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"We know that visitors and loved ones play an essential role as partners in healing and wellness. That's why this visitation policy will be reevaluated regularly and removed as soon as conditions allow."

Stephen Meth, Chief Experience Officer, Nuvance Health

Health-care visitation rules tighten as infections climb

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Citing concern over the escalation of positive COVID-19 community infections, Sharon Hospital has once again suspended social visitation.

The Aug. 19 announcement, by the hospital's parent company, Nuvance Health, also applies across its entire health care network. The decision came one day after Connecticut's daily COVID-19 positivity rate rose to 4.25%, the highest infection rate in the state since the spring.

In addition, the Geer Village senior community in North Canaan has temporarily halted visitation at The Lodge Assisted Living complex due to one independent resident having recently tested positive for COVID-19. Group activities, too, are halted.

In Salisbury, Noble Horizons senior community remains COVID-free and was open for visitation as of Aug. 18, according to Administrator Bill Pond.

Sharon Health Care did not respond to calls for comment

in time for our early storm-related deadline.

Policy to be 're-evaluated regularly'

The updated Sharon Hospital visitation policy includes inpatient hospital units, emergency departments, ambulatory services and Nuvance Health medical practice offices, and allows for exemptions for special patient populations and extenuating circumstances.

"This is a very important way to limit the risk of possible exposure to COVID-19 to you, your loved ones and

the community," said Stephen Meth, Chief Experience Officer for Nuvance Health, in making the announcement.

Special populations or extenuating circumstances include patients under 21, neonatal intensive care units, maternity departments, end-of-life patients or people with physical, intellectual, development or cognitive disabilities.

"We know that visitors and loved ones play an essential role as partners in healing and

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PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Lakeville Journal intern Sadie Leite, second from left in photo, was awarded the Salisbury Rotary Club's Robert Estabrook Intern Award on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Noble Horizons. Joining her were, at far left, her sister, Petra, and her parents, Stephanie and Richard Leite.

Leite earns Rotary's Estabrook Intern Award

By Cynthia Hochswender

SALISBURY — Sadie Leite has been awarded the 2021 Salisbury Rotary Club's Robert Estabrook Intern Award. The award was made at a luncheon ceremony at Noble Horizons during the regular August Rotary meeting.

Club President Ann Beizer noted that the annual Rotary award ceremony is usually a highlight of the club's year, with funds granted to several students from the area at a dinner celebration. This year, five awards were made to area students but no dinner was held; the list was included in a list of honors for students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School that was published in the July 15 issue of The Lakeville Journal.

The exception was the award to Sadie, which was presented in person at the Aug. 17 luncheon. She was joined by her sister, Petra, and parents Richard and Stephanie.

The Robert Estabrook

award honors the memory of longtime Lakeville Journal owner/publisher/editor, a former Washington Post foreign correspondent and editorial page editor — and a dedicated member of the Salisbury Rotary Club.

After his death in 2011, the club created the scholarship, which includes a check for \$250 and a place of honor on a plaque at the newspaper's office in Falls Village.

Visits with Bob were a highlight of the summer internship program. He always had true wisdom to share; he was always kind and generous; and he always treated even our youngest interns as adults worthy of respect.

Among the things that mattered most to Bob were truth and community.

When Sadie stepped up to accept her award and speak to the Rotary members at last Tuesday's luncheon, she said that her writing had improved during her time at The Lakeville Journal. But perhaps more important, she'd learned not only how to ask questions but also how to listen to the answers.

"Our family has been here

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COVID-19 Notebook

Myths and facts about the vaccination

Last Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Boston Globe newspaper published a special section dedicated to reassuring Americans that COVID-19 vaccines are both safe and necessary. Other newspapers across the country were invited to take part and to share some of the Globe's content.

Because we are a weekly newspaper that comes out on Thursdays, we did not participate on the same day as other publications; but we share one of the stories, below, from the Boston Globe this week.

MYTH: The COVID-19 vaccines were developed too quickly to be safe.

FACTS: It's understandable that people would have this concern. The vaccines were rolled out in record time, two of them using a novel technology. The government entity that led the effort was even called "Operation Warp Speed."



PHOTO BOSTON GLOBE

The Boston Globe newspaper has shared content with other publications around the U.S. that is meant to reassure Americans that vaccines are safe.

But in reality, the mRNA technology behind the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines had been in development for nearly

two decades, and a key feature of the technology is its ability to make vaccines quickly.

In testing the vaccines for

safety and efficacy, no corners were cut. The same process was followed as with any vaccine, but to speed things up, drug companies performed different phases of the research simultaneously, instead of sequentially. Volunteers quickly signed up. And the drug manufacturers started making the vaccine even before they knew whether the vaccine would be authorized, so doses were ready right away.

In deciding to allow the vaccines for emergency use, the FDA had ample evidence from studies involving tens of thousands of volunteers. And in the months since, after millions have taken them, the vaccines have continued to demonstrate their safety and efficacy.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines alter people's DNA.

FACTS: That rumor sprang up, most likely, because two of the vaccines use genetic methods that most of us don't understand — the messenger RNA, or mRNA. But you don't need a course in genetics to grasp this simple fact: The mRNA vaccine cannot affect your DNA because it never gets near it. It enters the cell, but has no access to the nucleus where the DNA is stored.

Instead, the mRNA instructs cells to make the coronavirus's "spike protein," which triggers the body to create antibodies. The mRNA quickly dissolves and so does the spike, but the body's own antibodies remain, poised to attack the real coronavirus should it appear.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines can cause infertility.

FACTS: Not true. The ru-

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Old-fashioned fun at the Goshen Fair

By Cynthia Hochswender

Labor Day weekend is one of the big event weekends of the year in the Northwest Corner. There is of course the Historic Festival at Lime Rock Park (learn more on Page A5).

And there is the Goshen Fair, which is the opposite of the Historic Festival at the racetrack — but which is also, in some ways, the same. Both events honor an older way of life. At Lime Rock, the cars are all vintage models that recall earlier times and a simpler way of life.

The Goshen Fair commemorates the agri-

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Three-day forecast

Friday Partly cloudy, high 81°/low 59°
 Saturday Partly cloudy, 75°/59°
 Sunday Partly cloudy, 79°/64°

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.

Struck a culvert

On Aug. 14 at approximately 9 a.m. on Reservoir Road in Salisbury a 2014 Honda Civic driven by Joseph Andrew Moro, 21, of Great Barrington traveled off the road and collided with a culvert located approximately 10 feet from

Tokone Hills Road.

No injuries were reported. Moro was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the proper lane and failure to wear a seat belt in the front seat.

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.

A soldier's view of war as tragedy

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Forum returns on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. with Erik Edstrom, a former U.S. Army infantry officer, Senior Fellow at the Eisenhower Media Network, and author of "Un-American: A Soldier's Reckoning of Our Longest War."

The title of the talk is "What Does Patriotism Mean Anyway?" Edstrom graduated from West Point in 2007 – the first class to apply to the academy after 9/11. Like many young

men at that time, he embraced America's foreign policy of a global war on terror.

But by the end of his service he came to feel that the global war on terror was not just a tragedy, but a crime.

Go to www.salisburyforum.org for a link to join this free webinar and to see a short video by Edstrom introducing his talk. His book is available at Oblong Books in Millerton.

Salisbury Rec soccer sign-ups

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

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

Free Wi-Fi in the village

FALLS VILLAGE — Residents of and visitors to Falls Village can access free Wi-Fi in the center of town.

Thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Community Health to the Falls Village Community Development Corporation, there is free Comcast Wi-Fi in the community space inside the Falls Village Cafe. The signal extends to the town Green.

There is a computer work station inside and outdoor seating and a garbage can for those who wish to use Wi-Fi outside.

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 their 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 an early buying opportunities for event sponsors from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For more information, go to www.salisburyfamilyservices.org and click on the Clothesline Art Show link at the top of the page.

Clothing aid for students

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

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

- AARP
- CVS
- Ocean State Job Lot

EXTRAS students join Lakeville community garden effort

By Sadie Leite

SALISBURY — The heat did not keep campers from EXTRAS and members of the Lakeville Community Conservancy from gathering in Bauer Park on Thursday, Aug. 12.

The campers unveiled rocks they had painted that will be used to label plants in the community garden created by the Conservancy, in the center of Lakeville near the entrance to the ballfield.

"This project reflects our vision," said Susan Galluzzo, president of the board of the conservancy. "It is a collaboration with a town organization, EXTRAS, to improve the health and vitalization of the village of Lakeville."

EXTRAS is the after-school and summer program at Salisbury Central School.

This is the third year of the garden project. A horticulturist specially designed the garden for children, choosing plants that appeal to children's preferred smelled and shapes. Fifteen bluestone slabs were given to the campers. Also provided, were pictures of the plants with their Latin and common names. The children painted the plants using the pictures, copied the titles, and signed their own names onto the slabs.

Butterfly bush and mulberry tree were among the plants called out— each stone a beautiful craft adding to the welcoming atmosphere of the park.

Peggy Sands, a member of the Conservancy board, said, "We hope this project is a learning experience for the children, and for future visitors to the park."

EXTRAS co-director Jennifer Hill, said the students meet at Salisbury Central in the morning and then walk to the Grove to swim and engage in other activities. The program is for children between 5 and 12 years old. The last day of this summer's seven-week season was Friday, Aug. 13. The after-school program runs with the school calendar.



PHOTOS BY SADIE LETTE

Children taking part in the summer-long EXTRAS program in Salisbury painted rocks with the names of plants in the community garden created by the Lakeville Community Conservancy.



Butterfly bush, blood banana and lamb's ear were some of the names of plants chosen by a horticulturist specially to appeal to children in the community garden created by the Lakeville Community Conservancy.



One student, named Meadow, showed her image of the dwarf Shasta daisy, also known by its Latin name: *leucanthemum snowcap*.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Application

This is to give notice that I, RASHPAL SINGH, 22 WELLWOOD CIR, VERNON ROCKVILLE, CT 06066-2743, have filed an application plarceded 08/19/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 340 N ELM ST, CANAAN, CT 06018-2161.

The business will be owned by: A & S OF CANAAN LLC Entertainment will consist of: No Live Entertainment. Objections must be filed by: 09-30-2021.

RASHPAL SINGH
08-26-21

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following application was approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 16, 2021:

SitePlan Application #2021-0146 by Charles Bendit to reconstruct a nonconforming building destroyed by fire as per Section 504.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 70 as Lot 10 and is located at 493 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Charles & Karyn Bendit.

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
08-26-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JACQUELINE HILL KUHN
Late of Salisbury
(21-00379)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 16, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Beth L. McGuire, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Eleanore H. Boyse,
29 Sugar Hill Road, Falls Village, CT 06031
08-26-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF TERESA P. SOLAN, late of Canaan,
AKA Teresa Veronica Solan
(21-00355)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 17, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim

The fiduciary is:
Richard J. Solan
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Our Towns

Celebrating 50 years of SVAS as the threat of Henri loomed

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — With the threat of a hurricane in the back of everyone's mind, the members (past and present) of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service (SVAS) convened at Trotta Field on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 21, to celebrate the service's 50th anniversary.

Mike Brenner took care to acknowledge the presence of Kenny Farwell, an original member of SVAS.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand read a resolution from the Board of Selectmen. In his remarks, he spoke of the bond of trust and commitment between SVAS and the town.

He said the town trusts SVAS "for good reason: You've proven yourselves over and over."

Don Mayland, president of the SVAS Board of Trustees, said the amount of expertise represented in the membership is "staggering."



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Mike Brenner, front right in photo, and Jacquie Rice, with microphone, invited all members and trustees, past and present, to come forward at the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service 50th anniversary celebration at Trotta Field on Saturday, Aug. 21.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) read a congratulatory citation from the General Assembly, introduced by her and state Sen. Craig Miner (R-30). Horn said SVAS represents "the best of who we are."

And Kitty Hickox, a former SVAS member who is a regional coordinator for the state Office of Emergency Medical Services, reminded the crowd that SVAS is one of "a handful" of similar organizations in the state that relies solely on donations.

"It's an incredible accomplishment."

Among the equipment on display was the Mass Casualty Incident Trailer, one of only three such units in the state.

The trailer held all sorts of equipment, including stretchers, sawhorses and body bags, which were set up outside.

Inside there was room for



Stretchers, sawhorses and other emergency equipment from the Mass Casualty Incident Trailer were on display during the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service 50th anniversary event at Trotta Field Saturday, Aug. 21. The trailer is one of three in the state.

a small conference table and a communications area that enables SVAS personnel to keep

in touch with other emergency agencies during a crisis.

It was a pleasant scene, with people milling around, munching hot dogs and chatting. But the next emergency situation was developing. Hurricane Henri was making its way up the East Coast, and the weather forecast for Sunday and Monday, Aug. 22 and 23, was ominous. Brenner said he and Jacquie Rice were fielding multiple phone calls, preparing for what could happen.



Anthony Hellmers and her son, Jensen, have worked together on the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service for three years.

Lester Hoysradt relaxed in the games tent at the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service 50th anniversary event at Trotta Field Saturday, Aug. 21



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PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A work crew began paving sections of the Kent Green last week, on Monday, Aug. 16. By Thursday, they had made it north to Cozzy's restaurant. The work was expected to continue through the end of this week.



Repaving at Kent Green

KENT — Repaving at the Kent Green section of downtown began on Monday, Aug. 16, on the southern part of the Green. Work was expected to be done by the end of this week.

Kent Green owner John Casey said, "At least one lane of traffic will be open

at all times. All roads and most parking areas will be repaved. All businesses will operate on normal hours. If you have questions, contact john@kentgreen.com."

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

— Lans Christensen

SVAS honored for 50 years of service

SALISBURY — In honor of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service's (SVAS) 50th anniversary this year, the Salisbury Association awarded it with its 1741 Award, explaining that, "1741 marked the year Salisbury received its charter from the Hartford Colony Assembly."

"For a settlement of that era to survive and thrive, it depended upon neighbors helping neighbors, no matter how difficult the task. This award honors the same kind of service and dedication to our community as shown by our early settlers."

The award was presented to two longtime SVAS members, Assistant Chief Mike Brenner and Chief Jacqueline Rice at the Aug. 14 opening party for a show at the association's Academy Building with a history of the service, from its founding by Rees Harris and John Harney Sr. to the present day.

The history exhibit will remain on display at the Academy Building into October. The building is open and the exhibit can be seen Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Labor Day weekend, the hours on Saturday are from 1 to 5 p.m.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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Hot dogs, music and community at Cornwall picnic

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Occasional drizzle and droplets of rain did nothing to dampen neighborliness and appreciation for the combination Community Picnic on the Green and August Music Fest, held on Friday, Aug. 20, and sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department.

The food was free, coupons were provided for the ice cream truck, and the music led people to linger. Approximately 125 residents and friends were in attendance, not counting the many children who were in constant motion. The food concession was managed by the Cornwall Consolidated School eighth-grade class, who welcomed donations for their 2022 class trip, which will most likely take them to Washington, D.C.

Among the earliest arrivals (as First Selectman Gordon Ridgway was setting up traffic sawhorses in front of Town Hall), was Selectman Priscilla Pavel.

"I came for a hot dog," Pavel said. "And to hear the music," she added, reflecting on the occasion as a "low-key community event." As the evening progressed and the music came into play, and the weather was reasonably welcoming, more people ventured out.

The children organized games and used the Green to good advantage.

Cornwall Association President Gary Steinkohl also came early, praising the event as a coming together of community and neighbors after what has been a long pause. He expressed a hope that such events could continue to be scheduled.

Surveying the attendees as they converged from all directions, Steinkohl commented on the diversity of ages, from infants to over 92, all there for music, ice cream and the chance to see and socialize with other Cornwall residents.

"And," he added, "they are giving the hot dogs away," Director of Park and Recreation



Taking a moment away from the food corner, three eighth-graders, from left to right, Steven Barber, Alden Danforth-Gold and Simon Markow showed enthusiasm for the fundraising effort to benefit their 2022 class trip. At the last moment, all three graciously invited into the photo an aspiring eighth-grade student, who will ascend to that summit of education after a few more years of schooling.

Department Jen Markow, added happily, "It's not raining."

Pleased with the turnout, Ridgway noted that it was the first time for an event on the Green of this format.

"Everyone is glad to see everyone," he said.

Of the many quietly joyful occurrences on the Green was one that surrounded the visit by CBS News correspondent Richard Schlesinger, recuperating from recent major surgery, taking a few minutes to greet well-wishers, neighbors and friends.

"It's my first time in a crowd," Schlesinger said. "This is one of those events that makes Cornwall so great. They are ready to see their neighbors."

"I can testify to that," he added.

Music was provided for the first hour by folk fiddle player

Rachel Gall of Falls Village, performing under the name of the Falls Village Fiddler.

For the second hour, the Barn Door Band took the stage to provide rock music under the direction of West Cornwall musician and music teacher John Rubin. Filling out the talented trio were Rubin's son, Caleb, and daughter, Maddie.

The family musical enterprise came about during the pandemic, Rubin explained, allowing ample time for the group to practice together at home.

Serving as manager of the trio is Mary-Louise Rubin, wife and mother, who was widely credited with having arranged the "gig" to be a featured act at the evening's Music Fest. The trio performed some songs composed by Maddie and others that were covers. By all accounts, they were a big hit.

The good and the bad of Elon Musk and Tesla

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Tim Higgins, author of "Power Play," about Elon Musk and the Tesla electric car company, said the colorful and controversial Musk does not operate in the same way as conventional chief executives.

Higgins, a Wall Street Journal reporter, discussed his book with another Journal reporter and columnist, Dan Neil, in a live YouTube presentation through the Scoville Memorial Library on Monday, Aug. 9.

Higgins said the last major new automaker in the U.S. was Chrysler, in 1925, and that only Ford and Tesla have not gone bankrupt.

What Musk and Tesla have been able to demonstrate, after many fits and starts, is that the

electric car is not a niche vehicle like a Ferrari or a Porsche.

Higgins said the Tesla Model 3 (at a list price of around \$30,000) is "an electric car for the masses."

Higgins said that the Model 3 "was not a perfect birth." "In 2019, a lot of people thought Tesla was done."

What those people did not realize was that Tesla was building a Model 3 factory in China — and unlike most companies doing business in China, Tesla was not required to have a local partner.

Neil noted that Musk has attracted considerable controversy. "Is he a saint or a sinner?" "Depends on the day," replied Higgins.

Neil asked about the criticism that Tesla is only viable because of generous govern-

ment subsidies.

"Profit is profit," Higgins said. "It gave people confidence."

Neil observed that Musk "was there to take advantage" of the favorable regulatory environment. "There was nothing to stop GM from doing the same."

Higgins agreed.

Neil said he found it "unbelievable that someone so smart could be so dumb in other ways," referring to Musk's controversial high profile.

Higgins said "He lives in a public way, unlike other CEOs."

"In some ways it's a benefit — when he generates excitement it's good for Tesla."

"The flip side is he has a hard time separating private and public. When the stakes are so high, it can be unnerving."

Barnyard animals are seeking votes and permanent homes

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Among a variety of topics discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Aug. 17, was a report on the progress of the community-wide barnyard animals project. Votes are being received now and so are online bids from residents who want to take the animals home with them.

Cornwall Association President Gary Steinkohl summarized the arts project that is now drawing to a close. Artistically interpreted plywood cut-out pigs, cows and chickens have been scattered throughout the town this summer and voting for favorites is now underway, Steinkohl reported. Already, nearly 200 votes have been recorded, although he could not disclose how the vote count is leaning.

The top six vote-getters

(two in each shape) will receive modest cash awards and generous recognition at the annual Agricultural Fair, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11. Plans are in the works for an awards ceremony at noon where milk (of course) and cookies will be the refreshments. Steinkohl added that the cookies will be chocolate "cow chip" cookies, fittingly.

The artistic animals are now being auctioned online through the Cornwall Association website. All proceeds this year will benefit the Cornwall Woman's Society Scholarship Fund, Steinkohl noted. For information, or to place a bid, go to www.cornwallassociation.org.

"There is impressive artistic talent out there in the hills," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said at the selectmen's meeting, praising the variety of the interpretations.

New transfer station building

Plans have been approved for renovations to the office building at the transfer station, termed a "once-in-a-generation buildout," according to Ridgway, who said that the transfer station crew had urged that the project be done right.

The selectmen unanimously approved the plans, clearing the way for the project to go out for bid.

The design by architect Lisa Keskinen calls for the office building to be moved 5 feet to the north to allow for an outdoor area under a bit of cover and the addition of a hand-washing area. There will be an accessible entryway and a new pitched roof.

"It's a nice upgrade," Ridgway said, and it has been approved by the people who work there, he added.

ARPA assessment committee gets underway in Kent

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Federal funding coming to the town through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) needs to be distributed, leading the Kent Board of Selectmen to discuss a plan for assessing local needs and eligibility at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 17. The meeting was held on Zoom.

The selectmen voted unanimously to form a needs assessment committee to identify organizations whose requests could meet ARPA's detailed guidelines. The committee would create a list to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for consideration by the town.

Formally seated on the committee are Jean Speck in her role as first aelectman, Joe Agli, Barbara Herbst in her role as town treasurer, Patricia Oris and Matt Starr. The selectmen noted that the committee had already met on Wednesday, Aug. 11, to begin their work. Attending that meeting was Connie Manes, who asked to join the committee, representing the Chamber of Commerce.

As a first step, Speck said the committee will prepare and distribute a survey to town organizations to determine the extent to which they were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and their rationale for seeking ARPA funds.

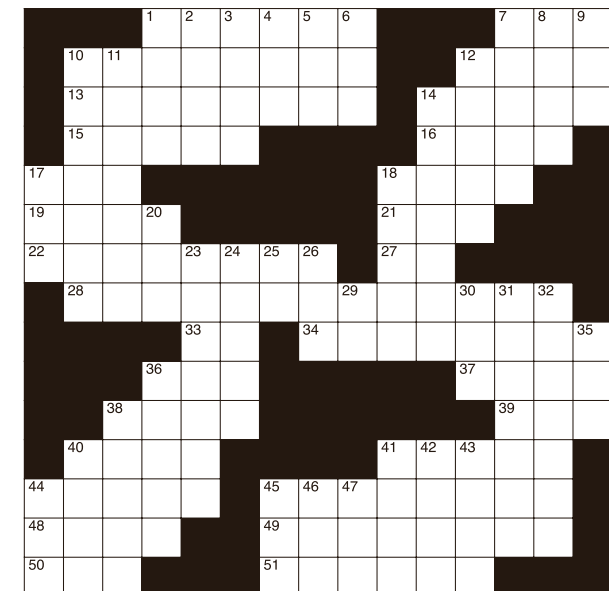
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Nature expedition
- Take the energy from
- Bungled
- Young salmon
- Botanical gardens
- Source of chocolate
- Country singer LeAnn
- Yokel
- Unit of energy
- Plant of the lily family
- Tusked wild pig
- Form of "to be"
- Formerly
- Letter of the Greek alphabet
- Former First Lady
- News organization
- Shining brightly and intermittently
- Brew
- Teams' best pitchers
- Edible fruit
- Pitching stat
- __ or bust
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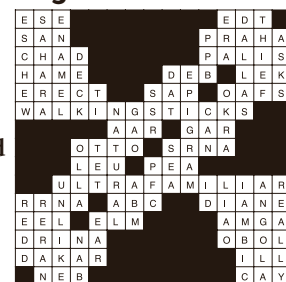
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- Evergreen coniferous trees
- Relieve of employment
- A way to drench
- Journalist Tarbell
- __ and Venzetti
- Alcoholic liquor
- An athlete who plays for pay
- Where to get drinks
- Japanese art form
- Baseball great Satchel
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- One point south of due east
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- Masses of gray matter in the brain

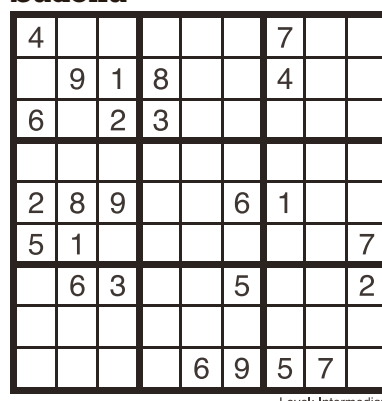


- Belgian city (alt. sp.)
- Millilitre
- Beloved Will Ferrell film
- Railway above ground
- Satisfaction
- Aggregate of molecules
- Type of barometer
- Type of college teacher (abbr.)
- Long periods of time
- Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
- Deliver
- Thin, narrow piece of wood
- Modern Israel founder
- Small NY college
- Pounds per square inch
- Veterans battleground
- Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
- Popular kids' channel

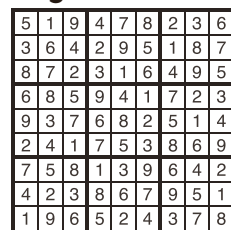
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SPORTS

Rivers so warm and brown they could be a latte

As we head into the end of August let us scrape off the mildew and assess the state of play for this fishing season.

We had approximately 80 kajillion inches of rain in July, which rendered the rivers and streams mostly unfishable. Also unboatable, and unanythingable except observation-from-a-prudent-and-respectful-distance-able.

August hasn't been exactly arid, either. And we're about to have a hurricane.

This was particularly annoying, as I had planned a Housatonic River smallmouth expedition with an actual boss fisherman who gets published in magazines.

I was aiming for the annual exercise in angling craziness, the White Fly Hatch.

The hatch deserves capital letters because it is rare and intense. Only a handful of rivers have this particular bug, which comes to life for two glorious weeks right around the beginning of August.

It's an evening hatch, by which I mean it really gets going as it gets dark and the angler can't see much.

Housy anglers were way ahead of the rest of society on masks, by the way. Standard White Fly Hatch gear includes a mask so the angler doesn't get a mouthful of *Epheron leukon*. (They are not tasty to humans.) If you're in a good spot, the hatch is thick. So thick it is commonly and accurately compared to being in a blizzard. With no pants on.

Every fish in the river goes crazy. And in a normal year, in the Housatonic, that means primarily smallmouth bass, as the trout are generally hiding out in witness protection due to the low flows and high water temperatures in the river, which they dislike.

But we needed a wadeable

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

flow. Some water clarity would have been nice, too. But at the time the river looked like one of those cappafraappacino things they sell at Starbucks.

The gent in question did turn up, and we did fish outside the Trout Management Area, and neither one of us did much.

The white flies were out, but the smallies were not coming to the surface, for the white fly or anything else.

Last week, in a classic move, I decamped to the Catskills for a couple of days, only to find that it was — rainy! And the streams were — swollen and discolored!

It seemed that the only chance for cold, clear water was in the Delaware River system. So I drove around the Pepaction reservoir to Downsville, N.Y., and the East Branch of the Delaware, which is fed by cold-water releases from the reservoir.

The area by the covered bridge was deserted, except for a woman sitting in her car and pecking at her hand computer.

I suited up and waded in. Then I waded right back out.

Silly me. If the water is 50 degrees, you really can't wade.

I knew that perfectly well, and even brought waders.

I blame COVID-19 for this mental lapse. It couldn't possibly be ordinary bullheadedness.

Anyhoo, I spent the day prowling around the East Branch, not even seeing any signs of fishiness until late afternoon when I managed a couple of small browns rising to Light Cahills.

In a debrief with an angler who knows the area well, I was informed that August on the Delaware system is strictly a dawn and dusk proposition.

OK. Now I know.

MILLERTON — “The Last of the Original Rounders of Riga,” Wallace W. Kaye, 81, died Aug. 19, 2021 at Sharon Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer.

Wally, as he was more affectionately known, worked as a mason for Sharon Masonry in Sharon and as a truck driver for Upcountry Landscaping, also in Sharon, prior to his retirement.

Born March 14, 1940, in Sharon, he was the son of the



late Blanche (Bates) and Wallace A. Kaye.

While growing up on the Kaye Farm he enjoyed attending agricultural fairs, riding horses and caring for his favorite goat, Cliff.

He was a graduate of Roeliff Jansen High School and attended

SUNY Cortland.

On Sept. 19, 1967, in Ancram, he married Linda Brendline. His loving wife survives at home.

Frederick William Barna

DOVER PLAINS — Frederick William Barna, 85, a 45-year resident of Dover and formerly of Millerton, died peacefully at his home on Aug. 18, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Fred was a proud farmer who worked for many years at Sunny Meadows Farm in Pine Plains and for the Booth Farm on McGhee Hill Road in Millerton. Fred also worked for Pawling Rubber for eight years as a groundskeeper before his retirement.

Born June 24, 1936, in Worcester, Mass., he was the son of the late John and Rosella Barna.

He attended school in Cheshire and on April 19, 1958, at St. Mary's Church in Cheshire he married the love of his life, Dorothy Slater. Mrs. Barna survives at home.

Fred was a longtime member of St. Bridget's Parish in Copake Falls and VFW Post #5444 in Dover Plains, where he enjoyed laughing and socializing with his friends.

He was an avid bowler and excellent horseshoe player and liked fishing in his spare time. “Poppy Donuts,” as he was affectionately known to his loving grandchildren, will



be dearly missed by his loving family and many close friends.

In addition to his beloved wife, Fred is survived by his daughter, Jodie Lord, and her husband, Earl, of Wingdale, N.Y.; his granddaughters, Danielle Rutiliano and her husband, Mike, of Pleasant Valley, Lin-

say Robbins and her husband, Keith, of Wingdale and Lacey Peeters and her husband, Derek, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Vegas, Mason, Kariyah, Aries, Stormi and D.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

Fred was predeceased by his daughter, Brenda Barna; a granddaughter, Carmella Palmieri; five siblings, Mike, John, Harold, Andy and Anna; and his foster father, Anthony Choquette, and his foster sister, Doris Sabin.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 23, at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial was at St. Bridget's Cemetery in Copake Falls. To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Porsches the featured car at 2021 Lime Rock Historic Festival

By Cynthia Hochswender

LIME ROCK — For some, the racetrack at Lime Rock Park is a place to watch large, fast, powerful cars muscle their way around the bends and curves in pursuit of victory.

And then there are those who mainly go to the track once a year, on Labor Day weekend, to watch vintage marques from the beginning of automotive time. Some of them are still quite fast, and some of them are still quite muscular. But the Historic Festival isn't really about winning, per se. It's about tradition and history and beauty.

The Historic Festival weekend is a bit of an archaeological dig. You can see how cars have evolved, through trial and error and time, into the machines they are today. Some of the cars on the track and on display during the vintage weekend have three wheels. Many of them use leather straps to hold the hood of the engine in place. Remember when all cars had a choke that needed to be released before the car could start? Some of the cars at the Historic Festival are so old they need a crank start.

But this isn't just a convention for old gas-powered engines, like the annual machinery show at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association in Kent on Route 7.

These cars are here to race, not necessarily to break land speed records but certainly to stretch themselves and give it their all. The owners of these cars maintain them with love

and devotion. They're race cars and Lime Rock is one of the few remaining places in the world that cars of this vintage can open up and let it rip.

The races are on Saturday and Monday, with practice runs all day Friday. There is no racing allowed at the track on Sundays so on that day there is an immense concourse of vintage cars, stretched all the way around the mile-and-a-half track.

There is a certain irony involved in walking more than a mile along a racetrack that is lined with cars, but vintage auto fans wouldn't have it any other way. Who would want to speed by these beauties when instead you can lean into the engine compartment (these engines are without exception so clean that you could eat a picnic

lunch off them).

This year's concours, called Sunday in the Park, is sponsored by Porsche North America. The Porsches often line up together around the track for the Sunday concours.

This year, according to a news release from the track, there will be “a special selection of 911-based Porsche RS models from the Steven Harris collection, in addition to select examples of Porsche 356, 911 and competition models as well as several vintage Porsches that are competing in the Porsche Classic Restoration Challenge Program.”

Not everyone loves a Porsche, of course. Some of the other cars that will be on display will be vintage Miatas, Volkswagens, Audis, Volvos,

Vipers, BMW 2002s and other BMW models, cars from Lotus, Fiat, Rolls Royce and Bentley, Mercedes-Benz and Ferrari.

The weekend-long Historic Festival begins on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 2, with a 17-mile tour that begins at Lime Rock Park at 4p.m. Spectators usually start bringing their folding chairs out to the roadsides around 3:30 p.m.

The parade then heads into Salisbury, stops at Noble Horizons and ends up in Falls Village, where there is a festival with music, food and cars.

For ticket information, go to <https://tickets.limerock.com>.

Children 16 and under are free with an adult.

All active-duty military and veterans are admitted to free with proper identification.

OBITUARIES

Wallace W. Kaye

Wally was a past member of the 4H Club and the Millerton Fire Company. He was also a former baseball coach for the Farm League in Amenia.

He was an avid hunter and founding member of the Rounders of Riga, a hunting club that was established in 1952 with many of his dearest friends. He also enjoyed ice fishing in the winter months and crossword puzzles in his spare time.

Wally enjoyed talking to his nephews, Don and Greg, and taking drives with his niece Charlene. He had a special bond with his granddaughter Jaya, who lovingly referred to him as “Sam.” They spent time together playing with balloons, and he enjoyed giving her dollar bills to put in her little savings bank.

He will be deeply missed by his beloved family and many dear friends.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, Wally is survived by his son, Brian E. Kaye and

his wife, Maya, of Millerton; his daughter, Lisa Bradley and her husband, Keith, of Eloy, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Jaya “Sam” Kaye and Justin and Brandon Lundy; two great-grandchildren; his brother, George Kaye and his wife, Etsuko, of Millerton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Linda Amerighi.

Private family visitation took place on Friday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A graveside service and burial will take place on Monday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, the Rev. Zora Ficcara-Cheatham officiating. All are invited to attend. A reception in Wally's honor will follow.

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

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



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VISITATION

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wellness,” said Meth. “That’s why this visitation policy will be reevaluated regularly and removed when conditions allow.”

Nuvance Health further urged community members to vaccinate against COVID-19 and stop further spread of the virus. The visitation policy can be found at www.nuvance-health.org/coronavirus.

Connecticut’s 4.25% COVID-19 positivity rate accounts for 700 positive tests among 16,485 people tested. As of Aug. 17, according to Gov. Ned Lamont, an additional 321 people were hospitalized with the coronavirus, the highest number of hospitalizations in the state since early May.

Lodge at Geer off-limits

The infected resident at Geer Village had been fully vaccinated and was not showing symptoms of COVID-19, according to O’Connell, who noted that the individual is believed to have had exposure outside of the Geer campus.

In response, contact tracing was conducted and testing of residents and staff began Aug. 19. All residents were tested with both rapid antigen and PCR tests, and all initial rapid antigen tests came back negative. Once negative test results are achieved for a minimum of 14 days, “we will loosen the restrictions and open back up,” said the Geer CEO. “We’re only restricting movement between the buildings.”

In the meantime, O’Connell is keeping a watchful eye on Connecticut’s rising infection rate, especially in light of a recent outbreak of COVID-19 at a nursing home in North Adams, Mass., where seven resident deaths have been reported.

“We’re just so nervous. But at Geer we have a very good vaccination rate and feel confident that even if someone tests positive,” that the illness will be brief and not severe.

A total of 70 people (staff and residents) at the North Adams facility had tested positive for the coronavirus in the past month, including unvaccinated staff. By order of Gov. Charlie Baker, all staff in long-term

care facilities in Massachusetts must be vaccinated by Oct. 10.

Gov. Lamont issued a similar vaccine mandate in Connecticut on Aug. 6, as did the federal government. But O’Connell said he is disappointed that the call for mandatory vaccinations fell short by not mandating that home care workers also be required to roll up their sleeves.

“If they are so worried ... then it should be across the board for all health-care workers,” not just nursing homes and other direct-care settings, said the Geer administrator. “We are in a very significant [hiring] crisis, and if people who are not vaccinated see they can get away from the mandate” by job-hopping, “then they will,” exacerbating the staffing shortage, noted O’Connell.

Noble Horizons administrator Pond concurred with O’Connell’s assessment. “We have resisted mandatory vaccinations from the beginning, primarily for that reason,” he said referring to staff who would opt to go “elsewhere where the vaccine is not mandated,” including the home-care field.

“If we did do it on our own, we faced the possibility of losing staff. Now that it’s universal, it’s a lot better in terms of staffing.” But the key going forward, he said, is unity, particularly in the Tristate area. “As more and more places begin to mandate the vaccine, regardless of the industry, it will help all of us, especially in the Northwest Corner.”

Pond is thankful his facility’s campus has remained infection-free since the pandemic started, “18 months and running,” but all it would take is one positive test within the Noble community, he said, to restrict visitation, something he has not had to consider since the COVID-19 outbreak and hopes he never will.

“All of us have learned a lot” over the past year and half, said Pond. But one thing, he said, is certain. “It is very clear that vaccines have made a difference.”

GOSHEN FAIR

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cultural life that has been so important (and continues to be) to this part of the world.

In summer, youngsters begin to “show” the animals they’ve raised at progressively larger venues. For some, their first big show is the Jack Brown Fair hosted by the Northwest Corner’s Busy Farmers 4H Club.

As they get older, they begin to show at the annual Goshen Fair at the Goshen Fairgrounds in, you guessed it, Goshen, Conn. Often even very young farmers will spend Labor Day weekend at the fairground, taking their horses and cows/steers through a series of tests in front of judges.

For many of these youngsters, the fairground is a familiar place. Often they are part of farming families, who come every year to show their animals. It’s a tradition for families to sleep in the stalls on the hay with their cows.

High school students, similarly, often come with other members of the FFA programs at their school. FFA originally was short for Future Farmers of America, but as the organization has expanded to include everything from environmental science to floristry, the names was turned into just an acronym.

Each year, students in the agricultural education programs at area high schools (including our own Housatonic



FILE PHOTO BY MARI CULLERTON

The lumberjack and lumberjill events have become a popular attraction at the annual Goshen Fair, which at this point is still scheduled for Labor Day weekend. This photo is from a sawing competition at the 2017 fair.

Valley Regional High School) take turns at the petting zoo in the FFA barn at the fair. Many of them are at the fair anyway, showing their goats, rabbits, chickens, horses and cows. They don their blue corduroy FFA jackets when it’s their turn to spend time at the petting zoo.

They don’t, of course, wear their FFA jackets when they’re sleeping in the hay with their cows. The standard outfit for night duty is a T-shirt and a pair of well-worn jeans. For showing, however, the students must dress all in white. They are judged in part on how well they do at keeping their animals clean; points can

be lost if an animal leaves a dusty mark on a student farmer’s white jeans or shirt.

There is of course much more to the Goshen Fair than just agricultural competition, as anyone knows who has attended. This is a wonderful small-scale fair, perfect for young children who might not be able to cope with a large fair such as the Dutchess County Fair, or the biggest fair of them all, The Big E, aka the Eastern States Exposition, which will be held Sept. 17 to Oct. 3 in West Springfield, Mass.

The first Eastern States Exposition was held in 1917. The Goshen Fair is somewhat less venerable; it was first held in 1967 — which is still more than half a century ago.

Back in the very old times, farmers who’d spent the winter isolated in the rural outer edges of town looked forward to the annual town meeting, when everyone would gather to vote on budgets and other important matters.

The Goshen Fair is, similarly, a social event. It’s fun. You often see people you know. There are carnival rides and games.

And then of course there is the carnival food. Funnel cakes. Fried dough and fried

every-other-vegetable-imaginable. There are flea markets.

There is entertainment, usually on a small scale, usually a magician and a comedian and a band.

Way off in a back field, it’s easy to overlook two amazing events. In one, massive animals pull sleds of concrete blocks several feet forward, on command. It’s an extraordinary feat.

And nearby, there is a relatively new event: lumberjack and lumberjill events that include axe throws and speed sawing.

It’s unknown at this point whether the COVID-19 delta variant will cancel the fair again this year. It’s a good idea to check the website at www.goshenfair.org.

But if all goes well, the fair will be held on Sept. 4, 5 and 6. Wear comfortable shoes, you’ll be walking a lot. It’s often hot and dusty at the fair.

Admission is \$10 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Admission for senior citizens is \$5 on Saturday only.

The fair hours are Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Monday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. And as always: “No pets, alcoholic beverages, guns, or drugs brought in.”

AWARD

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in Salisbury for 12 years,” she said. “And I didn’t know until this summer how many amazing and interesting stories there are here in this community.”

We hope that Sadie will return to us on future vacations at the family home in Twin Lakes; her family’s full-time residence is in Simsbury. Sadie is a rising sophomore at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., where she is an English major. She also works on the Tufts newspaper, where she covers art and culture.

During the regular business portion of the meeting, the Rotary members discussed raising money to send shelter boxes to victims of the most recent earthquake in Haiti; and they celebrated the grant that they received, for \$4,200, to buy backpacks for students in the six towns of the Region One School District. Before the luncheon, Rotary members had stuffed the backpacks with school supplies.

VACCINE

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mor apparently emerged from another misunderstanding of human biology. An incorrect report on social media said that the spike protein on the coronavirus is the same as another spike protein involved with the growth of the placenta, falsely asserting that vaccines could attack the placenta. But that’s wrong. The two spike proteins are completely different, and the vaccine does not attack the placenta or affect fertility.

MYTH: COVID-19 vaccines contain mysterious ingredients that could have long-term effects.

FACTS: There’s no mystery. The ingredients in the vaccine are listed on the CDC’s website. They include typical vaccine ingredients, such as a fat capsule to protect the mRNA, salts and a little sugar. They do not include fetal lung tissue or microchips to track you. Those are conspiracy theories with no basis in fact.

In the rare cases when vaccines cause problems, they are

identified within two months, usually within days.

MYTH: Young and healthy people are better off trusting their own immune systems than risking taking the vaccine.

FACTS: It’s important to weigh the risk of the vaccine against the risk of COVID-19.

Look at what’s happening around the country. COVID-19 is surging among unvaccinated people. In communities with low vaccination rates, thousands are getting sick and dying, and hospitals are running out of intensive care beds. Previously healthy young people have been put on ventilators and some have died. Many who survive COVID-19 — 10 percent to 30 percent — endure lingering symptoms, especially fatigue and mental fog that prevents them from working.

Compare that with the side effects of the vaccine. Some people feel a little feverish or tired for a day; most have no symptoms beyond a sore arm. Severe allergic reactions occur in one

in 100,000 shots, but manifest instantly and can be quickly reversed with medication; that’s why you have to be observed for 15 minutes after inoculation.

The severe illnesses associated with COVID-19 vaccines — blood clots and heart inflammation — are extremely rare after vaccination. Both those conditions are much more likely to happen as a result of coronavirus infection.

And yes, it’s true that young healthy people often suffer only mild symptoms from COVID-19 (although, again, some do get very sick). But you don’t live alone on a tropical island, and even if you’re doing fine, you can infect someone else who won’t do well. Do you really want to be responsible for making a loved one or even a stranger deathly ill?

Nothing in life is risk-free. But COVID-19 vaccination is one clear case where the benefits far, far outweigh the risks.

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AUDIOBOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Everything You Want To Know About Audiobooks

If you want to hear Peter Lerman's raspy, folksy delivery as an accomplished audiobooks narrator you can easily go to his website at www.lermanvo.com. There he promises "the truth and nothing but the truth" — as he specializes in nonfiction (and has done the audio recording for nearly 100 books).

But his audiobook delivery is beside the point, at least for the purposes of Lerman's in-person presentation by the Kent Memorial Library on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. in the reading room.

Lerman's talk will cover all aspects of audiobook conception, production and distribution. He will

begin with who buys and listens to audiobooks, how they listen and why. He will explain how audiobooks are produced and he will talk about ways to self-publish an audiobook.

Business topics touched upon will be the economics of production and distribution as well as industry trends, historic perfor-

mance and future outlook.

Lerman is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and the Audio Publishers Association, is an Audible Approved Narrator and a winner of an AudioFile Magazine Earphones Award.

This talk is free and open to the public; masks are required.

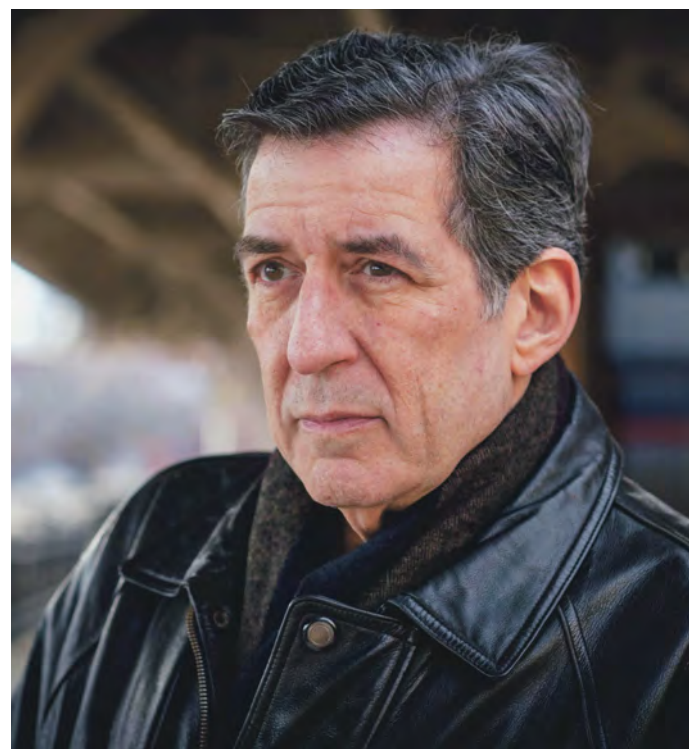


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Peter Lerman, who now sports a full beard, will talk about the art and commerce of audiobooks on Aug. 31.

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When I lived in New York City, I loved that there was always something new to explore, a shop or restaurant or neighborhood or museum.

You might not realize it at first, but the Tristate region is just the same. Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, decades or your whole life, and no matter how much you think you know about your surroundings, there's always something amazing that's waiting for you to find it.

The differences are that in New York, new things are trumpeted and celebrated. Up here, the "new" things you learn are often old things: traditions and history and landscapes. It's more about the roots, less about the surface.

There are many talks, hikes and other events through the year that can teach you about our landscape. But there is a concentration of them on weekends in September and the first weekend of October. They are hosted by the Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area, which is a grass roots group with federal funding whose mission is to highlight the history and culture of towns in this part of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, over Labor Day weekend, there will be two tours of Litchfield County's industrial heritage. The hike from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Kent, Conn., in Macedonia Park is dedicated to

two icons of local history, Ed Kirby and Ron Jones, who both died in 2021. It was Jones who did much of the hard work to create the heritage area here. This tour will be led by Marge Smith of the Kent Historical Society.

Earlier that day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be continuing tours of Beckley Furnace in North Canaan, Conn.

The Kent and North Canaan tours will help show the scope of the iron industry that shaped the Northwest Corner of Connecticut as we know it today.

The tour in Kent is a hike through the woods in search of iron industry relics. The tours in North Canaan will showcase the beautifully preserved Beckley Furnace on the Blackberry River.

Information on hikes and activities during the month-plus of Heritage Hikes can be found at www.housatonicheritage.org/events/heritage-walks.

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12:00pm - Rabbit and Cavie Judging	10:00am - Swine Judging, Sheep Judging, Antique Tractor Pull	- Draught Oxen Contest
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3:00pm - Jackpot Heifer Show	3:00pm - Dan's Roadhouse Country	1:00-5:00pm - Northwest Concert Band
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4:00pm - Relic	6:00pm - James Montgomery Blues Band with Special Guest Christine Ohlman	3:00pm - Eran Troy Danner Band
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BOOKS AS ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

When Art and Books Collide

The response has been positive and enthusiastic to our August special Compass Arts and Entertainment section, with profiles of artists in their studios (and a selection of their favorite books).

And so it seemed appropriate to give credit to the inspiration for that issue: a show now on display at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., called Book Marks. And the inspiration, in turn, for that show is a wonderful book by Barbara Page called "Book Marks."

Long before there was a www.goodreads.com website, where we could

keep track of every book we'd ever read, people had to rely on memory and handwritten lists to keep track of what they'd read (and whether they'd liked it or not).

Barbara Page is an artist and but also an enthusiastic reader. She kept track of books she'd read and liked on little scraps of paper — until it occurred to her that she could buy a box of library identification cards, which she could embellish and decorate with the names of books she'd read, and with illustrative collages or drawings or ink stamp images or all of the above. Her collection of hun-

dreds of book catalogue cards has been compiled into a book called "Book Marks: An Artist's Card Catalogue."

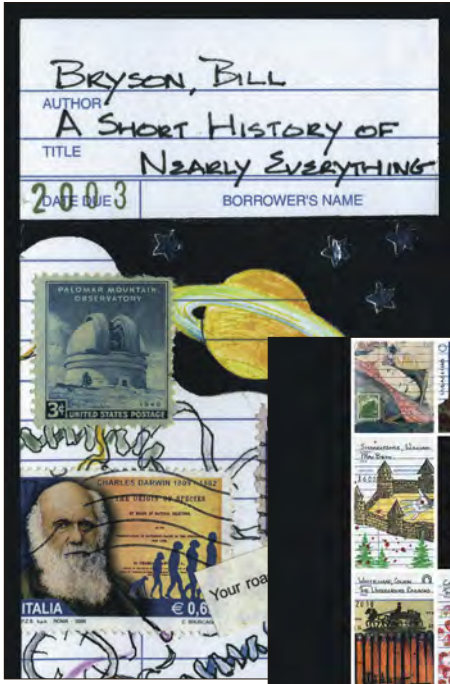
Samples of the catalogue cards that make up that book are now on display at the Hunt Library, along with other book-themed works of art (which are for sale), including several pieces by three artists who were featured in our August special Compass Arts and Entertainment issue: KK Kozik of Sharon, Conn., Robert Andrew Parker of Cornwall, Conn., and Peter Steiner, also of Sharon, Conn.

Their work is on display

until the end of September, and several pieces are still available for purchase. There is also work by other wonderful area artists (22 in total) including Tilly Strauss, Ken Musselman, Robert Cronin, Erika Crofut, Patty Mullins and more.

And there are copies of Barbara Page's "Book Marks," to buy and to browse.

The show and the library are at 63 Main St. in Falls Village and online at www.huntlibrary.org. The library hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



A show of books and art at the D.M. Hunt Library was built around Barbara Page's small works, each commemorating a book she has read.



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STREAMING: ED FERMAN

'The North Water' and 'The White Lotus': Sui Generis

Most TV shows slide easily into one genre or another, but occasionally something unique comes along. Here are two remarkable new shows that resist any kind of label.

THE NORTH WATER

The North Water is based on Ian McGuire's 2016 novel, which was long-listed for the Booker Prize, named by the New York Times as one of the 10 best books of the year, and is one of the most gripping and dark novels I have ever read. BBC and AMC adapted it into a five-part miniseries that screened in July.

You are a long way from Nantucket in this violent tale of a whaling expedition to the Arctic circle. The story centers on two main characters: harpooner Henry Drax (Colin

Farrell), an amoral psychopath; and Patrick Sumner (Jack O'Connell), an army surgeon and decent man whose moral compass is slightly askew because of an addiction to laudanum.

The murder of a cabin boy, who is found strangled in an oil barrel, leads to a conflict between these two.

The ship's captain makes an attempt to mediate and is bludgeoned to death for his effort. Life on the ship is brutal, but it gets worse when the crew finds themselves on the ice after the ship is scuttled by the first mate as part of an insurance scam.

I will not describe the bloody incidents that follow; such a naked synopsis may lead you to avoid the show. Yes, this is a dark story, but it is so brilliantly written and acted that you



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The White Lotus is a darker, funnier version of the film classic "Grand Hotel," and is one of the best and most unusual shows of the year.

can't take your eyes off the screen. *Amazon, AMC+*

THE WHITE LOTUS

As **The White Lotus** opens, someone has died — you don't know whom — then the story jumps

back a week, to guests arriving at a luxury resort in Hawaii.

You may think you're in for another of HBO's soapy mysteries, like "Big Little Lies" or "The Undoing." Not so.

As the hotel guests are introduced, you wonder who might be the worst of this unsavory gathering of shallow, rich mainlanders. Two top candidates are Shane (Jake Lacy) a total jerk in a Cornell baseball cap, and his awful mother, Kitty, who make life miserable for his lovely new bride, Rachel (Alexandra Daddario).

Another is Olivia (Sydney Sweeney), the nasty, sardonic daughter of Mark (Steve Zahn) and Nicole (Connie Britton).

Then there is the resort manager, Armond, a drug addict who can barely hide his contempt for most guests and who is played masterfully by Murray Bartlett as a man who is both revolting and sympathetic. The native Hawaiians who work at the resort are portrayed more

sympathetically, and their stories are disheartening.

There is no real plot here, aside from the mystery of who has been killed, but the interaction among the guests and staff becomes increasingly bizarre as the story moves to a shocking conclusion. (The hypnotic theme music, ranging from Bach to a kind of anxious percussion, is an important part of the show.)

Lotus is a satire with many funny moments; its creator, Mike White, was a writer-producer of the comedy classic **Freaks and Geeks**. But it moves beyond comedy and turns into a tragedy for a few characters, a life-changing event for some, a week in the sun for others, and one of the best and most unusual shows of the year. *HBOMax*

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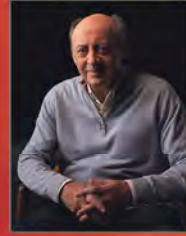
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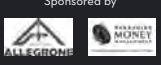




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EDITORIAL

A good time to remember Bob Estabrook, thanks to Salisbury Rotary

Last week was a special one in the annual life of The Lakeville Journal. It's the week when one of the company's summer interns receives from the Salisbury Rotary Club the Bob Estabrook Intern Award, recognizing excellent work done while learning how to practice local community journalism. It can be difficult to choose one intern who shines on any given year, but that is our mission when the Rotary Club is ready to bestow the award at the end of the summer. This year, intern Sadie Leite was the recipient, and if you read this newspaper, you will have seen the steadily improving and well-written work she's done this summer (see story about the Rotary award ceremony on the front page.) Congratulations and gratitude to Sadie for her enthusiasm and hard work this summer, which led to her getting to know her community even better and to understand the importance of local journalism.

In that Bob Estabrook died in 2011, there could be those who don't know or don't remember who he was and what his contribution was to The Lakeville Journal and to the Salisbury community. He and his wife, Mary Lou, came to the Northwest Corner in 1970-71 to purchase The Lakeville Journal from Stewart and Ann Hoskins, then purchased The Millerton News in 1972. Estabrook came to this part of the country after working at The Washington Post from 1946 to 1971, where he was a reporter, foreign correspondent and covered the United Nations, as well as being editorial page editor for eight years. But once he and his family settled in Salisbury, they found a home that they cherished.

Estabrook, during his time at The Lakeville Journal, made a nationwide impact on the criminal justice system by advocating for Peter Reilly's release and exoneration for the murder of his mother, Barbara Gibbons, from 1973-1977. Reilly had been convicted of manslaughter in Gibbons' death, but partly because of the relentless persuasion of Bob Estabrook through editorials and news stories on the case, together with the support of other statewide and national leaders, the confession of Reilly while in custody of the Connecticut State Police was thrown out as evidence. See the book by the late Donald Connery, "Guilty Until Proven Innocent," for the full picture of this renowned case.

The Estabrooks sold the newspapers to Robert Hatch in 1986. After they retired, they spent time traveling across country in their RV, visiting family, friends, other journalists and attending journalism conferences. Then, when Hatch needed to sell the newspapers in 1995, Bob Estabrook settled down again in Lakeville, finding other investors who were willing to join him in buying the papers and starting yet another era for the small-town publications. The Lakeville Journal Company LLC kept the publications going until now, when the company has applied to the IRS to change its status and become a nonprofit entity.

Bob continued to write a column on local and national issues until the end of 2008, keeping his community informed on his thoughts about many different topics. He was known for his wisdom, kindness and extraordinary energy, plunging into hiking the entire region just as enthusiastically as a "Perambulator" as he did writing and volunteering. Then-state Sen. Andrew Roraback (now judge at Connecticut Superior Court) said at Estabrook's passing, "When you look up 'integrity' in the dictionary, the definition begins with Bob Estabrook."

Bob would have been very proud that his beloved Salisbury Rotary Club was honoring his name by recognizing the interns at The Lakeville Journal. It brings together two things he highly valued: the spirit of Rotary and the enthusiasm of young budding journalists. Thank you to the Salisbury Rotary Club for creating the Bob Estabrook Intern Award, and for keeping it going since 2014.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Lakeville Town Grove is a gem

Have you been to the Town Grove lately? If not, you've missed out on one of our community's true treasures. Particularly after so many disruptions this year, the safe haven it has provided children and families was a most welcome interlude to normalcy, a place where the joys of summertime were on full display. As summer programs have now wound down and children begin preparing for return to the classroom, I wanted to thank the extraordinary staff for all they do and have done to make the Grove what it is.

The Town of Salisbury owns and funds the wonderful park located on Lake Wononscopomuc, off Ethan Allen Street in Lakeville. Stacey Dodge is Grove Manager, Lisa Macauliffe is the town's Recreation Director and runs the summer programs and Robert Strattman, Maintenance, keeps the Grove facilities, including those in water, the playgrounds and Senior Center, in excellent shape. The staff also includes certified lifeguards, teachers and students from the Salisbury Central School youth employment program. Kim Sherwood, a dedicated volunteer, plants and maintains beautiful (and some, whimsical!) gardens located throughout.

Stacey, a person of perpetual goodwill, good cheer, kindness, patience (but firm), creative, thoughtful and considerate, is captain of the ship and sets the tone for the entire staff. The Rec programs are wonderfully run and the Grove provides a safe environment where children can

experience some independence, learn new skills and have time to play with their friends and just enjoy being kids. Because they are given structure and are treated with respect, the children respond accordingly and act responsibly. They follow directions and rules and in the process, they are learning invaluable life lessons.

Several years ago some kids asked Stacey if they could use the snack bar area to play in. Instead of just brushing off the request, she took it to heart and created an incredible kidsize "village" out of plywood for them to play in. This is no ordinary village, but contains those businesses a child might most like to play in, such as an ice cream shop, a pet shop, a snack shop, and of course, a lighthouse!

Thanks to our Selectmen and others who support the Grove and staff making it a gold star resource for our community. And, special thanks to Stacey, Lisa, Robert and all the staff for giving our youth wonderful programs, setting admirable role models for the children to follow and providing them with such an extraordinary place to experience their childhood.

On the next hot day, if you are looking for a slice of paradise and a place to cool down, make your way to the Grove. You'll be glad you did!

And see below for a photo of the crew and more.

Sarah Morrison

Lakeville

SVAS: some history and lots of gratitude

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration to honor past and present members of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad including my parents and charter members Jack and Ann Lloyd. I remember all too well the CB radio-type apparatus housed outside their bedroom door and the ensuing alarm when a call came in. It woke the house! My parents, along with others "on-call", jumped into action no matter the hour. They volunteered their time and service, along with so many others, while taking care of a family of 6 and having full-time jobs. I don't recall how long they were SVAS members, but I do recall after one tragic, hits-too-close-to-home call where the son of one of their closest friends was killed in an automobile accident, they decided to pass the baton and resign from the squad. It takes its toll. I am beyond proud of their service and their role as charter members of the SVAS.

No doubt the equipment, (no more CB radios!) the training, the types of calls have changed over the years. But one thing remains the same, the dedication and special kind of person it takes to answer the call for help. We are so fortunate to live in an area, where for the past 50 years, we have and continue to know there are a group of selfless neighbors ready to heed the call and jump into action.

Congratulations to past and present SVAS members and here's to at least another 50! Gratefully.

Donna Lloyd Stoetznor
Salisbury



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Above is the Town Grove crew with some happy swimmers on a sunny day, summer 2021.

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com. Another letter next page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1921

Salisbury was honored on Thursday last by a visit from James Hartness, Governor of Vermont, who, with his wife and a member of his staff called upon old time friends at Sunny Slopes. Governor Hartness was much pleased with Salisbury.

TACONIC — Mrs. L. Beal has gone to Pittsfield with her two boys to have their adenoids removed before school opens.

ORE HILL — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Garrison of Hudson are occupying one of the Company's houses.

Mr. Adolfo Perantoni of Hartford was a week end guest

of his former teacher, Miss Esther Frink.

50 years ago — August 1971

New hope for revival of the Northwest Connecticut Glass Recycling arose this week when a used trailer was located that could be used for sorting at the Salisbury Town Dump. George Kiefer of Salisbury located the trailer, which he said had been used for grain storage on a farm and can be purchased for \$100. Several other persons are joining in the search for additional trailers at a low price.

U.S. Gypsum Company will shut down its Falls Village quarry and lime plant by March 1, a company spokesman announced in Chicago Monday. The Sand Road plant, which

employs 21 people, will close for two reasons, according to William Stephens, its manager. Intracompany economics, with U.S. Gypsum discovering a substitute material for the finely ground lime dust produced in Falls Village, make the shut-down feasible, he disclosed. A demand by the Connecticut Clean Air Commission for installation of air pollution control devices was also a definite factor, he said. "It was the straw that broke the camel's back," he said, referring to the Clean Air ruling.

When fire broke out at Bierce's General Store in West Cornwall early Tuesday afternoon, fire companies came from West Cornwall, Cornwall Bridge, Sharon and Ellsworth. Their united efforts brought the blaze under control by evening, but the 97-year-old building suffered considerable damage.

The Southern New England Telephone Company has announced plans to put a new telephone line underground through much of Canaan's business district.

For the second time in two weeks the North Canaan Dog Pound has been broken into and all the animals released. According to Mrs. Alfred Thomen, wife of the dog warden, the pound has been vandalized five times in the past two years, despite the various methods that have been tried to make the cages secure.

25 years ago — August 1996

FALLS VILLAGE — Alice Wolf stepped around the yard-wide pine tree growing through her front porch and opened the screen door to visitors. Mrs. Wolf and her husband Bill have enlarged the hole in the porch

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Grand Central Station: changes for the better?

Over three quarters of a million visitors pass through its impressive main space every day. One of a handful of New York City's foremost landmarks along with the Brooklyn Bridge, Central Park and the Empire State building, Grand Central Terminal remains a proud symbol of New York's glory days and an inspiring place marking the heart of the city.

Designed by two of the City's most notable architectural firms, Reed and Stem and Warren and Wetmore, Grand

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER MAC GORDON

Central Terminal opened to the public in 1913. Flanking the Terminal, the architects also created a pair of luxurious ancillary hotels, the Commodore and the Biltmore (which became famous in its own right as the place where people met "under the clock"). Both were largely destroyed in the early 1980s (the Commodore by Donald Trump).

In 1963, a 59-floor skyscraper abutting the Terminal to the north, the Pan Am Building (now Met Life) was constructed, significantly expanding the footprint of Grand Central. Walter Gropius, the principal architect for the project, created spacious lobbies and walkways under and around the giant new skyscraper with sculptures by world renowned artists including a giant mural by Josef Albers, subsequently destroyed in a 2001 renovation. These sculpture gallery/lobbies have been diminished over the years, not only by removal of most of the sculptures themselves but by conversion of much of the lobby and circulation space into branch banks and other commercial rental space. The former public areas, once generous, are now little more than a cramped maze.

In 1995 the MTA began a major renovation by architects Beyer Blinder Belle that restored the famous ceiling of the central space and replaced a giant photo billboard on the east side of the huge room with a grand stair to match the existing one on the west side, a most welcome addition. And they skillfully refurbished the public spaces throughout with details that maintain the Terminal's original character.

Over the years, some changes

have occurred that were inevitable. When the New York Central merged with the Pennsylvania Railroad and inter-city traffic was relocated to the new Penn Station, Grand Central no longer needed a baggage room. However, baggage lockers remained in several locations until a bomb exploded in one locker in the mid-70s and lockers were quickly banished.

The grand main waiting room along 42nd Street had lovely wood benches that provided seating for more than 700 people. During the 80s

the management removed the benches, supposedly to foreclose their use by homeless people; however, soon the space was divided up into areas for eateries and other small concessions. A few of the benches were relocated to a small space off of one of the east-west concourses for what became Grand Central's only waiting room; this was closed in 2020 with no plan for re-opening.

From 1937 to 1979, a small, beautifully appointed Trans-Lux movie theater just east of the main space showed newsreels and short subjects for the benefit of passengers waiting for their trains. Since then this facility has served as anonymous, but more lucrative, retail space.

The quality of the commercial facilities that remain in the terminal has largely declined over the years. Space seems to have been leased out solely on the basis of who would pay the most rent. But Grand Central is, at least in part, a public facility and should consider public needs.

Despite its tremendous popularity, the Terminal's only bookstore, Posman Books, was closed a few years ago to provide construction backup space for a new skyscraper (by others) going up across the street; it has not been replaced.

Nowhere in Grand Central can you now buy a newspaper or magazine. Just why is hard to figure.

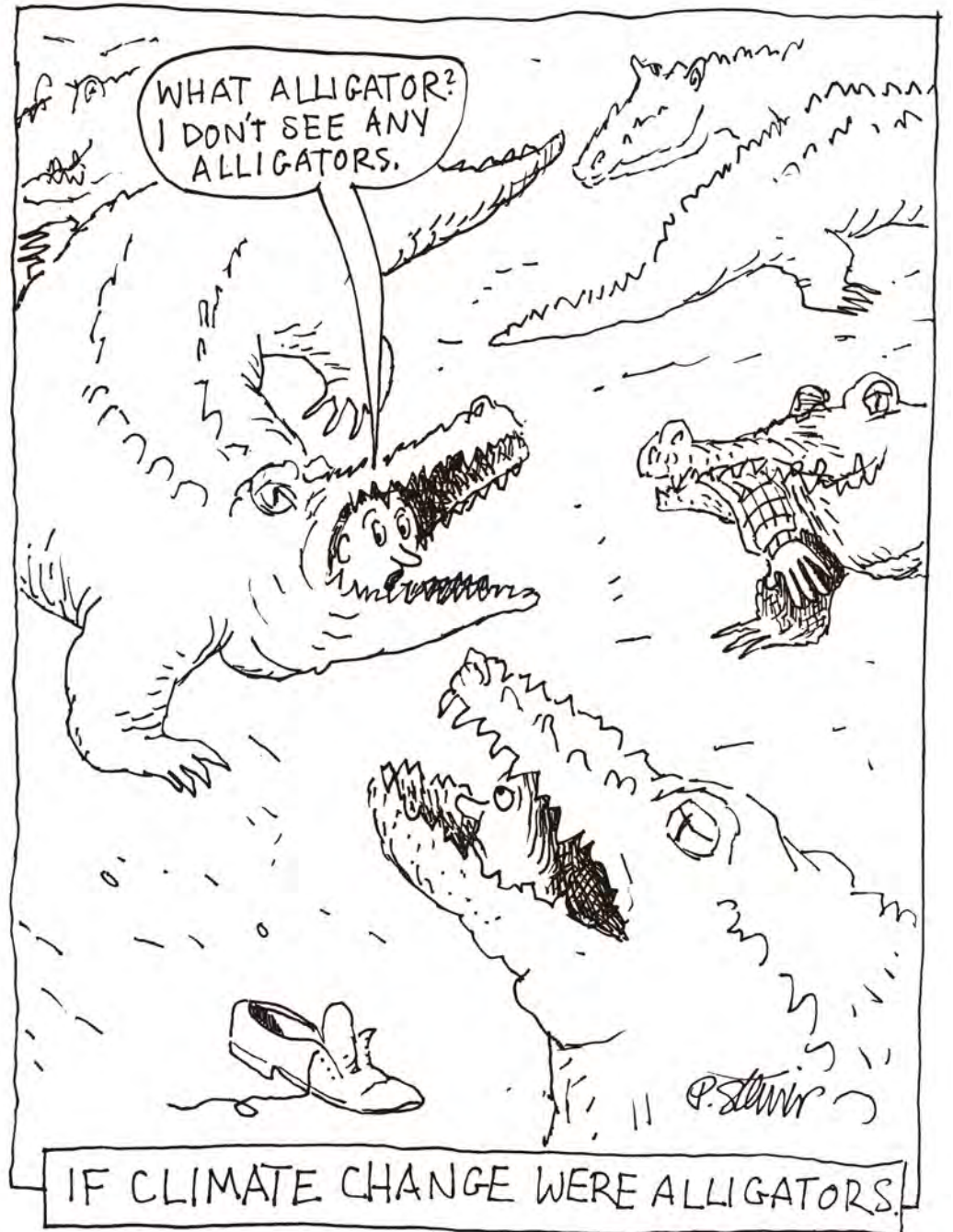
Although the central space on the lower level now boasts that it is a "food court" with many small stands serving a variety of food, the only restaurant in the Terminal worth recommending is the Oyster Bar, the famed seafood restau-

rant at the mid-level between the main and lower floors. It opened in 1913, together with the rest of the Terminal, and has been operating ever since with only short closures for repairs and for the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. Its impressive Guastavino tiled vaulted ceilings provide a memorable ambiance. And the food is good, too!

A positive change has been the addition of a food market on the main level along Lexington Avenue. Here passengers on their way home can purchase high-quality meat, fish, cheese, vegetables, fruit or other ingredients for a good meal without another separate shopping trip.

Additional new facilities and transportation connections including several envisioned in President Biden's Infrastructure Bill may make this enormous hub even more complex and impressive. Despite its growing size and complexity, let's hope Grand Central Terminal will retain most of its charm.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



Poets Corner

Aunt Jemima

The setting: The Board Room of The Hartford Stage 1951.

Present: Board Members, all white men and one Black woman, Gwen Reed. She takes over.

GWEN

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To your Board. Humbled and assertive I stand
To tell you of something I saw last night in Harlem
A play produced by the Committee for the Negro
And the Arts at Harlem's Club Baron
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Two of course I mean, 3 is yet at hand
He is being honored after his death in that Bedlam
The first scene 'bout his mother's hair's regrow
Attended to by his sister, iron hot and carin'
Both said No one ever called him Billie

His Mom and Sis off to the daIs to accept
What no one thought to give Willie while he lived and breathed and fought
The recognition he deserved 'for he leapt
Into the jaws of death to save our land three gens ago when he'd been bought

This morn our Willie Branch was inducted into the U S Army at a tender age
And now we owe it to him to produce his play at Hartford Stage

I thank you for this opportunity to speak
And hope you'll act to expedite to strive to seek
As Brutus says There is a tide in the affairs of men
On such a full sea are we now afloat
Produce this play flowed from this brilliant pen
Do not lose this chance to lift this bale, this bar to tote

Without, we got plenty of nothin'
Thank you, kind gentlemen.

— Lonnie Carter
Falls Village

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

With much gratitude

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Ron Sontos and the team at the Sharon Emergency Room as well as the attending Sharon EMS workers for helping my wife Ellen in her time of need. Their professionalism and above all, their compassion was truly amazing, such grace under pressure.

Sadly, despite their heroic efforts, Ellen died of an aortic embolism at Vassar Hospital at 6 AM on Saturday, August 21st. However, her spirit lives fiercely on. With gratitude,

Rob Anderson

Sharon

More letters previous page

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

Continued from previous page

floor and roof three times to accommodate the tree. Last year the wind-blown pine towering 110 feet above the house separated the porch from the rest of the cottage. Mrs. Wolf, who spends the rest of the year in St. Augustine, Fla., says Pine Grove is a place where no one may cut down a tree regardless of where it's growing. hit

It is also a place where every face is a familiar one, where residents raise an American flag to signify they are home, where no one may buy one of the 64 Victorian cottages without a formal vote of the families already there, a place where the old owners leave the linen, the

furniture, even the tableware for the new owners, and a place where the pull of history, religion and the common good compels everyone. This weekend, the 70 or so members of the Pine Grove Association will celebrate the beginnings of this summer community as a Methodist campground 125 years ago.

CANAAN — Two out-of-state women miraculously escaped injury Tuesday when their car hit a utility pole head on, snapped it in two and came to rest on top of the remaining three-foot-high section. The accident occurred when


their 1993 Buick Regal veered off a straight stretch of Church Street between Grove and Barlow streets at 5:25 p.m. Both women were able to safely leave the car, although power lines were pulled down around it. The road was closed and traffic detoured around the scene until the pole was replaced. About six homes were without power for several hours.

CANAAN — The pickin's were slim at Edwards this week. Customers were greeted by sparsely stocked and empty shelves throughout the store in anticipation of the supermarket's transformation to Stop

and Shop. The store will close at 6 p.m. this Saturday and remain closed for a scheduled four days while crews replace signs, reset and restock shelves with Stop and Shop and Select brand products.


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There is a wealth of information found in an article written for the Berlin Land Trust of how buffer zones protect wetlands. The article is entitled: The Scientific Basis for Wetlands and Watercourses Buffer Zones prepared by the Carey Institute. It goes over in detail how natural buffer zones of vegetation protect wetlands by filtering out many of the adverse effects of development, sedimentation, excess nutrients from septic systems etc. This article can be found at: https://caryaecological.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/SciBasis_forWLWC_BufferZones-10-21-11_Carya.pdf. If it is easier, happy to email a PDF copy.



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Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
VICTOR MIRABELLI without BOUNDARIES Opening Reception, Aug. 28, 2 to 5 p.m.
Berkshire Art Association, Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshireartassociation.org
 Everyone Is a Hero: A

Comic and Cartoon Art Tribute to Our Local Heroes, Aug. 6 to 28.

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org
 Portraits of American Trees: The Photography of Tom Zetterstrom featured at Berkshire Botanical Garden's Leonhardt Galleries, Sept. 17 to Oct. 31.

Kent Historical Society, Kent, Conn. www.kenthistoricalsociety.org
 Summer Exhibit "Found in Collection", through Labor Day Weekend, Saturdays

and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
 Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Sept. 11, 4 to 5 p.m.

DANCE

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

KIDS

ASAP!, 6 Bee Brook Road, Unit B, Washington Depot, Conn. www.asapct.org

11th Annual Celebration Of Young Photographers, submissions open Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, exhibit Nov. 14.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
 Donut Worry, Be Happy!, Sept. 10, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net

Together Together, opens Aug. 27; Working Girls, opens Aug. 27; The Lost Leonardo, opens Sept. 3.

MUSIC

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org

PRISM Quartet (Saxophones), Sept. 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; End-of-Summer Celebration and Auction, Sept. 18, noon to 4 p.m.

Crescendo, Lakeville, Conn. www.worldclassmusic.org

"How lovely are the Messengers" - Well-known and beloved Choral Favorites from Tallis to Mendelssohn, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org

Laser Encounter, Aug. 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.; The Rave-Ons, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

THEATER

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org

Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

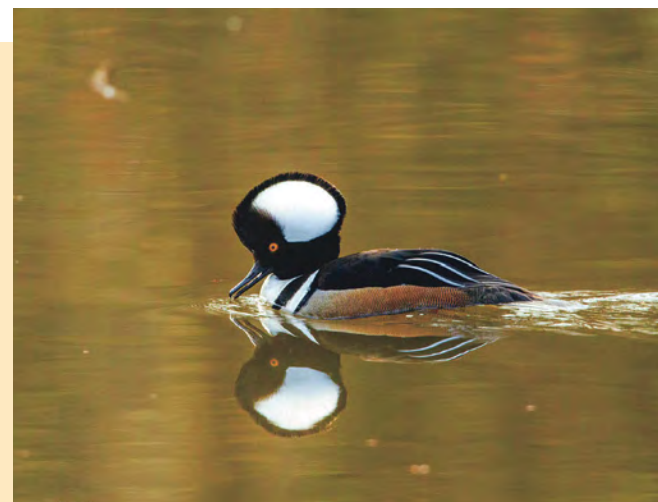


PHOTO BY SARAH BLODGETT

Sarah Blodgett, a Tristate region photographer who took this image of a hooded merganser, will teach a photo workshop Sept. 4.

LEARN TO TAKE BETTER WILDLIFE PHOTOS

Photographer Sarah Blodgett will teach a workshop at the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn., on taking photos of birds and wildlife. The class will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4, and last two hours.

Participants must have a traditional camera with a manual setting. The class is \$45 and is limited to 15 students. Register by emailing bethany.sheffer@audubon.org. The last day to register is Sept. 3.

PLAYING IS THE THING, AT WRITERS PLAYGROUND

Some people love novels, some people like Russian novels and then there are the readers who want to be in and out of a tale quickly. For those readers, there are short stories — and, now, there are quick little sips of live theater in the form of 10-minute plays that will be performed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29, at Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn.

The mini dramas are the finalists in a short-play writing competition sponsored by the playhouse.

The Saturday playwrights are Darcy Boynton, Emily Soell, Allison Fradkin, Maria Hasen and Kate Katcher.

The next afternoon's tales are from Michele A. Miller, Gloria Miller, Jennifer Ju, Dorothy Lyman and beloved director/writer/actor Macey Levin (famous for his role in The Moviehouse Elevator Pitch).

Find out more about the Writers Playground festival at www.sharonplayhouse.org; click on tickets to get details; admission is free. — Cynthia Hochswender

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