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Northwest Corner towns consider federal funds for high speed internet

By Patrick L. Sullivan

GOSHEN — Northwest Connecticut towns have an opportunity to tap into federal funds and make broadband internet service a reality.

At a meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments

on Thursday, June 23, incoming NHCOG chair Henry Todd of Falls Village said high-speed internet via fiber optic lines is an economic development necessity and as important as utilities such as electricity and traditional telephone service.

Outgoing chair Don Stein of Barkhamsted said he thinks the

way forward is to get as many towns as possible together to apply for federal funding. "There is strength in numbers."

Kim Maxwell of Northwest Connect, who has been working on the issue for years, said fiber optic is the way to go — "not wifi, not 5G."

Kevin Pisacich, the director of the Office of Telecommunications and Broadband within the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on the process of applying for federal funds.

He said there is some \$42.45 bil-

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DEEP issues draft hazardous tree policy

By John Coston

SHARON — The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on Saturday, July 1, issued a draft policy for its management of hazardous trees in state parks and campgrounds, triggered by last winter's controversial tree-cutting at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

The General Assembly passed legislation in May that requires DEEP to establish a policy for its management of hazardous trees.

Lawmakers were responding to public outcry over the extent of DEEP's removal of more than 100 oak and pine trees at the popular and scenic park on the Housatonic River.

The legislative effort gained some initial traction but appeared doomed until its provisions were folded into a broader environmental measure, Public Act 22-143, which passed.

Section 17 of that act requires

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

George Logan, running for Congress in the Fifth District, criticized incumbent Jahana Hayes (D-5) for her voting record.

GOP bids farewell to retiring Sen. Miner

By Patrick L. Sullivan

KENT — The 30th State Senate District Republicans held their traditional pre-election breakfast at the Fife 'n Drum in Kent Thurs-

day morning, June 30.

Retiring State Senator Craig Miner (R-30) was showered with praise by his colleagues from the state legislature.

Current State Representative Stephen Harding (R-107), who is running for Miner's state Senate seat, thanked Miner for his guidance on the legislature's Environ-

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Segalla wins Gatorade award

Sydney Segalla (number 13, center) is the 2021-22 Gatorade Connecticut Girls Track and Field Player of the Year. Segalla's primary sport is soccer; here she celebrates with her basketball teammates after a March 4 victory over Windsor Locks High School. Turn to Page A8 for full story.

Federal ARPA fund spending decisions vary town by town

By Patrick L. Sullivan and Leila Hawken

The six Region One towns are in different stages of deciding what to do with federal funds stemming from the American Recovery Plan Act.

The totals of available funds are estimates from the state Office of Fiscal Analysis as of August 2021. The actual amounts received by the towns will almost certainly be slightly different.

The ARPA funds were aimed to help in the recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salisbury

Salisbury (\$1,053,636): Salisbury has allocated \$2,477 for building and land office updates, \$39,295 for a basement air handler, \$79,244 for Town Hall technology software upgrades, \$31,120 for a housing study for the Pope property, and \$31,112 for a sewer pump station, for a total of \$183,330.

The Board of Selectmen has handled the ARPA process throughout, reporting to the Board of Finance.

Falls Village

Falls Village (\$308,189): The

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Estimates of Direct Aid to Municipalities from the Fiscal Recovery Fund

Canaan/Falls Village	\$308,189
Cornwall	\$398,626
Kent	\$812,763
North Canaan	\$951,492
Salisbury	\$1,053,636
Sharon	\$787,008

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Three-day forecast

Friday.....Cloudy, high 79°/low 58°
 Saturday.....Cloudy, 79°/59°
 Sunday.....Thunderstorms, 78°/59°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

There were no Troop B reports released in time for this issue's early deadline.

Housatonic graduate from Canaan awarded visual arts scholarship

FALLS VILLAGE — The 2022 Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship (CVAS) has been awarded to Madison Long of Canaan.

Long, a graduating senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School will be attending The New School in New York City. The CVAS provides substantial financial support by contributing \$80,000, disbursed in annual amounts of \$20,000 for four years, to the college or university of the student's choice.

"I am delighted and honored to receive the Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship, which allows me to be-

gin my journey of becoming a director of film and television production," Long said.

The CVAS was established in 2004 and is awarded annually to a graduate of HVRHS to promote their continued education in a chosen discipline within the spectrum of visual art.

The Low Road Foundation funds the Foundation for Contemporary Visual Arts, a not-for-profit charitable organization whose mission is to encourage, sponsor, and promote innovative work in the arts.

The scholarship, is based on talent and financial need.

Falls Village car and motorcycle benefit show returns on June 10

FALLS VILLAGE — Billed as "A Really Big Show in a Really Small Town," the Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show returns Sunday, July 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a wide variety of vehicles, plus live music, food, vendors and more! Car registration is \$15 (there is no pre-registration). The show is free for spectators. All proceeds benefit the Housatonic Valley FFA. Call 850-824-5861 or go to the Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show page on Facebook for more information.

Giant tag sale and artisans market planned for July 9-10

FALLS VILLAGE —The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host an artisan crafts market on the library lawn on Saturday, July 9 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a giant tag sale at the Center on Main on Saturday and Sunday July 9 and 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The library is located at 63 Main St. and the Center on Main is located at 103 Main St. For more information, call the library at 860-824-

7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org.

Noble Horizons brings back community picnic July 12

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons invites the community to celebrate its 50th anniversary at an old-fashioned community picnic on Tuesday, July 12 (rain date Wednesday, July 13) from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

First hosted in the 1970s, the community party returns with the Lakeville Hose Company supplying the barbecued chicken. Thanks to generous sponsorship from Sharon Hospital/Nuvance and extensive support from the Noble Horizons Auxiliary, tickets are just \$15 per person or \$40 per family.

The picnic will also feature music from the Salisbury Band, which played at Noble's first community picnic almost a half-century ago. To register go to www.noblehorizons.org/events or call 860-435-9851.

Mobile clinic summer hours in Salisbury

SALISBURY — The Community Health and Wellness mobile medical unit will be at the Salisbury SVNA, 30A Salmon Kill Road, on the following Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 on July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18.

The clinic can provide medical screenings and examinations, point-of-care testing, along with COVID and other lab tests. They can also provide vaccinations, Covid vaccines by appointment, assistance with health insurance enrollment, and referrals for specialty care at their Winsted and Torrington offices. For more information call 860 387-0801.

Local charity gets grant for Haiti clinic

SALISBURY — Hispanola Health Partners (HHP), a charity strengthening health-care structures along the Haitian-Dominican border, has been awarded a \$51,000 grant from Stamford-based AmeriCares to support primary care, maternal-child health and female cancer prevention.

The grant also includes funding for essential durable medical equipment for its community health clinic and birth center.

Cofounder of Hispanola Health Partners Louise Lindenmeyr said, "We are grateful to AmeriCares for helping us address health disparities and meet the health needs in a community entrenched in poverty."

Now in its eighth year of partnering with local leaders in southeastern Haiti, funds from this grant will allow HHP to secure and ex-



PHOTO BY PATRICIA BORNIS

Hispanola Health Partners has built and opened a clinic fully staffed by Haitian personnel that provides access to a broad range of healthcare services.

pand its "building from the ground up" initiative in this dramatically underserved region.

HHP has built and opened a clinic fully staffed

by Haitian personnel that provides access to a broad range of healthcare services. This program will expand its care of 9000 patients annually by 25%.

Online This Week

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

Kent panel airs conservation, development plans

After many meetings, the committee updating the town's Plan of Conservation and Development presented its proposed changes at an information session on Thursday, June 30.

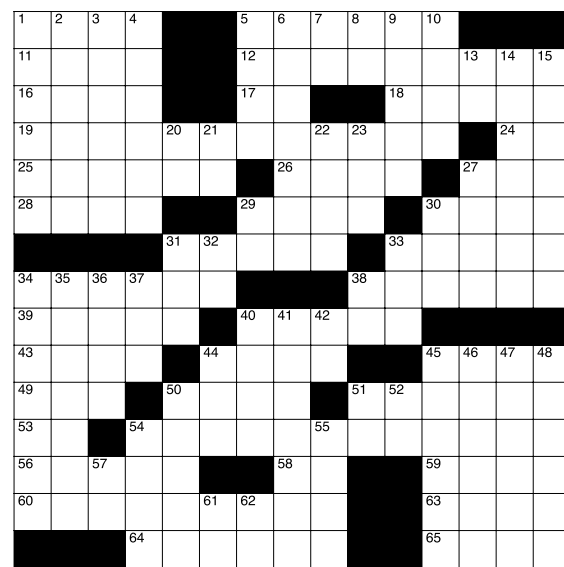
League of Women Voters of Litchfield County elects board

The League of Women Voters of Litchfield County elected Marianne Seeber as president along with other board members at its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 29.

Brain Teasers

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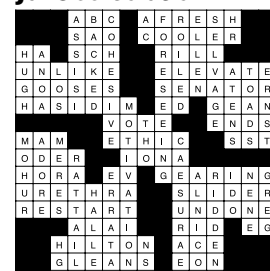
1. Ancient Greek sophist
5. Genus of insects
11. Culinary herb
12. Neutralizing antibody
16. Plan
17. Pa's partner
18. A city in S Louisiana
19. TNT sportscaster
24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
34. Pampered
38. Emerged
39. Order of tailless amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
43. Shift sails (Brit.)
44. Beloved Mexican dish
45. Scottish tax
49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Move about
53. Execute or perform
54. Taste property
56. Unit of dry measure
58. Blood group
59. Something you can up
60. In great need
63. Breezes through
64. Spoke
65. Become acquainted with



20. -, denotes past
21. Hoopster Morant
22. Not
23. Indian title of respect
27. Horsley and Marvin are two
29. One thousandth of a liter (abbr.)
30. Hoover's organization
31. Round globular seed
32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen lymph node
37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. What Santa says
44. Israeli city __ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat

48. Most wily
50. Sword
51. Respiratory disease
52. The Ocean State
54. Fleishy watery fruit
55. Lying down
57. Superheavy metal
61. The ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Indicates position

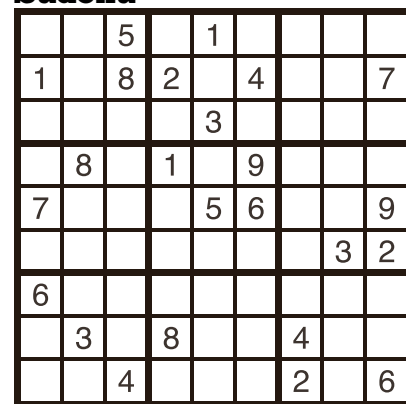
June 30 Solution



CLUES DOWN

1. A particular part
2. Spanish neighborhood
3. Business
4. Reddish browns
5. Extinct Hawaiian bird
6. Disney town
7. Part of the Bible (abbr.)
8. Atomic #22 (abbr.)
9. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
10. In a moment
13. Monetary unit of Vietnam
14. Submerge in a liquid
15. Yellowish cotton cloth

Sudoku



June 30 Solution



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Our Towns

Salisbury info session airs affordable housing plan

By John Coston

SALISBURY – The Salisbury Housing Committee (SHC) held the first of two public information meetings Thursday, June 30, at the Salisbury Congregational Church on plans for 18 to 20 affordable housing units near the village proposed to be built on a 5.3-acre parcel of donated land.

More than 50 residents attended the meeting, asking questions about the plan and right-of-way access to the site over the old railroad corridor adjacent to the Railroad Ramble trail, also known as the Rail Trail. The land has been given to the nonprofit SHC by adjoining property owner Jim Dresser.

Jocelyn Ayer, vice president of the SHC, opened the meeting with a slide presentation and explained that before the planning can move forward with design work

and Planning and Zoning permitting, SHC must first obtain access to the land over the railroad corridor.

A second information session is scheduled Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. at the church and a town meeting vote is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., also at the church.

Ayer gave an overview of affordable housing status in the town, noting that 39 units at three sites in the town are fully occupied and have a long waiting list. She noted that housing costs have been rising faster than incomes over the past 30 years, and after the impact of the pandemic that led to a real-estate boom, housing options in town are scarce, whether to rent or own.

The town has a goal to build 75 new dwellings over a 10-year period, lifting the percentage of affordable housing from the current



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Sally Spillane, who lives next to the proposed affordable housing complex, spoke at the Salisbury Housing Committee's session on Thursday, June 30, suggesting the need for an advisory board.

2% to 5%.

"A single person earning \$55,000 or less annually would qualify to live in affordable housing," she said. "And a family of four earning \$80,000 or less also would qualify."

A slide show depicted how access to the proposed

development site would straddle the rail trail and also showed the land on a map. The required access distance is approximately 150 feet from the end of the pavement on East Railroad Street. Town water and sewer, which run under the railroad corridor, would serve

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the proposed development. It also would be withing walking distance to the center of Salisbury Village.

Renderings showed three landscaping options that would provide a barrier between the rail trail and a proposed two-lane drive to the development. They included boulders, fencing and a stone wall.

Residents wanted to know what would happen to the trees on the acreage, which is partially wetland. The answer was that the buildable area of the land was about 2.7 acres of the 5.3 total, and that there was no plan to strip the location of its natural state. Another resident expressed concern about traffic volume to and from the development.

A question hung over the audience that wanted to know if the access was granted via a town vote, but the development didn't materialize, would the granted access convey to a future owner. The committee answered that it could ensure that the vote question itself would rule out such a potential conveyance option.

Sally Spillane, a homeowner who lives adjacent to the rail trail, supported the idea of guaranteeing that the granted access apply only to this development, and further called for the creation of an advisory board of residents most immediately impacted by it.

"Get the people who it's going to impact the most on an advisory board," Spillane said. "I think if this project happens it could work for everybody. It could work for our neighborhood. It could work for our town." She cited other possible benefits such as a playground open to the public. But Spillane reiterat-

ed what she saw as the need for the advisory board.

Sean White, an SHC board member, said the committee would need time to respond to the idea of an advisory board.

Dresser noted for the audience that he and Peter Halle, SHC co-president, have been meeting with people about the planning, and reaching out to Spillane, for six months.

The town's need for affordable housing wasn't in dispute, and the meeting's tone alternated between applause for the work of the committee and a sense of agitated concern that it seemed to be happening at a sudden pace.

Some expressed concern about comments that if the land wasn't used for this purpose that the SHC could sell it to raise funds to build affordable housing elsewhere. There was mention of Connecticut General Statute 8-30g that allows developers leeway around local zoning denials if a community's affordable housing stock is less than 10% of its total stock, a category that fits Salisbury's situation.

About seven years ago, residents voted down a proposal by the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development for a 30-unit housing complex on the site, due to fears about a significant encroachment on the Rail Trail. The current plan is scaled down.

As the hour-plus long meeting came to a conclusion, one resident asked everyone to see the bigger picture, appealing for them to look at the impact of a lack of affordable housing on an aging community because young people can't afford to live in Salisbury.

How to get the right mix for the best composting

By Matthew Kreta

MILLBROOK — The Cary Institute held an online seminar on the biology and ecology of composting, covering the importance of composting, what goes into a successful composting pile and the various methods that can be employed.

The seminar, held on Wednesday, June 29, by Cary Community Ecologist Jane Lucas, began by explaining that 30% to 40% of food in the U.S. ends up in the trash, which eventually finds its way into landfills, which in turn emit greenhouse gases.

The largest contributor to food waste is individual households. Composting is an easy way for individuals to minimize this, while reduc-

ing carbon footprints. Lucas said a switch to composting food waste could have a huge impact on the environment.

Lucas then showed and talked about the four main components that go into composting: organic matter, microorganisms, air and water. She said organic matter includes a range of things, from kitchen scraps to cardboard boxes and lawn clippings.

Lucas said the key to successful composting is maintaining a 30 to 1 ratio between carbon and nitrogen. While it's easy to look up tables of different foods and plants that meet this ideal ratio, Lucas says an easy way to get started is to add one green component for every two brown components.

Green components are things like kitchen scraps, bread and grains, coffee grinds and vegetables. Brown components are things like wood, pine needles and shredded newspaper.

"If you add too much brown, what you're going to end up having is slow compost production," Lucas said. If you think it isn't moving quickly, add more greens.

Lucas cautioned that composting animal products, such as meat, fish and dairy products will attract animals.

While organic material provides a solid base for composting, microbes run the show. Microbes are responsible for breaking down the materials found in the organic matter, and for heating up the pile.



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James T. Collingwood, Jr.

SHEFFIELD — James T. Collingwood, Jr., 63, passed away unexpectedly at home with his wife Theresa by his side on Monday, June 27, 2022.

He was born on December 9, 1958, in Sharon, the son of the late James Collingwood Sr. and Betty Markham Collingwood.

Jim was a graduate of Mount Everett Regional High School class of 1976. He also attended Alfred State University. After continuing his education, he returned to work with his parents in the family trucking business, Collingwood Transport in Sheffield. Jim married the love of his life Theresa Scapin on August 25, 1979, at St Mary's Church in Lee, Massachusetts, permanently settling in Ashley Falls in 1986.

After more than 20 years working for the family business, Jim started his own trucking company, JTC & Sons, a successful Rolloff and Refuse business for 15 years before merging with Daley & Sons in Lee. In April of 2021 Jim was appointed Highway Superintendent for the Town of Sheffield, a job that he took great pride in.

Jim was an active member of the Sheffield Kiwanis for over 25 years, serving as president for several terms. He was also named the 2002 Kiwanian of the year. Jim played a significant role in developing the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund through their annual truck raffle, and was the number one ticket seller for 22 years.

He enjoyed his weekend trips to camp in Arlington, Vermont, up until his death. His hobbies included golfing, bowling and hunting. He was a devoted family man, a trusted friend, and a beloved member of his community.

Jim was a kind and gentle soul loved by all. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Theresa, his son James III (Hilary) and his son Matthew (Joelle), his three grandchildren; Madeleine, Isaac and Adalie who were the joys of his life, his best friend Dave Smith, his cousin "Charlie" Julie Hanum, his two brothers Jeffrey and Bruce and too many friends, family, and extended family to list. He also leaves his loving dog Morgan, and adopted dog Cookie.

A service celebrating Jim's life will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, conducted by Rev. Jill Graham. Burial will follow at Sheffield Center Cemetery in Sheffield.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Great Barrington. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the James T. Collingwood, Jr. Memorial Family Fund c/o Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230. To send remembrances to his family please go to www.finnertyandstevens.com.



Robert Lawrence Dennis

LAKEVILLE — Robert Lawrence Dennis, 76, a lifelong area resident died peacefully on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Sharon Hospital with his loving wife and beloved daughter at his bedside. Mr. Dennis was a retired self-employed plumber. He owned and operated Robert L. Dennis Plumbing for over 30 years and retired in 2016 following a total of over 50 years in the trade.

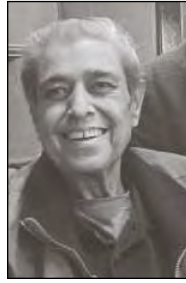
Born August 16, 1945, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Edward and Cora (Klein) Dennis. He attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School and served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone, the Good Conduct Medal and the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon in addition to his Honorable Discharge. On May 18, 1968, he married the love of his life, Nora Meehan at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Mrs. Dennis survives at home in Lakeville. Bob was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting and traveling in his spare time. Bob and Nora especially liked traveling to Lido Beach in Florida and to Bermuda. Bob loved a good bonfire and was an avid antique clock collector for many years. He was a life member of the Miller-ton and Lakeville American Legions and will forever be remembered as a husband and father who always put

others needs before his own. He was a selfless and giving man who cherished his family and they will forever be grateful for the blessings that were bestowed upon them. Bob will be dearly missed by his adoring family and his many dear friends.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his daughter, Tammy VanDeusen and her life companion David Ambrozaitis of Winsted; his granddaughter, Colleen VanDeusen Langs of Lakeville, two great grandsons, Travis Beyus and Jordan Langs of Lakeville; a brother, Peter Dennis of Canaan and several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by several siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, (where 54 years prior Bob and Nora were married, a true love story), 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia. Rev. Godfrey officiated. Burial with U.S. Army Honors followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cobble Road, Salisbury. Memorial contribution may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at StJude.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, send flowers or plant a tree in Bob's memory please visit www.stthomasamenia.com.



John Bolelaus Scieपुरa

SHARON — John Bolelaus Scieपुरa, 59, of Hospital Hill Road, passed away on Saturday June 25, 2022. His loving wife and siblings were at his side. How ironic that John only recently learned that his middle name means "Warrior", and that is exactly how he fought his battle with cancer.

John was born in Yonkers, New York, at St. John's Hospital on April 17, 1963, the youngest son of Michael and Joyce (Franchek) Scieपुरa. He grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and at age 10, his family settled in Sharon. John graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, attended Boulder College, studied business administration and graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology with a degree in jewelry design. He worked for a time in the fashion industry, taught jewelry design and was employed as a skilled carpenter.

John had a passion for learning and had many interests. In his youth, John studied the flute and piano, and enjoyed acting. He enjoyed poetry and writing. He loved cooking, foraging for wild edible plants, coin collecting and exploring solar energy. An avid outdoorsman, he could often be found working in his yard and garden, always generously sharing his vegetables.

John enjoyed vacationing and fishing in Point Judith, Rhode Island, with his wife and dogs, and was an avid bicyclist. He loved spending time with his family.

John is survived by his loving wife, Margaret (Ayles), and his dogs, Molly and Chase; his sisters Victoria Morse, Christina Riley and her husband, Bill, and brother Michael A. Scieपुरa, jr.; His nephew, Flynn Nixon and family of Dandridge, Tennessee, his nieces Grace Morse and Hope Morse of Sharon, and a large extended family.

John had a commanding presence at 6'5" and was very friendly with an amazing sense of humor. He loved engaging with people and having conversations about a wide variety of topics. John was a devoted, loving and loyal husband, and adored the many dogs he and his wife rescued over the years. He was kind, thoughtful, intelligent, interesting, hard-working and creative. John was loved by everyone and will be sorely missed.

Calling hours are at The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, on Friday July 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a mass at St. Bernard's Church in Sharon on July 9 at 11:00 a.m. Donations in memory of John may be made to The Little Guild of St. Francis, West Cornwall, Connecticut.



Charan Peeples

LEE — Charan Peeples, 73, passed away peacefully in her Lenox home on June 22, 2022, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. Charan was happy to be home in the Berkshires after living in Gallatin, New York, for many years where she worked as the office manager of the Coach Farm and played the unexpected role of farmer's wife with all the grace and glamor one could imagine.

Born to Gordon and Mae Leeman, she completed her public schooling in Lee after moving from Franklin. She was an exceptional athlete, swimmer, and lifeguard and could be seen flying down the road in her yellow Firebird with CHARAN plates which caught the eye of her future husband.

In 1971 she married Philip Peeples to whom she was married for 51 loving years. Their love served as an example to all who met them. Immediately after their wedding they moved to Germany with the Army where she worked in a bank and had many adventures pushing a VW around the country. Upon their return to the states they lived in Maryland and then upstate New York where they started a family.

Charan was the ultimate host. An avid cook and entertainer, she was always happiest among friends and family, feeding everyone and sharing her infectious laugh. She cared deeply about people and was exceptionally empathetic, always asking about people and all of their loved ones. If you stopped by it would not be unusual for her to be pulling a tray of cookies out of the oven and insisting

you stay and visit. She particularly loved baking with, and spoiling her twin grandchildren. Of all things Charan was happiest being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

Besides her parents, Charan was predeceased by her son, Scott Philip Peeples.

She is survived by her adoring husband Philip, her daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Noah Lee, and her beloved grandchildren Oliver and Evelyn Lee of Hinesburg, Vermont.

She is also survived by her sister, Cheryl Leeman Saunders; brother, Kevin Leeman and his husband Jerry Myers, and her brothers and sisters-in-law who she loved like her own siblings, and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-great niece, all of whom she adored.

Funeral services for Charan Peeples were held on Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Lee. Burial will be held at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 17 th at Crissy Farm, 426 Stockbridge Rd., Great Barrington, from 2 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The family would like to extend their profound thanks to the Massachusetts General team and Hospice Care in the Berkshires, both of which provided exceptional care and compassion. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of the Kelly Funeral Home, 3 Main Street, Lee, Massachusetts 01238.

If you would like to leave a message of condolence or share pictures with the family, please visit our web site at www.kellyfuneralhome.net



Memorial service:

Katharine Hochswender

LAKEVILLE — A memorial service in honor of Kate Hochswender, who died on June 27, 2022, will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m. at her home, 14 Lakeview Ave. in Lakeville. All are invited to come and to share a photo, a memory.

Kate had let her natural brown hair color grow back in recent months, and when she appeared to us after her death in the yard it was as a half-albino deer, joyful and leaping. We will celebrate her life outdoors where her spirit came to us as that albino deer.

Kate would do her best to be dazzling for every party. Please feel free to wear clothes that are not only comfortable but also "cool," in every sense of the word.

Out of respect for our

neighbors, please park in the lots for Salisbury Bank and Trust and Visionary Computer on Bissell Street (but please do not park on the grassy field). Additional parking is available on Lincoln City Road at Salisbury Central School.

Consider bringing a folding chair or blanket and sun-brella in case we run out of space in the tent.

If you have questions, text Cynthia Hochswender at 860-672-5117 or email cindyinsharon@gmail.com.

Please share memories and photos at Kate's memorial website, which has a Halloween and pumpkin theme in honor of her favorite season and holiday: www.forevermissed.com/kate-hochswender/about.

For more obituaries, see page A6

Worship Services

Week of July 10, 2022

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p> <p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at joiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services In-person Bible study will resume in the fall. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Wednesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 513 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0181 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC for the Great Country Mutt Show, a short-term event at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16 per Sections 221.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
07-07-22
07-14-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0184 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC for the Connecticut Craft Beer Grand Prix, a short-term event at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16 per Sections 221.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
07-07-22
07-14-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0182 by owner Lime Rock Park II, LLC for the Round Hill Highland Games, a short-term event at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16 per Sections 221.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours

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Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
07-07-22
07-14-22

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0179 by owner 343 MS Restoration LLC for change of use to multifamily/high turnover restaurant/mixed use commercial and a use rendering more than 30% of the lot impervious in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District at

343 Main Street, Lakeville, Map 45, Lot 26 per Sections 209.2, 205.2, and 403.4 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
07-07-22
07-14-22

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, July 12, 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 July 11, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
06-30-22
07-07-22

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0186 by Marisa B. Simmons for a Variance,

37 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Map 56, Lot 25 per Section 304.1 and 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 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 July 11, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
06-30-22
07-07-22

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0187 by Sarah Vogus for a Variance, 278 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Map 63, Lot 5 per Section 304 and 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 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 July 11, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
06-30-22
07-07-22

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on June 29, 2022:

To amend the Town of Salisbury Zoning Regulations section 700.4 - to increase from two to three the maximum number of lots which can be served by a common driveway, effective

June 29, 2022.

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

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
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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, CCMC Tax Collector
06-23-22
07-07-22
07-21-22

Support Local Journalism In Your Community

2022 Marks the 125th Anniversary of The Lakeville Journal

The first issue was August 14, 1897; William McKinley was President. Spanning three centuries, The Lakeville Journal has been an enduring witness to events in northwest Connecticut and adjoining New York towns. That's historic, especially since over 2200 newspapers in the US have shut down since 2005.

As one of the oldest weeklies in the country, we have survived. Times change, and we've changed with the times. The Lakeville Journal is now a non-profit institution, one of the first weekly newspapers in the country to make the transition.

As we look forward to our 126th year of publication and beyond, we will need to:

- Preserve the tradition of grass-roots reporting on the people and events involved in local organizations vital to town life.
- Hire more reporters. With new support the Journal can bring in reporters to cover important regional issues like Covid, drug abuse, Sharon Hospital, affordable housing and our environment and climate.
- Dig deeper into local issues, good news or bad. Take a closer look at the local controversies and the colorful characters involved in them in town and in government.
- Expand digital presentation of local news reporting.
- Advocate for full broadband access, to achieve optimal access to news and information for all.

How can you help? For \$125 become a **Friend of the Lakeville Journal** and commemorate the Lakeville Journal's role in our communities since its founding 125 years ago.

2022. The year to celebrate The Lakeville Journal's history and plan its future. Together. Thank you for your continued support.

The Lakeville Journal Company, LLC

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*Mail to The Lakeville Journal Foundation, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039
To donate by credit card, please go to www.tricornernews.com/contribute*

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ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

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In support of our local Paper, enclosed please find my check/money order in the amount of \$ _____, made payable to The Lakeville Journal Foundation.

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.



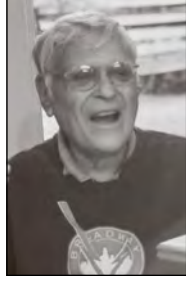
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Our Towns

OBITUARIES

Albert Gottesman

SALISBURY — Albert Gottesman, age 89, died on June 29, 2022. Al was born on April 17, 1933, and raised in The Bronx, playing stickball, pencil-ball, curb ball, softball, and touch football, and rooting for the Yankees. He graduated from CCNY and NYU



Law School. He was married to Linda Gottesman, from whom he was divorced, and was the love partner of Anne Baker for over 31 years. Al was the father of Laura and Joanne Gottesman and the father-in-law of David Kuehn and Larry Milliken. He was the loving, devoted, and admiring grandfather of Elena and Lila Gottesman Milliken, and Solomon Kuehn Gottesman.

Al practiced entertainment law in New York City and for many years was General Counsel and Ex-

ecutive Vice President of the Jim Henson Company (The Muppets). After Jim Henson's death in 1990, Al was the Executor of Jim's estate and, for a time, the President of the Board of the Jim Henson Legacy.

Al and his family have been coming to Northwest Connecticut since 1967. In the early 1970's they bought their home on Weatogue Road. Al's first contact with The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News was representing a client in 1970, who briefly owned both papers. In 1995, Al was one of the founding partners of a team of investors who acquired and owned the papers for over 25 years. Al always felt fortunate to have found and spent time in Northwest Connecticut and was grateful for how much it added to his and his family's lives.

Elizabeth Ann Swartz

STANFORDVILLE — Elizabeth Ann Swartz, 89, a lifelong area resident and former longtime resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, New York, with her family beside her. Mrs. Swartz operated a group home for adults at her home in Millerton for over 45 years prior to her retirement. She had a long affiliation with Taconic DDSO in Wassauc, and once worked as a nurse's aide at Sharon Hospital and provided in-home private nursing care to local residents.

Born January 13, 1933, in Pine Plains, she was the daughter of the late Howard J. and Marion (VandeBogart) Milton. She attended Millerton High School. Mrs. Swartz was married to William Parsons, who passed away in 2005 and Robert Swartz who passed away in 1976.

She enjoyed bingo, bowling, gambling at Fox Woods Casino and spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mrs. Swartz in survived by three sons, William Parsons and his wife Rosie of Pine Plains, Dennis Parsons of Ancram, and David Parsons of Ancramdale; three daughters, Pamela Miles and her husband Michael of Ancramdale, Lori Parsons

of Pine Plains and Kathleen Sigler and her life companion, Don Bird of Stanfordville, with whom Mrs. Swartz resided with for the last six years; her grandchildren, Carrie Stenger of Broomfield, Colorado, Kyle Burdock, Stephanie Rothvoss of Ancramdale, Stacy Foley of Copake, Lisa Hoage of Salisbury, Jason Miles of Ancramdale, Jeremy Miles of Ancramdale, Sadie Miles, Joshua Parsons of Kentucky, Brandon Parsons of Indiana and Ashley Reum of Tennessee; nineteen great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her daughter, Donna DeWitt; three brothers, Howard "Windy" Milton, Dale Milton and Paul Milton and her grandson, David "Dee" Parsons.

There are no calling hours. All services are private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, New York 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

For more obituaries, see page A4

Salisbury Bank sets shred event, food drive on July 9 in Lakeville

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Bank is sponsoring a free Shred Event and Food Drive on Saturday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Community Shred "Drive-thru" Day is open to anyone, and will be held at the Lakeville branch, 5 Bissell Street.

Please consider bringing a non-perishable donation.

Local pantries need a variety of donations including: canned goods, powdered milk, whole-grain cereals, kitchen spices, macaroni and cheese, pancake/cake mix, peanut butter, condiments, pasta, granola/oatmeal, and tomato sauce. Household

necessities such as paper towels, diapers, wipes, socks, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, and soap are also appreciated.

Eric Sloane Museum: celebrating farm tools and implements with a passion

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Decades of determined foresight by volunteers, businesspeople and state officials who imagined a museum to house Eric Sloane's extensive collections of tools and farm implements was celebrated on Saturday, July 2, on the campus of the Eric Sloane Museum.

It was a festive affair that celebrated the history of the site and the opening of the museum 50 years ago on 14-acres of land that had once served the town as a dump with a nice view.

There were wood hewing demonstrations adjacent to the Noah Blake cabin, an engaging interactive talk by Wil (Jim) Mauch on Eric Sloane under a striped tent, music provided by Bog Hollow old time band, an open house in the museum itself, and the traditional bell-ringing: 50 times for each of the years since the museum opened in 1972.

Sloane was a 20th-century artist of accomplishment, widely read author, and avid collector of early American tools and implements now on permanent display at the museum. The exhibit of his tools, his art and a re-creation of his studio, offer a rare and significant glimpse into a remarkable life and work.

Moving the project from idea toward the possibility of reality, was daunting at first.

The event's speaker Wil (Jim) Mauch, now of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, said that he volunteered in various capacities for nearly 25 years. He became concerned about the deteriorated condition of the historic Noah Blake cabin that now stands adjacent to the Sloane Museum building. Contacting the state Dept. of Economic and Community Development he and others began a process that led to the 1974 restoration of the cabin from a drawing created by Sloane.

"We were stymied," Mauch said of the early efforts, so he formed an organization, Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum, and served as its president for a number of years. John Pennings serves as the current president. In the Noah Blake cabin, Pennings detailed for visitors how the cabin was authentically restored.

In addition to his volunteer work for the first 25 years, Mauch said that as an authenticator of Sloane's art, he was invited to write a book on the Sloane art collection and the history museum.

Attending with her family was Sloane's daughter, Charmaine Sloane, who resided for many years in Santa Fe, New Mexico (Eric Sloane had a home and studio in Taos), but has recently moved to Denver, Colorado.

"He was a wonderful grandfather," Charmaine Sloane said of his relation-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Describing details of the work to reconstruct the Noah Blake cabin, John Pennings, president of the Friends of the Eric Sloane Museum is speaking with Douglas Wood, carpenter and tradesman, from New Milford. Restored in 1977, the cabin was a popular feature of the 50th anniversary celebration of the museum's opening, held on Saturday, July 2

ship with the family. She recalled that when he was in New England, he would paint scenes of Taos, and when he was in Taos, he would paint New England scenes.

"He thought Salvador Dali was the greatest," she recalled, adding that the two artists spent much time together as good friends.

As for the artist's deep connection with tools fashioned and used by human hands, Mauch explained that Sloane saw tools as works of art and a reflection of the

user of that tool. A tool is a sort of conduit to the person who used it, and further back to the person who made it, Mauch said.

The first intriguing tool that Eric Sloane found was an axe in a stone wall, a goose-wing broadhead axe, Mauch said.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) presented a citation from the General Assembly co-signed with state Senator Craig Miner (R-30). First Selectman Jean Speck also spoke, noting that she passes

at least twice each day. "As a town we are grateful for the Friends organization and the work of the volunteers who support this great asset for the state and the town," Speck said.

Lunch was catered by Sophie's Bakery in Kent. Owner and chef Sophie Drazkiewicz said she was first asked to provide dessert cupcakes, but when she learned more about the event being planned, she knew she should fully cater it.

"People are getting involved," she said. "It's lovely."

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Sports/Our Towns

Who is that cycling, sprinting barefoot triathlete?

By Niki Muppidi

SHARON — If you've seen an athlete cycling on local roads, dropping his bicycle, helmet and shoes at the side of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School track or other local soccer fields, and then sprinting barefoot, and then getting back on his bike to do it again, then you've seen local TeamUSA member Doug Landau training for his next race.

If you've seen a swimmer, in a brightly colored cap splashing in Mudge Pond, Lake Wononscopomuc, Wononpakook or Buell, and then dashing out of the water and stripping off his wetsuit while in full stride, then again, you've seen Landau practicing for national and international triathlon competitions.

Landau has been running in the Sharon Audubon Center woods, Ellsworth Hill roads and Litchfield County races since his senior year at Hotchkiss in 1978. Now he splits his time between a home in Virginia and Sharon.

Currently a USA Triathlon (USAT) All American, Regional Sprint Triathlon and Duathlon champion for his

age group, he routinely podiums in road-running and multisport competitions. Landau turned 64 on July 4.

Landau qualified for the 2022 World Championships in Sprint Triathlon, Duathlon and Super Sprint Triathlon. He had previously competed in Australia and Canada at Sprint Duathlon Worlds, which is comprised of a run-bike-run format. With the COVID-19 pandemic canceling many races and Championships, he was keen to get back to racing.

"I enjoy seeing my friends at races, and the training is my Ritalin! It helps me cope with the stresses of a busy practice as a trial lawyer helping injured and disabled clients. Plus, I learned to relish running in the woods and enjoy the scenery here in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut."

Landau credits many people who have supported him: Sharon Recreation Director Matt Andrulis-Mette, Salisbury Grove's Stacey Dodge, trainer Pat Kelly and Greystone Racing's Will Graustein and Peter Hawley.

"I even took Erg rowing lessons from (Hotchkiss)

Crew Coach Victoria McGee in Lakeville! It is now an integral part of my indoor year-round training."

So will he ever do an Ironman? Not a chance. Landau notes, "The longest racing I will do is an occasional Olympic Distance event. The Sprint race is typically half the Olympic distance. Since I am not great at 'pacing' myself, I enjoy going flat out the entire time."

The sprint distances are: 750 meter swim (about a half mile), followed by a 20km (12.4 miles) bike ride, and then a 5km (3.1 mile) run. "Transition time in between each part is counted and I usually can gain time there," he said.

"Some races I have enjoyed, like the Sharon Sprint, Stissing (Pine Plains), Pawling, Waramaug and the Terramuggus series are different distances, depending on local roads," he said.

So, if you see someone dashing about from sport to sport (often without shoes), it's not someone who has been out in the summer sun too long, but local triathlete Doug Landau preparing for his next competition.



PHOTO BY PETER HAWLEY
Sharon Recreation Director Matt Andrulis-Mette and Doug Landau at last year's Sharon Sprint Triathlon awards ceremony.

Sharon cake auction benefit is imaginative tour de force

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — "Let Them Eat Cake!" is a traditional event in town, and the live cake auction and cocktail party to benefit the Sharon Historical Society drew a sizable summer crowd to the tented grounds on Friday, July 1.

One last-minute entry brought the total number of cakes to be auctioned to 26, each a reflection of the baker's imagination in assembling ingredients.

Many boasted locally grown ingredients or local butter and eggs.

There was chocolate and

coconut. Lots of fruit. Some cakes had names in French. One came with doughnuts on top. A couple had a Spanish flair.

There was another with a no-flour recipe dating back to medieval times. One or two sported genuine edible gold leaf. And, to add to the fun, there was quite a bit of bourbon or rum involved in the creative process, and much of it ended up in the cakes.

Volunteering as auctioneers for the fundraiser as they have done in the past were author Christopher Robinson and broadcast journalist Brian Ross. (Ross

is a member of the board of The Lakeville Journal Foundation.) Both felt ready for the fast-paced nature of the auction once the partygoers had their bidding paddles in hand.

Used to the world of auctions, Robinson said, "It's a lot of fun to be on the other side of the auctioneer's podium."

Heading up the detailed planning for the event and its smooth operation were chairmen Myra Plescia, Marel Rogers and Robert Lindgren.

During the cake viewing period that preceded the auction, guests expressed amazement at the variety.

"Look at the decoration on that one," commented Matthew Andersen of Sharon. "That's amazing," said another onlooker, viewing a different cake.

Troutbeck pastry chef Emma Isakoff, whose creation went on to fetch \$2,000 to benefit the historical society, described her cake as a strawberry shortcake (or her take on strawberry shortcake to be precise). It is a vanilla pound cake with elder flower syrup and a crème fraiche filling with strawberry jam made of local strawberries. She used local farm ingredients, even local flour. The garnishes were fresh English roses.

"I want people to enjoy it," Isakoff said, "as long as I'm not doing the cutting. I just can't cut into my cakes. I work so hard on them."



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Bidding was swift at the "Let Them Eat Cake" fundraising auction on Friday, July 1, to benefit the historical society. Auctioneer Brian Ross kept the pacelively.

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First place at Trinity Episcopal's art show

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HIGH SPEED

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lion in federal funds available nationally “to get everyone connected.”

His office is in the process of getting ready for the lengthy and complex application process.

Pisacich said all 50 states will receive a minimum of \$100 million. Additional funds will be allocated based on the number of unserved locations in areas where the cost of building the necessary infrastructure is high. He said he thinks much of Northwestern Connecticut will fall into this category, although the definitions are still being ironed out.

A big moment in the process comes when the Federal Communications Commission releases updated “data maps,” which will in theory provide comprehensive information about what kind of internet service in a given location, nationwide.

He cautioned that the FCC maps may not be as accurate as desired, because the agency relies on census information.

“A carrier can have two houses on a block and call the whole block ‘served,’” he said.

“But we’re all over this,” he continued. “We know exactly where every unserved or underserved location in the state is.”

The timeline for the am-

“We know exactly where every unserved or underserved location in the state is.”

Kevin Pisacich, the director of the Office of Telecommunications and Broadband

bitious project stretches out to September 2026 at a minimum.

The NHCOC members heard from Gayle Huntress, the broadband manager for the small Massachusetts town of Shutesbury.

Shutesbury, which borders Amherst, is similar to many Northwest Corner towns, with a population of about 1800 spread out over 27 square miles, with 42 miles of roads (about 14 miles are dirt roads).

Shutesbury has no stop lights, and the tiny town library lacks running water. Huntress said when she and her husband bought their home in 2012, everything was great — except the crummy internet service.

Shutesbury’s lone internet option was a Verizon dedicated service line (DSL). The town almost no cellphone coverage (this is still the case), and none of the major telecom players were interested in wiring up the town.

So they did it themselves. Using a peculiarity of Massachusetts law, Huntress and her group were able to

create a fiber optic system under the aegis of the existing municipal power company.

It was a tough slog. Huntress said the group needed to have utility pole tag numbers and GPS coordinates for one of many applications.

The owner of the phone poles, National Grid, didn’t have a list, to their amazement and consternation.

“So we had to count them, and get the tag numbers and GPS.”

This was done with 50 volunteers on a November day. There were some 1500 poles.

“This shows how much boot-strapping we had to do.”

Hurdles cleared, the new system was finished by the end of 2019 — just in time for COVID-19.

“Our timing was impeccable,” Huntress said wryly, adding that absent the new internet system, she thinks many people, confronted with the prospect of no way to ensure online learning for children, or telemedicine for anyone, in the middle of a pandemic, would have simply packed up and left.

The municipal broadband company is profitable, and is planning to lower the monthly fee for internet service from \$75 to \$60 per month.

Huntress said the overall effort required considerable engagement with the residents. At the town meeting that gave the project the go-ahead, the vote was 99% in favor.

Huntress said the municipal fiber optic internet essentially saved the town from extinction.

Before the service was built, homes were selling, if at all, for much less than comparable properties in towns with adequate internet service.

Now there are hardly any homes on the market, and those that do come on are snapped up quickly.

The total cost of the Shutesbury project was \$3.4 million, which was covered by a combination of grants, loans and tax dollars.

As the meeting wound down, Todd reiterated his belief that the NHCOC towns need to come together to make the wiring of the region happen. “Critical mass is really important.”

And Stein said the next step is to schedule a planning meeting with all the NHCOC members who are interested in proceeding.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Lighting up Lime Rock

The Rotary Club of Salisbury presented its annual fireworks display at Lime Rock Park Friday, July 1. Proceeds benefit local scholarships and more.

Segalla wins Gatorade award

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — From earning a scholarship to Boston College for soccer, to joining the 1,000 point club in high school basketball, her prolific success with track and field and graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Sydney Segalla has had a lot of opportunities to celebrate of late. Recently she earned another chance, becoming Connecticut’s Gatorade State Player of the Year.

The award, which honors student-athletes who not only show prowess in their sports but also in their education and community work, is given out to one athlete in every state plus the District of Columbia. While Segalla has found success in all three soccer and basketball, she won the 2022 Gatorade State Player of the Year award for her achievements in track and field.

“The most astonishing thing is that this is her first year running track,” said HVRHS Athletic Director Anne MacNeil.

At the Class S State meet in June, Segalla won all three of her events — the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash — while also breaking the Class S record for the 100- and 400-meter dash. Her time in the latter ranked third in the nation with a time of 52.96 seconds. Segalla then went on to claim first in the 400-meter dash in the New England Interscholastic Championships and sixth in the same heat in the New

Balance National Outdoors, where she claimed All-American Status.

“I was never expecting this when I first started track, so when I got the email [about the award] I was in complete shock,” said Segalla in a phone interview July 2.

“I’m excited that a banner will be hung in Housy to represent it. I feel like that’s good for the school. I was happy I was able to do it for Housy.”

While competing for the Mountaineers, Segalla has continued her work with soccer as a part of the Connecticut Football Club, a competitive soccer program based in Bethany, as well as working as a teachers assistant and helping with youth programs in her community.

As a part of the Gatorade award, Segalla will have the opportunity to donate a \$1,000 grant to a community or national program of her choice. While she is still debating on which program specifically, Segalla said she would love to put the money towards youth programs in Region One.

“At Housy I was never really expecting to get as much recognition as I’ve gotten,” said Segalla, who has recently joined her new soccer team at Boston College for the opening camp.

“I think it’s kind of funny that I’ve committed for soccer and the gym will have my name in 1,000 points for basketball and a banner for the track award.”

ARPA FUNDS

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town has committed (but not necessarily spent) about \$136,000 on a new septic system for 107 Main Street, the “Owl Pro” camera for online municipal meetings, engineering work on the Cobble Road bridge and culvert, a new heating system for the town garage, a new roof for the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society building, water system repairs at the D.M. Hunt Library, and an electric vehicle charging station.

Additional ARPA expenditures are on hold because of a disagreement between the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance over the latter’s role in deciding how to spend the federal money.

The town put out a survey about the use of ARPA funds. Some 67 people responded and their top three priorities were: Investments in water, sewer and/or broadband infrastructure; address negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers, households, and small businesses (including nonprofits); to support ongoing pandemic response efforts.

The selectmen held an information meeting on March 3 to discuss the use of ARPA funds.

Cornwall

Cornwall (\$398,626): Cornwall has an ARPA committee with the authority to evaluate requests and disburse funds. To date the committee has approved \$204,415 in 18 grants to organizations including the Cornwall Child Center, the Cornwall Historical Society, the Cornwall Library, the West Cornwall Library, The Little Guild, and the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund.

Sharon

Sharon (\$787,008): At meetings in May and June the Board of Selectmen announced ARPA funds for two individuals for a total of about \$4,000; nonprofit organizations (\$15,000 for the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$10,000 for the Greenwoods Counseling Center and \$5,000 for the Housatonic Valley Association); \$8,000 for the American Legion Post #126 for furnace replacement; \$28,000 to The Edward wine bar for accrued back taxes,

rent, payroll and insurance; and the Sharon Tavern received \$15,000 for accrued tax bills, utilities and rent. Both businesses requested the funds to offset business costs associated with the pandemic lockdown.

Also: Deer Run Road was allocated \$33,170 toward internet access for four homes and the 57 households along Silver Lake Shores Road received \$38,000 for drainage and road maintenance, along with lost homeowners’ association fees.

Demonstrating loss of revenue, the Sharon United Methodist Church received

funding to cover the pastor’s salary and benefits, along with utility bills and funding owed to their New York Conference.

Sharon Day Care accommodated 18 additional children during the pandemic, requiring renovations; and installed air purifiers to combat the virus. The selectmen allocated \$10,000 to offset those costs.

The remainder of the first half of the ARPA funds will provide \$90,000 for the purchase and installation of a new generator at Town Hall and the Sewer and Water Department will receive \$90,000

for three new generators and repair of the existing generator.

Kent

Kent (\$812,763): Kent set up a committee to make recommendations on ARPA fund expenditures, and on June 22, after receiving the committees report, the selectmen authorized immediate disbursement of \$106,000: \$80,000 to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department for an upgraded communications system, fitness room improvements, a new stair-chair and the purchase of automatic external defibrillators; and \$26,000 for the Kent Board of Education to fund an after-school and summer education enrichment program.

North Canaan

North Canaan (\$951,492): First Selectman Charlie Perotti was out of town, and Selectman Craig Whiting provided this update:

“We do have a committee, we had an informal meeting just to hand out the guidelines to everyone as to what the funds can be spent on and... the priorities such as first responders, essential PPE supplies, HVAC upgrades to the town hall as well as technology upgrades, but no funds have been officially designated at this time. We are going to meet again in July.”

DEEP TREES

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that DEEP develop a policy that engages the public as it carries out hazardous tree management. Specifically, the new law requires DEEP to include criteria for designating a tree as hazardous in the first place.

DEEP’s new policy, which will be the subject of a virtual public meeting on Monday, July 11, (see link below) calls for it to:

- consult with a licensed arborist “prior to the designation and removal or mitigation of a hazard tree;
- advance notice to the public, including signage and posting online;
- consideration of replanting and other relevant improvements to offset the aesthetic or ecological value of a tree that is removed.

The agency makes note of the fact that it will be required to meet the demands of the new law within its available resources, because no additional resources were provided in the legislation. It also comments that the fiscal impact of some of the proposed practices in the draft policy are unknown.

DEEP’s states that it has erred on the side of maintaining flexibility to implement the policy within its current budget.

Heritage Trees

The proposed policy sets out a method for identifying “Heritage Trees” that are considered to be the most significant in terms of aesthetic

and ecological value. It will consult with licensed arborists for recommendations on the classification of such trees, and consider arborists’ mitigation measures.

The agency also will provide 14 days advance notice of any hazardous tree mitigation activity by posting on the DEEP website, with signage on-site and marking each individual tree. A Heritage tree would be identified with its own sign attached to the tree.

Replanting

DEEP’s draft policy states that it will consider replanting trees in order to reestablish benefits provided by the ecosystem, however it lacks a funding source. The agency’s draft policy points to past success in collaborating with local nonprofits to support planting and care of new trees, which often need specialized care such as watering and protection from animals as saplings.

Before and after the legislation became law, DEEP had begun meeting with environmental organizations and a group of citizens called the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA). Besides HMPA, local organizations involved include the Housatonic Valley Association, the Housatonic River Commission and the Audubon Society.

To register for the Monday, July 11 virtual public meeting go to portal.ct.gov/DEEP/About/Public-Notices.

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ment Committee.

Harding criticized the state legislature’s Democratic supermajority for ramping up spending “when we finally have a little money.”

He said unless the GOP wins seats “across the board, things are not going to change.”

He said 30th District towns “send too much money to Hartford and too little

comes back. We get trampled on time and time again.”

George Logan, running for Congress from the Fifth Congressional District, slammed incumbent Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) on her voting record, saying Hayes is “100% in line with” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

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Fantastical Creatures Come Alive in an Ancient Apple Tree

This has been the summer of author Madeleine L'Engle, at least here in Litchfield County, Conn., where the author spent much of her later life (she and her husband even owned the general store in Goshen, Conn., for many years).

This summer, the Goshen Players are presenting a stage production of L'Engle's most famous work, "A Wrinkle in Time" (most recently made into a Hollywood feature film released in 2018 and starring Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Chris Pine).

"Wrinkle" is part of a five-book series (known as the Time Quintet series) that follows the lives of the mathematically gifted Murray family. Much of what the series explores is the idea of travel through time and space using a wrinkle in time (time is the fourth dimension, time/space travel is the fifth dimension).

Although the books are about fairly sophisticated concepts of physics, their popularity is largely due to the complicated dynamics of siblings, families and loyalty.

It seems fitting then



PHOTO BY JOE BRIEN

Sculptor Joseph Jude Brien has created a sculptural homage to the work of author Madeleine L'Engle.

that L'Engle's own family continues to honor the author's memory (she died in 2007). Charlotte Jones Voiklis is L'Engle's granddaughter; this year she commissioned a West Cornwall, Conn., sculptor and educator named Joseph Jude Brien to create a sculpture from an old apple tree on the family's

property here that was blown down by a windstorm in 2020.

Voiklis asked Brien to create a sculpture from the tree that was inspired by the Time Quintet. After giving it some thought, Brien came up with a work that evokes some of the non-human characters that populate L'Engle's books.

"She describes many fantastical creatures including a majestic unicorn, a feathered beast with multiple eyes, helpful serpents, benevolent dragons and microscopic organisms dwelling within our DNA strands," Brien said, challenging viewers to see how many creatures they can find

in the work.

For now, the sculpture can be seen at the Old Goshen Town Hall at the traffic rotary where Route 4 meets Route 63. The property is the home of the Goshen Players (their production of "A Wrinkle in Time" was staged between June 3 and 12).

This fall, Brien said, "we may transport the sculpture to Wisdom House in Litchfield, where there is going to be a Madeleine L'Engle retreat.

"I'm thrilled to have created this piece and look forward to its journeys in the future. It will eventually be on display, outdoors, at Charlotte Jones Voiklis's home in Goshen, where her grandmother, Madeleine L'Engle, lived and wrote many of her books."

OUTDOOR CONCERTS IN CORNWALL, CONN.

Two outdoor music festivals are offered this summer by the Park and Recreation Commission in Cornwall, Conn. The first was on Friday, July 1, and featured bluegrass music by the Zolla Boys. There was a food truck and an ice cream truck and activities for children.

Next up will be a concert Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring jazz music

by Wanda Houston and the HBH band.

This concert coincides with the Taste of Cornwall, featuring food from local growers and vendors. There will be ice cream and activities for children, too.

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"WILD ROSE"

You may have seen Jessie Buckley as the young mother in "The Lost Daughter," which earned this 33-year-old Irish actress a 2022 Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress. You will see all her thrilling talents displayed in "Wild Rose," an acclaimed but little-known 2018 British film written by Nicole Taylor and directed by Tom Harper

Here she plays Rose-Lynn Harlan, just released from a Glasgow prison on a mistaken charge of drug smuggling and reunited with her two young children. She has lost her job with a band at Glasgow's Grand Ole Opry but aspires to be a country singer in London or even Nashville. "Life is three chords and the truth," is her mantra.

Some of these dreams are realized. She makes a recording that gets her to London and eventually travels to Nashville, where there is a stirring turning point on stage at the Ryman Auditorium. But it's only a moment, and real life intrudes in the heart-breaking scenes that follow.

Buckley is a terrific singer who recently received the Laurence Olivier Award for her role as Sally Bowles in the West End revival of "Cabaret." An important bonus here is the soundtrack, which includes several original songs plus covers of songs by country artists like Emmylou Harris, Wynonna Judd, and Hank Snow. My appreciation of country music



runs no deeper than a few classic numbers by Johnny Cash and Hank Williams ("Settin' the Woods on Fire"), but I loved this movie, and so will you. Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, Apple, others

"THE ASSISTANT"

Julia Garner is best known for her role as Ruth Langmore in the Netflix drama "Ozark," which won her an Emmy for Best Supporting actress. She has a starring role in "The Assistant," a 2019 film directed by Kitty Green.

She plays Jane, a recent college graduate who has been hired as executive assistant to the demanding Boss of a film production company. The film opens before dawn as Jane enters its downtown New York office, turns on lights, tidies up and makes coffee. The day goes on; the office fills with production assistants, and Jane continues with many stressful and demanding menial tasks. The Boss is seen and heard only through several angry intercom calls and emails.

When she realizes that the Boss has been having sex with young female visitors, Jane reports it to the HR director, played to perfection by Matthew Macfadyen (Tom in "Succession"), who offers a defining moment in gaslighting as he manipulates her into not filing a report.

I won't reveal what happens next except to

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GAMES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Keening of the Pipes, the Tapping Of the Drums and of Course the Haggis Toss

Things don't always go the way you'd like them to but you can still find joy in them. Such was the case with last Sunday's Round Hill Highland Games at Lime Rock Park in Lime Rock, Conn., which went from the early morning hours on June 26 until about 4 p.m., when the pipe band competition ended.

Some years there are numerous competitors in the piping and drumming department. Always there are magnificent tartan kilts and the hats that I'm certain have a special name, I just don't know what it is.

I think the kilts are the most fetching on the very large men who are

always there competing in different arenas; in the piping competition, you find the most impressive, what my late husband used to call Great Big Men. Apparently it takes a big man to hold and march with the massive pipe band drums.

It's a shame that it's never misty at Lime Rock when the pipe bands emerge from the wooded areas at the edge of the competition area.

The keening of the bagpipes and the steady rat-tat-tat of the drums is eerie and ghostly and gorgeous. Often the drummers do impressive twirls with their tasseled drum sticks.

At this point you are no doubt feeling regret that you didn't attend the games, but don't: This year there were odd supply chain interruptions of the sort that have made the COVID years so extra weird and challenging.

And thus it was that for the 2022 Round Hill Highland Games — a celebration of all things Scottish — there was a shortage of sheep stomachs and the classic dish haggis (made of oatmeal in sheep innards) could not be sampled by curious epicureans at the food truck.

Worse still, there was



no haggis available for the competition known as the Haggis Toss. Sometimes pantyhose can be used to hold the oatmeal, one of the organizers said.

"But someone forgot to pick up the pantyhose," he said, darting an accusing glance at one of his partner volunteers.

Not to worry, though; often the pantyhose haggis explode on landing, so maybe it was OK that this year competitors just tossed a heavy weight wrapped in duct tape.

There were also, to circle back around to the pipe and drum competition (have you figured out yet that this is my favorite part of the day?), only a couple of teams competing this year and none of the drummers was tassel tossing. Disap-



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

pointing but we must always look to the future and the possibility of joy that is still to come.

There was also a shortage of big men tossing big telephone-sized wood poles into the air, because the top in the field were at a national strongman competition somewhere else in New England.

Often there is a lovely diversity of women of all cultures, backgrounds and ages trying their hand at throwing shot puts and lead weights on chains. There is often an impressive array of muscles and tattoos.

This year, there were fewer than a dozen.

But again, we look to next year, when the Round Hill Games will return to Lime Rock Park, with haggis and tassel twirling and perhaps a chance to remember the glories of the past and to imagine the beauty the future can still hold.

CANAAN ART GUILD SHOW IS OPEN

The Douglas Library is hosting The Canaan Art Guilds Annual Art Show for the months of June and July. Members include Mary Monnier, Ned Gow, Lynne Martin, Lois Van Cleef, Pat Medvecky, Hope Mongeau, Diane Cieslowski, Olga Schwede and Christine Luchini.

The art show is open during library hours, at 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.: Mondays 1:30 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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say it's both surprising and inevitable. This is one of the most understated films I've seen, but it gains power from Garner's performance as the victim of abuse inherent in her job.

The events and workplace depicted are obviously based on Miramax producer Harvey Weinstein, whose 30 years of sexual abuse

finally ended with a conviction for sexual assault and rape in 2020. But there are many powerful men in Hollywood and TV who treated women in similar fashion. This critically acclaimed and important drama about the #MeToo movement did not receive one Oscar nomination. Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, Apple.

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Gary Stephan: This There, June 18 to July 24.
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NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www.nemillertonlibrary.org
Book Sale Room Open, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mahaive Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaive.org
Parsons Dance, July 17, 1 p.m.
- BOOKS**
Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
A Special Evening with Gabby Bernstein, July 7, 5 p.m.
- DANCE**
Amelia Free Library, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. www.amenialibrary.org
Lego Club, Thursdays 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater, www.grumblinggryphons.org
Theater Camp, July 18 to 23.
- KIDS**
Berkshire Bach Society, Great Barrington, Mass. www.berkshirebach.org
Orli Shalom In Recital, July 9, 3 p.m.
Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org
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EDITORIAL

Hopeful news

There are weeks when life can seem too heavy with the weight of too many challenges, then there are other weeks when things happen that are uplifting and worthy of note. This week is one of the latter. There were two stories in The Lakeville Journal in the past few weeks that gave good reasons for hope and joy.

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has met its goal for its capital campaign, which went from 2020 to now. When one realizes that goal went from \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million mid-campaign, this fact is made all the more awe inspiring. The library is a gem and a treasure, as are others in the Northwest Corner, and its board has been trying to find a way to renovate and expand it for years. Now, after so much effort on the part of its board, its staff and the town, this will finally happen.

Kudos to all who worked on this over the years, but especially to Board President Tom Trowbridge, Chair of the Capital Campaign Lorna D. Edmondson, Chair of the Building Project Committee David Moore and Executive Director Gretchen Hachmeister. Their keeping at this with such dedication has led to a new design for a larger library, and the beginning of construction after so much planning. This is a major achievement that will benefit their town and the wider community, as there can be space for more events that will welcome in many more people from around the region.

At Salisbury Central School, SOAR Director Linda Sloane is retiring after five years at the helm of that unique after-school program. In honor of that milestone, a mural that was created with the help of the American Mural Project in Winsted and students at the school. Last week, in a ceremony at the school, it was dedicated to SOAR's founder, the late Zenas Block.

SOAR (Seek, Originate, Aim, Reach) was the brainchild of Block, who was charmingly relentless in his advocacy and dedication to forming an after-school program that would give children the chance to expand their knowledge, their learning and their fun. He funded the program, encouraged others to do the same, and designed it in a way that has made it survive and thrive over many years.

So many from the community have taught a wide variety of classes as part of the SOAR program, giving students the chance to learn about the varied creative activities that are open to them in life. And so many students have been affected over the years by having this kind of program available for their after-school hours. Here's hoping all those children have found ways to incorporate what they learned after school, as well as in school, into more full and enriching lives in the years that followed those they had at Salisbury Central.

Let's all take heart from these two stories and find the hope to start our own creative initiatives that will benefit our wider community.

Daylilies, not lilies

Just a little comment to the photo on the opinion page: true – when people think “lilies” these days, they most often think daylilies, which are unrelated to true lilies. The depicted common orange daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*) is an invasive nuisance, taking over and sometimes replacing our native and beautiful Canada lilies (*Lilium canadense*), which used to be common along roadsides and in meadows.

These daylilies are almost impossible to eradicate and — if at all — ought to be planted only in a confining container.

Fritz Mueller

Sharon

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The Robbers' Court: Raiders of democracy

“If the policy of the Government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court... the people will have ceased to be their own rulers. . . .”

— Abraham Lincoln
Prior to 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court celebrated The Marshall Court, The Warren Court, The Burger Court, chagrined by The Taney Court, the only Court upending an act of Congress — Missouri Compromise-producing the Dred Scot decision. At the time, 1854, the New York Courier reported “The Court, in trying this case, is itself on trial.”

Over 233 years, 16 Courts have been named for their Chief Justice. When SCOTUS history is recorded for 2005 until now, it shall not be named for the Chief Justice who did not steer it. Rather

this Court will be named for its behavior — the Robbers' Court. Today's Court seated with an overwhelming religious affiliation and a proclivity to dismiss decades, centuries of Court law, will be infamous, will be recorded as seeing itself untethered to what has been, what is the will of the people.

The Robbers' Court conservative justices boast they are in no way beholden to the American public, they proclaim law, they work in the Shadows, they target established law with *stare decisis* abandonment, they are experts on climate, vaccines, women's health. Alito recoils on rights emerging as society expands and alters. He proclaims “those who claim that it protects such a right must show that the right is somehow implicit in the constitutional text.” Justice Alito with colleagues rob the nation of



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Cooling Kent Falls

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Understand the divide over abortion

The news about the now infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study came out in 1972. In 1973 the Roe v. Wade decision was made by the Supreme Court. In 1974 I started medical school in Canada. For an elective in my first or second year I took a course in medical ethics that had just been started in the university Philosophy Department. Our textbook was “The Patient as Person” by Paul Ramsey, a Christian theologian. It was published in New Haven in 1970.

During that course one of the discussions centered around the controversy over abortion and the context was learning about the two different ethical approaches used by people to evaluate what is right. Deontologists decide

what is right based on a rigid set of principles (think the Ten Commandments) usually having an origin outside of themselves (God, the law, a parent). Teleologists decide what is right by trying to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number. It is an inner-self based decision and less easily determined than the deontological kind. “De”, of course, refers to God. “Teleo” is Greek for end or goal. I realized at that time that the abortion issue was never going to go away because the divide in moral approaches is too deep.

The course had a profound impact on me as a graduate physician. Just think of the title of the book, “The Patient as Person.” The patient is not their disease, not an organ in

room 306, not a product being churned through an industrialized medical or surgical procedure but a whole being, with a right to know, a right to decide for him or herself, a right to choose how to live and how to die. Later I latched onto Dr. Peter Reyelt's coattails when he created the first medical ethics committee at Sharon Hospital and I became its second chair after him. It was a very useful committee that created guidelines and solved dilemmas for the hospital's physicians. I can't imagine it still exists, or it would never let NuVance continue in their quest to diminish services and thereby cause harm to patients.

Anna Timell

West Cornwall

Primary care is our highest priority

As the chair of Primary Care at NuVance Health, I work closely with Sharon Hospital's leaders and community physicians to expand access to primary care across Sharon Hospital's service area. This work is essential to creating a healthier community, but it also poses many challenges, such as recruiting and retaining practitioners to our many types of medical settings, especially in rural health environments. Today's critical workforce shortage has further increased the challenges we face.

In a rural market like ours, we must be creative to attract new talent to the area to build and maintain a strong primary care infrastructure for the future. Please know we are leaving no stone unturned in our efforts.

In addition, we are partnering with our region's public officials to pursue a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation to lower the barriers we currently experience in our recruitment efforts. Together with our

current medical professionals and Sharon Hospital's community board, we continue to identify strategies for attracting new clinicians to the area and create a supportive and welcoming environment upon their arrival.

In fact, our local recruitment committee — led by our board of directors — spearheaded the newly released Sharon Hospital recruitment video, which featured local actors and trusted Sharon Hospital physicians discussing what they love about this community hospital and our region.

I am happy to share that through these myriad efforts, we have hired three new primary care professionals in the last year.

The new members of our team are Tamar Wilms and Karen Arel, Nurse Practitioners, and most recently, a Harvard Medical School educated physician who will join the Sharon Hospital team in September as a primary care clinician.

These new clinicians join

a team of professionals who have been providing top-notch primary care to residents across Sharon Hospital's service area for many years. As we welcome new primary care clinicians and continue recruitment, we appreciate the continued dedication of our long-time teammates. We are working hard to ensure they are supported in serving this community.

We will continue to get creative in attracting new clinicians so we can transform care to best support the needs of our community into the future. We look forward to continuing to partner with Sharon Hospital's board, community physicians, and entire community in this important work.

Cornelius Ferreira, MD
Chair, Primary Care at NuVance Health

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Viewpoint

The immorality of 'Dobbs v. Jackson,' from a pastor

The cancellation of Roe v. Wade is a gut punch to many people of faith.

I write as a student of the Bible, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a pastor to voice my support for abortion rights, and my fury at the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson. While much opposition to abortion is grounded in religious conviction, it is equally true that religious convictions lead many to honor and advocate for women's control over their bodies.

Writing for the conservative majority, Justice Alito opens the court's opinion by observing that "Abortion presents a profound moral issue on which Americans hold sharply conflicting views." In addition to stating the obvious, Justice Alito immediately presents his opinion as political. Morality and politics are inextricably related, even more than morality and the law. Morality evaluates right, wrong, good, or bad according to a philosophical or religious framework. Politics reveals what sort of philosophical or religious framework we have decided to live by. Samuel Alito is as free as any person to hold forth on morals and politics. But his opening salvo is backed up with no reflection on the sources, claims, or nuances of morality, leaving the impression that the decision was developed through moral bias rather than moral reasoning.

The justices who prevailed in Dobbs v. Jackson have introduced new instability into our common life, by sharply damaging the conditions necessary for the well-being of women. The blithe descriptions of women's options for dealing with an unwanted child disregard the extraordinary burden of pregnancy itself. To show no regard for a lived experience is immoral.

The justices show overlook the grave disparities in care across racial and socio-economic conditions. To show no concern for the conditions in which people live is immoral. The justices' treatment of women's control of their own bodies as a secondary concern, if that. To fail to recognize women's autonomy and agency is to reinforce a patriarchal status quo that continues to traumatize women, which is immoral.

Dobbs describes faults in the reasoning of Roe, and the guiding principle that rights not expressly found in the Constitution or in the historical record must not be created by the court. Such a legal principle may have merit — but only if the court were consistent in its use. This court's expansion of rights for gun wielders demonstrates otherwise. How can those same justices support the last 14 words of the Second Amendment, separating them from the first 13, without discarding the expressed will of the document? How can originalists, who focus on the meaning of words when the Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791, anachronistically allow the use of integrated cartridges, not invented until 1808? Is it not hypocritical of those jurists, to tease out of the constitution what they like, ignore what they dislike, and decide what's enumerated or unenumerated based on a partial reading of the text?

These questions may reveal my lack of legal knowledge. At the same time, the questions come out of a decades-long vocational commitment to reading texts with respect for the precious value of what those

contain. Whether the document we have elected to live by is legal or scriptural or literary, whether the reader is a Supreme Court justice or a local church pastor or a concerned neighbor, I believe that morality requires a

vigorous defense of the fullness of life for each person. Fullness of life means more than the presence of breath and heartbeat: it means that each person's integrity and agency is valued and respected by our communities and our legal codes.

The rejection of Roe v. Wade is already leading to the denial of fullness of life for women in our country. The decision was made, ostensibly, out of concern for the lives of fetuses — but until each woman is free to choose when and whether to bear a child, the state is categorically denying them fullness of life. As a pastor, I stand implacably opposed to the immoral decision of the Supreme Court, and I stand in support of women choosing their way to life abundant.

The Rev. John A. Nelson, M.Div., D.Min, is pastor and teacher of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ.

GUEST COMMENTARY JOHN A. NELSON

The justices who prevailed in Dobbs v. Jackson have introduced new instability into our common life.



Pro-Choice Catholics

I am a Teddy Kennedy/Mario Cuomo pro-choice Catholic.

Who likes abortion? No one. It is grisly and a violation of the woman's body and the fetus.

And: Try this on. Going back to the "super saints", Jerome, Augustine and Aquinas, the Catholic Church, you are reading this right, believed that the fetus was an INVADER, the AGGRESSOR and the woman must be protected in ALL circumstances.

I was visiting with my favorite liquor lady as she was reading the paper with its headline, ROE OVERTURNED!

I said, Women are going to

get abortions no matter what. Liquor lady erupted — Women! What about 14-year-old girls in dark alleys!

If you've never been upbraided by your liquor lady, it's all ahead of you.

Will it take courage for a poor woman/girl to travel from Texas to Connecticut to secure safe reproductive rights? You Bet(o) your Greg Abbott it will.

And what rights will SCOTUS come after next? Anything about privacy? That seems to be fair game. I have two women friends in Pennsylvania who got married a few years back as soon as it was legal in the Keystone State. They are highly accomplished, terrified and courageous nonetheless.

And courage? Can we commend Cassidy Hutchinson for her bravery?

Fave Hutchinson moment? When she cites the ketchup sliding down the wall in the Ovum Office after the Big Whopper threw his whoppers against the wall, having heard Bill Barr's denial of The Big Lie.

There's a McDonald's commercial showing an oversized burger with cheese as a kid bites in and we see the ketchup oozing over and out of the bun.

Part of the copy is "leaving behind a graveyard of napkins."

Big W doesn't need anything but the tablecloth as his graveyard.

Just saw that the Whopper says Cassidy is mentally unstable and that Donnie The Idiot Jr called her the coffee girl.

Who's calling whom unstable? I call Jr., not to disparage idiots, The Idiot because before he was born The Whopper wondered whether to name him Jr. What if

he turns out to be an idiot? Seems that's his Nick around the WH.

I seem to be falling in love every day or so. Liz Cheney. I said this to a male friend and he said, It's the way she throws back her blonde hair. Then Chelsea Handler, another blonde, said it best — Morality is sexy.

A woman said to me years ago, I could fall in love with a green blob on the sidewalk if it had real intelligence.

I've been compared to a green blob more than once. As for the intelligence part, the jury is out.

As is SCOTUS, perhaps. All Hail to Ketanji Brown Jackson! Can she talk some sense to Coney No-Abort Barrett?

Doubtful. But as Thomas Middleton's Jacobean play has it, and his fearless female, Bianca, Women Beware Women.

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

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

After all these years: Culture shock

I had never heard the expression "culture shock" until the days when I was getting myself prepared to immigrate to the United States of America. And that was almost 43 years ago, when friends cautioned me with words such as, "Just so you know, you will be experiencing a serious culture shock when you go to America. It's a whole different world out there. Different language. Different people. Different customs and the way they do things there, you might be shocked."

But despite all those warnings I received from my friends, none of those alarming predictions came true. In fact, what took place in the early weeks, months or years in this country was beyond my dreams of what America means to me. From the first moment I stepped my feet on the soil of this new country, I felt genuinely at home. There was an aura of freedom of living and breathing and enjoying every aspect of the new country I had just moved to.

I remember walking for hours and hours from the top of Manhattan, as I visited the Museum of Natural History. There I came face to face with prehistoric civilizations and early humans and then, I walked south towards to MoMa and the Whitney and kept walking, only stopping to grab a hot dog from a vendor who happened to be an Egyptian. Then, I continued

my stroll all the way down to Soho where I stood for hours, fascinated by avant-garde paintings being exhibited at one of the modern art galleries.

This was the America I encountered and lived in for a long time. And then, when I began to work, I had no problem working with coworkers who were ethnically and culturally different. I felt the joy of being embraced by people who had a whole different lifestyle, and in turn, I wholeheartedly embraced every Black, Latino, Jewish, Italian and Irish person I met who at times were gay, lesbian or a transgender. None of these differences sparked any possibility of a cultural shock, which in my mind was simply an expression of intolerance and unwillingness to accept others.

Now, after decades of living in bliss and harmony, yes, for the first time I am experiencing the displeasure and the agony of culture shock. Within the last decade or so, I feel that something drastic has fundamentally changed the country. There is total disregard toward proper conduct of discourse, and stereotyping and racism has become commonplace. But

since I am not a political scientist, I am totally unable to point to any circumstance that caused this change. I am wondering if this change took place because of a specific individual or a party and or it is simply a reaction to economic or social development. I think of it is perhaps because of the middle class losing its golden years of abundance of cars and cash, when an entire manufacturing industry has been transported overseas or perhaps the advance of technology and how it affected employment and the popularity of social media? I have no clue.

All I know is that suddenly the country is being transformed into a medieval village, where we are governed by a cult driven by belief in ancient mythologies, folk tales or conspiracy theories, instead of by rules of logic and common sense, democracy and equality.

Nowhere does this totally insane and brutal mindset appear as clearly as when the Supreme Court of the United States is considering forbidding women from addressing their own physical and health needs, based solely on antiquated religious doctrines. This is regardless of the circumstances, so if the

woman's pregnancy was the product of rape or sexual harassment or if the woman can even afford to raise a child without having the means to do so. And while women will go through the guilt, the pain and the hardship to raise a child, (listen to this) men, after impregnating a woman, are given carte blanche to go onto their next sexual conquest without any responsibility and accountability. This is simply shocking on all levels of social behavior.

And now, after all these years, I hear the mocking voices of my friends who tease me saying, "You see, we warned you but you didn't believe us", to which I regrettably respond with, "You were right my friend, it took me a whole lifetime but now I feel like I am a living example of Culture Shock!"

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I AM WIDE AWAKE VAROUJAN FROUNDJIAN

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The Town of Salisbury is considering an ordinance against feeding bears and perhaps it is best to educate the public on how to live with the bears. A good place to start is with the CTDEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Living-with-Black-Bears>. Lots of good basic information on bears. A better place is the ecologist Harry White's website and read his article on The way of the Bear, <http://harrywhite.org/2018/11/18/the-way-of-the-bear/>. Harry has an incredible insight in the life cycle of bears and how best to both respect them and live with them in harmony.

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