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

## Schools are open

By Patrick L. Sullivan

On a warmish and cloudy Monday morning, Aug. 30, students arrived at Salisbury Central School for the first day of the 2021-22 school year.

Everyone was wearing masks, and the overall scene featured more organization and less cheerful hubbub than in previous years.

As children disembarked from buses and private cars, faculty and staff members

quickly steered them in the right direction.

Unlike previous years, parents largely remained in their cars instead of chatting with teachers and each other. Staffers directing traffic in the circle in front of the elementary (upper) building waved cars through quickly to avoid logjams.

The first bus rolled in at 8:20 a.m. By 8:35 a.m., it was all over except for a couple of stragglers.

The seven schools in the Region One School District (including Salisbury Central School, photos right) are open for in-person learning. Each of the six towns in the region has its own elementary school; all the towns share Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. There is also one superintendent and one central office for the region; special education services are also shared from the regional central office.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Salisbury Central School faculty and staff got children sorted out and on their way as the first day of the 2021-22 school year got underway Monday, Aug. 30. Right, Donna Begley helped direct students to the right place at Salisbury Central School.

## Looking for better (and quieter) ways to recycle

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC) for the Salisbury Sharon Transfer Station addressed the possibility of expanding the pilot program for removing food from the municipal solid waste stream at its meeting Aug. 18 (held online).

Program Chair Barbara Bettigole said any expansion of the program depends on a grant, to be awarded mid-September.

If the grant does not come through, then the committee will have to explore other fundraising options and less costly options for collection and hauling of the collected food waste.

Bettigole said that between May 1, when the pilot program began at the transfer station, and Aug. 8, some 6.6 tons of food waste were diverted.

The committee discussed reports of poor behavior at the transfer station, with some individuals expressing frustration at times when the facility was short-staffed.

"There are always some grumpy people," Bettigole observed. She suggested the transfer station website be updated regularly, so that if certain services cannot be offered because of a lack of personnel, residents can find out before making a drive.

The committee also discussed an email from a transfer station neighbor, with a lengthy list of concerns. The top three were: The appearance of the facility from Route 44, partic-

ularly mowing and haying; the sound of glass being smashed in the recycling unit, especially on Sunday mornings; and how it can be confirmed that commer-

cial haulers are carrying only garbage collected in Salisbury and Sharon.

No action was taken at the meeting.

## Northwest Corner is blessed with mild (and even 'magical') impacts from Henri

By Cynthia Hochswender

In the end, the impact of Henri (who was sometimes a hurricane and other times a mere tropical depression) on the Northwest Corner was mercifully mild.

No one could have blamed area residents for expecting the worst; who could forget the damage caused by last August's tornado, which pulled apart one of the large greenhouses at Paley's Farm Market in Sharon and felled significant numbers of large trees in the Lime Rock Station section of Falls Village.

The storm on Monday was expected to bring intensely high winds and so much

rain that it was thought the Housatonic River would reach flood stage.

Instead the winds were

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PHOTO BY NOREEN DRISCOLL

Batman, Destroyer, Sunshine, Matador and Sitka (their Appalachian Trail "trail names") took shelter from the storm on Monday, Aug. 23 — and had a wonderful visit with Noreen Driscoll at her home in North Canaan.

Photographer Lans Christensen spotted a team of cormorants sitting on a rope in Kent.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

## Looking for ways to make Lime Rock Park a good neighbor

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Dicky Riegel, the new chief executive officer and one of the new owners of Lime Rock Park (LRP), gave the Planning and Zoning Commission an outline of future plans for the track at the commission's Aug. 16 meeting (held online).

He began by saying that the new ownership team wishes to establish a good working relationship with the town and the commission.

He said LRP is addressing

ongoing noise concerns from the Lime Rock Citizens Council. He also said LRP is working with the State Police and the town to address speeding on local roads.

Riegel said the new ownership wishes to expand the activities at Lime Rock Park, with an emphasis on the word "park."

Riegel cited the 2022 Trade Secrets, an annual fundraising event for Women's Support Services, as an example of an activity that is not related to motor sports.

He said the track will soon be applying to build an "events chalet" that will be better suited for indoor events.

Also in the works are plans to expand the infield kitchen, which will replace the outfield kitchen and eliminate the need to cook food in the outfield kitchen and then drive it around to the infield.

In the B paddock, LRP plans to build garages, which will reduce the number of vehicles arriving by trailer for racing events.

Further down the road are plans for a "hospitality area" in the outfield, with a hotel, dining and a museum.

Riegel said the ultimate goal is to make LRP a four-season tourist destination.

The commissioners were generally pleased with what they heard. Asked about a timeline, Riegel said he'd like to get the chalet, kitchen and garages done "within the next year if possible."

Asked if the plan calls for year-round entertainment, 24 hours per day, Riegel said

the plan is for year-round use but not 24 hours per day. He acknowledged that certain non-racing events, such as the Highland Games, will require special permits from the commission. The Scottish Highland Games have been an annual June event at the race track for several years.

Riegel, along with Bill Rueckert (who spoke briefly on Aug. 16) and Charles Mallory, formed the investment group that purchased LRP from Skip Barber in April.

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### Three-day forecast

Friday .....Partly cloudy, high 70°/low 55°  
 Saturday .....Cloudy, 72°/54°  
 Sunday .....Cloudy, 73°/55°

## 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.

### Turning into traffic

On Aug. 19 at approximately 12:30 p.m. a 2016 Chevrolet Cruze driven by Melissa Shetsky, 48, of Winsted was turning left onto Route 44 in North Canaan from the Stop & Shop parking lot and struck a 2019 Toyota Sienna driven by Barbara Linden, 59, of Otis, Mass. The passengers of the Toyota (Tessa Harney, 23, Morgan Fahey, 26, Temura Allen, 56, and Samatha Church, 35) were transported to Sharon Hospital. Shetsky was issued a verbal warning for failure to grant the right of way while making a left-hand turn.

### Sleeping trespasser

On Aug. 20 at approximately 10 p.m. Troop B responded to a report of white adult male sleeping in the backyard of the caller's residence on East Canaan Road in North Canaan. The sleeping male had already been asked to leave by the property owner. The male, Joshua Rubenfeld, 32, of Jersey City, N.J., was charged with interfering with a police investigation by providing false information. He was scheduled to appear in

Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 23.

### Racetrack driver injury

On Aug. 21 at approximately 2:15 p.m. a BMW M3 driven by Gregory Owen Bouleris, 55, of Ridgefield, Conn., lost control on the Lime Rock Park racetrack and struck a metal guardrail, causing the BMW to roll over multiple times. Bouleris was transported to Sharon Hospital and later to Hartford Hospital by LifeStar.

### Driver leaves on foot

On Aug. 21 at approximately 10:45 p.m. on Cemetery Hill Road in Sharon, a 2002 GMC Sierra driven by Jordan Stevener, 24, of Amenia struck two mailboxes and then drove into a tree. The GMC then struck a SNET utility pole.

Stevener fled his vehicle and the scene of the accident by foot. He was later located by police and taken to Sharon Hospital for an ankle injury.

Stevener stated he abandoned his vehicle because he did not possess insurance or a driver's license. He was issued a misdemeanor summons for driving without a license, driving without insurance and traveling too fast for the conditions. He is scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 7.

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.

## Salisbury's medical support in Haiti

SALISBURY — Hispanola Health Partners (HHP), a Salisbury sponsored nonprofit that has been working in a remote corner of Haiti since 2013, is expanding its outreach.

Hispanola Health Partners' clinic (HHP), the Centre de Santé Union de Grand Gosier, was founded by the residents of a small village in southeast Haiti along with Salisbury resident Louise Lindenmeyr, a family nurse practitioner.

Local HHP board members include Helen Scoville and board president Peter Halle. With the support of many Northwest Corner residents and local faith-based organizations, their Haitian clinic now offers 24/7 primary care services to a population of fishermen and subsistence farmers near the Dominican border. The clinic is run by a staff of 13 Haitian professionals who provide a wide range of services. HHP's clinic serves approximately 9,000 people per year in a rural region.

This fall HHP plans to open Mezon Nesans Fanmi, a birth center attached to their clinic, with room for extended family members, a kitchen and garden to use while they wait and up-to-date services in a monitored environment.

For further information go to [www.hispanolahealthpartners.org](http://www.hispanolahealthpartners.org) or contact Louise Lindenmeyr at [llindenmeyr@gmail.com](mailto:llindenmeyr@gmail.com) or Peter Halle at 860-824-7272.

## Grants awarded to area nonprofits

The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation has awarded grants to 21 area nonprofit organizations, totaling \$102,150, during its second grant cycle of 2021. The Community Foundation awards discretionary grants to northwest Connecticut charities three times a year: early spring, late June and late fall. Noteworthy among the recent awards:

- The American Mural Project, \$5,200 to support materials for the viewing platform guardrails (from the Edwin M. Stone and Edith H. Stone Fund)

- Cornwall Social Services, \$5,000 to support general operating expenses (from the Khurshed Bhumgara Fund)

- McCall Center for Behavioral Health, \$4,950 to support the cost of cell phones and cell phone cards for low-income clients accessing telehealth services (from the Robert Venn Carr Jr. Fund and the Fred and Josephine Bruni Fund)

- Northwest Connecticut YMCA, \$6,750 to support the purchase of a digital fundraising platform (from the Eva M. Coty Fund)

- SOAR Educational Enrichment, \$4,600 to support continued virtual programming for Fall 2021 due to COVID-19 (from the Khurshed Bhumgara Fund and The Echo Valley Foundation Fund, a donor-advised fund)

Established in 1969, the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation serves 20 towns in northwest Connecticut. Its total endowment, comprised of more than 280 funds, has grown from initial assets of \$15,000 to more than \$125 million. Last year, combined grants and scholarships totaled in excess of \$5 million.

## Scholarships given to two Falls Village students

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Scholarship Association (FVSA) announced that it has awarded two scholarships to Falls Village students planning to continue their education at colleges for the 2021-22 academic year. The two students are both graduates of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

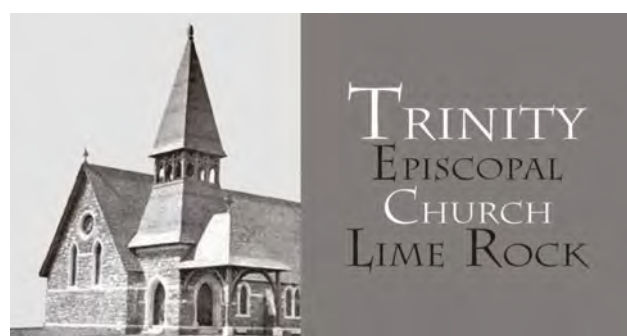
The awarded students are Elaine Dekker, who plans to attend Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., exploring an interest in health care, and Nicholas Sheltra, who plans to attend Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted and has an interest in forensic biology.

Dekker said in a letter to

FVSA, "I am so grateful for the support you and our town [have provided] me and all other community members. This money will make a difference for my family and me, and will allow me to begin working toward a successful future."

FVSA has normally culminated its annual fundraising efforts with Bingo Night at Lee H. Kellogg School each spring. The pandemic caused FVSA to forgo this primary fundraiser in both spring 2020 and 2021, making individual donations more important than ever.

To make a donation to the scholarship fund for 2022-23 applicants or for more information go to [www.fallsvillagescholarships.org](http://www.fallsvillagescholarships.org).



### Fall Events for the Community

**Rally Sunday cookout**

Sunday, September 5 at Noon

**New Sunday School classes start**

Sunday, September 12 at 10:20 AM

**St. Francis Sunday**

Sunday, October 3 at 10:30 AM

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## Clothesline Art Show Sept. 18

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

Forty Salisbury resident artists and artisans will be there displaying and selling their work. Admission is free and artists may keep all proceeds; this sale is an opportunity for Salisbury Family Services to offer thanks to artists in town.

There will be early buying opportunities for event sponsors from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Masks are required.

For more information, go to [www.salisburyfamilyservices.org](http://www.salisburyfamilyservices.org); the Clothesline Art Show link is at the top of the page.

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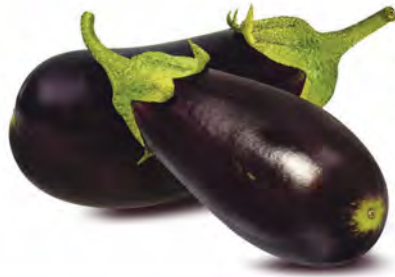
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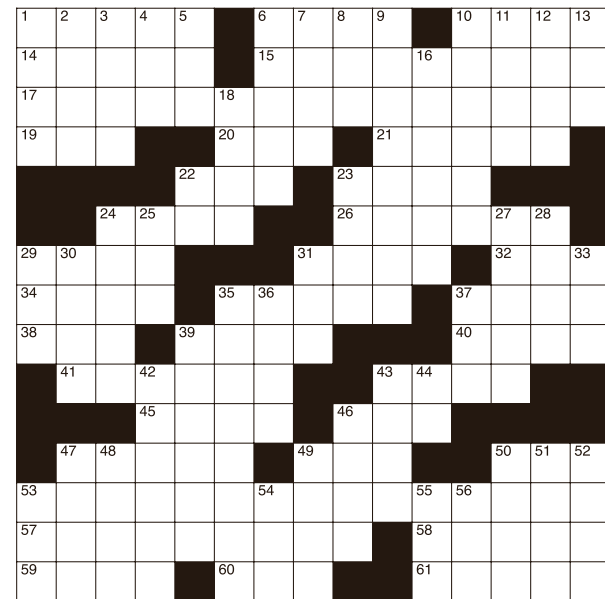
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Secret clique
6. Earliest in and out
10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
14. Olfactory property
15. Kidnapping
17. Golf prize
19. Helps little firms
20. Cast a spell on
21. Panama is one
22. Dishonorable man
23. Sea eagle
24. Part of the healing process
26. Vin's last name
29. Wings
31. Made older
32. Political device
34. Looks like a rabbit
35. Gurus
37. Philippine Island
38. Not or
39. Hindu model of ideal man
40. Exam
41. Making less difficult
43. Without
45. Dravidian ethnic group
46. A baglike structure
47. Buenos Aires capital La \_\_\_
49. Dab
50. Singers who perform together
53. Pirates' saying
57. OK to allude to
58. Somaliland diplomat
59. Has to pay back
60. Felix is one
61. Intestinal pouches

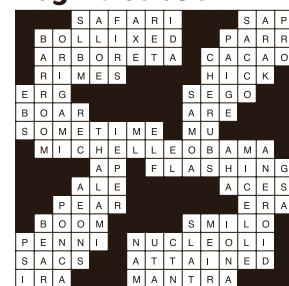
### CLUES DOWN

1. Harsh cries of a crow
2. Type of horse
3. \_\_\_ fide: authentic
4. Doctors' group
5. Fugitives are on it
6. Forged
7. Wild goat
8. Influential American president
9. Calls for help
10. Repents
11. Palm tree with creeping roots
12. Black powder used in makeup
13. Happy New Year
16. Stretched out one's neck
18. Whale ship captain
22. Atomic #20
23. Border
24. River that borders India and Nepal

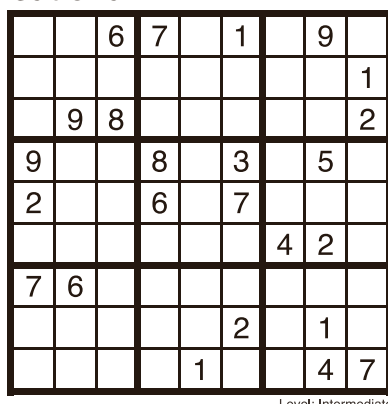


25. After B
27. Fencing swords
28. Where researchers work
29. Expression of satisfaction
30. Broadway actor Nathan
31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
33. A way to eliminate
35. Type of tree resin
36. Russian river
37. Children's TV network
39. Troublemaker
42. Averts or delays
43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
44. It cools your home
46. Satisfy to the fullest
47. Stinks!
48. Popular board game
49. Attack by hurling
50. A vale
51. Type of acid
52. Tasmania's highest mountain
53. No seats available
54. Licensed for Wall Street
55. Family of genes
56. Constrictor snake

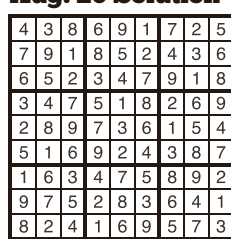
### Aug. 26 Solution



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### Aug. 26 Solution



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# Our Towns

## Learn about Sharon library expansion over Zoom or in person

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has begun a significant renovation and expansion project.

A series of Zoom receptions and guided tours will be available throughout September and October. The receptions will show how the project will unfold.

“Recognizing that people are curious about the upcoming changes, we want to give them the ability to learn about what is being planned,” said Library Board President Tom Trowbridge.

Advance registration for the one-hour Zoom receptions and tours is requested but not required.

The Zoom dates are:  
 • Thursday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m.  
 • Monday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.  
 • Wednesday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m.  
 • Wednesday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.

The guided tours will be on the following Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.: Sept. 11, 18 and 25 and Oct. 2, 9 and 16.

Register for the Zoom receptions or library tours at <https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/adult-events/>. The Zoom link for the receptions will be sent to registrants and will also be on the library website.

For more information, go to <https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/plans-for-the-future/>.

## Learn about rescue of a native tree

FALLS VILLAGE — Three of the region’s most knowledgeable outdoor experts will lead a walk on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. as part of the Housatonic Heritage Walks, which begin on Labor Day Weekend and continue into October.

Woods Sinclair, Mark Burdick and Star Childs will lead a tour of an orchard created in Falls Village to help reestablish the American chestnut tree in the Tristate landscape. The chestnut trees were once abundant in the area, and their

sturdy lovely wood was used to build many houses.

The trees succumbed to a blight; a hardier new strain has been developed and the Falls Village orchard has been successfully nurturing the trees.

The group will meet at 1 p.m. at Under Mountain Road in Falls Village, approximately 3 miles from Route 7 or approximately 1 mile from Route 63. Rain cancels this activity. Preregistration is requested at 860-824-7454 or [fayaway7@gmail.com](mailto:fayaway7@gmail.com).

## Selectmen support Land Trust application

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — An application to preserve 81 acres of land on Millerton Road took a step ahead as the Board of Selectmen agreed at their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24, to write a letter of support for an Open Space Grant available through the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

The application is being prepared by the Sharon Land Trust, explained Chris Clow, who attended the meeting.

The current owner of the

parcel is Lionel Goldfrank, who is offering to sell the parcel to the Land Trust. Attributes include its scenic qualities and its healthy stand of forest.

Additionally, the land is adjacent to the existing Goodbody Preserve and the von Ahn acreage that the Land Trust is working to acquire. Assembling all of the parcels and existing conservation easements would mean that the preserved land would front Mudge Pond at one edge and at another edge it would drain into Indian Lake, providing valuable protection

to both bodies of water.

Trails would be provided for public access and to link to the trail winding through the Goodbody Preserve, Clow said.

In keeping with its policy of attempting to identify any location within the acreage where an affordable housing unit might be built, the Land Trust did identify one spot

on the property that could be suitable. The remainder of the acreage is too forested and too steep to accommodate a home. Goldfrank did not favor the idea and stipulated that nothing could be built on the land.

Hunting will be allowed on the property, but hunters will need to notify hikers of their presence in the area.

## Windfall received from the Silly Putty Charitable Trust

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — At first doubting the validity of correspondence received from Wells Fargo Bank notifying the town of Sharon of the closing of the Silly Putty Charitable Trust, town Treasurer Tina Pitcher nevertheless followed up on the notice, reporting to the selectmen at their meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 24, that it was all real.

The trust had been established in 1975 by Fergus Reid Buckley, who stipulated that if the trust became inactive, half of the assets should go to Camden, S.C., and the other half to

Sharon.

Accordingly, Pitcher reported that the town has received a total of \$49,193 to be used for cultural, historical, recreational or educational purposes.

In keeping with the intent, the selectmen discussed purchasing a town vehicle to be shared between the Social Services Office and the Parks and Recreation Department. Such a town service vehicle could transport residents to medical appointments or help with transportation for cultural or recreational trips. The selectmen agreed to consult with the Board of Finance about use and handling of the funds.

## Complaint filed over Democratic endorsement of Todd

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A group of Falls Village Democrats led by Noelle LaMuniere and Betsy Howie filed an appeal with the state Democratic Party over the town Democratic party’s decision to endorse Republican First Selectman Henry Todd in the November municipal election.

The appeal to the Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee was made on Aug. 10.

It alleges that the Falls Village Democratic Town Committee (DTC) meeting on July 20 did not have a quorum and that open voting rules were not followed at DTC meetings in January and June. It further claims that DTC Chairman David Barger improperly prohibited attendees at the July 20 meeting from discussing the candidacy of Douglas Cohn for the office of first selectman, and that the town committee used “improper voting procedures” when it endorsed Todd.

Barger said on Monday, Aug. 30, that he is confident he and the committee followed state and town party rules and that he has not heard anything from state party officials.



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**Robert R. Butts Jr.**

MILLBROOK — Robert R. Butts Jr., 86, a lifelong area resident, passed away on Aug. 23, 2021, at Sharon Hospital.

Mr. Butts was a Heavy Equipment Operator for the Town of Washington for 17 years, retiring in 2000.

Born on Feb. 16, 1935, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Robert R. Butts Sr. and Eva (Hubert) Butts.

Mr. Butts proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

On July 8, 1961, in Wassaic he married Hatty Wheeler, who predeceased him on July 8, 2019.

Mr. Butts was a former member of the Wassaic Fire Company.

He loved attending and participating in tractor pulls and was a longtime member of Columbia County Pulling. He also volunteered with the Future Farmers of America, Webutuck Chapter.

Mr. Butts is survived by three sons, Robert R. Butts III and his wife, Michelle, of



Amenia, Ricky A. Butts Sr. and his wife, Cindy, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and Brian M. Butts Sr. and his wife, Betsy, of

Amenia; five daughters, Nancy Cookingham and her husband, Robert, of Millerton, Barbara Grady and her husband, Frank, of Millbrook, Cindy Race of Millbrook, Susan Whalen and her husband, Brian, of Wassaic and Teresa Whalen and her husband, Kevin, of Wassaic; a brother, Frank Dunn Jr. of Florida; a sister, Margaret Murphy of Florida; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Butts was predeceased by two brothers, Thomas and Joseph Butts; a sister, Elizabeth Cole; and a granddaughter, Brianna Race.

Calling hours were held Aug. 28 at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Funeral services were at the funeral home, with burial at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains. Send the family an online condolence at [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

**Mary Rose (Santin) Chevalier**

NORTH CANAAN — Mary Rose (Santin) Chevalier, wife of the late Robert J. Chevalier, peacefully passed away at the age of 98 on Aug. 11, 2021, at her home on Orchard Street in North Canaan.

Mary was born in Rockland, Wis., the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Santin of North Canaan. Mary and Robert first lived in Lakeville. In the 1950s they moved to a farm in South Kent, where they raised four children.

Mary was fortunate to spend the last years of her life at her home in the loving care of her daughter, Mary Ann and her partner, Robbie. She left her home and checked into a much



grander and glorious house that awaited her (John 14: 1-3).

Mary leaves behind her three children, Andrea Chevalier, Mary Ann Chevalier and Christopher Chevalier and daughter-in-law, Carol.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert D. Chevalier.

She also leaves behind three grandchildren, Jamie, Megan and Siena.

She was also predeceased by her grandson, Adam.

Mary was a strong, beautiful woman who will be missed by all who knew her.

There will be no formal services. Instead there will be a private graveside gathering of the family.

**Kevin Leo Orce**

NORTH CANAAN — On Aug. 21, 2021, Kevin Orce entered into eternal peace. He was greeted by his brother David, father Henry and mother Margaret.

Kevin was born on Christmas Day in 1957 in Yonkers, N.Y.

As a devoted husband, father, friend and employee, he was a gift to so many more people than just his family.

He is survived by his brother Mark, sister Susan, wife Kerri, and sons Kyle, and Tim.

In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that you please remind your loved ones how special they are to you.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

**Kevin Earl Tuthill**

SHARON — Kevin Earl Tuthill passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2021, at Durham-Hensley Health & Rehabilitation, in Afton, Tenn., at the age of 67.

Kevin, a former resident of Sharon, was a recently retired employee of Kimberly-Clark in New Milford, Conn.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Kevin is survived by two sons and one daughter, Peter Tuthill and wife Kelly Tuthill, Benjamin Tuthill and Sarah Visconti and husband Darren Visconti.

He was also a proud grandfather to his four grandchildren, Eli Tuthill, William Tuthill, Scarlett Visconti and Sienna Visconti.

Kevin was also survived by his loving brothers and sisters, Robert and Janet Tuthill of Sutton, Vt., Gary and June Tuthill of Sharon, Eugene and Elinor Tuthill of Greeneville, Tenn.,

Karen Geissler of Millerton and Audrey and Lee Garay of Sharon; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In remembrance of Kevin's love of stargazing we can choose to believe that, "Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through, and shines down to let us know they are happy."

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kiserrrose-hillfuneralhome.com](http://www.kiserrrose-hillfuneralhome.com).

**OBITUARIES**

**Susan Costello**

WEST CORNWALL — Susan Costello, 69, died peacefully at home on Aug. 19, 2021. She was the loving wife of the late Roland Costello.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she graduated with a degree in nursing from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Soon afterward, she moved to Pittsfield, Mass., and opened a popular coffee shop.

Later, she became the caretaker for a mansion that was also the location of a popular summer camp, where she hosted and fed a large corps of happy campers.

She met her beloved husband, Roland, when she moved to West Cornwall, where she

opened a video rental store and met most everyone in her new adopted hometown.

She also became an adept house painter with her husband.

She always kept her nursing license and returned to that field while working in a nearby nursing home in later years.

However, she always claimed her proudest accomplishment was raising her children, Damien and Paris, who survive her along with her granddaughter, Willa; brothers Roy and Jeffrey; and sister Deborah.

A funeral service was held Aug. 24 at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

**Maureen Jeanette (Guilmart) O'Neill**

TORRINGTON — Maureen Jeanette (Guilmart) O'Neill, 88, passed away Aug. 22, 2021, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. She was the beloved wife of 41 years of the late James F. O'Neill Jr.

Mrs. O'Neill was born in Torrington on June 13, 1933, daughter of the late Anna E. (Gleeson) and Allen C. Guilmart.

Maureen was a graduate of St. Francis of Assisi School in Torrington, Torrington High School (Class of 1951) and St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing (Class of 1954).

Maureen was a Registered Nurse who worked in obstetrics and hospital nurseries for 25 years.

In 1974, along with her husband, she started Serenity Hill Farm in North Canaan, the first substance abuse treatment center in the state to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. They went on to operate two additional residential treatment centers with on-site detox units in New Hampshire along with 13 outpatient clinics throughout New England and supported thousands on their journey into sobriety.

Maureen was an avid reader and enjoyed bowling, golf and traveling, taking trips to Ireland, Monaco, Aruba, Hawaii, and several cruises to the

Caribbean, Alaska and Europe. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was funny, kind, gentle and loved by all.

Survivors include a daughter, Maureen A. O'Neill-Davis and her husband, John, of Torrington; a son, Michael F. O'Neill and his wife, Amy, of DeLand, Fla.; five grandchildren, Ashley L. Davis, Meah N. Davis, Logan M. Davis, Patrick F. O'Neill, and Christopher D. O'Neill; a brother, James G. Guilmart and his wife, Lauren, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a sister, Patricia "Peta" G. Hoffmann and her husband, Heinz, of Amesbury, Mass.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. O'Neill was predeceased by two brothers, William J. Guilmart and Allen J. Guilmart, both of Torrington.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27 from Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home in Torrington. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Torrington, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery in North Canaan. Calling hours were Aug. 26 at Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Maureen's name to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Details can be found, and online condolences may be sent to the family, at [www.gleesonryanfh.com](http://www.gleesonryanfh.com).



**Catherine Mary Murphy**

AMENIA — Catherine Mary Murphy, 89, a lifelong resident of Amenia, passed away on Aug. 21, 2021, at Sharon Hospital.

Born on Aug. 4, 1932, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Maroney) and William P. Murphy. Catherine was a bank officer and a former vice president of First National Bank of Amenia with 40 years of dedicated service, retiring in 1997.

Catherine was a graduate of Amenia High School and the Krissler Business Institute in Poughkeepsie.

She was a member of the Amenia Historical Society, Amenia Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and the Amenia Women's Business Club. Catherine was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Mended Hearts-Sharon Chapter and volunteered at the Vine and Branches Food Closet in Amenia. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception

Church in Amenia.

Catherine is survived by a sister, Veronica Rose of Lagrange, N.Y.; three sisters-in-law, Charlotte Murphy of Amenia, Barbara Murphy of North Canaan and Sandy Murphy of South Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Mary Adamitis; and three brothers, James Murphy, William EP Murphy and J. Chester Murphy.

Calling hours were Aug. 26 at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 27 at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501.

Send the family an online condolence at [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).



**Worship Services**  
Week of September 5, 2021

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

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and On You-Tube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 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 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> 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 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 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 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 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 <a href="mailto:sharonumc634@att.net">sharonumc634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
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<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mngates125@gmail.com">mngates125@gmail.com</a> 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><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 519 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 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> 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>
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<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday worship service during July and August, 10 a.m. Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>
<p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 <a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>

**Labor Day**

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# Welcome to the new teachers

The school year began, in person, at the seven schools of the Region One School District on Monday, Aug. 30. Several new hires and changes of position for the schools were announced last week. We welcome the new teachers and staff to the region!



**Rachel Novak**  
Housatonic Valley  
Regional High School  
Social Worker

Rachel Novak is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and a state-endorsed school social worker. She holds her Master's Degree of Social Work, with clinical concentration, from Fordham University and her Bachelor's of Science in Social Work from the University of Saint Joseph. She comes to us from the Farmington School District, where she was an Interim School Social Worker and worked as a paraprofessional for three years.

Rachel has a passion for Social Emotional Learning, and is versed in Zones of Regulation and RULER curriculum. She believes that social emotional learning is essential for a well-rounded student and is excited to work with the students and staff of Region One.

As a native to the area, in her spare time Rachel enjoys spending time outdoors by hiking, paddleboarding and kayaking. She is also an avid traveler, and takes advantage of school breaks in order to travel as much as possible!

Salary: \$52,334



**Lauren Montagna**  
Lee H. Kellogg  
Kindergarten to  
Grade Two

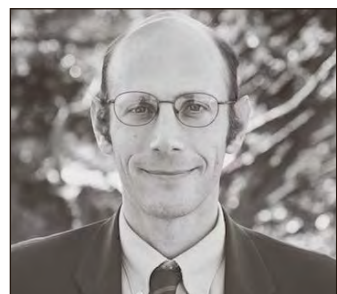
Lauren Montagna is going into her fifth year of teaching this fall. Previously, she has taught Special Education in

grades Pre-K through first and general education in a multi-age Pre-K/K classroom. She is excited to continue to work with students in a multi-age model at Kellogg.

Lauren graduated from the University of Delaware in 2017 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently obtaining her Master's Degree through Pennsylvania State University: World Campus in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Curriculum and Supervision.

Through student teaching in undergrad, Lauren was able to teach internationally in Athens, Greece. In her spare time, she loves to travel, read and bake.

Salary: \$52,086



**Matthew Kandel**  
Lee H. Kellogg  
Grades Three/Four

Matt Kandel is the new third- and fourth-grade teacher at the Lee H. Kellogg School.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Matt has taught fourth grade for the past 14 years at Rumsey Hall School. Earlier in his career, Matt taught elementary and middle school classes in Vermont and Maine.

Matt lives with his wife and three teenage boys in Morris, Conn. If asked about his favorite part of teaching in the elementary school, he would say that it's being surrounded by the joy, excitement, wonder and energy of childhood each day.

When he's not in the classroom, Matt loves to spend time in the woods and his local public library. He can't wait to meet more of the Falls Village community and to become a member of the Region One team!

Salary: \$67,325



**Amanda Hitchcock**  
Lee H. Kellogg  
Counselor

Amanda Hitchcock is the new School Counselor at Lee H. Kellogg School. She graduated with her Master's in Counselor Education from Western Connecticut State University in May 2021. She also has a Bachelor's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and an Associate's Degree from Naugatuck Valley Community College. Amanda is a member of both ASCA and CSCA and has her College Admissions Specialization.

Before starting a career in School Counseling, Amanda worked in Education under various roles such as a Before/After School Daycare worker, District Substitute, and a Behavioral Special Education Paraprofessional.

Salary: \$51,544



**Liz Houck**  
Kent Center School  
Grade Four LTS

Elizabeth "Liz" Houck is a Connecticut certified elementary school teacher, with more

than 20 years of experience working with children. Liz believes that you must get to know each student individually and be diligent in trying to discover and understand their unique potential.

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Liz moved to Kent in 2006 and has been working in the school system, in some capacity or another, ever since.

In addition to teaching third grade for Salisbury Central last year, Liz was previously a special education para for Region One (Kent and Salisbury) for 14 years.

She has also worked for local camps and regional parks and recreation departments including the director of the Kent After School Program and Camp Kent (2006-2009), assistant director of Little Rascals in Sharon, and the Mental Health liaison for Camp Sloane in Lakeville (2018).

Elizabeth holds a BA in Psychology from Adelphi University and a Master's of Education from Grand Canyon University.

Salary: \$46,561



**Megan Leach**  
Kent Center School  
Grade One

Megan Leach is a first-grade teacher at Kent Center School. Prior to receiving her Masters of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport, she earned her

Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology and Sociology from Western Connecticut State University. She recently completed her student teaching in a first-grade classroom at Kent Center School.

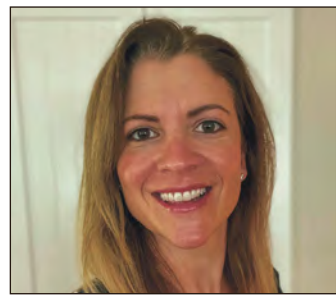
Previously, she has worked as an enrichment coordinator, paraprofessional, and camp counselor in the Kent Center School community.

In addition to her love of teaching, Megan enjoys hiking, bowling and traveling. Megan is looking forward to another wonderful year at Kent Center School!

Salary: \$46,561

**Jessica Caeners**  
Kent Center School  
Art LTS

Salary: \$43,155



**Patty Garcia-Pedroso**  
Kent Center School  
Spanish .3

Patricia is an enthusiastic and devoted Spanish teacher with excellent communication skills demonstrated by 15 years of teaching experience. She has a high degree of fluency in major Spanish dialects.

Patricia also specializes in managing students and maximizing learning opportunities in diverse classroom settings.

Some points to highlight are her experience teaching high school students to read and write in Spanish, implementing strong organizational skills, classroom management and discipline.

Patricia also has extensive

travel experience, which she shares with her students to help with cultural awareness.

Patricia has been employed at South Kent School as a Foreign Language teacher since August 2006. While at South Kent School, Patricia has prepared foreign language curriculum, lesson plans and activities. She teaches Preparatory High School Spanish Levels I, II, III, IV and AP. She has always encouraged hands-on participation in lectures and group activities.

Patricia holds a BA from Lynn University, Magna Cum Laude. She lives in South Kent with her husband, Gonzalo, and their two children, Alejandro and Gabriela.

Salary: Information not available

**Jeffrey Reed**  
North Canaan  
Elementary School  
Music Teacher 1.0  
Salary: \$53, 827



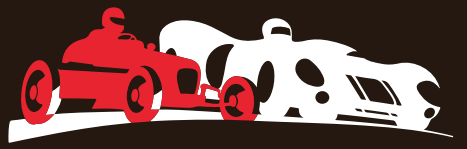
**Ashley Harrington**  
North Canaan  
Elementary School  
Science Grades Five and Six

Ashley Harrington will teach fifth- and sixth-grade science at North Canaan Elementary School. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Connecticut State University. She has taught special education, as well as math and science in northeastern Connecticut.

Salary: \$59,345

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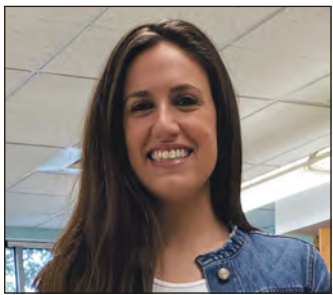
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**Charlotte Papa**  
North Canaan  
Elementary School  
School Counselor

Charlotte Papa is joining the North Canaan Elementary school team as a school counselor. Charlotte completed her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at Emmanuel College in Boston. She completed her Master's Degree in School Counseling at Southern Connecticut State University. A member of both the American and Connecticut School Counselor Associations, she has five years of experience in school counseling and is eager to contribute to the Region One school community.

Salary: \$53,827



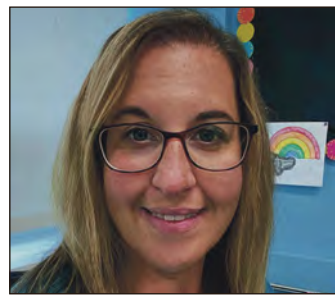
**Katie Cimmino**  
North Canaan  
Elementary School  
Grade Three

Katie is 30 years young and lives in Barkhamsted near West Hill Lake. She enjoys being outdoors, going to the gym and spending time with her friends and family. She is very excited to be the new third-grade teacher at North Canaan Elementary School. This is her fourth year teaching. She has previously taught in Winsted, Colebrook, New Hartford and Litchfield.

Katie grew up in New

Hartford. In May 2014, Katie graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Social Work from Central Connecticut State University. In May 2016, she graduated with a Master of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Bridgeport. She is a certified Elementary Education teacher for grades one through six.

Salary: \$51, 265



**Kathleen "Katie" Stolarczyk**  
North Canaan  
Elementary School  
Grade Four

Katie Stolarczyk is a new fourth-grade teacher at North Canaan Elementary School. She graduated in December 2020 with her Masters in Elementary Education and teaching certification. While in graduate school, Katie also served as a special education paraeducator in grades three and four at Harwinton Consolidated School.

Prior to relocating to Connecticut and raising her family, Katie graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication from Boston University and held various corporate and nonprofit community relations positions in New York City and New Jersey.

Katie lives in Barkhamsted with her husband, Chris, son Braedan (12), daughters Callan (11) and Quinn (5), and kitties Thunder and Lightning.

She enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, reading, baseball (Go Yanks!) and the beach. Katie is excited to begin her teaching career in Region One!

Salary: \$46, 867



**John Conklin**  
Salisbury Central School  
Assistant Principal

Mr. Conklin's education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Vassar College, a Master of Professional Studies in Humanistic and Multicultural Education from the State University of New York College at New Paltz, and a Sixth Year degree and administrative certification from Central Connecticut State University. During his 22-year tenure at Salisbury Central School, he has served as a middle school General Science teacher, middle school coordinator, leadership team member, beginning teacher mentor and baseball coach.

Salary: \$112,000



**Deana Conlogue**  
Salisbury Central School  
Grade Two

Deana Conlogue has worked as a Special Education paraprofessional for Region One since 2011. During this time, she supported the instruction and student learning in the integrated Pre-K program at Salisbury Central School. Deana also completed her student teaching in 2020 at Salisbury Central School.

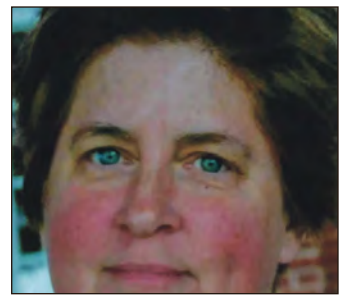
In December 2020, Deana graduated *summa cum laude* from Grand Canyon University with a dual degree in Early Childhood Education and

Early Childhood Special Education.

Being a native of Salisbury herself, as well as a second-generation Salisbury Central graduate, Deana feels incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to continue working and living in such a wonderful community.

When she is not teaching, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Mitchel, and three sons Jace (19), Griffin (17) and Colton (4).

Salary: \$45,329



**Kathleen Ruiz**  
Salisbury Central School  
MS Spanish

Kathleen Ruiz is thrilled to be teaching middle-school Spanish at Salisbury Central School. She comes to us with over 30 years teaching experience, having taught Spanish at all levels of public education. Her passion for teaching Spanish and exploring world cultures has led her to study and teach extensively throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

Kathleen received the King Juan Carlos Fellowship for graduate studies in Madrid, Spain. She tutored special needs students in Oaxaca, México, and taught in Bogotá, Colombia, through the Fulbright Teacher Exchange.

Kathleen did her undergraduate at Fairfield University in Spanish and Political Science and her graduate studies in Bilingual/Bicultural Education at Southern Connecticut State University.

Kathleen lives with her husband, Rodolfo, and their three children in Goshen. In her free time she enjoys travel, hiking, painting, music, reading, quilting, knitting, antiques and spending time with her active family.

Salary: \$91,877



**Emily Loiodice**  
Sharon Center School  
Elementary School Math

Miss Loiodice is a graduate of Nazareth College of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Inclusive Early Childhood/Childhood Education and Chemistry. She earned her Master of Science Degree in Childhood Education with a concentration in STEM from State University of New York at New Paltz.

Miss Loiodice will be a familiar face to Sharon Center, having spent the last three years working with elementary students as a teaching assistant.

Outside of the classroom, Miss Loiodice enjoys spending her time riding and caring

for horses. When she is not at the barn, Miss Loiodice can be found reading a book, baking with her sister, or playing with her two kittens, Jasper and Delilah.

Salary: \$51,436



**Dallas Speranzo**  
Sharon Center School  
MS Math

Dallas Speranzo is in her first year at Sharon Center. She comes from Monument Mountain Regional High School and before that SBRSD in Massachusetts.

Dallas has been teaching math for the last 10 years, specifically ninth through 12th grades. In her time at Monument, Dallas participated on many committees and took on many responsibilities. She was in the Safe & Supportive Committee, Academic Affairs, Class of '19 and '21 advisor, brought back the Cheer program, and leader to both the creation of the Advisory program and Team 10. She is originally from Long Island, N.Y., where she earned her BA, majoring in mathematics secondary education at St. Joseph's College.

She then participated in an online program at Concordia University and received her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Mathematics.

Before leaving New York, Dallas worked for two years as a substitute teacher, and leave replacement at East Moriches UFSD.

Last year Dallas joined her local firehouse as part of the Auxiliary. And she recently celebrated her third anniversary with her husband, Justin. She loves horses, and currently leases a beautiful quarter horse named Sunny. She enjoys watching football (American and European), reading fiction, and cuddling with her fur babies (Dexter the dog and Milo the cat)

Salary: \$71,436



**Bethany Franklin**  
Sharon Center School  
Music Teacher

Bethany Franklin is excited to join Sharon Center School as its music teacher. She previously held teaching positions in Falls Village and Colebrook. Bethany graduated with a BS in music education with a concentration in French horn from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

She is also pursuing a master's degree in music education with pedagogy emphasis from University of Hartford in West Hartford.

Salary: \$51,715



**Keeley Rossi**  
Sharon Center School  
Grade Three

Keeley studied elementary and special education at the University of Maine at Farmington, where she received her bachelor's degree and later went on to receive her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Lesley University.

After completing her undergraduate degree, Keeley began her career as a kindergarten teacher in Maine, where she taught for two years before making the move to Connecticut.

Most recently, Keeley has been supporting students in a third-grade classroom as a paraprofessional. She is very excited to be joining the teaching team at Sharon Center School.

Keeley lives in New Milford with her husband, Dan, and their cat, Dash. In her spare time, Keeley loves to be outside, spend time with her family, and experiment in the kitchen.

Salary: \$56,436

## HENRI

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fairly mild, and the rain stopped before the river made it into the danger zone.

At Falls Village, flood stage is 7 feet; the water peaked at about 6.5 feet. Make no mistake: That's still a lot of water for this time of year. Even last year, when there was a tornado, the Housatonic never got about 2 feet at the measuring station in Falls Village.

Flood stage farther south in Kent is 8 feet; the river never got above about 6.5 feet there.

Photographer Lans Christensen ventured out to the edge of the falls at Bull's Bridge in Kent and captured the ferocity of the water as it funneled itself between the high rocks on either side of the river there.

**A roof over their heads — and three showers**

Some outdoors-oriented folk, however, sensibly sought "shelter from the storm," according to Noreen Driscoll of North Canaan, quoting from the song by Bob Dylan.

Driscoll had seen the story in our Aug. 19 issue by intern Sadie Leite in which she interviewed a handful of Appalachian Trail (AT) thru-hikers.

She sent us an email describing what hikers refer to as "trail magic": At an event in Falls Village before the storm, she met up with some hikers and invited them to wait out the storm at her house.

All AT thru-hikers adopt trail names that they use while they are out on the epic walk. Driscoll said she "met Batman and Destroyer in Falls Village on Friday night before the concert by the Joint Chiefs," she said, "and I told them this was the hottest show in town and that I would treat them to tickets."

"When the talk turned to the impending weather I offered shelter and showers. I have a good amount of floor space here, in my workshop too, and a great loft guest room.

Also: three showers."

Driscoll lives on a property called River Haven that includes a separate building where she and her staff put together floral decorations for her company, Sweethaven Farm.

"One of the guys, Sunshine, is a pro musician," Driscoll continued, "so the offer of a guitar in the house sweetened the deal! And because I have music jams here myself, I have a load of percussion instruments, my own Button Box accordions, and it's just been a lot of fun!"

Rounding out the quintet of hikers are Matador and Sitka.

On Monday, at the height of the storm, Driscoll said, "In between some rain we picked all of the Roma tomatoes from my garden and are cooking up a nice sauce for tonight. Tomorrow morning I'm shuttling them to two different trail heads, where I picked them up on Saturday."

**Hikers are always (very) hungry**

These days it's not that common to pick up a band of five young strangers and invite them to spend a night or two at your home. This group of AT hikers was lovely, Driscoll said. And while unexpected acts of generosity on the trail are known as "trail magic," Driscoll herself said the experience felt magical to her.

"It's been a totally new, and rewarding experience for me! It wouldn't have happened if the Saturday night Tanglewood concert that I was planning on attending hadn't been canceled. My friend PJ from Kent and I had made up a bunch of food, and we were happy to share it with these very kind and grateful gentleman."

The impromptu concert that the hikers put together was "musical magic and the icing on the cake for all!"

Speaking of cake, AT hikers famously need to load on calories and can often be spotted

at lunchtime downing pints of Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

"Yes there was ice cream," Driscoll confirmed, as well as "blueberry pie and corn from Freund's farm market in East Canaan, along with some beers, a treat for what they call 'Zero days' — as in 'no miles logged.'"

**Next stop: Mount Katahdin**

Hikers often start off alone on their AT adventure — but many quickly meet up with other hikers and sometimes form deep bonds of friendship. Such was the case with the five who stayed at River Haven.

"They all met at different spots on the trail," Driscoll said. "Some are doing the whole thing, some are doing a little section that they missed last time. They're usually not hiking together, but they sometimes meet up at shelters."

"But they all are hoping to be at the northern terminus of the trail at Mount Katahdin in Maine by early October."



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## Back to School, But Just For Fun

A group of merchants in the Columbia County village of Hillsdale, N.Y., has put together a weekend of workshops on everything from growing dahlias to studying the history of stone markers.

The Workshop Experience Weekend is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12; the full schedule and class prices can be found at [www.TheWorkshopExperience.org](http://www.TheWorkshopExperience.org).

Chef Serge Madikians of Serevan Restaurant in Amenia, N.Y., will show how to make Golden Apple and Cauliflower Soup and a pear, apple and fennel salad. The charismatic and talented Madikians teaches many classes throughout the year at the Hillsdale General Store's HGS Home Chef. This class is \$80.

Jenny Elliott of Tiny Hearts Farm is a self-proclaimed dahlia fanatic. At this time of year, who isn't? But Elliott actually knows how best to grow them (this is not the most straightforward flower in



PHOTO COURTESY JENNY ELLIOTT

**Jenny Elliott of Tiny Hearts Farm in Hillsdale, N.Y., will teach classes on growing dahlias, and arranging them, as part of a full weekend of classes billed as The Workshop Experience Weekend on Sept. 11 and 12 in Hillsdale, N.Y.**

your garden) and arrange them, and she'll share her experience in two classes on Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. (growing them, \$25) and 1:30 p.m. (arranging them, \$165, because you get to take home your arrangement).

Libba Bray is a New York Times bestselling author; Susanna Schrobsdorff writes for Time, Inc. Together they'll

teach a writing workshop on Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. at Taconic Ridge Farm. The class will begin with short writing prompts and will end with a question and answer session with these two writing pros. The class is \$40.

There's more to do with the wildflowers and nuts you find along roadsides and in fields than just putting them in a vase. You

can also make fabric dyes with many of them. Jamie Goldenberg shows how it's done in a workshop on Sunday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. at Taconic Ridge Farm (\$85).

The world around us is trying to speak to you and tell you stories. Learn how to listen in three workshops, on the engravings on grave stones with Allison C. Meier (Sept. 11, 1 p.m. at Taconic Ridge Farm, \$35); on stone walls, with Kevin Gardner (Sept. 12, 1 p.m. at Taconic Ridge Farm, \$45); and "death bouquets," the flowers engraved on grave stones, also with Allison Meier (Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., \$35).

There are also cooking classes and movement classes and history classes. The full list of courses is at the website.

HGS Home Chef and Tiny Hearts Farm will host an informal "Jazz Lunch" between workshops (Sept 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) with musician Luke Franco of Tiny Hearts Farm.

There are three restaurants in the Hillsdale; box lunches could be pre-ordered until Aug. 20, but food will also be for sale on the day of the workshops.

## BELOVED CHORAL MUSIC OUTDOORS SEPT. 3

Crescendo brings a choral concert of much-loved selections from the classical repertoire to the outdoor Veterans' Field Pavilion in Sharon, Conn., on Friday, Sept. 3.

The program is designed to comfort and uplift audiences after the long absence of live concerts. It is a program for lovers of choral music. Among the composers represented are Mozart, Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Mendelssohn, Tallis, Franck, and Stainer.

Featured music will include J.S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and the "Sanctus" from his majestic B-Minor Mass, John Stainer's dramatic English anthem, "I Saw the Lord," Cesar Franck's mystical "Panis Angelicus," the moving Spirituals "Deep River" and "Swing Low," G.F. Handel's soaring "Hallelujah" and the "Amen" from his "Messiah," Mendelssohn's "How Lovely are the Messengers," and W. A.

Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus." The Crescendo Chorus, Vocal Ensemble and soloists will be accompanied by Christopher Belluscio and Brian Kanner, trumpets, and Juan Mesa, organ. Crescendo's founder and artistic director Christine Gevert will conduct.

The start time for the concert is 5 p.m. For those unfamiliar with the pavilion, which is behind the ballfield and next to the walking trail in Sharon, the address is 29 Sharon Station Road.

Tickets for general lawn seating are \$25 (youth tickets are \$10). They can be purchased online at [www.worldclassmusic.org](http://www.worldclassmusic.org) or at the door.

All performers, staff members and volunteers are fully vaccinated, and Crescendo will follow state and federal guidelines for COVID-19 prevention. Unvaccinated audience members must wear a mask at all times.

## OPEN STUDIO TOUR SEPT. 4

If you were intrigued by the artist Robert Andrew Parker, who was profiled in our August special issue of Compass (dedicated to artists and their studios), you can take advantage of a rare opportunity to

actually visit Parker in that same studio.

Cornwall, Conn., will hold its annual open studio day on Saturday, Sept. 4, between 1 and 5 p.m.

There are sculptors, painters, makers of high-end dishware and other ceramic goods and more.

The full list of a dozen artists is at [www.cornwallct.org/2021/08/20/cornwall-artists-open-studio](http://www.cornwallct.org/2021/08/20/cornwall-artists-open-studio). The visits are free unless, of course, you decide to buy a piece of art.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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# Ruth Finley and 'Calendar Girl': Without Her, There Couldn't Have Been NYC Fashion Week

Sadly, concerns about the regrowth of COVID-19 infections has begun to have an impact on cultural and community plans for this autumn.

The much-loved Fall Festival in Salisbury, Conn., has been postponed until 2022.

The Berkshire International Film Festival, also known as BIFF, is neither canceled nor postponed — but its organizers announced last week that this year's festival will be presented "virtually," not in person.

The BIFF film roster is heavily weighted toward documentary films, although there are a few "narratives" (which all feel a little like documentaries anyway).

There are also short films, and everyone loves shorts, right?

There's a very diverse selection, something for every interest.

There is a thoughtful exploration of transgender identity in a film ("No Ordinary Man") about the jazz musician Billy Tipton, a woman masquerading as a man to find her/his place in the jazz world.

There is a film about parents trying to allow their children more freedom to play and learn ("Chasing Childhood").

"The Art of Don Gummer" is a look into the world of the sculptor who lives and works in Salisbury, Conn.

There are films about social justice, about cooking, about athletics, about dating. There are two films about the world of fashion. One is a fictional or narrative film about a young Greek man who opens a fashion atelier in Athens.

**THIS IS THE ONE I'LL BE WATCHING FIRST**

The other fashion film is "Calendar Girl," about Ruth Finley and the fascinating story of her brilliant inven-

tion, the Fashion Calendar.

Anyone who's ever tried to organize a fundraising event or large party knows how frustrating it can be to find a date when there isn't another such party or event, one that is likely to steal away your guests and/or donors.

This problem is multiplied exponentially twice a year in New York City when fashion houses large, small and tiny try to schedule their fashion shows during the annual fashion week. It was Finley who not only created the calendar (THE calendar) that everyone uses — but she also convinced everyone in a business that prizes individuality to sign on to and respect the calendar.

Think of the power dynamics among the advertisers, the fashion editors and OMG the models.

Everyone wants that year's It Girl models to be in their shows. Not only do the fashion designers need a system for their runway event; the models' bookers also need to know who is doing which show when — and where.

While many of the shows nowadays are held at Bryant Park in midtown, there were many years when shows were held uptown, for the big companies; and way downtown for the newer, edgier designers.

If everyone wanted Linda Evangelista and Cindy Crawford in their

shows, they had to figure out travel time for those star models from uptown to downtown and back again (and anyone who has ever tried to travel around Manhattan at any time of day knows how slow and unpredictable the trip can be — even if you're in a stretch limousine and have 12-foot long legs).

It was Ruth Finley's Fashion Calendar that made it all possible. It took some of the melo-

drama out of a business that is already powered as much by drama as by glamour.

Only Virtual Passes are offered this year for Berkshire International Film Festival. They are currently on sale and will be until they sell out.

They can be found at [www.biffma.eventive.org/passes/buy](http://www.biffma.eventive.org/passes/buy). The \$150 Virtual Pass offers screening of all the BIFF films, with the exception of the animated shorts.

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### EDITORIAL

## A new school year, like never before

Every school year brings with it regulations and recommendations that are just a little different than the year before, and the year before that. And there are plenty of them for students, teachers and parents to remain aware of. But this year, the third school year that has been impacted by pandemic protocols, has such specific and well-planned requirements for in-person learning as prepared by the Region One administration that it is bound to be daunting for all those trying to achieve something like a normal school year.

Still, many, if not most, parents, children and educators would agree it is worth the trouble and time required to have in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

When the schools had to be precipitously closed in March of 2020, planning for having students learn remotely needed to be done quickly and efficiently, and while it was, that doesn't mean no problems arose. What became immediately obvious was that there were some students who had a lack of internet access, or challenges with sufficient home support for study.

Lessons learned from the planning for that second semester gave Region One a good sense of what the planning for 2020-2021's school year had to be. And the administration had a balancing act to perform, between caution for the safety of the students, teachers and staff and a wish to provide the best school experience possible under extremely difficult conditions. Parents and other student caregivers found support for managing remote learning, but for some students, especially the younger grades, it was not a good situation for learning new things.

It's funny how the priorities can change so dramatically in a crisis. So much of the education discussion pre-pandemic was focused solely on student performance. Now, it must seem much more important for all the adults in their lives to consider the complete health and safety of the students, making them feel they are in a safe and supportive environment that should make all kinds of learning possible. Every crisis offers new opportunities as well as challenges, and Region One has acted admirably finding ways to keep students engaged with their education as well as healthy.

To achieve in-person learning this school year, however, there will need to be wide cooperation among all those who enter the Region One buildings. There has been an anonymous survey sent to all student households up to sixth grade to weigh in on whether they would take part in PCR screening tests. This would be a way to detect COVID-19 cases that may be asymptomatic but could spread whichever strain more easily among unvaccinated children and adults.

There are no guarantees with a public health crisis like the one we've all been living through the past two years. Yet there are protocols that have been proven to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, such as mask-wearing, distancing and sanitizing hands and surfaces in public places like schools. And vaccination for those who are eligible makes for a safer environment for all who come in contact with others, no matter where that is.

For those who don't have young children in the school system, be aware of what a stressful time this has been for families. Anything you can do to help de-stress their lives even a little will go a long way.

Here's to a good and full school year ahead for all.

## Join in caregiving, caring

On a recent TV crime show the difficult issue of child abuse was explored. A judge intimidated a competent child witness to her sibling's abuse by a caregiver (adoptive parent) by firing questions about knowing the difference between telling the truth or telling a lie. We can all aim to live with integrity and compassion based on the truth. Allowing freedom and advocating for others is a boundary more can explore for themselves and others in their community. How many people witness abuse but deny or delay in intervening or advocating in some way? We should try to understand why.

Why isn't there more talk about how to protect and care for children, pregnant women and others in need of support? What about needy elders and others at high risk for abuse, neglect and denial of services? Special efforts should be made to help people have basics for care in their own home or in the community. The now defunct institution in Wassaic NY housed 5000 people, most with profound needs before shifting to community-based care homes. Clearly more help is needed to have support for the huge wave of elders needing support due to age-related decline in ADLs (Activities of Daily Living.)

There are people who may be open to receiving help if there is a supportive network with training and guidelines shared among all parties about being respectful and managing conflict or concern with support as well.

Many people do not understand what is being required to afford care or provide appropriate support. People who are helping may be dismissed or maligned for their efforts, possibly accused of crimes along the way directly or indirectly. Those are choices playing out and eliminating meaningful connections. Forgiveness, healing and offering more of a community response is needed.

Caring for people and educating youth and others is a team sport for everyone, whether online, finding help, doing the direct work or sharing insights. Schools, states and towns can share the laws and terms of caring for oneself and others in each state, school, home or other settings.

More people can join the "Caregiving Olympics" and aim for integrity and compassion rather than confusion and dismissal of efforts. Each person is worth fighting for to have a safe, decent life and support when needed.

Catherine Palmer Paton

Falls Village



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

### Glory of the morning

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Education, not regulation, for lakes

I am writing today as a 22-year lakefront homeowner on Twin Lakes, as the President of the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) and as the spokesperson for the Salisbury Lakes Homeowners (SLH).

The TLA is comprised of over 300 community members who love Twin Lakes. The goal of the TLA board has been to remain neutral while keeping members apprised of the proposed regulations and their potential impact. These issues were discussed at our annual meeting, and we invited Curtis Rand to share his views on the subject. We have added educational material to the TLA website about ecologically sound lakefront property maintenance practices and intend to continue this type of education.

SLH was formed immediately after the March 1 informational meeting where the proposed IWWC regulations were first presented publicly. At the conclusion of this meeting, the town administrator asked that a comprehensive list of questions be collected from the community. We complied. Also, Curtis Rand suggested that I speak with Mary Silks, a Lake Wononscopomuc Association (LWA) board member

and co-author of the proposed regulations. Ms. Silks was kind enough to speak with me for 90 minutes and explain the development process and the concerns that the LWA was trying to address.

We must agree to disagree on when the public could reasonably have been expected to know about the proposed regulations, which would have afforded an early opportunity to voice concerns. That no longer matters, and we are here now. Clearly, a large part of our community feels disenfranchised by the process. Fortunately, there is time to correct that.

I do not question the motivations of those who support the proposed discretionary regulations. And those who support the proposed regulations should not question my motivations nor other members of the public who raise legitimate concerns. We are as concerned as anyone else about maintaining the health of our precious lakes.

Through the activities of SLH, we have raised awareness and asked important questions that have yet to be fully answered by the IWWC. However, our actions have had an impact. I commend the IWWC

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**100 years ago — 1921**  
SALISBURY — E.R. Smith and family and William Bannahan motored to New Haven on Tuesday to attend the auction of used autos.

— J. Kimmerle is building a cellar under the recent addition to his store building.

— Grandma Ashman is visiting at Mrs. Clifford Bloomer's in Taconic.

— The state tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline goes into effect today. The tax is laid on the wholesaler, who will promptly pass it on to the consumer. The proceeds are supposed to be applied to the cost of building and maintaining highways, and just at present Salisbury is badly in need of a large slice of it.

Found: Aug. 30th on the Undermountain Road between Sheffield and Taconic, black fur boa. Owner may secure same by describing property. Phone 95

**50 years ago — 1971**  
Kent firemen freed a Wingdale, N.Y., youth, Kenneth Dingee, trapped in the rapids of the Housatonic River north of Kent's covered bridge on Tuesday. The young man's rubber raft overturned and his leg was caught between submerged logs. Firemen and state police managed to free Dingee at about 6:15 p.m. He was rushed by ambulance to New Milford Hospital, where he was treated for exposure, cuts and bruises and a possible leg fracture. His brother-in-law, Gary Haviland, managed to escape the rapids after the raft overturned and summoned help from a nearby garage.

— Recent severe storms which roiled the Lakeville reservoir were given Wednesday as the cause of the brown tap water which has caused several complaints. Ed Kipp, local manager of the Lakeville Water Co., said the water is "perfectly all right" and the reservoir is again clear.

— The Penn Central Transportation Company wants \$35,000 for its century-old Canaan Depot, and the North Canaan Railroad Depot Committee thinks the town should pay that price. Depot committee chairman Robert Loesch told the Lakeville Journal Tuesday night that committee members were unanimous in agreeing to recommend the \$35,000 price as "a very fair one."

— Mrs. Warren Blass of Falls Village has recently returned home after visiting her son Steve in Pittsburgh. Steve is a star pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and while in town his mother attended four games, including a father-son match between the Pirates and their offspring. The boys won 27-0 despite Steve's exceptional pitching.

**25 years ago — 1996**  
FALLS VILLAGE — Lee Kellogg Elementary School opens this year with 146 students, about as many as last year. And this school opens with a fresh coat of exterior paint, a minor renovation in the administration office and a contract with a Danbury firm to replace part of the roof.

— The identity of an artist who dropped a 10-pointed steel star on state ground in Cornwall Bridge last month remains a mystery. A number of local sculptors have looked at the 200-pound piece painted perfectly in a bluish silver, claimed it is not their work and claimed it is not the work of anybody they know.

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

commissioners for taking the initiative to educate themselves and to carefully consider the questions and concerns that have been raised by the public via SLH.

Some believe more regulation is required to slow development and protect our lake ecosystem. However, many of the examples cited to justify the regulatory expansion occurred within 75 feet of the shoreline, which is already within the authority of the IWWC to regulate.

Unfortunately, they did not. I am unconvinced that the expansion of the regulatory authority of the IWWC is justified nor will it slow lake development or enhance protection of our lake ecosystem.

It is my belief that education, not regulation, is the most effective means to foster community trust and cooperation to protect our lakes. Let's use this as an opportunity to come together as a community to increase investment in education to promote environmentally sound behavior and while enforcing the regulations in place today.

Grant C. Bogle

Salisbury

## Stop the misinformation on FV

This is in response to Colter Rule's letter of Aug. 11, "It's time to unify Falls Village," about the River Road affordable housing project.

A majority of Falls Village residents already support this project. All that's needed now is for the minority of obstinate objectors — like Mr. Rule himself — to stop fear mongering and spreading misinformation about it.

Mr. Rule's letters are more than opinion. He repeatedly makes specific what I believe are false claims about financial liabilities he says the town will incur. He repeatedly attacks town officials, charging all manner of malfeasance. His claims have all been thoroughly and repeatedly refuted by town and state officials in letters of rebuttal also published in the Journal.

Yet the paper continues to publish new letters from Mr. Rule with more of what I believe to be false claims. That only sows confusion.

Mr. Rule's Aug. 11 letter claimed Falls Village "would be responsible to repay the funds if the development doesn't get built." He was apparently referring to preliminary funds

obtained by the FVHT for well drilling, etc.

But a July 21 attorney letter states the town is not liable for the housing trust's "predevelopment loan." As always, Mr. Rule is trying to frighten townspeople into opposing the project with what he sees as liabilities.

Mr. Rule's letter began by stating it was only to be read by Falls Village residents, which is typical of his arrogant attempts to control the narrative. The housing issue affects all towns. If some towns don't do their share, others have to do it for them. The longer that projects like River Road are delayed, the greater the number of families and businesses that suffer. It's everyone's problem.

Another common claim from Mr. Rule is that the River Road project is too far from town. He says it's better to "start small and build a few units in town where new citizens would be included, not marginalised far away."

That claim may be opinion, but everything about it is misguided. New residents would be no more "marginalized" on River Road than current residents. And there's no reason to start small, as if this project

was some sort of untried new concept. And no matter where in Falls Village one lives, even in the village center, you still have to travel miles to other towns for shopping.

My own opinion is that Mr. Rule's letters are self-serving and inaccurate, and that he only pretends to have the best interests of affordable housing residents at heart. He vehemently objects to having 16 units of affordable housing built on River Road because that's where he lives. He's grasping at straws trying to prevent it.

Mark Godburn

Norfolk

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*In which we escape COVID-19 for 1831*

# Darwin's aeolian dust

We need a break from COVID-19, that miserable virus. There was science before it and there will be science after it, but for now, a scientific voyage at sea is just the escapism, we, or at least I, am after. So, let's join Charles Darwin and Captain Robert FitzRoy on HMS Beagle. The Beagle, a 10-gun bark, was to sail from Devonport on

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RICHARD KESSIN**

ology. The theory of evolution requires immense time, great diversity in a population, and natural selection of heritable advantageous characters. The shells were one of many observations that convinced Darwin and others that the world was old and had dramatically changed over time.

While still at sea, not far from Porto Praya, Darwin noted that the Beagle's sails were coated with fine dust. That also seemed odd; it was a known phenomenon, but odd, nonetheless. Such dust was called aeolian, carried on the wind, from the Sahara, we now know. Darwin scraped some dust into a glass tube, which he sealed and sent to Christian Gottfried Ehrenberg at the Prussian Academy of Sciences in Berlin. Ehrenberg's collection of aeolian dusts has survived wars and devastation. It is now housed in the Museum of Natural History in Berlin, including the tube that Darwin sent.

Museum curators do not hand this stuff out easily, but molecular microbiology only needs a few milligrams to learn if there were any living organisms trapped in the Beagle's dust. There were many forms and they had been dormant since 1831; Darwin called them infusoria, a generic and somewhat archaic term for small organisms. Whether fungi or bacteria, they all formed spores with thick coats that had evolved to resist high temperatures and dry climates. Given moisture and nutrients, the spores awake from their slumber and cells emerge and grow. The ability to form a spore when life gets tough is a handy trick for a cell to have. Darwin was interested in how organisms survive and are distributed.

The finches and tortoises in the Galapagos had evolved specializations because they lived isolated on separate islands. The reason that life is organized into species is that useful combinations of genes, say the ones that control beak shape or shell shape, are kept together. Hence, the finches each had beak unique to their own island and food supply. The isolation

provided by islands was key to Darwin's thoughts on the evolution of species.

When *The Origin of Species* was published in 1859, then-Admiral FitzRoy believed that the world was a Biblical 6000 years old. Darwin, whom he had ferried around the world, had forced a retreat from the idea of a young world with static land masses and species that do not change. The clash led to a debate in 1860, that still roils the world. Darwin's position was argued by Thomas Huxley and the case for a young divinely created earth and its unchanging species was argued by Anglican Bishop Samuel Wilberforce. Others participated, including Admiral FitzRoy, who declared that he should never have taken Darwin on the Beagle. Too late.

*Richard Kessin is Professor Emeritus of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University's Irving Medical Center. There is an excellent illustrated edition of the "Voyage of the Beagle" by Zenith Press. It is easier going than the "Origin of Species" and reveals Darwin's humanity. I thank Dr. Howard Shuman of Ashley Falls, Mass., for introducing me to aeolian dust.*



## Fighting the coronavirus pandemic is a judgment call every day

As was demonstrated by the crude and disgraceful disruption of last week's back-to-school forum in Cheshire, many people in Connecticut are sick and tired of the coronavirus pandemic and government's steps against it, however necessary they may have seemed.

Consumed by their hysteria, the dozen or so people at the forum who shouted down the speakers and cursed Governor Lamont seemed not to realize that the governor and other state and municipal officials are entitled to be more sick and tired of the pandemic than anyone else.

The governor may not have been right about everything since the pandemic began, but he could not be more right than he is about getting children back to school in person.

Since "remote learning" works only for the most motivated students with the most motivated parents, a year of education already has been lost for many children — children who were already the most disadvantaged.

The governor was abused in Cheshire last week because he has directed that students should wear masks in school at least until Sept. 30. Yes, children may find the masks annoying, and the medical necessity is questionable. But many parents are nervous about sending their children back to school under any circumstances, and the mask requirement may give them more confidence about it, even as wearing a mask is unlikely to cause substantial harm to anyone.

The school mask requirement may be a political compromise but nearly everyone should be able to live with it.

After all, no matter what the schools do about masks, there will be risk — the risk of contagion, the risk of losing more education, and the risk of getting hit by a car on the way to or from school. Indeed, from the beginning, dealing with COVID-19, for both government and individuals, has been entirely a matter of balancing risk, a daily judgment call. As government officials and individuals gain experience, those judgments evolve.

Next year there will be a state election. The governor, state legislators, and Connecticut's members of Congress may have a lot to answer for, but the people will be able to make them answer for it then.

Even as coronavirus cases spike again in Connecticut, in part because of "breakthrough" infections — infections suffered by people already vaccinated against the coronavirus — there is cause for optimism in the governor's daily COVID-19 reports.

While each day lately has brought hundreds more cases, hospitalizations and deaths have not risen correspondingly. On some days hospitalizations even decline as cases rise. This signifies that many cases are milder or asymptomatic and that doctors have found more effective ways of treating the virus than they had when the virus swept the world a year and a half ago and, upon diagnosis, people were sent home without any serious treatment only to come to the hospital critically ill when it was too late.

As the coronavirus mutates into more evasive "variants" and the vaccines lose effectiveness and reveal more side effects, government and medicine may realize that treatments rather than vaccines may be the best mechanisms for defeating COVID-19.

Though government in the United States has been distressingly slow to acknowledge some treatments, several treatments are already in use and showing success around the world and just need publicity.

Vaccines can be great and they have often saved humanity, but getting people vaccinated on a worldwide basis takes a long time. The polio vaccines have been around for 60 years and yet that disease is still not eradicated in the developing world. A vaccine's success in the developed world breeds complacency, the disease seems to vanish there, people lose fear of it and stop getting vaccinated, and then the disease returns, possibly because of contagion from the developing world.

Medicines are far more easily administered than vaccines. But as long as the government and the medical establishment is obsessed with vaccines, the country may miss a big opportunity and sink deeper into the political controversy about individual choice vs. government coercion.

*Chris Powell is a columnist for the Journal Inquirer in Manchester.*

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Be responsible: Get the vaccination for COVID-19

Unfortunately, COVID is still here and is even increasing. (See the Connecticut government website: [www.portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker](http://www.portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker))

The Delta Variant now targets the unvaccinated young, aged 20-40, the main group filling hospitals here and elsewhere. Connecticut deaths recently increased by 32 for a total of 8,330. Nationwide, the death rate is 617,997! An astonishing and horrifying number.

In a sea of misinformation, those facts are verifiable. Those who believe crazy stuff like microchips are embedded in vaccines ought to know that Donald Trump, his family, and most Republican leaders have been vaccinated, because they know the importance of prevention. Remember, Trump funded the vaccine in the first place.

Promoting vaccines and requiring them in many indoor places is not some weird authoritarian response. It is sane policy that saves lives and allows the economy to grow.

It is time for the unvaccinated to reconsider their decision, both for their own safety and the safety of others, including the safety of the medical staff that might care for them and who fear bringing COVID home to unvaccinated children.

At the very least, unvaccinated people should wear a mask and maintain social distance to protect others and be responsible citizens. With rights come responsibilities.

Barbara Maltby

Lakeville

*More letters previous page.*

### I Really Don't Care Do U: defining our days?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."  
— *The Golden Rule*  
Yet winning votes and saving lives is our national duel  
In an age when folks forcefully assert their right  
To carry a deadly disease wherever they might

The former first lady, she done gone South,  
Didn't say or do much, a tight-lipped mouth  
M didn't wail, shout, protest or coo  
Turned her back: "I Really Don't Care Do U"

Has this sentiment the Golden Rule broken?  
I Really Don't Care Do U thus spoken  
Doth it shape our morals, our druthers  
Turning us from care to disregard others?

Afghanistan now bleeds to an end  
Decades of bickering whether to send  
More soldiers, billions, diplomacy or guns  
To a nation absent leaders, the Taliban run

"Be honorable — let's get 'em all out"  
Casting aspersions at Biden they shout  
Politicians colored both red and blue  
"But settle them Afghans away from me and you"

"I Really Don't Care Do U": defining our days?  
Turning of backs — shooing Afghans away  
To other lands far far from us  
Who better handle this humanitarian fuss

Let "patriots" stroll the Capitol halls  
Let the maskless steal the health of all  
Condemn the regard of one for another  
I Really Don't Care Do U smothers

The once shiny city on the hill  
Dimmed its glimmer, made honor a frill

"I've spoken of the shining city all my political life, but I don't know if I ever quite communicated what I saw when I said it. But in my mind it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, wind-swept, God-blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace; a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity. And if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here. That's how I saw it, and see it still." *Ronald Reagan, 1989, Farewell Address*

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Thomas F. Casey Sr.  
 Chairman  
 09-02-21

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Approved - Application 2021-IW-033 by Great Falls Construction, LLC for stormwater management improvements in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 19 as lot 19 and is known as 145 Taconic Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is

145 TR LLC.

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.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF J. LEONARD STEWART Late of Salisbury AKA James Leonard Stewart (21-00280)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated

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