and the Governor to embrace the changes that need to happen. Governor Lamont can truly honor the work of Victoria Veltri by forming a Task Force with the hospitals, rural health care experts provided by OHS, and civic representatives from the rural areas whose mission is to find a way to keep rural CT alive with birds, trees and children.

We must help our NY state neighbors find a way to engage Governor Hochul in the solution as we know they are wanting to do.

Thank you, Victoria Veltri Congratulations, Kimberly Martone Sympathies to the family of Demian Fontanella

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her to working for trainers at all three New York State thoroughbred race tracks, and then worked in Ocala, Florida for a bit breaking the

A few years later, Dena was busy raising her boys. They settled in Red Oaks Mills, New York, and she worked in the Arlington school district until her retirement several years ago.

Dena is survived by her

sons, Bill Pfeister and his wife Gabby, Roddy Van Voorhis and his fiance, Oriana, along with several grandchildren and life long friends, Alice Marrin and family, Amanda Miscencik and family, and so many others.

Dena lived in Sharon, Connecticut with her fiance Ross Fleury, where they shared a home with their dog Bella. Her love of her children, grandchildren, friends, and family, were her biggest

Dogs, cats, and all other four leggers came next.
They had planned to sell their home and go on a long

adventure.
Please send any donations to The Little Guild, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT, 06796. 860-672 6346. It is her favorite shelter.

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COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: LYNN KEARCHER

Graceful, Elegant Drawings and Sculptures by Grausman

Portraiture in sculpture has long reflected the aspects of the culture rather than synthesizing the individuality of the subject.

The Egyptians idealized portraits, typified by the bust of Queen Nefertiti, which transcends mortality and depicts the subject without imperfections — a sacred godlike form.

Conversely, Roman sculpted portraits focused on honorific busts highlighting imperfections of flesh, portraying the subject realistically. Known as veristic or naturalistic, this style continues to be practiced and associated with portraiture.

Artist Phillip Grausman breaks the confines of veracity in portraiture to, as he tells us, "... search for an essential distillation of sculptural form." And it is his investigation of form, hidden geometry, and experimentation with various mediums that make Grausman's recent exhibition at the Washington Art Association so compelling.

Upon entering "Philip Grausman: Sculpture

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One of the eloquent sculptures

and Drawings" at the Washington Art Association & Gallery in Washington, Conn., a colossal, pure white head, just shy of 9 feet tall, commands the entrance space of the gallery.

"Mikey," 1997-98, rendered in fiberglass evokes no emotion. There are no flaws in her skin, her eyes convey nothing. One feels no fellowship with the

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portrait, but there is an unsettling allure, a seduction to want to caress the work, to bathe in its monumentality and otherworldliness.

Three intimate galleries of Grausman's work are on exhibit — heads, figures and drawings. Several of the drawings have not been shown before. The work is not arranged chronologically; a curatorial choice that enriches the viewing as one quickly grasps how Grausman's voluptuously subtle drawings inform his sculpture. Executed in pencil, Grausman captures the essence of a nude with elegance and precision. Easily mistaken for Sumi-e brush stroke painting, it is his sensitivity toward line that Grausman transforms into bronze and

stainless steel.

One portrait in bronze stands out as decidedly representational and perhaps jarringly unsentimental. The sculpture is of the actress Linda Hunt ("Linda Hunt," 1985). Unlike the other heads, she exhibits identifiable human qualities: pouting lips, puffy eyes. On either side of the sculpture are two pencil drawings of Hunt, showing her in a seated position, unguarded and relaxed.

A group of small female bronzes rests on pedestals in the third gallery. "Bending Figure," 1984 a 16-inch sculpture of a woman bent at the waist, her right leg positioned in a ballet turnout, is endowed with elegance and grace. One feels as if they have looked through a keyhole to see an intimate moment of contemplation.

ment of contemplation.
Grausman has often said that he views his large sculpture as a landscape. One can see the relationship to the elements of a landscape: slope, contour, a streamline horizon, the play of light reflecting off surfaces. Landscape in art helps us connect to the natural world in a way that is both comforting and accessible.

Grausman's heads do not necessarily connect us to humanity; rather they force us to think about a departure in portraiture that leaves representation behind and embraces a new ideal

The Washington Art Association & Gallery is at 4 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, Conn. "Philip Grausman: Sculpture & Drawings," closes July 24.

'AMONTILLADO' AT CRYSTAL RADIO SESSIONS ON JULY 23

he Hudson Valley outpost of a New York City reading series, Crystal Radio Sessions Upstate is devoted to transmitting compelling literary expression through the ether.

It is curated by
Ashley Mayne of
Northeast, N.Y..
The next session
is scheduled for
Saturday, July 23, at
8 p.m., hosted by Ancram Opera House
and will be held at
The Hilltop Barn in
Roeliff Jansen Park in
Hillsdale, N.Y.

Crystal Radio
Sessions Upstate
is a reading series
showcasing the poetry, fiction, personal
essays and creative
nonfiction of established and emerging
writers from the
Hudson Valley.

This summer's
Crystal Radio Sessions will feature
a live reading of
Beacon, N.Y., author
Hugh Sheehy's soonto-be-published

"Amontillado," a tale about a secret and about revenge. The reader will be by an Ancram Opera House audience favorite, actor Frank Boyd.

Tickets are \$25 each, available at www.ancramoperahouse.org or by calling 518-329-0114.

The Opera House was erected in 1927 as Ancram Grange #955, a chapter of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, to address the social, educational and economic concerns of the region's farmers. In 1972, the building was repurposed and renamed the Ancram Opera House as an arts venue focusing on light operatic fare.

Today, Ancram
Opera House rededicates itself to aspects
of its origins, producing and presenting
inventive contemporary theatrical
performances to be
shared by a rural
community.

AVAST, GET YE TO PIRATE ISLAND ON JULY 23 AND 24!

callywags of all ages can step into a world of pirates on Saturday, July 23, and, Sunday, July 24, when purchasing a ferry ride ticket to Sheffield Island from Norwalk, Conn., for the annual Pirates Weekend hosted by the Seaport Association in Norwalk.

Swashbuckling rogues, dastardly villains, infamous she-pirates and wicked wenches will find their sea legs and hop aboard the C.J. Toth Ferry for a cruise to Sheffield Island. Arriving on the Island,

youngsters can hunt for treasure on the beach, play games, sing sea shanties, watch swordplay, listen to tall tales of thrill and danger and hear colorful stories of pirates.

This is the weekend to experience the freedom of a pirate's life, and to learn about their lore and history.

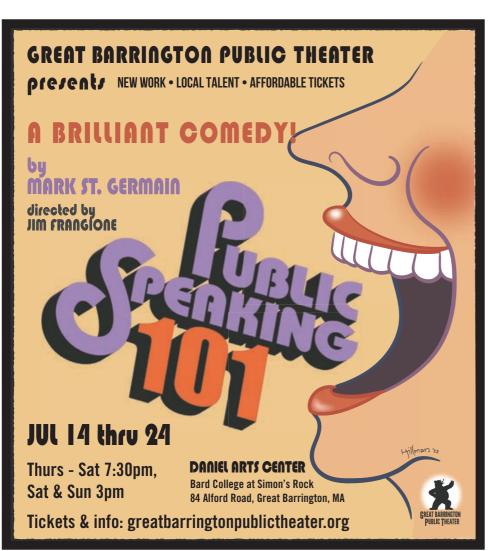
All pirate fun and games are free with the purchase of a ferry ticket. The ferry departs the dock at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on both days, Saturday and Sunday. It is best to arrive 30 minutes before the boat departs the dock at 4 North Water St. in Norwalk, in the parking lot of the Maritime Aquarium. Parking is available at the Maritime Garage.

Fans of the spooky and fantastic can also come to Sheffield Island for the Haunted House Weekend Ferry Cruise on Aug. 6 and 7.

For tickets and more information, go to www. seaport.org.

Correction

Photos of the Sharon Playhouse education programs that appear in the July special issue of Compass were provided by the theater, not Leila Hawken.





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BOOKS: DIVYA SYMMERS

Finding Echoes of the 1920s in the 2020s

The last time Ann Leary came to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's Annual **Summer Book Signing** in Sharon, Conn., it was 2016, and her book, "The Children," was earning kudos for its sharp, funny portrait of an uber-Wasp family and their inherited lakeside house, somewhere in northwest Connecticut.

In the six years since then, she and actor husband Denis sold their sprawling, longtime home in Roxbury, Conn., and moved to Bedford, N.Y., mainly to be closer to their two adult children, both successful television writers in New York City, while staying near enough to Litchfield County to visit old friends.

She also finished her fourth novel, "The Foundling," about childhood friends from an orphanage who reconnect at a public asylum for morally unfit women —one an employee, the other an inmate.

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FOR ALL LEVELS

The Washington Post calls the book "insanely fun" with "a hair-raising caper finale that recalls the nail-biting climaxes of 'Ocean's Eleven' and 'The Shawshank Redemption."

The New York Times reviewer was equally smitten, advising: "Book clubs, uncork your bottles."

Set in 1920s rural Pennsylvania, "The Foundling" was inspired by Leary's discovery, in a 1930 census record, that her mother's mother had worked as a stenographer at a home for "feeble-minded women of childbearing age" when she was only 17.

"At its core, it's a coming-of-age story, about friendship and loyalty," Leary said recently, interviewed by phone. "But it's also about women who don't have the same rights in society as men do."

Her Ancestry.com search for details about her grandmother, an orphan whose background remains a family mystery ("orphan records are hard to find"), led Leary down a rabbit hole of horrifying

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torical Society & Museum

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gmail.com.

Lourie learned back-

July 30.



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Ann Leary will be at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., 24th Annual Summer **Book Signing on** Aug. 5, along with 29 other authors and illustrators.

information about the eugenics movement of the early 20th century — and the so-called eugenics asylums that warehoused women of supposedly inferior mental ability and moral character until they reached menopause.

The purpose was to keep any babies "genetically predisposed" to becoming paupers and criminals from being born. In reality, this meant that any woman, usually poor, who didn't fit societal norms a reckless girl arrested at a speakeasy or one who had had an illegitimate child — could be committed for decades.

Mary Engle, the book's heroine (based on Leary's grandmother) is at first delighted with her job and unaware of the true nature of the institution. The place is beautiful. Her boss is a charismatic, highly accomplished woman doctor, seemingly dedicated to those in her care. But Mary's feelings change when she realizes her old friend, Lillian, is confined there against

Although Leary says she initially got pushback from young readers who wondered why Mary wasn't more "woke," the character is true to her time, prejudices and all. To the author, it was important for her to be authentic.

"She undergoes a jour-



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when men are considered

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cide whether we are able

to have children or not,

acclaimed authors and

illustrators signing cop-

ies of their new books at

the 24th Annual Sharon

Summer Book Signing on

Friday, Aug. 5, from 5:30

to 7:30 p.m., a fundraiser

for the Hotchkiss Library

library renovation, this

year's event is taking place

next door, at the Sharon

Historical Society, under

the usual festive white

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In Leary's opinion,

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Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com

Sandrine Kern: Paintings, on view. Richard Segalman IN MEMORIAM: Paintings, July 2 through Aug. 14.

The Re Institute, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y www.thereinstitute.com

"Up From the South": Second floor Christian Eckart, First floor Stacey Davidson, July 2 through Aug. 28.

BOOKS

Oblong Books & Music, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.

oblongbooks.com Witches & Warriors Reading with Alexis Pauline Gumbs and Cynthia Dewi Oka, July 23, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

DANCE

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass

www.clarkart.edu Jonah Bokaer Choreography: Fallen Angel, July 23, 3 to 4 p.m. Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. www innisfreegarden.org Qi Gong for Gardeners, July 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

KIDS

Hotchkiss Library of

Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www. hotchkisslibrary.org Song and Story Time!, July 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

MUSIC

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Litchfield, Conn. www. litchfieldjazzfest.com 2022 Litchfield Jazz Festival, July 29 to 31.

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Salisbury, Conn. www. northwestmusicassociation.

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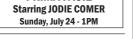








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EDITORIAL 58 years and counting

f all the things to take for granted, something like Canaan Railroad Days is one that should never be. How many other towns have events like this that have survived for 58 years? Especially in that it spans five full days, still, though it was for years even longer. It includes multiple activities that would take enough planning for all the volunteers in town on their own: a carnival, fireworks, a firefighters' parade, sidewalk sales, special giveaways and games at businesses, free rail rides, a vendor fair, tent sale, road race, outdoor concert and car cruise, a barbeque chicken dinner with an annual raffle; and that is still not even close to all of it.

Thanks to so many sponsors who help fund the events (go to www.canaanrailroaddays.com to see them all on the sponsors' page), this great variety of things can happen, just about all at once. And many thanks to John Lannen, who has stuck with the planning for all of it for years, and who has learned so much about what works and what doesn't over that time. John listens to those who attend and who volunteer their time to make it all come together, and plans accordingly for the next year. And thanks to the hordes of volunteers who come together to make Canaan the destination for that five-day long weekend in the summertime. Without their commitment to making all of it happen, it never could.

For newcomers, this wealth of activity must seem like a lot going on in one week; and for those who have been part of Railroad Days for decades, there are surely those events they will miss: Remember the ping-pong ball drop? How about the rubber duckies? If you have a favorite event you miss, why not contact Lannen and offer to help for next year? There is only so much the group of volunteers can accomplish, but if their numbers grow, there may even be new ideas that engage area people of all ages and continue to alert them to the vibrant and welcoming town that

If anyone doubts that, we hope you took part in one or more of the activities surrounding Railroad Days. You will have seen a side to Canaan that makes all in this town proud, and should. The midsummer festival that takes over the streets of this town every year is unique, unlike anything you will find in any town across the region. Thank you to all in Canaan who make this the extraordinary time of year it is, not only for Canaan residents but for people across the area who visit Canaan in July and see the changes that have happened since the previous Railroad Days.

We are all looking forward to next year.

If not siblings, at least first cousins

The letter in the July 7 issue of The Lakeville Journal objecting that daylilies are unrelated to "true" lilies like the native Canada lily is only half right. As a matter of botanical classification, both are in fact members of the lily family Liliaceae, although they are subclassified in different genera. The difference of genus does not mean that they are unrelated to one another. To draw an analogy to human relationships, while they may not be siblings, they are at least first cousins.

The implication that lily family members that are not classed in the genus Lilium should not be referred to as "lilies" is, unfortunately perhaps, a thoroughly lost cause. There are many dozens of other examples of this besides daylilies, including lily-of-the-valley, trout lily, checkered lily, butterfly lily and plantain lily.

Quite aside from issues of botanical nomenclature, I confess that I very much look forward to the late June explosion of roadside orange that the common daylilies bring each year, as well as to the wide range of wonderful hues that hybridized daylilies bring to flower gardens and borders somewhat later in July and August. And the foragers among us know that the unopened buds of the common ones are nutritious and quite tasty when picked and cooked as a fresh vegetable.

Daphne Drury

North Canaan

Ed. note: Do not eat any wild plants if you are not very familiar with them yourself.

It's almost as though this has become a school for road repair training. What's the rationale? Is this how money from the ARPA is going to

Jonathan Friedlaender



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

A perfect landing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gratitude for a 50-year partnership

Noble Horizons was founded as a nonprofit in Salisbury in 1972 to provide a continuum of care for seniors so "that they might live out their lives in comfort and dignity." Fifty years later, on July 12, Noble Horizons had the honor of celebrating its 50th anniversary with hundreds of friends, families, current and former staff members, volunteers, and benefactors whose visionary leadership and unflagging support have established Noble Horizons as the area's premier senior living and health care community.

We are indebted to Sharon Hospital/Nuvance for its generous sponsorship of our 50th-anniversary community picnic, to our donors Harney Tea, Jay's Lawn Care, Salisbury Wines, and Stateline Wine and Spirits; our supporters Lakeville Wine and Spirits, Wheeler Wine Merchants, and Moore and More Printing and to the Noble Horizons Auxiliary volunteers whose spirit, dedication and financial contributions have fortified Noble Horizons for almost half a

We are especially grateful to the hardworking 50th Anniversary Planning Committee: Mary Barton, Susan Gallaway, Judy McKernon, and Trish Walsh. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the Lakeville Hose Company for the sensational BBQ chicken feast it prepared, the Salisbury Band for its festive music and Salisbury Selectman Curtis Rand and State Representative Maria Horn whose gracious comments truly enhanced our celebration.

Noble was deeply honored to have received a general assembly citation signed by State Sen. Craig Miner, R-Litchfield, and State Rep. Maria Horn (whose mother lived at Noble) and an official congratulatory statement from Gov. Ned Lamont. We hope to welcome you in October to the Salisbury Association's multi-media exhibit celebrating Noble's 50-year partnership with the community.

In closing, no recognition of Noble's first half-century is possible without saluting its team members who are the heart and soul of Noble Horizons. They have served with distinction, commitment and expertise every day for 50 years, ensuring that compassion, dedication, and love have been the abiding centerpiece of Noble living.

In closing, Noble Horizons thanks you for the honor of serving the Tri-state region over the last half-century and looks forward to our continued collaborations in the years ahead.

Caroline Burchfield Noble Horizons

Salisbury

Farewell to Lakeville Journal Co.

From the internship that first fueled my calling to the career I fostered in writing for The Millerton News, it has been my privilege to work as a reporter for The Lakeville Journal Co. and its newspapers over the last five

I can remember the details of the first time I told someone I wanted to be a journalist right down to what I was having for dinner. I was sitting with Tom eating a steak dinner in his apartment when I admitted I'd been thinking about a career in journalism. It's been eight years since that night and I can still remember that light bulb moment.

And I couldn't have found a better place to set this idea in motion than at The Lakeville Journal, the same newspaper my family had been reading for years and that I looked forward to reading every Thursday. Through the mentoring of the company's seasoned reporters, editors, publisher and other key players, my college epiphany soon evolved into a career I was proud to build.

Little did I know that, almost two years after my

internship with The Lakeville Journal, I'd find myself working for the company again — this time as a staff reporter with The Millerton News. I will always consider myself lucky that, while I was job-searching, my mom clipped The Millerton News' job ad for a staff reporter po-

Through the encouragement and education I received from the paper's editor and reporters, I grew into the reporter I hoped to become and found myself part of a tight-knit community of passionate writers.

Whether I was uncovering the hidden histories behind the region's landmark businesses, spotlighting incoming businesses or writing about the local organizations that have dedicated their efforts to addressing their community's needs, I've considered it an honor to write about the communities that fell under the paper's coverage area. To those of you that have reached out to keep the paper informed of what's happening in your communities and within your organizations, thank you for your stories.

Deadline for letters Send to publisher@

here are not necessarily those of The Lakeville Journal and the Journal does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

Mixing in with my excitement to begin a new chapter at a different newspaper is the sadness that comes with saying goodbye to the wonderful friends and colleagues that have encouraged me, challenged me and inspired me over the years. Choosing the right words to say exactly what we mean plays a vital role in the work we do. That being said, I hope these words will be strong enough to convey my gratitude for your work and my time working with you.

Kaitlin Lyle

Recently resigned reporter, The Millerton News

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — July 1922 LIME ROCK — Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Charles Brasie and Mrs. Harry Amundson went berrying near West Cornwall one day last week, and ever since Mrs. Amundson has been receiving applications to join snake clubs, her bravery in killing big snakes being well known.

Dr. L.B. Judson left for Buffalo today to drive in a Dodge Brothers' Coupe for Roscoe Benjamin.

The wall which has been under construction at the Park has been extended in a curve to a point near the rear of the Saving Bank. The space thus created will be filled in to a considerable extent and will afford needed parking

50 years ago — July 1972

Approximately 175 motorcycles carried some 250 or more riders over the hills of Route 44 through Northwestern Connecticut last Saturday. The Hartford- Copake, N.Y. rally, billed as "the largest assemblage of motorcycles ever in Connecticut," passed through area towns without incident or injury, said Connecticut State Police spokesmen at Canaan Barracks. The police, cooperating with the NKKC Motorcycle Club, assisted the bikers on their outing by waving them through key intersections on their way to swimming, feasting and rock music in Copake.

Babbitt Products Inc. and Western Cleansers Inc., makers of BAB-O, will close their Lakeville offices and transfer all administrative functions to Chicago, Ralph A. Schwaikert, president of both firms, announced Tuesday. Mr. Schwaikert attributed the decision to move to recent adverse rulings by the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission and the lack of expansion facilities in the town. Eighteen local employees will be affected by the

Navy Seaman Mark L. Conlogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Conlogue of Reed Street, Canaan, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando. He is scheduled to report to Machinist Mate

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Residents are road repair weary

Over the past year, we have witnessed the patchy and repetitive road work done on different sections of Route 4 between Sharon and Cornwall Bridge with increasing irritation, and want an explanation for the rationale. Some rough non-contiguous section sere

resurfaced last summer, but some bad sections with potholes were left unrepaired. Then this spring, it became clear some of the resurfaced section shad begun to deteriorate. Now, new resurfacing efforts (once again in an incomplete pattern) are being started, along with the

installment of drains.

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Viewpoint

A longtime love affair with guns

s a young person, being different from the men around me, whether family members or casual acquaintances, was not something I consciously contemplated. As I was growing up and working on defining my so-called manhood, I observed the behaviors of the men in the family and neighborhood, but I never cultivated those behaviors that make a man a real man. And that mostly has to do with men's love affair and obsession with

Call me cowardly, timid or weak, but the fact is that from my early childhood to this day, I never developed or established any emotional attachment to guns or any type of weapons and firearms. This is unlike so many of the men I know, who have at times projected an uncontrollable passion toward instruments that basically are manufactured to hurt, kill or frighten a living creature, which can be a human or an animal.

My first introduction to guns took place when I was a seven- or eight-year-old child, as I watched my uncle, with an almost ceremonial devotion, cleaning and polishing all the bits and pieces of his pistols, rifles and machine gun with only an occasional break, while he deeply inhaled a large smoke of Marlboro and a gulp of a Dewar's Scotch, which he

kept nearby. That image instrument of protection for of my uncle expressing his love and devotion toward his weapons will remain with me as the manliest of all manly acts ever performed, in my imagination. Later, I felt the pathos of guns display its glory every New Year's Eve

night, when men in the I AM WIDE town blasted the sky with **AWAKE** their guns and machine Varoujan guns, with FROUNDJIAN the intention of pushing back the Old

Year like it was the enemy and giving a clear warning to the incoming year so it would behave better than the year that simply became a distinct memory.

Although my experience with people who adored and worshipped their weapons created a sensation of fear, anxiety and discomfort in me, it also provided me with the understanding and appreciation that guns carry a larger than life dimension and meaning in the hearts of those who own guns, store guns and take good care of their guns. There is a sacred bond and a love affair between men and guns that goes way back to the beginnings of our societies and our earliest moments of communal behaviors and relationships.

Guns are more than an

our families and communities. Guns provide men with a deep sense of invincibility, immortality and pride. Guns carry a perception of an instrument that has deep mythological proportions. And although the gun industry

and gun lobbies are the perfect benefactors of this passion, a man's love affair with guns goes far beyond logic and proper

behavior.

For someone like me, whose heart breaks and I am ready to shed tears whenever I see a deer hit by a car laying down along the side of the highway, I am appalled when men, as if it were a spectacle of sportsmanship, kill pheasants, ducks and geese, without showing any remorse or compassion toward those beautiful creatures who adorn our skies.

Speaking of beautiful creatures, this is how we can describe those young children who were recently massacred at the Uvalde School shooting in Texas. What makes a person walk into a school and shoot at young children? It might be a lifelong research and study for psychologists, but for me, I observed and learned from watching my own uncle whose love affair with his weaponry surpassed his love toward his immediate family and humanity as a whole. That's exactly what makes a gun a strong symbol of power, faith and sacredness.

And that, in simple words, is crazy and I am glad I turned out to be a whole different kind of man than all the men I grew up with and live with now, even though I know for sure that for all these men, I am just a coward or a wimp. That's fine with me.

Varoujan Froundjian is a digital artist and writer. He can be reached at: varlink3050@gmail.com.



The effects of inflation on war decisions, spending

There is always a cost to war spending that unbalances normal prosperity. Although it may be hard to compare amounts of money any such conflict wastes overall because inflation and the value of currency changes over the years, you can measure the change in percent of reduction in gross national product (GNP) and gross domestic product (GDP). The costs of war are like a hidden patriotic tax on every person, no matter how hard it is to single out the actual individual cost of bullets or space systems per person, per wage earner. Overall, though, we can see financial trends in inflation and wage levels if we look at numbers.

GNP includes the value of goods and services produced by a country's citizens, both domestically and abroad, but GDP includes the value of goods and services produced within a country's borders, by citizens and non-citizens alike. In other words, GDP adds up the total value of what was made here, just here. Let's use GDP only for

And there is another number which should, I feel, always be included in evaluating the decisions made by diplomats and politicians whether we should get into spending vast sums on war or conflict and, if then we have decided to do so, what kind of war or conflict.

Take for example the Cold War... that was a decision to have a long, drawn-out conflict costing billions in defense, whereas the wars in Vietnam and Afghanistan were supposed to be hot, bloody, over-quick conflicts with dramatic offensive expenditure.

Slow or quick, military spending may be completely necessary, but it always comes at a cost to everyday workers and families. Being honest about the cost to them, besides the human cost for our military members, would help inform and prepare the population for times ahead.

The figure we all worry about at is the median annual earnings for workers aged 15 and over, year by year and, comparing that amount against the percentage increase or decrease of the GDP.

Let's look at the years A VIEW FROM 1961 THE EDGE 2021 for example. The **PETER RIVA** Bureau of Labor Statistics and

Bank publish the increase or decrease for the GDP every year — remember this is measured in dollars. From 1961 'til 2021, the average of annual rate of growth of GDP went up and down, each year but roughly the GDP rose almost 935%, meaning the GDP is now about nine times (when counting dollars) higher than it was in 1961.

the World

But the government calculates the inflation rate averages at 3.81% every year for the same period. That means the overall price increase of goods over this period is 978% (things cost almost 10 times more now).

Now, let's compare that with average wages over the same period. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes these figures. In 1961 that was \$5,700 per year. In 1990 that rose to \$50,200. But 19 years later by 2009 it was still the same. In 2021 it grew to 51,480. Overall since 1961, that's an increase of 903%.

So, assuming you are comparing your dollar amount take-home pay since 1961 to 2021, you are making nine times as many dollars but, when you calculate inflation costs running overall at almost 10 times as much, you actually have a pay cut one dollar for every 10 you make. And that applies to our national GDP as well.

And, of course, none of the above talks about takehome wages after taxes, etc. By the time you factor in the real taxes wage-earners' pay (increases in property tax, sales tax, school tax, income tax) — tax rates for the av-

erage worker, which have gone up every year since 1961 it should not be surprising that this time around, people are screaming against infla-

tion and demanding some

But the question remains, do we want another extended war and are we being properly informed as to the real cost to everyday workers and their families? Conflict now or conflict longer term, either may be the right thing to do, that decision is up to our leaders. But since we're a democracy, I think information and honesty might matter at the next round of elections.

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

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Our Home, Our Future

Voices from our Salisbury community about the housing we need for a healthy, vibrant future

Liv Franson

iv Franson is a hometown girl. She grew up ♦ here and went to Salisbury Central School. For the past 22 years Liv has lived in our community and has supported herself with a number of steady housekeeping jobs. As happens for many women, when it was necessary for her to leave her longtime relationship she found herself desperate to find a place to live that provided a stable, secure home for her and her children. Luckily her mom told her about the new apartments at Sarum Village in Salisbury.

She was initially concerned about living there knowing the stigma attached to "Affordable Housing." Out of necessity she put her concerns aside and filled out the lengthy application. After Connecticut Real Estate Management (CREM) thoroughly checked out her background, she was relieved when they approved her for a three-bedroom apartment.

Now she sees that her fears were completely unfounded. She says, "the apartment is the nicest place we have ever lived." With her monthly rent under \$1,000, she does not have to take on more jobs, is free from the constant stress of making ends meet and is able to spend more time with her children. The kids are doing well, love the schools and are happy to be near their friends.

Liv finds Sarum Village to be a very nice neighborhood with a diverse mix of people. As she's gotten to know many of her neighbors, she says, "There is a group of senior women who are longtime residents and friends, single moms like me, a single dad, a couple of young men who grew up in Salisbury and some single men and women."

Liv says she is "unaware

of any problems with crime or drugs." A few years ago our state trooper said that, "There are no more issues with local affordable housing residents than with the community as a whole." Liv feels very lucky to live in Sarum Village since she knows that the need for affordable rentals has only increased since COVID caused a jump in real estate values and landlords have responded by evicting tenants in order to

sell their properties. Diverse housing options, especially affordable rentals, are critical if we are to enable young families to live here. Since March of 2020, the median home value in Salisbury has increased 47%. Without affordable housing, where will teachers, health care workers, supermarket employees, landscapers, restaurant workers, hairdressers, housekeepers, town employees, retirees who want to downsize, and other fulltime residents live? The issue affects the future of our town for weekenders and full-time residents alike.

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Mary Close Oppenheimer is a local artist who has been part of the Lakeville/Salisbury community for 30 years.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES Norma Bosworth

Continued from previous

School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

An ordinance establishing area requirements for slaughterhouses was passed last Thursday evening by the largest crowd to attend a North Canaan town meeting in years. The capacity crowd voted for the new ordinance by a large majority following an hour and a half of discus25 years ago — July 1997

Firefighters from Norfolk, Colebrook, Canaan and New Marlborough, Mass. responded Friday to a fast-burning fire that destroyed a centuries-old dairy barn at William Fellows' Three Belles Farm on Route 272 in Norfolk. The cause of the blaze has not been determined, although Fire Marshal Dick Healy has ruled out spontaneous combustion from a new load of hay.

SHARON — The Litch-

field County Farm Bureau has awarded its 1997 Book of Remembrance Scholarship to Kara Clemente, daughter of Susan and Michael Clemente of Sharon Valley Road. She will attend the University of New Hampshire, majoring in animal sciences and pre-veterinary studies.

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

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Sports - THE LAKE

SWSA heads to Alaska for summer ski jumping on grass

By Serena Taylor

SALISBURY — Late June in Salisbury is when thoughts turn to swimming at the Grove, hiking the Appalachian Trail and... ski jumping?

For a group of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's youth ski jumpers, that's exactly what it meant for them. Six jumpers, Carley and Merrick Bannerman of Norfolk, Hazel Taylor of Salisbury, Islay and Quin Sheil of Salisbury, and Isaac Fitch of Washington, Connecticut, traveled to Anchorage, Alaska for a week of ski jumping.

Team Alaska and USA Nordic hosted a weeklong ski jumping camp for athletes from around the country from June 20-25. Typical days involved warm-



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Carley Bannerman of Norfolk on the inrun of the 20m jump at the Karl Eid Ski Jumping Complex, Anchorage, Alaska, last month.

ups, conditioning, jumping, and coaching from Alaskan coaches as well as SWSA's own Seth Gardner, and Salisbury native and Olympic coach Larry Stone.

Team Alaska also showed

the athletes around their "backyard" with a group hike to Portage Lake into which the Portage glacier melts — all the athletes promptly jumped in before emerging with chattering teeth and huge smiles.

While the snow in the upper reaches of the Chugach Mountains was visible from the Karl Eid Ski Jumping complex in Anchorage, there wasn't a white patch to be seen on the jumps. Summer jumping involves the use of metal tracks and artificial grass that allows the skiers to slide down the jumps and land as if on snow.

The SWSA jumpers all improved noticeably during their trip, some progressing all the way up to the 45 meter jump, while keeping the 65 meter jump in their sights for next year.

The athletes and their families were grateful to SWSA for the sponsorship provided to defray part of the travel costs.

"A trip like this does not only provide a look at anothits beauty, it also shows the importance of year round training and retention of athletes within the sport."

er part of this country and said SWSA president Ken Barker.

— Serena Taylor is the director of SWSA and mother of Hazel Taylor.



In Falls Village, the Hunt Library's circus on Saturday, July 16, featured a magic show and stilt walkers Olivia Oberle (front) and Sophie Allen.

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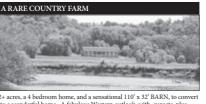
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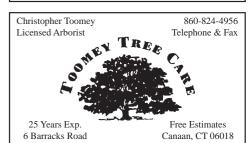
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