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

Schools will open, in person, Aug. 30

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One schools will reopen Monday, Aug. 30, with in-person instruction and COVID-19 pandemic safety measures (masks and social distancing).

The district includes the kindergarten-to-eight schools in Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon; and the shared Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

In an interview Thursday, Aug. 12, Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter said that neither the state education nor health departments had issued formal guidelines for reopening.

They have made "broad recommendations," including mandatory masks for everyone in school buildings, at least through Sept. 30.

Carter said she and other superintendents have been advised that Gov. Ned Lamont is "reviewing data" and will decide how to proceed soon after Sept. 30.

Carter said there will not be a remote learning option. "We will provide resources and support for anyone who is out for illness or quarantine."

She said the emergence of the Delta variant of COVID-19 "was an unexpected curve ball," and the optimism that administrators had felt at the start of the summer has been somewhat dampened.

But Region One administrators, faculty and staff now have considerable experience in coping with the pandemic.

The bottom line, Carter said, is "everybody has to remain flexible this year."

There will be meetings in all the town

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PHOTO BY SADIE LEITE

The Mountain Turtles is the name of a group of Appalachian Trail hikers, who all met each other on the path; from left to right, each with their own unique trail names, are Wizard, Bear!, Taco, Paddle and Bugs.

The magic of making friends on the AT

By Sadie Leite

The Appalachian Trail stretches through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia — an impressively long walk of 2,193 miles for anyone who chooses to traverse its full length. Each year, more than 3 million people choose to either hike the whole trail, as "thru-hikers," or walk it in sections.

Beginning in late spring, hundreds of thru-hikers, section hikers and day hikers pass through the Northwest Corner, mainly showing up in Salisbury, Kent and Falls Village. They are notable for their large backpacks, long hair and muscular legs. All have interesting stories to share from their days/weeks/hours on the trail and most are happy to chat. And while most will happily tell you their legal names, their first impulse will be to share a "trail name," usually bestowed on

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Everyone is invited to celebrate with SVAS

By Sadie Leite

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trotta Field on Salmon Kill Road (the rain date is Aug 22). Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate the volunteers who work hard to save lives in Salisbury.

Assistant Chief Mike Brenner, who is the longest serving member (a volunteer since 1977), said there will be food and games, and that most of the volunteer squad's equipment will be out on the field: two trailers, two ambulances, a mass casualty trailer — and the town's oldest rescue vehicle, a 1963 Dodge power wagon known as "the green machine" because of its coloring. The wagon was purchased by the ambulance squad in 1980.

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PHOTOS COURTESY SALISBURY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SQUAD
SVAS volunteers turn out for events such as the ski jumps, at right, and the Memorial Day parade.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

The farm market in Kent (in photo, above, and three in Cornwall) have the most luscious foods and flowers of the season, now for sale.

Farm markets at their season peak

By Leila Hawken and Lans Christensen

Summer vegetables are hitting their peak right now, especially with the arrival of corn and tomatoes at farmstands and markets.

Two towns that continue to have thriving markets, where local growers come together weekly, are Kent and Cornwall.

The Original Cornwall Farm Market in West Cornwall village on the lawn of The Wish House operates Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1-ish p.m., until mid-October, according to organizer Bianca Griggs.

Summer crops are coming in now, with vegetables and baked goods from J. A. Church Farm in nearby Sharon; Carol Bonci's artisan breads and pizza squares; and occasional appearances by Nick the Knife and his sharpening services.

Also look for Teresa Pattison

and her poison ivy remedies and teas, Amy's cheesecake, and an array of everything a well-stocked kitchen needs, from potholders to preserves at the Chapel of All Saints tent.

The first Saturday of each month brings the sounds of jazz provided by Carol Leven and Nick Moran.

Cornwall Co-Op Farm Market on the Village Green on Pine Street, a few miles from West Cornwall, is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through October or until the snow flies.

Offered are veggies, meats, baked goods, maple syrup, herbs and flowers, and whatever else may be ready and delicious.

Appearing on a Saturday could be Birdseye and Tanner Brooks Farm meats and woven goods, Buck Mountain Herbs, Calf and Clover Farm, Hurlburt Farm, James Fox Soups,

Maple Hill Farm, Mohawk Mushrooms, Ridgway Farm, Suzie's Sweets and Steven's Corn and others.

The Local in West Cornwall also offers artisanal products, fresh meats and vegetables, baked goods, prepared foods, flowers and more, on Fridays and Saturdays (www.thecornwalllocalct.com).

The place to go for home-grown and handmade items in Kent is the farmers market at 9 South Main, just past the traffic light and opposite the NAPA store.

Open Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m., there are 17 vendors this year including the Village Farm in Gaylordsville, with fresh and delicious vegetables thanks to Brian O'Leary and Lise Goede-waagen.

Ridgway Farm brings abundant produce and flowers from Cornwall.

There are embroidered

goods from Cozy Cabin Creations, lavender-themed goods from Vine Gate Lavender Floral Farm, wildflower and knotweed honey from Falconwood Farms, humanely raised and produced grass-fed, black Angus beef from De Hoek Farm in New Milford.

Chef Rody Manousakis has tempting baked goods at My Chef To Go table. Originally from Montreal, and with a Greek background, her spanakopita is worth a trip to Kent.

Another new vendor has to be mentioned: DoggyLicious: Pet treats and jerky, with all-natural ingredients, no salt, sugar or preservatives.

The Community Farmers Market is new, in Kent Barns, and sells produce from Rock Cobble Farm in South Kent. Order online (www.rockcobblefarm.com/home) and pick up on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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 Saturday..... Thunderstorms, 81°/66°
 Sunday..... Thunderstorms, 84°/66°

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lions Club honors two community volunteers and NCES principal

By Helen Mahoney

NORTH CANAAN — On Thursday evening, Aug. 12, the Canaan Northwest Lions Club hosted an awards ceremony dinner at the Pilgrim House in North Canaan, to honor three community members. The program was led by John Mahoney, club president.

Ed Fenton, the Lions Club district governor, opened the ceremony by speaking about the Rose Amanda Freeman Award, named after the wife of the founder of Lions Club International, Melvin Jones.

Two people received the Rose Amanda Freeman Award for their service: Elizabeth Kowalski and Gladys Wilcox. Helen Mahoney, club secretary, spoke of the many accomplishments of Elizabeth Kowalski, who has been a Li-

ons Club member for almost 40 years, during which time she has served as an officer and chairperson. Louise Riley, director of Fishes and Loaves, introduced Gladys Wilcox, who is not a Lion member, but is deserving of this award as a steadfast volunteer for the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry for the last 14 years. Both of these women have demonstrated a long-term commitment to serving the community.

John Mahoney spoke on behalf of the Lion of the Year recipient, Alicia Roy, principal of North Canaan Elementary School. This award goes to the outstanding Lion of the year. He expressed the Lions Club appreciation for her service to the school community under extraordinarily difficult circumstances this past year due to COVID-19.

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

LEGAL NOTICES

**Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Inland Wetlands &
Watercourses Commission**

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 9, 2021:

Approved-Application 2021-IW-016 by Jean Faucher to develop a single-family residential lot in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 66 as lot 03 and is known as 52 Preston Lane Salisbury. The owner of the property is Jean Faucher.

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

08-19-21

Legal Notice
The David M. Hunt Library

Association of Falls Village, CT will hold its public Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. followed by a celebration in honor of Ellery (Woods) Sinclair's 50th year of volunteer service on the Board. This year's meeting will be held outdoors under the tent at the library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting and celebration will be moved indoors; due to Covid-19, masks are required inside the library. Interested attendees may call library Director Erica Joncyk at (860) 824-7424 to RSVP and obtain further information, or send an email inquiry to DMHuntLibrary@fvs.org with "Annual Meeting Rsvp" in the subject line. Please make attendance inquiries, whether by phone or email, by 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2021.

Roxann Steinberg Whitaker
Secretary
D.M. Hunt Library
08-19-21

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Multiple court dates

On Aug 8 at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Foote Avenue in North Canaan Charles Parmalee, 41, of North Canaan was found, following an investigation, to be dominant aggressor in a disturbance with a female adult victim. He was charged with disorderly conduct. Parmalee was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court the next day on Aug. 9. On Aug. 9 he was arrested again in North Canaan and charged with violating his release in the second degree and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 10.

Robbery investigation

On Aug. 12 at approximately 3:45 p.m. on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall Brian Baras, 34, of Winsted was arrested in connection with an investigation in the robbery of National Iron Bank in Cornwall. He was charged with failure to comply with fingerprint requirements, larceny in the sixth degree, robbery in the second degree, breach of peace in the second degree and interference with an investigative search. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 13.

Clothing for Salisbury youth

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services is sponsoring a back-to-school program. Gift cards for school clothing will be provided to children in the town of Salisbury. Families who are in need are asked to call Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.

Soccer sign-ups

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Recreation Commission is planning to offer soccer this fall. Programs are available for Salisbury residents in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

The commission has moved to an online registration process through Rec Desk: Go to www.salisburyct.us to register for programs. Registration ends Aug. 23. For more information, contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860-435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us.

Correction

An article in the Aug. 12 Lakeville Journal incorrectly said that Sharon Hospital and NuVance are considering opening a clinic in North Canaan. It is Torrington Health & Wellness Center that is considering putting a clinic there.

Neighbor dispute

On Aug. 14 at approximately 4:30 p.m. at a residence on Cream Hill Road in Cornwall Troop B responded to a report of a confrontation between neighbors involving yelling and making verbal threats. No police action was taken at that time. That same night at 7:30 p.m. Troop B returned to investigate a report of William Karl Spencer, 60, of Cornwall, who had been involved in the previous confrontation, now cutting down trees and dropping them onto his neighbor's property. He was charged with criminal trespassing in the first degree and criminal mischief in the second degree. Spencer was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 30.

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

Investigation continues on bank robberies, despite two arrests

By Cynthia Hochswender

Two arrests have now been made in connection with the attempted robbery of the National Iron Bank on Aug. 6. On that date, the Connecticut State Police had arrested Jay William Puzinski, 48, a resident of Winsted, in connection with the robbery.

The police said at the time that they were seeking another man in connection with the robbery. Based on images in a bank security video, the police suspected the second man in that robbery had also been connected with a robbery Aug. 2 at the Sharon branch of Salisbury Bank and Trust.

Another arrest was made on Aug. 12, see Police Blotter this page. The man arrested on that date is Brian Baras, 34, also of Winsted.

The State Police were asked if this ends the investigation into the two bank robberies.

Their response: "According to Connecticut State Police, Western District Major Crime, the investigation is ongoing and it is not yet clear if there will be additional arrests relative to those incidents."

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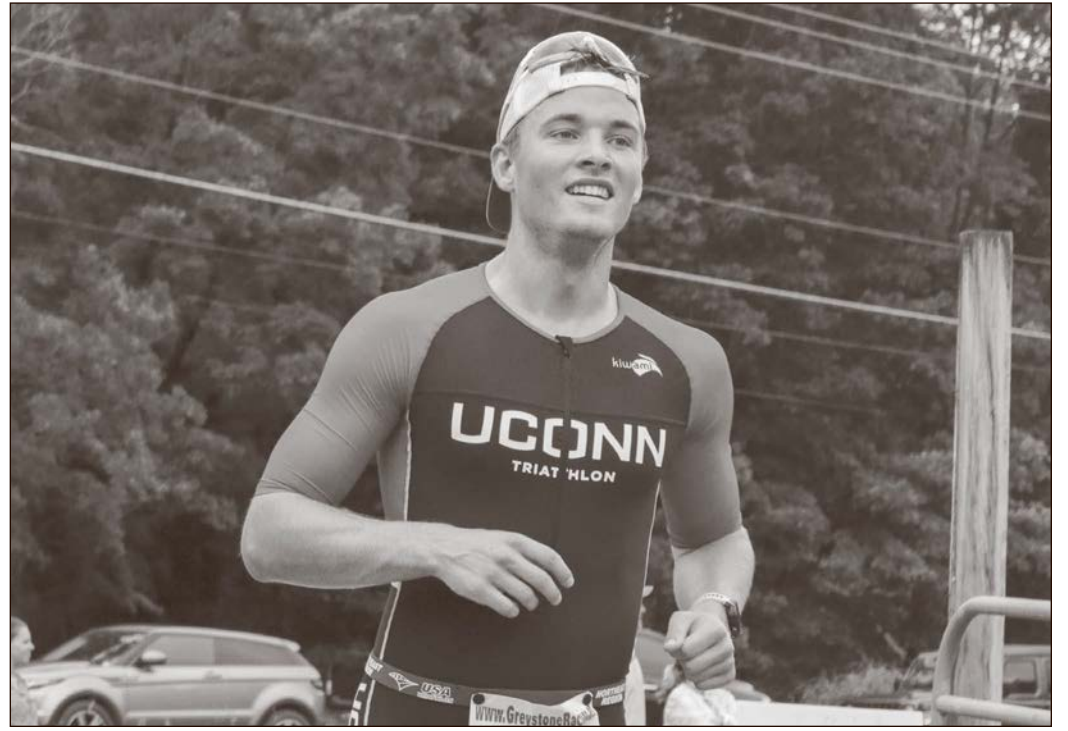
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The first-place finisher for the women was Eileen Bernhardt, left, who, along with Jack McCarron, right, and the first-place team, was awarded a trophy, a bottle of wine courtesy of Cascade Mountain Winery in Amenia, and a Rose of Sharon bush.

Largest attendance, fewer restrictions at annual sprint triathlon

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — With the clock ticking away past three hours, tired athletes patted each other on the back and talked strategy while getting refreshments. Having just completed

the 14th annual Sharon Sprint Triathlon, and without any major health restrictions, the competitive edge subsided into camaraderie.

For this year's race, which took place on Saturday, Aug. 14, the Sharon Parks and Rec-

reation Commission chose to scale back the health and safety measures that were in place from the year before. Spectators were allowed this year, although masks were still recommended (but not required). The commission also brought

back a post-race award ceremony and pre-packaged snacks and drinks.

"It's pretty normal this year, we didn't have to do a lot out of the ordinary," said Matt Andruslis-Mette, the director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Sharon, who finished 29th on the day.

Registration for the triathlon began in January and was open on www.active.com until Thursday, Aug. 12. This year's race attracted 102 contestants, the largest ever for the Sharon Sprint Triathlon and a significant improvement over last year's race, when only 80 people were allowed to register due to safety restrictions.

Athletes headed for the beach five minutes before 8 a.m., dipping toes into the still water of Mudge Pond to try to acclimate themselves to the water temperature. The men started first, followed by the women four minutes later.

After a half-mile swim, the athletes swapped swim caps for bicycle shoes, and embarked on a 12-mile ride from Mudge

Pond to The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, through Sharon and back to Mudge Pond.

Then came the most challenging part of the race: a 4-mile run consisting of multiple uphill slopes.

The first one to cross the finish line was a familiar face: Jack McCarron, 22, of Kent, who finished with a time of 1:19:56 — two minutes slower than his time last year, when he also won.

With a time of 1:30:45, the first-place finisher for the women was also a returning athlete, Eileen Bernhardt, 45, from Lagrangeville, N.Y., who, like McCarron, also came in first place last year.

"The social atmosphere is what keeps everyone coming back," said McCarron, who also admitted he returned partially to defend his first-place title. "It's just a good way to enjoy the summer."

The first-place team, Sobo SBR, finished with a combined time of 1:17:10 according to Greystone Racing, where the times were posted. Barry

Sobolewski, 50, was the two-person-team's swimmer, completing that leg in just over 14 minutes, while Benjamin Sobolewski, 19, biked and ran, claiming first for the team bracket.

Full results for the Sharon Sprint Triathlon can be found at www.greystonetracing.net.

Falls Village celebrates Augustfest

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The "Augustfest" event was held last weekend, instead of the usual annual fall auction. There was a live and a silent auction, food, music, beer and lemonade, all outside under tents. And the weather was spectacular.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Karl Munson and Lou Timolat were in charge of the bratwursts at the Hunt Library auction Sunday, Aug. 15.

Repaving at Kent Green

KENT — The Kent Green section of downtown Kent will be repaved over the course of the next two weeks. The work began on Monday, Aug. 16, at the Shanghai Asian Fusion restaurant on the southern part of the Green.

The Kent Green area includes Town Hall and the IGA grocery store.

Kent Green owner John Casey said, "At least one lane of traffic will be open at all times. All roads and most parking areas will be repaved. All businesses will operate on normal hours. If you have questions, contact john@kentgreen.com."

On confusion and possible food smells

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Finance asked the Board of Selectmen — again — to get an opinion from the town's attorney on whether or not the town is financially liable for grants and loans related to the affordable housing development planned for River Road.

The two boards — minus First Selectman Henry Todd, who was on vacation — held their regular meetings in-person on Monday, Aug. 9.

The finance board did not find the opinion they received particularly helpful, and after a long and inconclusive discus-

sion asked the attorney to go back and do it again.

Finance board member Steve Dean said, "We need a yes or no. There's confusion on the board. There's confusion in the town."

Selectman Dave Barger, sitting in for Todd, reported receipt of a letter from Michael Klemens, who owns the building next to the new Falls Village Cafe. Klemens was concerned that he can smell the cafe's operations from his office, and asked the selectmen to look

into it.

Barger said that transfer station coordinator Tracey Wilson will present a composting plan to the selectmen next month.

Barger said he is working on a plan for "town clerk succession," including a revised and updated job description.

Barger asked the finance board, on behalf of the Fire Commission, for a supplemental appropriation of \$5,600 for fire hydrants. (The board approved this later in the meeting.)

Salisbury Band at library Aug. 21

SALISBURY — Summer in the Northwest Corner isn't complete without the timeless tunes and old-fashioned fun of a live performance by the Salisbury Band.

See them this weekend at the end-of-summer party for the Scoville Memorial Library of Salisbury and Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4:15 to 6 p.m. at the Scoville Library.

There will be games, glitter tattoos, chalk drawing, ice cream and music. Everyone is invited.

The party celebrates the Summer Reading Program called "Tails & Tales."

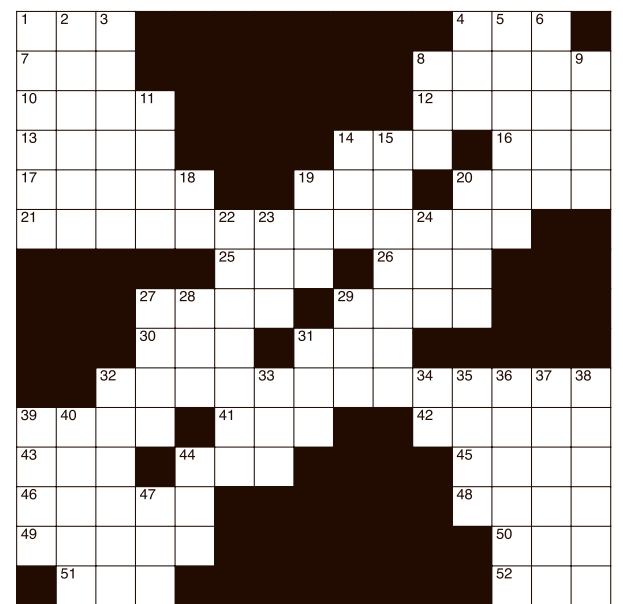
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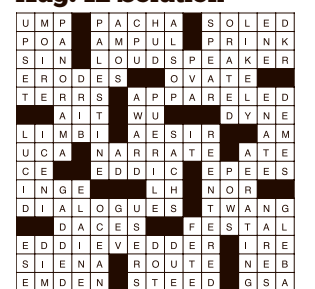
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- Scots word for "home"
- Upper class young woman (abbr.)
- Monetary unit of Albania
- Raise
- Drain of resources
- Uncultured, clumsy persons
- Hikers use them
- Retrospective analysis (military)
- Tibetan form of chanting
- Influential European statesman
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Monetary unit of Romania
- Round green vegetable
- Well acquainted with
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Basics
- "The Godfather" actress Keaton
- Snakelike fish
- Tall deciduous tree
- Russian river
- Long Balkans river
- Ancient Greek coin
- Senegal's capital
- Unwell
- Snout
- Low bank or reef of coral



- African nation
- Quite
- Former Bucks star Michael
- Showed again
- Body part
- Steal

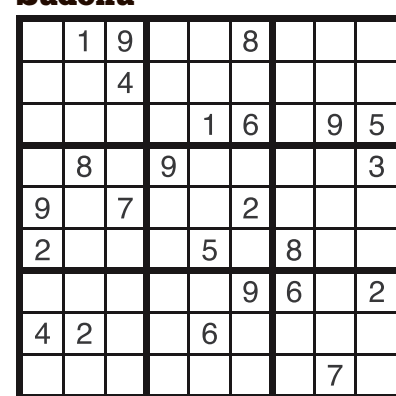
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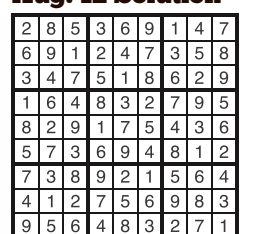
- Abstain from
- Vast desert in North Africa
- Cover the crown of a tooth
- A major division of geological time
- Urban center
- Crook
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Questions
- A pack of 52 playing cards
- Recording of sound
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Elizabeth J. Fontaine

LAKEVILLE — Elizabeth J. Fontaine, 74, a resident of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., for more than 27 years, passed away on Aug. 12, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She previously lived in the Bronx and Manhattan.



Born in Manhattan on April 16, 1947, Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Rachel (DiAngelo) and Antonio Martucci.

Elizabeth's family and friends will remember her as always being vibrant and full of life.

She had an intense love of life and dedicated her life to rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife.

On Dec. 14, 2001, she married Robert Paul Fontaine, who survives at home. A resident of Lakeville, New Milford and Kent, Robert attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

She is also survived by her daughter, Kathleen Regalbuto of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; her grandson, Antonio Regalbuto of Red Hook, N.Y.; and her great-grandson, Silas.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction, followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Visit Elizabeth's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Robert H. Darden

LAKEVILLE — Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and Lakeville resident Robert H. Darden, passed peacefully at home in his sleep on Aug. 15, 2021. He was 101.



Bob, as he was known, was born in Raton, N.M., on Oct. 18, 1919, to Archie H. Darden, an attorney, and Annie Lou Darden née Wood, a voice and piano instructor.

He attended University of Michigan, where he received his BA and Law degrees. After his first year of law school, he was inducted into the Army's officer training school, trained as an Army Air Corp navigator and assigned to serve as such on an unusual and transitional aircraft — the YB-40, a bomber outfitted to serve as a gunship escort to defend bomber squadrons on their missions over Germany.

On June 22, 1943 Bob's plane, with a crew of three officers and seven enlisted men, went out on what became their final mission, joining in the defense of the first Allied bombing raid over Germany's heavily fortified Ruhr industrial district. Of the hundred aircraft on the raid, 26 were shot down — including Bob's YB-40. He spent almost two years in POW camp at Stalag Luft III near Sagan, Germany.

Returning after the war and earning his Law degree from University of Michigan, Bob served as the law clerk for the chief judge of the prestigious Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver. He was invited to join the recently formed U.S. Small Business Administration, where he accepted positions first as Regional Counsel for the Rocky Mountain area, then Assistant General Counsel in Washington, D.C., then SBA's first attorney in Albuquerque, and finally the agency's Regional Counsel for the West Coast and Pacific islands, headquartered in San Francisco.

In his sophomore year, while on a geology field trip at University of Michigan, Bob met an accomplished student

and Pi Phi, Virginia Appleton of Cleveland, Ohio. After the war, the two were married in 1945 and raised four children in Washington D.C., and cities in Colorado, New Mexico and California. After Bob's retirement from government service, and wishing to be close to their daughter Anne Richardson

and grandson Barrie, of near-by Salisbury, Bob and Virginia moved to Lakeville in 1994. They quickly became highly active within the community and were regular members of the choir at St. Mary's Church, where they are well-known and beloved by all. Bob served for a time as President of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, receiving the Paul Harris Award, Rotary's highest award for Community Service. He and Virginia continued to travel throughout the United States and Europe, even leisurely driving across country to California at 90 years of age.

Always athletic, Bob continued to jog, golf, hike, body surf and fish into his 70s, and swam regularly into his 90s at The Hotchkiss School Pool and Lakeville Town Grove, taking his last dip at the latter at 99.

Bob was predeceased by his parents; brother William H. Darden; sister-in-law Kathryn Darden née Taylor; and son David H. Darden.

He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Virginia Appleton Darden; three children: his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rebecca Darden; his daughter, Anne Richardson and Howard Aller; and his daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Steven Garber; three grandchildren, Madeleine Garber and her husband Randy Thurber, Barrie Richardson, and Kristina Darden; and one great-granddaughter, Ruth Anne Thurber.

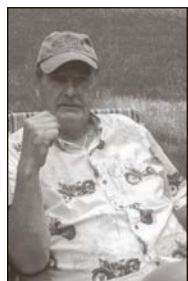
The funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church in Lakeville on Monday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service or the American Red Cross.

OBITUARIES

Carl Holst-Grubbe

SALISBURY — Carl Holst-Grubbe, 79, of Ocala, Fla., passed away on Aug. 5, 2021, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Holst-Grubbe; and his siblings, Charlotte Shipley, Richard Wrigley, Reginald Lamson Jr. and his wife, Roseann, and Roger Prindle.



He leaves behind his children Carl Jr. "CJ", Danette, Stacey, Aaron and his wife, Stephanie, Jennifer, Kevin and his wife, Michelle, Tina, Allison and her husband, Jason, Nate and his wife, Kim, Brian and his wife, Becky, Wayne and his wife, Dawn, and Michael; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews, who will truly miss out on his grand sense of humor and contagious grin.

He was predeceased by his son, Guy Holst-Grubbe; and his siblings, John, Nancy and

Guy. Carl was born on Nov. 24, 1941, in Torrington, to Sylvia (Nelson) and the late Per Holst-Grubbe. He was raised by stepdad Reginald "Jim" Lamson of Salisbury.

He was the owner and operator of Carl and Son's Painting for 20-plus years before permanently moving to Florida.

Carl visited many nooks and crannies throughout the United States, making friends wherever went with his natural gift of gab.

He has strong ties to the AA community in the North and Southeast and spent his latter days with Ruth exploring Ocala eateries, singing karaoke, playing guitar, working on house projects, and tending to his beloved girl, Roxie (dog).

A celebration of life will be held in his honor at a later date in Connecticut.

David W. Moore Sr.

CORNWALL — David W. Moore Sr., 77, died Aug. 12, 2021, at Sharon Hospital. He was the loving husband of Shelia (Green) Moore.



David was born June 9, 1944, in Waterbury, the son of the late Glenys (Berry) and James Moore. He worked at BE Aerospace as an inspector for 23 years. He also was a member of the Advent Christian Church in Torrington.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, David is survived by his children, Brenda Rotenberger and her husband, Charles, David Moore Jr., Lori MacKinnon and her husband, Norman, Bri-

an Moore and his wife, Jennifer, and Mary O'Dell and her husband, Chris; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A celebration of David's life will be on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Advent Christian Church in Torrington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cornwall Fire Department, 289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796; or to the Sullivan Senior Center, 88 E. Albert St., Torrington, CT 06790.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at area town halls in 2020-21.

Cornwall

Nov. 2, 159 Valley Road from the William G. Coll Family trust et al to Edward P. Gallagher and Edward Earnest Deluca for \$749,000

Nov. 4, 407 Sharon Goshen Turnpike from Andrew and Alexander Farnsworth to 406-407 WCCT LLC for \$530,000

Nov. 10, 145 Cornwall Hollow Road from Charles W. and Barbara S. Yohe to Thomas D. Spain for \$530,000

Nov. 12, 259 Kent Road from M.L. Andrews to Lori A. Dufour for \$210,000

Nov. 16, 113 Pierce Lane. & Vacant Lot from Margot H. Feely and George Douglas and Erin Robinson Feely and J. Thomas to Stephen B. Soba for \$565,000

Nov. 17, 340 River Road from James Herity and Elizabeth A. Mitchell to Tomer J. and Jill Ilan Berger Inbar for \$1,250,000

Nov. 23, 299 Great Hollow Road from Kathleen A. Roche to Christopher Matthew and Hilary Neff Crevier for \$1,395,000; and 14 Bolton Hill Road from Benjamin S. Gray to Opal and David Cavalier for \$645,000

Nov. 30, Valley Road from JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to Lacy B. Robinson and Karen Doeblin for \$58,000

Dec. 1, Valley Road from JP Morgan Chase Bank NA to Cornwall Conservation Trust, Inc. for \$85,000

Dec. 7, Furnace Brook Road from CVA Everest LLC to Cornwall Conservation Trust for \$559,800

Dec. 7, Furnace Brook Road from CVA Everest LLC to Cornwall Conservation Trust for \$62,200

Dec. 8, 225 Dibble Hill Road from Brenda and Graham Underwood to Frances and Neal Rembert Reynolds and Katherine Temple for \$530,000

Rosemarie Flinn

MILLERTON — Rosemarie Flinn, 84, a three-year resident of Conway, S.C., and a 60-year resident of Millerton, died Aug. 15, 2021, at Conway Medical Center following a brief illness.



Rosemarie had a long career with the Webutuck Central School District in Amenia, from 1966 until June 30, 1999, when she retired as head cook from the school's cafeteria.

Born Feb. 10, 1937, in Bremerhaven, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Anna Schmidt.

She was educated in Germany and married Ronald A. Flinn on May 4, 1957, in Germany. Mr. Flinn died on March 29, 1994.

Rosemarie enjoyed spending time with her loving family and many friends and relaxing on a beach in her spare time. For many years she volunteered at Thriftique, a thrift shop in Millerton. She will be dearly missed by her beloved family and friends.

Rosemarie is survived by her son, Gary A. Flinn and his wife, Christine, of Clinton Corners; two daughters, Teresa "Terri" Schaab and Phyllis Gapinski and her husband, Ralph, all of Conway; and two grandsons, Steve Gapinski of Conway and Ryan Flinn of Clinton Corners. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son-in-law, Kenneth Schaab; and her four siblings.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

A graveside service will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Worship Services
Week of August 22, 2021

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 10am 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 AM 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>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 50 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSET'S for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</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>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</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>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our next service on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Venue to be announced For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</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>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 am, 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>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 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 & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Wednesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</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>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</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

Sharon BOE ballot lottery

SHARON — On Tuesday, Aug. 24, at 10:30 a.m. the Sharon registrars of voters will hold a lottery to determine the horizontal order of names for the positions on the Sharon Board of Education. This lottery is for both Democratic and Republican candidates.

Art on the Green

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services' Clothesline Art Show and Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Green at The White Hart.

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There will also be a Lakeville Hose Company truck, and the Jaws of Life, an essential tool for helping save people in auto crashes.

Troopers from the State Police at Troop B will be on hand, possibly with the machine known as the seat belt convincer: Volunteers are strapped into a seat that descends an incline at about 6 or 7 mph, to see what a very moderate crash would feel like.

The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association will be on hand, and will do blood pressure checks.

There will be a presentation of proclamations and resolutions at 12:30 p.m., with invited guests including state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), state Rep. Craig Miner (R-30), Congressman Jahana Hayes (D-5) and Dr. Ron Santos, head of the Sharon Hospital emergency department.

Salisbury's volunteer ambulance service was one of the first in the state, founded by Rees Harris and John Harney Sr. and other concerned citi-

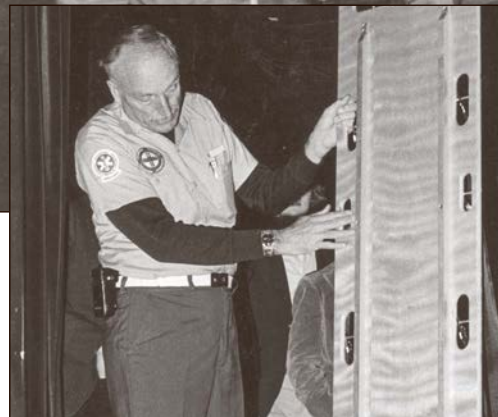
zens. It officially came to life in July 1971 and provides free service to all town residents.

Brenner said the specially trained volunteers answer about 500 to 600 calls each year, at all hours of the day and night. There has been an increase in calls over the past five years, and of course there has been an even larger increase in the past year because of the population growth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

No one is certain why but, Brenner said, "Recently, there have been more motor vehicle accidents."

Brenner heartily encouraged all town residents to come out, learn about the ambulance service, perhaps learn about volunteering (there are many jobs available, not just ones that involve EMT training) and meet the many men and women, your neighbors, who help protect your family, your life and your home.

"Everybody should come to meet the hometown heroes," Brenner said. "It's not just us — everyone will be there."



PHOTOS COURTESY SVAS

Rees Harris, at left, was a founder of the volunteer ambulance. Other volunteers have included Jack Hawley, at right; and from left, above, George Tully, Rosie Fudali, Joe Pinkham and Stacy Shriner.

AT FRIENDS

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them by fellow hikers.

Trail name Paddle

On Aug. 11, Paddle came through the trees shrouding part of the Connecticut portion of the trail to Lion's Head, a famous Salisbury peak. Over the edge of some precarious rocks is a fantastic view of the Berkshires, which Paddle chose to take in before chatting about his experience.

Paddle is not a normal name for anyone — except a hiker. Most Appalachian Trail hikers have trail names, which become integral to their identities as they hike. The idea behind the trail names is to give the hikers a sense of anonymity — but also to allow them to shed their regular identity. In life, a hiker might be a doctor, lawyer or auto mechanic, a teacher, a nurse or an artist; but on the trail, everyone is first and foremost a hiker.

Paddle went on a side canoe trip back when he was in Maine — his trail name becoming clear after that adventure. It wasn't until Paddle started to talk about his name that the friends he'd been hiking with realized — for the first time — that their companion had a paddle tattoo that he just hadn't chosen to tell them about before.

SCHOOLS

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kindergarten-to-eight schools during the week of Aug. 22 to provide the latest information for parents.

And Carter hopes to have definitive marching orders from the state by then.

She emphasized that these decisions are not made by school superintendents, but by the state Department of Education and Department of Health.

Carter remained upbeat. "Last year we worked very hard to make it a positive experience," she said. "We'll continue to do that."

Trail names Bear! and Bugs

Paddle's friends had trail names of their own: Bugs and Bear!

"The exclamation point is necessary if you're going to write it down," said Bear!, who has a tidy ginger beard after his weeks on the trail.

And where did his name come from? "When I was starting out on the trail, I got chased out of the woods by a mama bear and her four cubs."

"For me, I got my name because I carried a full bug net for 100 miles. I set it up — and got trapped. I learned what it felt like to be a bug caught in a trap, and it wasn't very fun. After that I ditched the net," said Bugs.

Though that wasn't one of her best days on the trail, Bugs said, "Today's been great. We got to hike Bear Mountain with Bear! himself."

This group of hikers had just crossed into Connecticut that day. Bear Mountain is the first peak in the state for hikers coming from the north, and it's also the highest point in the state.

"The last three states we have been in, we've been able to hike to the highest points first. It's nice to get them out of the way," Bear! said.

Trail name Taco

"I should really call whoever is in charge of Connecticut and thank them," joked Taco, the last of the hikers to stop at the trail head.

Even with a heat advisory out for the day, she was in great spirits, enjoying the great views in Connecticut so far. To keep spirits up (and remain hydrated) they were all chugging large amounts of water.

Taco's name came from an experience with "trail magic." Trail magic is when something extraordinary happens. It can be anything from snacks or drinks left along the trail by local people, or a show of generosity from another hiker, or experiencing a rarity, such as a



PHOTO BY SADIE LEITE

Lion's Head is a peak on the Connecticut portion of the Appalachian Trail. Though not the highest point in the state (that highest peak is nearby Bear Mountain), the destination still has an amazing view of the Tristate region.

once-in-a-lifetime view.

In Taco's case, she came upon some people offering free tacos to thru-hikers.

Trail name Wizard

Also walking with Bear! and Bugs was Wizard, whose trail name did not originate from a trail magic experience; rather, he said, "I'm just a magical being. I have no tricks; it's just the way I am."

Paddle said that earlier in the day they ran into another Wizard, one who did do tricks including some neat ones that involved rubber bands and playing cards.

The group was also serenaded with musical instruments by some "no-bos," a term Bugs used for north-bound hikers.

It's traditional for most thru-hikers to start in Georgia early in the year and head north, ending in Maine before the weather gets too cold.

This particular group started at the northern terminus of the trail in Maine, at Mount Katahdin. They are headed south and will end their hike in Georgia. They are walking about 15 to 20 miles a day.

Why hikers love the PO

One consequence of racking up all those miles: broken and worn-out shoes. Taco picked at her hiking boots, which had split. "This is what happens to shoes after 300 miles. I ordered myself a new pair and am having them sent to the post office at Cornwall Bridge."

Most thru-hikers will arrange for supplies to be mailed to post offices along their treks. In addition to shoes, food can also be delivered.

The hikers remembered their trip through the 100 Mile Wilderness, a section of the trail in Maine that is unusually difficult to traverse because it is very remote.

Bugs said she was foolish

enough to try and carry the 10 days of food needed, learning quickly it was too difficult.

On most parts of the trail, Bugs can hike into town to get more food — from a grocery store or a post office where a package of food awaits her. In the 100 Mile Wilderness, there are no towns. So she had to organize food drops, where drivers deliver food to the trail and leave it on specific logging roads, the only points connecting the hike to civilization.

The majority of the group did drops; they applauded Wiz (their nickname for Wizard) because he carried his 10 days of food.

Bring on the cheese

When food was brought up,

the friends delved into the specifics. "We just had a lunch of champions: tuna fish on Fritos and Honeybuns. With all this hiking, I never worry about my weight. I eat whatever I want," said Bugs.

Bear! agreed, "I eat so much cheese. It's great."

Taco clarified important hiking food terminology. "Raisins are 'rabbit turds' and squeezable peanut butter is 'cat turds' because of its consistency when it comes out of the pouch."

A better lunch was a feast of hamburgers in Great Barrington.

Another example of trail magic: Volunteers at a church were offering meals to thru-hikers. The group also ran into people giving out beer and offering hacky sack lessons.

Group name: Mountain Turtles

The Mountain Turtles is the group's hiking name. They all started out on the trail as strangers to each other. Bugs and Taco met first, and now are best friends after two months of travel together. They met Paddle at a hostel and Bear! at a bus stop. There's also Wiz, and one other (faster) friend was already down at LaBonne's Market enjoying a beer.

Between seeing moose, swimming in river pools, and surviving the 100 Mile Wilderness together, this group of strangers became friends.

"It gets weird sometimes, but we are all so close it doesn't matter," said Taco.

Bugs said, "In all, I'd give it a three-star experience. Put that in the paper."

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LIVE MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Beloved Local Band, The Joint Chiefs Perform on Aug. 20

If the Tristate region can be said to have a “house band,” then that band is probably The Joint Chiefs, a perennially popular quartet featuring Eliot Osborn, Louise Lindenmeyr, George Potts and Diana Herold.

They play shows throughout the region throughout the year. A next opportunity — for anyone who has missed them so far — comes up on Friday, Aug. 20, at The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn., with the doors open at 6 p.m. and a 7 p.m. start for the music (which will be played in one long set). Tickets are \$15 per person.

Although they do cover popular songs and favorite tunes (Beatles, soul, folk, rhythm and blues), they also write much of their own music. It’s always very sing-along, dance-along, clap-along.

Their own songs are usually amusing, always tuneful and literate. One can get a feeling for them just from the email announcement they sent out in advance of the Aug. 20 concert,



PHOTO BY CHRIS LITTLE

The Joint Chiefs continue a summer-long series of concerts in the Tristate region with a performance in Falls Village, Conn., on Aug. 20.

and addressed to their fans, known as the Chief Heads or C’Heads for short:

“C’Heads: Clearly summer is evaporating faster than dew drops in the morning sun. It won’t be long before indoor musical events are our only option — or will they be? While they still are, please consider joining us.

“Save for the hallowed environs of Infinity Hall, the Center on Main is as

delightful a performance space as we are fortunate enough to have in our neighborhood. Currently home to the Falls Village Children’s Theater and recently the beneficiary of a dynamic music series that flourished under the direction of Twelve Moons Coffee House, the room is drenched with character and blessed with superb acoustic properties. We will be playing a mixture of old favorites and new songs

we have only just begun to play in front of an audience.”

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Center on Main.

“Current state and CDC guidelines regarding indoor gatherings will be observed. Please feel free to bring whatever you might wish to eat or drink during the course of the evening.”

Tickets are available at the door on the evening of the performance. To learn more about The Joint Chiefs, go to www.jointchiefsmusic.com.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Some of your summer edibles have probably died back by now; take some of their seeds and plant them again for an autumn harvest.

EDIBLES:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The End of Summer Isn’t the End of Farming

August is wonderful because it’s the peak of summer but it’s sad because you know that autumn is on its way.

I often wonder why autumn can’t be the same as spring, with that same sense of anticipation I feel as I wait for my seedlings to turn into full-fledged plants.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center inspired me with its newsletter on July 21. The ground right now is warm and wet, the newsletter said

—creating the perfect conditions for germinating new seeds.

You might not need to go hunting around at your local garden center or nursery to find those seeds; they might be right in your own garden.

This year for the first time, I planted sugar snap peas, which I expected to start producing sweet, crunchy peas early in spring — and then quickly disappear. In fact, my vines kept producing peas all through July. When they were done, they left me with an enormous number of fat little seed pods that I have just planted, in hopes of getting of an autumn crop.

The UConn newsletter gave me dispensation to plant this next round of peas right on top of my original crop. Ideally you rotate to a new location, but “unless you had some disease or pest problem, replanting will be OK right now.”

Peas like cool weather. So do radishes and lettuce; those tiny vegetables seem so fragile and yet they’re the ones that can best tolerate frost.

If you had early spring dill, you’ll be getting dill seeds soon; try planting them back in the ground, and do the same with the seed pods that might be turning brown now on your arugula plants.

Weather is unpredictable, especially in this time of climate change. It’s possible there will be a hard early frost and all your plantings will suffer because of it. If you replanted your own seeds, you haven’t really lost anything. But it’s also possible that we will have a lovely warm and lengthy autumn — which you can spend in your garden, harvesting some of your “spring” edibles.

CALENDAR

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

VICTOR MIRABELLI without BOUNDARIES Opening Reception, Aug. 28, 2 to 5 p.m.

Artwork of Terre Lefferts, 199 Main St, Salisbury, Conn. Landscapes and Seascapes- Artwork of Terre Lefferts, Aug. 21, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Craven Contemporary, 4 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn. www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/

The Flowers Featuring Alex Katz and Michael De Feo, Through Sept. 19.

DANCE

Mahaive Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St, Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaive.org Paul Taylor Dance Company, Sept. 3 and 4, 8 p.m.

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org Movement Without Borders – Ballet with Adam Weinert, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

MUSIC

Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet, Aug. 21, 3 p.m.; Jupiter String Quartet, Aug. 22, 3 p.m.; Galvanized Jazz Band, Aug. 28, 3 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org The Sounds of Swing & Soul, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.; Laser Encounter, Aug. 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.; The Rave-Ons, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

THEATER

Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. www.shakespeare.org King Lear, through Aug. 28; ART, through Aug. 22; Measure for Measure: A Production Workshop, Sept. 1 to 5; hang, Sept. 10 through Oct. 3; The Chairs, Oct. 8 through 31.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.



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CELEBRITY CRUSHES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Billy Collins, Former Poet Laureate, Comes to Winsted and AMP

It's hard to comprehend that boyish and wryly hilarious Billy Collins, the former poet laureate of the United States, is 80 years old.

It's hard to comprehend, also, that someone whose work is so accessible and delicious could have been selected for an honor such as the Poet Designated to Reach Out to a Nation aka U.S. Poet Laureate. He was chosen by Pres. George W. Bush and served from 2001 to 2003 and during that time helped millions of people across America understand that poetry can be wonderful, if it's prepared just the right way.

Collins was a professor at Lehman College in New York City for many years, but after retiring in 2016 he now lives in California and Florida. He journeys back east/north again to help The American Mural Project in Winsted celebrate its Art of Work Gala on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The gala begins at 5 p.m. with a reception (open bar, hors d'oeuvres) and tours of the massive mural being constructed under the guidance and inspiration of Ellen Griesedieck of Sharon, Conn. The mural honors America's workers, an appropriate subject for a work of art that fills a massive former industrial mill.



PHOTO FROM MASTERCLASS

To get a taste of the wry and delightful wonder of Billy Collins, watch the teaser for his Master Class lessons on writing poetry.

Collins will take the stage at 6 p.m. and read a selection of poems specially selected for the gala.

If you think that nothing could be more boring than a poetry reading, you should definitely watch one of the many videos online of Collins reading. He isn't just dry and funny; his poems are observational and casual and conversational, and are more like having a chat with a wry and insightful friend than like a high school poetry class.

Collins himself isn't exactly a fan of the traditional poetry seminar; look at his poem on this page, "Introduction to Poetry," to get a sense of what it looks

like from the teacher's podium.

Collins also teaches poetry through the Master Class online program. The trailer for the class on YouTube is a delight unto itself.

The Mural Project is also a delight; if you haven't seen it, you should.

There are three levels of tickets for the gala. All of course include the reception and the reading. There will also be a dessert reception after the reading; general tickets are \$175. Priority tickets are \$300 and include special seating. The \$500 tickets include a special dessert reception with Collins. The festivities begin at 5

p.m. with a tour of AMP's mill building, with an open bar and "generous hors d'oeuvres."

INTRODUCTION TO POETRY
By Billy Collins

I ask them to take a poem and hold it up to the light like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.

I say drop a mouse into a poem and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem's room and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski across the surface of a poem waving at the author's name on the shore.

But all they want to do is tie the poem to a chair with rope and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose to find out what it really means.

Guests can view the current mural installation progress.

Event contingency plans are in place to comply with state mandates.

For tickets or more information, call 860-379-3006 or go to www.americanmuralproject.org/gala.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Two Great British Series that Veer Toward the Fantastic

Inside No. 9 might be the best show you've never seen. BBC keeps it going despite its small audience, perhaps because of critical acclaim or pressure from devoted viewers who love that this show does something new and does it brilliantly.

Created by Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith, each 30-minute episode tells a different story in a different setting, ranging from a 17th-century witch trial to an office comedy told through CCTV footage.

Almost all feature a bizarre twist at the end (which you will never guess). Often the twist is dark, as in "The Bill," where an argument about who will pay the dinner check escalates into something homicidal — or does it?

Sometimes it may move you to tears as in "The 12 Days of Christine."

And occasionally you'll be laughing out loud, as in "Zanzibar," a farce told entirely in iambic pentameter. The only thing the episodes share is a link in some way to the number 9.

Here are two remarkable things: Every episode is good, some better than others of course, but not a dud in the many I've seen. And although you know you're being set up for a twist, the first 25 minutes are always compelling and well acted.

Take "Bernie Clifton's Dressing Room," which stars Pemberton and Shearsmith playing two comedians reunited after 30 years and rehearsing for one final show.

Their lives have changed in drastically different ways, and tension grows as they try out their dated, wacky routines. The ending is both surprising and inevitable, and it is heart-breaking.

You need to do some digging to find "No. 9," but it's worth the effort. There are six short series. Three are on Hulu; all are rent-

able on Amazon or free on Britbox, which is available through Amazon.

Black Mirror is sometimes compared to "No. 9," but it more closely resembles "The Twilight Zone."

Created by Charlie Brooker for Channel 4 in the U.K., it was later produced by Netflix. The 22 stand-alone episodes vary greatly, but most veer toward that branch of science fiction called speculative fiction, near-future stories about technology out of control.

In "Nosedive," eye implants and mobile devices enable people to rate interactions with others from one to five stars; the ratings affect your wealth and social status. The story centers on Lacie Pound, (Bryce Dallas Howard), whose rating has plateaued at 4.2. Her desperate efforts to improve it result in a darkly funny ending.

"San Junipero" is a love story set in a beach resort that turns out to be an alternative reality in which the deceased can live, inhabiting their younger bodies. One of the most popular episodes, it won a 2017 Emmy for Best Television Movie.

"The National Anthem" is a black comedy in which Princess Susannah, a beloved member of the royal family, is kidnapped and will be released only if the British Prime Minister has sex with a pig on live TV. Will he comply? The Home Secretary says yes, his wife says no, a tough decision for a head of state. Go to Netflix, Episode 1, Series 1.

Ed Ferman is the former editor and publisher of *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* and has been an editor at the *Cornwall Chronicle* for many years. He has lived in Cornwall since 1969.

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EDITORIAL

SVAS: Thanks for 50 years

What could make a person want to spend many hours of their own time preparing through intensive training to perform a free service to their neighbors, 24/7, that is paid in many other larger communities? W. Rees Harris knew, as did John Harney Sr. and all the other original members of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service. Harris was the founding organizer of SVAS back in 1971, 50 years ago. Dr. Peter Reyelt worked with the group at that time to create the intensive course that would give anyone with the dedication the ability to help their neighbors when they needed ambulance service for any reason. That became a model for other ambulance corps across the state of Connecticut.

It's hard to imagine what life in the Salisbury community would be like without such live-saving service, but there are many alive today who remember exactly that: no ambulance service for their town. But thanks to the vision of Harris and others, the help of the town ambulance corps is now taken for granted by the residents of Salisbury. That vision had to be picked up by a strong group of volunteers in the town who were willing to learn how to function in a rescue operation no matter if they had to perform in the most challenging parts of this rural region. They have had to learn mountain, water and rope rescue operations thanks to the Housatonic River, the Appalachian Trail and mountainous terrain in the area.

The volunteers today embrace the same reasons to help their neighbors as Harris and Harney did: They do it because they care deeply about their community and all those who are part of it. They are willing to keep clothes ready by their bedsides those nights they are on call to jump up at a moment's notice when someone is in trouble and needs help. But while some parts of the ambulance calls, of which there are over 500 annually, are very similar to the way things were 50 years ago, some things have changed dramatically so that the work in 2021 can be even more challenging.

The opioid and other drug abuse crisis has made ambulance calls more complicated for EMTs, as has the COVID-19 pandemic. Protocols for stepping into and taking charge of emergency situations have been very carefully defined for EMTs to keep them safe and still allow them to do their best to help those who desperately need it. Because nobody calls 911 unless there is an extraordinary event happening that means a life can be at risk, or an injury has happened that is beyond the scope of normal care, and major professional help is needed.

While those on the squad are volunteers, they perform their duties in an extremely professional way, with equipment and training that prepares them for a wide range of emergency events. But for those who call them and see them arrive on a fraught scene, whatever it may be, it is always welcome to see familiar, caring faces and feel their strong sense of duty and efficiency no matter what they're walking into.

Profound thanks to all those who for over 50 years have served and who continue to serve on the SVAS, no matter their capacity, as EMTs or drivers or board members. They are the strong backbone of service work in a strong community of volunteers. Without their dedication and selflessness, the town would be a much different place. Here's hoping there will be enough volunteers in the area to keep SVAS going on through another 50 years, and more.

Don't miss the exhibit at Salisbury Association on the history of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, which opened Aug. 10 and will remain up for public viewing until Oct. 8. Understanding the service performed by the volunteers at SVAS goes a long way to helping understand the entire community of Salisbury.

For more on SVAS, see the front page story this week and go to www.salisburyambulance.org.

Gratitude from the Cohns

August 14th was a day to celebrate Shea, and we did — and we did it well. Thanks to so many, more than we can list. We are grateful beyond words. Thank you to everyone who shared the day with us, brought food, helped set up, take down and bring the day together in such a beautiful way. Thank you Lime Rock Park for your generous contributions, Brad and Erin Hedden for giving us electricity (much needed!) and all your help. To the anonymous person who paid for the shuttle service, oh my gosh, thank you!

A very special thank you to our families for their never-ending support and the countless hours given to make this day possible; our friends who are always there for us; and “the kids” — Shea's friends, who never forget us and keep us going every day. You will forever be family.

An enormous, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you to Sue and Colin — the Falls Village Inn — who gave up their day, their staff and closed the Inn to help us make it the best it could be. We could not have done this without them. They are the definition and core of the Falls Village community.

Shea was smiling on us for sure. It was a beautiful day in every way possible, thanks to all of you.

With gratitude and much love — thank you.

Doug, Denise, Emma and Grace Cohn

Falls Village

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m.

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Another letter is on page B4.



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The SVAS building in Salisbury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Context for Salisbury wetlands regs

This letter is in response to the numerous letters, articles and meetings concerning the proposed changes to the Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations. There seems to be a persistent complaint from the Salisbury Lakes Homeowners (SLH) group that the Twin Lakes were somehow not represented from the beginning and have been excluded from the process.

To put this in context, the beginning was 2017, when the Lake Wononscopomuc Association (LWA) began to think about how the regulations could be amended to address the impacts of the increased activity we were seeing around our lake. The president of the LWA contacted the then-president of the Twin Lakes Association and asked if they would be interested in working with us on this project but they declined.

The LWA went ahead and at the 12/3/2018 meeting of the Salisbury IWWC the LWA submitted their proposed amendments to the Commission. On 4/1/2019, the Commission voted to have the proposal

reviewed by Janet Brooks, the town attorney who commented that there were activities that were not defined and many updates to be made. The LWA worked on definitions and consulted a land use attorney (Mike Zizka) to review the proposal before going back to the IWWC. The final draft was sent back to Janet Brooks after the 2/3/2020 IWWC meeting.

During this entire process the Twin Lakes Association was receiving copies of all the minutes of the LWA meetings. All of the IWWC meetings were open to the public and minutes were available. Although not required to do so, the IWWC elected to hold public workshops in an effort to engage stakeholders prior to conducting the formal hearing process.

The format of the July 20 workshop was stated well in advance. Anyone wishing to speak was to sign up for their 15 minute slot in advance. No one from the SLH signed up but Abby Conroy contacted an SLH member as well as their legal counsel to ask if they wanted to speak. No one got

back to her.

I was a presenter at that workshop (the one with the nostalgic driveline and irrelevant data) to explain lake science and data in 15 minutes or less. To keep the data simple much of the presentation was from a video by a local limnologist for a group of high school students in the Envirothon program. To make it less boring and more relevant I related my personal experiences with Lakeville Lake. Each experience illustrated what the data was saying making it more understandable and putting it in a context that these changes were all in my lifetime, not over a thousand years.

Believe me, there is nothing nostalgic about the condition of the lake in the 1970s. This was an example of how human activity, even well intentioned and seemingly harmless, can very nearly destroy a lake. The science is clear and there is much data on the Salisbury lakes, all you have to do is be interested in it.

Mary Silks

Lakeville

Clarifying wetlands proposed changes

Mr. Kadlec's recent letter provides an opportunity to clarify misinformation about the proposed wetlands regulation re-write. Some changes are discretionary, while others are mandated by state statute.

Land-use conflicts are reduced to three elements: substance, psychology and procedure. Substance is science/fact-based. Matters run afoul when people feel disenfranchised (procedure) or not listened to (psychology). This sets the stage for polarization and positional arguments.

Mr. Kadlec states he “doesn't pretend to understand government.” I'll try to fill in some of the blanks. Nothing is “set in stone.” Once the draft regulations are developed, they are sent to DEEP and COG for review, then vetted through a public hearing process, where the entire community voices opinions. Only after this multi-step process will a vote be taken by the IWWC on whether or not to adopt these regulations. Modifications may be made based on testimony presented at the public hearing(s).

Hysteria, and apologies for my ill-chosen word, refers to hyperbolic statements: Homeowners wouldn't be able to conduct routine maintenance, paint houses, mow lawns or cut down a tree without a permit. The entire time I have resided

in Salisbury, it was within the 75-foot Upland Review Area (URA) — along the Housatonic River and Factory Brook. I was never required to obtain permits for these routine activities. Attorney Capeclatro correctly stated that it is incumbent upon the IWWC to define exempt activities, those that may require a permit, and most importantly, the thresholds that trigger a permit.

The assertion that I went public with my concerns 24 hours before the workshop is untrue. The dates on my two letters are early July, sent as a private citizen, in my capacity, as Mr. Kadlec states, as “a valued expert in sustainability.” The Land Use Office, attempting to run a fair process, held all public comments until the day of the workshop.

The July 19th official inter-agency communication from the PZC stated that the IWWC should examine the POCD in regards to wetlands, and suggested it made administrative sense for both commissions to review the same area (300 feet). This was unanimously endorsed by the PZC at the July 19th meeting. Referring to this as a “back-room deal” is offensive to members of PZC and IWWC, no fewer than five of whom are residents of the Twin Lakes community. Our intent was to avoid the all-too-

frequent problem where applicants are ping-ponged between the two commissions, often because our jurisdictional areas are not complementary.

July 20th was the first time that anyone, other than the Twin Lakes group, had had a chance to address the IWWC. To dismiss the presentations of the Northwest Conservation District, Attorney Zizka and Mary Silks as “irrelevant” or “nostalgic driveline” is unkind and counter-productive.

All points of view have merit and deserve to be respectfully received. We all need to work together to protect Salisbury's unique natural resources, respecting the rights of our citizens to enjoy their properties, in accordance with reasonable regulations that are embraced by the community-at-large.

Michael W. Klemens
Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1921

SALISBURY — Lester Hoysradt recently took a load of young ladies accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. C.S. McClellan and Charles Coons Jr. to Norfolk for the purpose of blueberrying. They had great success, filling pails and baskets and had an enjoyable time generally.

LAKEVILLE — Master Wesley Welch, who two weeks ago was injured when run down by a passing auto while on his wheel, entered Sharon Hospital Sunday for further treatment.

50 years ago — August 1971

CANAAN — Becton-Dickinson in Canaan held an open house at its big plant south of town this Saturday to mark its 10th year in the area. Nearly 1,500 employees, family members and guests and corporate executives participated in the tour and outdoor entertainment.

— North Canaan's population doubled for a brief time Sunday when a crowd estimated at 3,000 persons gathered for the second Canaan Valley Sporting Club country music festival.

— Back in 1871 the Pine Grove Association was established, and next weekend, Aug. 28 and 29, a centennial observance will be held at the summer colony off Belden Street just below the Canaan-North Canaan town line.

25 years ago — August 1996

The Lakeville Journal this week enters its 100th year. Behind glass in the Journal's lobby on Bissell Street are the yellowed pages — all four of them — of Volume 1, No. 1, published Saturday, Aug. 14, 1897. That makes today's issue Volume 100, No. 1. Colvin — known as Col — Card was the founding publisher. The editor was I.J. Keyes.

— Earlier this year singer/songwriter and Cornwall landowner James Taylor applied for a special permit to mine gravel along the banks of the Housatonic River. The idea was to use his celebrity and his scenic and very visible property to highlight untoward aspects of gravel mining and to block neighbor Jacqueline Strobel's effort to mine an abandoned four-acre gravel pit to the south. That was then. This is now. Taylor won by losing. The Planning and Zoning Commission turned Taylor down this spring. It also turned down the Strobel application. And now Taylor, his manager Peter Stiglin who owns a strip of land between Taylor's and Strobel's holdings, and their attorney Leonard Blum are petitioning the commission to end gravel mining in Cornwall's industrial-residential zone.

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

Thanks from the library

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's Aug. 7 ceremonial groundbreaking for its renovation/expansion project was a huge success. I want to thank everyone who participated — community leaders, elected representatives, donors (both actual and, we hope, soon-to-be) and fellow Board members. The event was meticulously planned and smoothly executed by Gretchen Hachmeister, Holly Nelson and other

members of the Library staff. Particular thanks go to Brian Wilcox and Jonathan Doster who photographed the event. Enjoy the celebration vicariously by viewing Brian's drone aerial shots and Jonathan's, which are more down to earth, on the Library website. We're grateful to them for this record of a truly memorable occasion.

Thomas Trowbridge
Board President

Sharon

The disappearing newspaper editorial

On Tuesday, July 6, the Hartford Courant did not have an editorial/opinion page. This is something I had never seen in reading the newspaper nearly every day as a customer, employee, competitor, contributor, critic and admirer since coming to Connecticut 63 years ago.

The next day, I was somewhat relieved to find what's called an Opinion page, with three syndicated columns, two leaning right, one left, but no editorials. (These pages used to be known as "op-eds" as they appeared opposite the editorial page with opinions that might differ from the paper's, but as a friend noted, to have an op, you have to have an ed.)

The nation's oldest continuously published newspaper did not have an editorial for the rest of the month and the first week in August. The string was broken on Sunday, Aug. 8, when the paper editorially supported mandated COVID-19 vaccinations. Then, on Tuesday, Aug. 9, there was once again no Opinion page in the very slim edition of the paper and no explanation. Imagine the reader anger if the paper had, for example, omitted the comics pages.

For weeks, readers have been offered an occasional local opinion piece, often by an advocate of the particular point of view, along with letters from readers. But most of the opinion columns were by liberal and conservative columnists from news syndicates or by columnists with The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Baltimore Sun and other major dailies.

Except for a Sunday political column by the talented part-timer Kevin Rennie, the Courant has no columnists on its staff. It lost two of its best, Colin McEnroe and sportswriter Steve Jacobs, to the Connecticut Hearst newspapers, along with several reporters who joined Hearst for better pay or after leaving the Courant because of staff-reducing buyouts.

Until the 1970s or thereabouts, Hartford and many other Connecticut cities were two-paper towns, although some of them had the same owner. So, during the many decades Hartford had the Courant and the Hartford Times, readers in the large portion of the state they served had two editorial views on issues of importance. These views were often at odds, as the Courant was more conservative than the Times. Each paper published two or three editorials every day, the afternoon Times six days and the Courant, seven

days a week.

However, as television news attracted larger audiences, afternoon papers couldn't compete and the Times folded in 1974. By that time, though, some television stations had started editorializing every day. (I wrote the first Channel 3 editorial for the Hartford CBS affiliate in 1968 and the last soon after I retired in 1998.)

Editorials are not exactly profit centers and when The Washington Post, a strong supporter of TV editorials, sold the station to Meredith in 1998, Hartford was left with only one editorial voice, the Courant's.

The only other opinions expressed today in the Hartford area come from the hosts and the often uninformed listeners of the conservative talk radio stations. The strongest voice is that of WTIC, which offers a diet of far right, locally produced talk shows from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

I am told the absence of editorials at the Courant this summer is due primarily to thin staffing and summer vacations, with the staffing expected to be further reduced by Alden Global Capital, the hedge fund that bought the Tribune newspapers, a group that includes the Courant, the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News and other dailies, in May. Alden owns about 200 other newspapers and is notorious for making deep cuts into each paper's news staff for the sake of its bottom line.

It should be noted that staff reductions had been going on at the Courant for many years, a consequence of changing reading habits among newspaper customers and a drastic reduction in ad revenue since the rise of the internet. But Alden, with a national reputation for transforming great newspapers into shadows of themselves, is the worst possible owner.

What disturbs me most about the weeks-long absence of Courant editorials is the fact that nobody seemed to notice or care. That's because so many readers don't know how to read the paper, to differentiate news and opinion. You even hear some of the supposed journalists on cable TV refer to opinions expressed by individual commentators as "editorials."

Even The New York Times now goes days at a time without an editorial on its editorial page and with an opinion column where editorials usually appear. These opinion pieces

are usually by members of the paper's editorial board but to my knowledge, there's been no explanation from the Times or curiosity from readers.

Are we seeing the end of newspaper editorials? Or, of more consequence, does anyone care?

IF YOU ASK ME DICK AHLES

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Buy now, pay later has its pros and cons

When does a loan not feel like a loan? That is the idea behind one of the more exciting new concepts being floated by the financial technology community. It is an idea that is just catching on here in the U.S., but it could challenge traditional credit cards over time.

Are you really going into debt when you buy something and pay it off in a set number of installments? Technically, yes, but it doesn't feel that way, especially if you are paying 0% interest on the installments. That's evidently what Square, a leading financial service, digital payments company believed when it announced recently that it was acquiring Afterpay, an Australian-based Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) company in a \$32 billion all-stock deal.

So why all the fuss over BNPL? E-commerce companies are betting that younger Americans, who do most of their shopping online, are not as excited as their parents and grandparents were with the benefits of credit cards. They may be unwilling or unable to open credit card accounts. Instead, many millennials are following the example of Europeans, who have traditionally avoided credit cards and the debt that comes with them.

In Europe, where BNPL accounted for 7.4% of E-commerce payment methods last year, consumers are more willing to buy an item online, even though they may not have the full amount of the purchase available in their bank accounts. As long as they honor the terms of the installment agreement, everything turns out roses.

Here in the U.S., the idea is catching on. This holiday season, for example, I purchased a new Apple iPad for a loved one through PayPal Holding Inc. The company was offering a BNPL scheme called "Pay In 4" (installments) with no fees.

After reading the fine print, I realized that like so many of these offerings, if I missed a payment, I would be hit with penalties and fees and possibly damage my credit score. After researching the issue, I found out that nearly 40% of U.S. consumers who used BNPL have missed more than one payment, and 72% of those saw their credit scores decline.

I am one of those people who pay off their credit card debt in full each month. I confess that I was so worried I would forget a payment, and incur a fee, that I ended up paying off the charge in two, rather than four, installments.

More and more retail websites, however, are now offering these services. The leading providers are Affirm Holdings, Inc., which

just joined Apple in a BNPL deal in Canada, PayPal Holdings, Inc, Swedish-based Klarna and Afterpay/Twitter. It is estimated that in 2020, BNPL companies facilitated between \$20 billion and \$25 billion in U.S. transactions, but that only accounts for 1.6% of U.S. digital payments. The bet is that BNPL will grow as a result of online shopping and the culture clash around credit cards.

Let's face it, credit card debt in America has a bad reputation. Almost half of all Americans are carrying credit card debt. The average household credit card debt is \$5,315. And while the percentage of revolvers (those who carry a debt balance on their cards) declined a bit during the pandemic, it still comprises 40.1% of all credit card holders.

But that has not stopped us from accumulating more and more credit card debt. Credit card balances increased by \$17 billion in the second quarter 2021 (to \$787 billion), according to the New York Federal Reserve's Household Debt and Credit report. While that is still below the \$927 billion amassed prior to the onset of the pandemic, it continues to grow.

The optimists argue that younger American millennials don't want to be saddled with this kind of debt and fall in the trap of only paying down monthly charges forever and ever. Yes, BNPL is still debt, but only deferred and not forever, so there is little temptation to roll it over. The critics say that more than 40% of those using BNPL can't get access to traditional credit, either because their credit limit is maxed out, or they have poor or non-existent credit history.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

McCarthy is facing fire and brimstone at Capitol

It takes very little for a man of no distinction to rise to prominence of power: Agnew, Blagojevich, DeSantis, McCarthy — Joe and now Kevin. How to contend with Kevin's attempt to rise to second in succession to the presidency — Speaker of the House — by pounding, ridiculing and snarking, yelling and gaslighting, swallowing his rightful condemnation of a president who watched in glee as hordes dismantled the Capitol, laughingly describes gaveling his opposition?

McCarthy morphed minutely from his days heading the Tea Party, then the Freedom Caucus. He authors few if any significant bills on national issues as have Speaker Ryan and Speaker Pelosi — both shaped legislation to shape the nation. McCarthy's meagre legacy is procedural resolutions for the House, renaming federal buildings and rolling back environmental regulation that gives water to wildlife conser-

vatories.

McCarthy's self-pride is reserved for the \$7,800,000 House Benghazi hearings costing twice that of the Mueller investigation: no findings of wrongdoing, wasted resources, Gowdy and Jordan grandstanding, excessive campaign theater. Of late, Kevin, taking a vow to the Constitution as minority leader, voted to exclude the 2020 election votes in Arizona and Pennsylvania, opposed a Jan. 6 bipartisan investigatory commission then tried sabotaging a bipartisan Jan. 6 inquiry in the House. He is 45's megaphone for the Big Lie, and it's rumored that Trump has informed Kevin that if criminality ensues, it's McCarthy who will go to prison for Trump.

On his congressional blurb Kevin McCarthy states:

"There is a stairway on the first floor of the Capitol that I walk every day. It's made of marble, and as you walk those

steps, you think of those who've walked before you. You think of the challenges that the country's faced."

Who does McCarthy walk with these days as he steps about the Capitol marble: Muhlenberg, Chase Smith, Rayburn, Baker, Mansfield, McCain, Adams or the plethora of Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, others of the 550 plus charged in the insurrection — those whom McCarthy calls "patriots"?

How to meet and dismiss this false leadership? Face McCarthy to a bred-in-the-bone politician. Face him with someone raised on both the service and sly of political life, an ardent study, a nibble responder with quotable sense and barbed stingers. Match him to someone who can multi-task, who can handle multiple constituents, someone competent, smart, with integrity. Two such strong, confident, articulate legislators, respected and

productive, are on both sides of the House aisle. Two mothers of five — that's five each — well-experienced with handling childish misdeeds, name calling when there is nothing substantial or truthful to say, temper tantrums unleashed, pouts and withholding objects that ought to be shared. McCarthy is out-numbered, out-performed, out-classed and already ruffled, singed and scorched. An indistinct man bodes poorly confronted with fire and brimstone: Nancy Pelosi and Liz Cheney.

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark." — Michelangelo

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