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The umbrella tells the tale of an extremely wet Railroad Days. The weather was bad enough to delay the parade and fireworks and to extend the carnival.

Railroad Days

Parade, carnival and fireworks extended to next weekend

By Cynthia Hochswender

NORTH CANAAN — Life doesn't often offer second chances, but North Canaan will get a second chance this weekend to celebrate community and history at Railroad Days, with an extended run for the carnival and a new date for the parade and fireworks.

Plenty of visitors came out to North Canaan for special sales, restaurant meals and of course carnival rides last week — when the wet weather abated enough to allow it.

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Community update from Sharon Hospital Aug. 5

SHARON — Sharon Hospital, part of Nuvance Health, will host its online "Community Update" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5, via online livestream video.

Members of the surrounding community are invited to join the webinar to hear from hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko. He will discuss the latest hospital developments and updates on the affiliation that created Nuvance Health.

The independent monitor engaged by Nuvance Health will be present to report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@nuvancehealth.org or calling 845-554-1734 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted on the hospital's website at www.nuvancehealth.org/CTForums. The event will also stream at www.facebook.com/sharonhospital.

The recorded session and a copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event. To request a physical copy by mail, call 845-554-1734; TTY/Accessibility is 800-842-9710.



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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Union Station depot in North Canaan has come back like a phoenix following a devastating fire in 2001. The station is once again, joyously, an attraction for visitors to the annual Railroad Days festivities, which began last week and continue to next weekend.

Making the case for passenger rail service, during Railroad Days

By Sadie Leite and Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — An enthusiastic crowd gathered in an event room upstairs from the Great Falls Brewing Company on Saturday, July 17, for a presentation from the Train Campaign on restoring passen-

ger service in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The presentation was made during a rare sunny, dry moment in the weeklong annual Railroad Days celebration in North Canaan. While the group met upstairs at the former Union Station train depot, visitors from all over the state wandered in and out of the building and visited the new accordion museum and the museum of railway memorabilia.

North Canaan Selectman Christian Allyn filled in for state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), who was unable to attend because of a minor medical problem.

Allyn noted that his generation, before the COVID-19 pandemic, was both driving

less and leaving the Northwest Corner in search of opportunities elsewhere.

He said he was unwilling to watch his town die.

Recently, North Canaan "has been on a tear" with new investment in the town.

And to finish the job, Allyn said, what is needed is passenger service between North Canaan, Boston and New York.

Smitty Pignatelli (D), the state representative to the Massachusetts Legislature from the Berkshire 4th District and a resident of Lenox, talked about not just a north-south train service, but east to west.

Or, rather, west to east.

"If we start in the Berk-

See PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE, Page A6



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

The falls at Bull's Bridge in Kent this weekend were running fast and hard after days and days of rain and a major thunderstorm on Saturday night, July 17.

It's the 'North-wet' Corner this week

By Patrick L. Sullivan

There was no need to consult online charts over the weekend to know that the heavy rainfall had caused flooding: All you had to do was drive around the Northwest Corner to see submerged yards, battered footbridges and swollen creeks.

Needless to say, the Housatonic River at Gaylordsville near Kent was at flood stage after the thunderstorm on Saturday night, July 17.

As of Monday morning, July 19, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) gauge farther north, at Falls Village, had the river flowing at 6,010 cubic feet per second (CFS) and rising. Median flow for this time of year

is between 300-400 CFS. Flood stage is 7,000 CFS at Falls Village.

The CFS is a measurement of the water discharge level and is an important indicator of river safety. It tells you how fast and how hard the water is charging through, between the river banks.

The gauge height tells you how high the river level is. On Monday morning in Falls Village, it was 7.24 feet. Flood stage at that part of the river is 7 feet.

The precipitation gauge at Falls Village showed that between July 12 and the morning of July 19, about 4.5 inches of rain fell.

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Blumenthal waves the flag at Lime Rock Park

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal waved the race flag at the start of the 2.5 hour IMSA race at Lime Rock Park on Saturday, July 17. With Blumenthal in the photo, above, are the owners of the track, who are, from left, Bill Rueckert, Skip Barber, second from the left in the photo and Dickie Riegel at right in the photo. For race details and more photos, see Page A4.



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Three-day forecast

Friday Sun, high 77°/low 57°
 Saturday Sun, 81°/55°
 Sunday Thunderstorms, 79°/63°

Remove bird feeders, for now, to protect songbirds

The national and local Audubon organizations are asking that all bird feeders be taken down for now, to protect songbirds from an “unknown affliction” that has been killing them in the South, the mid-Atlantic states and the Midwest.

“Although it seems as if it hasn’t reached Connecticut yet, it’s time to take precautions,” according to an Audubon news release.

Audubon recommends five precautionary steps:

- Stop feeding birds and providing water in bird baths for the time being.
- Bring feeders and bird baths in and clean them with a 10% bleach solution. This includes hummingbird feeders.
- Avoid handling dead or injured wild birds. Wear disposable gloves if it’s necessary

Wanda Houston concert July 23

SALISBURY — Wanda Houston and the HBH trio will offer an outdoor concert on Friday, July 23, at 7 p.m. at Noble Horizons. She will be joined by percussionist Jay Bradley and keyboardist Scott Heth.

Guests can bring their own chairs/blankets. Grounds will open at 6:30 p.m. rain or shine. Only vaccinated guests may attend indoors, per the Department of Public Health. In addition, guests must be screened with a temperature check if the event is indoors.

to handle a bird.

- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a standard precaution.

The afflicted birds include Common Grackle, Blue Jay, European starling, American Robin, Northern Cardinal, House Finch, House Sparrow, Eastern Bluebird, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Carolina Wren.

Many of the birds have been immatures, with swollen eyes and crusty discharges.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) advises that if you see a live bird with these symptoms, don’t try to capture it. Contact a wildlife rehabilitator such as the Audubon Center in Sharon instead.

“If you find a dead bird with crusty eyes, take photos and keep track of the date and location. Dead birds can be reported to the DEEP database.”

To dispose of dead birds, place them in a sealable plastic bag and discard with household trash. This will prevent disease transmission to other birds and wildlife.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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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.

Collision from driveway

On July 9 at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Canaan Road in Salisbury a 2020 Porsche Carrera driven by David Farnum Harris, 76, of Vero Beach, Fla., attempted to pull out of a driveway and collided with a 2016 GMC Sierra driven by Stephen Russell Lundeen, 21, of Lakeville. No injuries were reported. Harris was given a verbal warning for failure to grant the right of way while making a left turn.

Collision while turning

On July 10 at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Killawee Street in North Canaan a 1992 Dodge Daytona driven by Cade Michael Gwinn, 20, of North Canaan attempted to make a left-hand turn and struck a 2017 Toyota Rav4 driven by Stephanie Johnson, 30, of North Canaan. Gwinn was issued a written warning for failure to grant the right of way while making a left turn.

Struck a utility pole

On July 11 at approximately 2 p.m. on Norfolk Road in North Canaan a 2014 Jeep Wrangler driven by Anastasia Mullen, 32, of North Canaan was braking as the vehicle in front stopped, but ended up veering right and striking an

Eversource utility pole. Mullen was issued a written warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

DUI

On July 12 at approximately 9 p.m. on Falls Mountain Road in Salisbury a 2015 Ford Focus driven by Kristian Murtagh, 26, of Millerton, N.Y., traveled off the roadway and struck a wooden fence belonging to the property of James Francis Kennedy, 41, of Falls Mountain Road in Falls Village. Murtagh failed a standardized field sobriety test and was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to drive in the proper lane. He was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on July 26.

Struck a rock

On July 14 at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Brinton Hill Road in Salisbury a 2016 Nissan Rogue driven by Tabitha Lauren Maffucci, 18, of Lakeville exited the roadway and struck a large rock. She was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. Maffucci was found at fault for the accident and issued a written warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

The taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that I have received the Warrant and the Rate Bill to collect taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2020 with a levy of 11.00 Mills. Said taxes become due on July 1, 2021. If said Real Estate and Personal Property tax is over \$100.00, it is payable in four installments due: July 1, 2021, October 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, April 1, 2022. Motor Vehicle tax shall be paid in one installment due: July 1, 2021. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 2, 2021. If said Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes are not paid on or before August 2, 2021 interest at the rate of 1.5% (18 annually). The minimum interest charge is \$2.00. Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, PO Box 338, Salisbury CT 06068. WPCA Sewer use fees for the year July 1, 2021 are also due and payable on August 2, 2021.

There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall open 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Other payment options: Online at officialpayments.com, jurisdiction code 1759 (there is a fee for this service) or mail to P.O. Box 338, Salisbury, CT 06068. NO CASH will be accepted. Please check salisburyct.us for additional information.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT INVALIDATE THE TAX OR THE INTEREST. Please contact the Tax Collector’s Office 860 435-5189 or taxcollector@salisburyct.us, if you do not receive a bill. Dated this 4th day of June 2021.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
 Tax Collector
 Salisbury, CT 06068
 06-24-21
 07-08-21
 07-22-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF WILLIAM PRESTON Late of Sheffield, MA AKA William R. Preston (21-00315)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 8, 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:
 Sandra Preston
 c/o William O Riiska
 William O. Riiska
 3 Farnam Road
 PO Box 1340
 Lakeville, CT 06039

Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
 07-22-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. GREEN Late of East Canaan (21-00317)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 9, 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:
 Judith B. Green
 7 Locust Hill Road
 East Canaan, CT 06024
 Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
 07-22-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF PAMELA B. COLLINS Late of North Canaan (21-00262)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated June 22, 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:
 Keith G. Collins
 c/o Linda M Patz
 Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
 7 Church Street
 P.O. Box 101
 Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire
 Chief Clerk
 07-22-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GERARD INSOLIA Late of Sharon (21-00298)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated June 29, 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:
 c/o Louise F. Brown, Esq.
 Ackerly Brown LLP
 5 Academy Street
 P.O. Box 568
 Salisbury, CT 06068

Megan M. Foley
 Clerk
 07-22-21

TAX COLLECTOR’S NOTICE, TOWN OF CANAAN/FALLS VILLAGE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut statutes, the undersigned Tax Collector of the Town of Canaan gives notice that she will be ready to receive Motor Vehicle taxes and the first installment of Real Estate & Personal Property taxes due July 1, 2021 at the Tax Collector’s office in the Canaan Town Hall, 108 Main St, Falls Village, CT on Monday’s 9am-3pm and Wednesday 9am-12pm. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 2, 2021 to avoid interest.

All taxes remaining unpaid after August 2, 2021 will be charged interest from July 1, 2021 at the rate of 1.5% for each month elapsing from the due date of the delinquent tax to the date of payment, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. Sec. 12-146.

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

Rebecca M Juchert-Derung,
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Our Towns

New rules for the Kent swap shop are discussed

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Now that the COVID-19 pandemic is thought to be waning, area towns are beginning to open their transfer station swap shops. The Kent selectmen discuss the possibility at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 13, which was held on Zoom.

First Selectman Jean Speck said that Kent residents are eager to see the swap shop open, a place to both collect and dispose of gently used items.

Discussion included concerns about misuse of the swap shop and a tendency by some residents to leave inappropriate junk, large furniture that does not fit in the shop, and other unsuitable items, to avoid paying a disposal fee.

Some people take items from the swap shop to augment their own home tag sales, and then drop off a load of unsold tag sale items at the swap shop, when some of those items should have been discarded.

Speck suggested that signage could clarify appropriate items to be left — particularly in regard to hazardous household waste, for which there are special disposal days during the year.

The swap shop will open at the end of August once rules have been established and posted.

One resident commented that some people are disposing of perfectly good items in the trash stream, items that would be perfect for inclusion at the swap shop.

Food trucks and peddlers

Food trucks and whether the town needs an ordinance to regulate them came under discussion at the meeting as the town begins to consider how to handle the issue. Selectman Chris Garrity said that the current system of peddlers' licenses needs to be updated; he believes that the peddlers' permits now being used were created at a time when a farmer might have a pushcart selling fruit.

"It might be time to update the regulations," Garrity said.

The selectmen agreed to obtain copies of food truck ordinances recently prepared in Sharon and North Canaan as a guide to how the vendors are regulated in those towns.

"We need to know the difference between a peddlers' license and a food truck ordinance," Selectman Ed Matson said.

Speck commented that the fish truck functions under a peddlers' license. The seasonal farmers' market applied through the Planning and Zoning Commission for a zoning permit, having completed a site plan application. Each year, they complete a site plan for review and are issued a temporary permit.

Help wanted

Volunteers are needed to serve on selectmen's sub-committees. One such committee will consider Main Street noise and traffic and another will consider broadband access. If interested, contact the Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen meets in person to discuss a return to virtual meetings

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — While celebrating their first in-person official meeting on Tuesday, July 6, since COVID-19, the Board of Selectmen nonetheless voted to return to a remote format, holding selectmen's meetings on Zoom at least until early September.

The selectmen agreed that the goal is to return to in-person meetings, but residents have urged the continuation of a Zoom option in a type of hybrid meeting offering.

To make the hybrid aspect function successfully, however, the selectmen see a need to overcome some hurdles, including procuring equipment.

The current choice, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway explained, is between in-person or on Zoom. Returning to Zoom until the end of summer will allow time to study the implementation of a hybrid model and also how to administer it to meet statutory requirements.

Selectman Marina Kouchouby agreed that the

town needs to accommodate community visibility as much as possible, and Ridgway added, "We want to do it right."

In other decisions, a contract for summer paving work on parts of Town Street was awarded to Harwinton Paving, the sole bid received by the town. Ridgway said that the paving companies are largely booked up with home driveway jobs, seen as more profitable. The Town Street project will lay 1,700 tons of asphalt under the contract, totaling \$179,992, an amount deemed reasonable by High-

way Foreman Jim Vanicky, Ridgway said.

Aesthetics of the Cogswell Road bridge were discussed based on Selectman Priscilla Pavel's report that she had met recently with a group of property owners who live near the bridge. Most favored reducing the size of the metal struts.

"It really impacts the rural look," Pavel said of the current design.

"If we can safely accommodate their requests, we should consider it," she said, suggesting a group meeting.

Seeking control of the Masonic Lodge property

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The future of the former Masonic Lodge property on Route 44 and the Housatonic River was discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 13.

The property was purchased in December by the state, for \$140,000. The status of the property and any role that the town might play in its future, and whether it represents an opportunity for recreational development, led the selectmen to agree to clarify the matter with the state officials.

Residents who spoke at the meeting urged that any action taken in connection with that property should be voted on by the town.

Whether the existing structure is slated for demolition — and if so, who would be responsible for the work — was also a matter to be discussed with the appropriate state entity.

The property was purchased with the intention of creating a safe access point to the Housatonic River for recreational uses.

Tim Abbott of the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) was at the meeting and ob-

served that the town had not been involved in the December purchase. But he also said that the town can be in the driver's seat now if it wants a say in the management of the property.

"The project could be good for the town if the town agrees to participate," Selectman Christian Allyn said, saying that North Canaan is the only town along the river that does not offer recreational access.

Steep riverbanks as the river passes through North Canaan limit opportunities for such access. An exception is the nearby water-level terrain offered by the Masonic property.

Abbott told the selectmen, "This is the time for the town to decide what you want to see happen there." He said that the state is interested in a partnership with the town. "I see it as an opportunity," he added.

Planning for the sun to power Sharon Center School

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The best local site for a solar power installation is Sharon Center School according to a proposal presented to the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 13. The meeting was held in person at Town Hall and remotely on Zoom.

A few other sites were looked at, but only the school property was found to be workable, said Emily Basham, representing Connecticut Green Bank, which she described as a quasi-public state agency created by the state Legislature.

The Green Bank provides funding for energy projects such as solar installations. By bundling projects in multiple towns, cost savings can be realized, Basham explained. Through her agency's Solar Municipal Assistance Program, towns can benefit from lower-cost project preparation and also potential assistance with financing.

Services include working with the town on site analysis, deciding which town buildings

are candidates for installations and, once a site has been identified, developing a plan for realization of the project.

A final proposal for an installation at the school should be ready by October or November, Basham said. The proposed project can then move forward to town meeting for approval.

To Selectman Dale Jones' question about where the power generated by the system would be used, Basham replied that the power would serve the school only. She estimated that 85% of the school's grid reliance would be replaced by the solar power system.

The life of the agreement is

set at 20 years under a Power Purchase Agreement where ConnectOne Bank, a New York-New Jersey banking enterprise, would own the system and the town would commit to purchasing all of the power generated by the panels at a rate established in the contract. Basham assured the selectmen that the rate would be less than the rate charged by the Eversource grid.

"You are locking in the lower rate for the 20-year life of the agreement," Basham said. The system would work only during daylight hours and it would not work during power outages. Outside of daylight

hours, the school would automatically draw from the grid at the Eversource rate.

Discussion included whether battery back-up could be feasible in the program.



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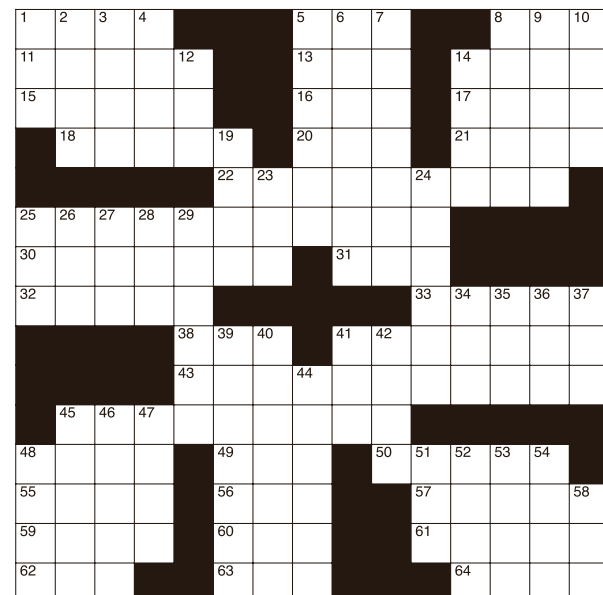
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Language group with Iranian influence
5. No seats available
8. Health insurance organization
11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
13. Defunct European economic organization
14. Dutch word for "language"
15. Hard to penetrate
16. When you'll get there
17. Iranian city
18. Small fishes
20. Dry white wine drink
21. Turkish city
22. U.S.-born people
25. Synthetic resin
30. Major nerve in human body
31. Type of recording
32. Small drum
33. Alters
38. General's assistant (abbr.)
41. Venezuelan capital
43. Free of deceit
45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
48. Competition
49. Launch an attack on
50. Cavalry sword
55. Spiritual leader
56. One point east of due south
57. Afflicted
59. Database management system
60. Snake-like fish
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Small drink
63. Not wet
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Father
2. Performed perfectly
3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
4. Thin, compact object
5. One attempting to find something
6. No longer working
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Book of Genesis character
9. Volcanic craters
10. Brand of American automobile (slang)
12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe
14. Bangladeshi monetary unit
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of genes
24. Et _ : indicates further



25. Pacific Standard Time
26. S. American wood sorrel
27. Women's ___ movement
28. Chinese hoopster Ming
29. Layers of rock
34. Patriotic women's group
35. Solid water
36. Shade of brown
37. Very fast airplane
39. Put clothes on
40. Quality of one's character
41. Time zone
42. Primates
44. Pleasantly
45. Metrical feet
46. Rogue
47. German river
48. Relieves from
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Those who resist authority
58. Criticize

July 15 Solution

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Sudoku

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July 15 Solution

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Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.

We welcome the entire Community to come to
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Martha L. Baer

LAKEVILLE — Martha L. Baer died peacefully on June 24, 2021, surrounded by family and friends. She was 82 years old. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roland C. Baer and Emily Baer Hall.

Martha graduated from Mary Institute and then Vassar College, where she graduated in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in English.

After graduation, Martha followed her love of the arts and moved to New York where she worked for the André Emmerich Gallery and then as a director at Acquavella Contemporary Art Gallery.

In 1978 Martha founded the Contemporary Art Department at Christie's Auction House, where she led it through remarkable growth over a 40-year period. She was a renowned authority on post-war and contemporary art, with special expertise in abstract expressionism. She was involved in the formation and sale of many of the top contemporary art collections.

A lifelong learner, Martha loved going to the theater and opera as well as spending time with family and friends at her home in Lakeville.

She was dedicated to her Church, Trinity Lime Rock, where she sang in the choir. She also was a proud member

of Crescendo, which is a family of music lovers that brings exquisite choral music to audiences throughout New England.

She is survived by her brother, Roland C. Baer Jr., husband to Mikey; her nephews Roland C. Baer III (husband to Sylvia), Claxton A. Baer and Alexander B. Baer (husband to Anna); her grandnieces, Lydia, Toni, Synthia, Cece and Kate; her grandnephews, Claxton, Zack and Alex; and her cousins, Alice Muckerman (wife of Rick), Carolyn Cranston (wife of Bob) and William Coit.

The family would like to give special thanks to Erin Granger, Joe Culver, Jill Hennessey, Laura Schroeder and Dawn Brinson, who gave Martha such compassionate care over the last few months of her life.

Charitable donations may be sent to The Little Guild Animal Shelter, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lime Rock Church on Saturday, July 24, at noon.

A private graveside service will be held at Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo., on Aug. 6.

Local arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.



Gail C. Bilquin

MILLERTON — Gail C. Bilquin, 64 of Jensen Beach, Fla., formerly of Millerton, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021. Arrangements are entrusted to All County Funeral Home & Crematory (www.allcounty.com).

Marian (Shea) Smith

MILLERTON — Marian (Shea) Smith, 94, a 65-year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Dec. 15, 2020, at Sharon Hospital.

Beloved mother of Michael C. Smith of Millerton and the late Mariley Smith Najdek. Dear sister, grandmother and great-grand-



mother.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, July 31, at 10 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Smith's full obituary and tribute page can be viewed at www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Helen (Wike) Humeston

SHARON — Helen (Wike) Humeston passed away July 12, 2021, at her home two days after her 99th birthday.

Born July 10, 1922, she was the daughter of the late Edward Charles Wike and Alice Judd (Wike) Gavel.

Helen was a member of the first class to graduate from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1940.

After high school Helen attended Henry W. Bishop School of Nursing in Pittsfield, Mass.

After completing her nursing training at House of Mercy Hospital in Pittsfield and Boston City Hospital in Boston, Mass., she graduated in 1944 and returned to Sharon. She worked at Canaan Hospital (now Geer) and Sharon Hospital until 1946.

Helen married John D. "Don" Humeston on Aug. 13, 1946. Helen and Don were married for 61 years until Don's passing in 2007.

Together they raised two daughters, Donna and Lynn. During their time together

Helen and Don enjoyed golfing and they spent their annual vacations traveling to golf destinations in the southern United States and to Ireland.

Helen was a stay-at-home Mom until she embarked on a new career in 1971. It was then she took a job in the assessor's

office. She went on to become Sharon's first Certified Municipal Assessor (1976) and eventually served as chairman of the Board of Assessors in Sharon. Helen retired from the board in 2004 at the age of 82.

Helen served as a volunteer and Certified EMT with the Sharon Fire Department Ambulance Squad from 1978 until 1993.

Helen's family's farm was her home for her whole life. She was passionately committed to the preservation of nature and the protection of farm land in particular.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Lynn Humeston and Donna Hoskins and her husband, Henry Barlow; two grandchildren, Benjamin Hoskins and his wife, Melinda, and Rebecca Malone and her husband, Colin; and three great-grandchildren, Finian and Keely Malone and Zander Hoskins. She was predeceased by her brother, Edward.

All services will be private. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salisbury VNA Home Assistance, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068; or Connecticut Farm-land Trust, 77 Buckingham St., third floor, Hartford, CT 06106; or Sharon Fire Department & Ambulance, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.



SPORTS



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

For true automotive fans, there is almost as much excitement in the pit area as there is on the track.

Crowds & clouds at IMSA

By Cynthia Hochswender

LIME ROCK — Auto racing tends to go at high speed and in short bursts. The International Motor Sports Association race at Lime Rock Park last weekend follows a different format, with huge cars and top American drivers duking it out during 2 hours and 40 minutes on the track.

Well, that's normally how it works — but on Saturday, July 17, the rain put a damper on the racing, as it did on so many activities scheduled for the weekend. The NorthEast Grand Prix had to be stopped after only about an hour and a half; what started as a delay, waiting for the rain to pass by, turned into a full stop.

Corvette Racing was declared the winning team, a sixth Lime Rock Park race victory with drivers Jordan Taylor and Antonio Garcia.

Taylor expressed enthusiasm for the track and the crowd, saying, "This looks like the best crowd we've had all year so far. Lime Rock always brings a great crowd — especially big sports car fans, a lot of families."

"It's a big Corvette crowd here, and you can really see their appreciation."

There was also rain in the morning, but not enough to stop the racing.

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OBITUARIES

Tonia Jean Moody

FALLS VILLAGE — Tonia Jean Moody, 53, went home to the Lord on June 30, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Oct. 9, 1967, in Sharon, daughter of Bertha (Davis) Moody and the late Charles Moody Jr.

Tonia worked for many years as a supervisor at Camp Isabella Freedman in Falls Village. She had earned her associate's degree in Marketing from Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted.

Tonia was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Great Barrington and was a member of the church's choir.

She enjoyed shopping, flowers, gardening and watching tennis on television. Her greatest attribute was the love she shared for her family.

In addition to her mother, Tonia is survived by her siblings, Dwayne Moody of Falls Village, Robin Standbury of Torrington and her husband, Herb, and Steven Moody of North Canaan and his fiancée, Emily Aronow; her nephew, Donyell Williams and his wife, Theresa, of West Springfield, Mass.; a niece, Sade Williams of Waterbury; her great-nephew, Jayden, and great-niece, Emi, of Waterbury; and many aunts, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were private.

Memorial donations may be made in Tonia's memory to the Macedonia Baptist Church, 9 Rosseter St., Great Barrington, MA 01230.

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

Send obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com



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Our Towns

Like a market day in Provence at Second Saturday in Kent

By Cynthia Hochswender

Somehow despite the pandemic, perhaps because of all the endless rain, all sorts of new businesses have popped up in Kent village, which was particularly aglow on Saturday, July 10, a rare sunny day.

The timing was fortunate for the Second Saturday at the Kent Barns section of town, which has turned into something akin to a French village market day.

Shops and art galleries and farmstands were open, and there were flowers seemingly everywhere, with blossoms from Cobble Well Farm in South Kent, Honeychurch Home in Salisbury and Orangerie Garden + Home in Millbrook.

There was live music, demonstrations on orchid care and tablescaping and storytime at House of Books.

Get updates on upcoming Second Saturdays at www.kentbarnsct.com/events.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Carolyn Piccirelli of Honeychurch Home in Salisbury, right, with a summer bouquet in hand at the farmstand.

Railroad Days carnival feels a bit like a water park

By Sadie Leite

NORTH CANAAN — It's been an extremely wet Railroad Days, but that doesn't seem to have dampened the enthusiasm of visitors who have been coming out for store events and for the carnival anytime there's been even a bit of sun.

On Thursday, July 15, the rain cleared for a while, and older couples, families with young children and middle schoolers came out to eat fair food and take rides on the Gravitron, 'Tubs O' Fun, the Sizzler —but most of all on the Fun Slide and Ferris wheel,

which had the longest lines of all.

There were also booths where visitors could test their skill at bursting balloons or spraying water with a plastic gun.

The carnival was organized by R.W. Commerford in Goshen. Owner Bill Commerford stood back observing the large turnout on one of the few sunny evenings of the week.

"People want to get out, and enjoy fair food like fried Oreos that they can't normally get," he mused.

And then there were the folks who actually enjoyed the

wet weather. One of the carnival booth operators said, "I like the rain, even if it's bad for the rides and makes them rust up."

The rust wasn't the biggest problem caused by the rain for the big equipment.

Worse was what the water did to the ground.

On Saturday afternoon, with a thunderstorm predicted for that evening, the parade

and fireworks were postponed, until July 24 — and Commerford decided the carnival rides would also stay until next weekend, in part because the ground was so wet that the rides couldn't be moved.

For more information on the schedule for next weekend, see the article on Page A1 and go to the Facebook page for Canaan Railroad Days.



PHOTO BY SADIE LEITE

Railroad Days visitors attended the summer carnival in North Canaan, where a weekend of game booths and the Ferris wheel are a mark of passage of the season.

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The railway museum at the Union Station depot is full of fascinating sites, including memorabilia, above, and the station's old ticket window.



PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

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shires, we will get to Boston.”

He conceded that any such project would be expensive, but restoring passenger service would be a “multi-generational investment.”

“I think with all the federal funds coming in we can get something going. We’re not going to see these kinds of dollars again in my lifetime.”

Pignatelli said when he talks with his constituents about passenger service between Pittsfield and New York, one item that always comes up is the willingness of Connecticut to participate.

“We’re willing to work with Connecticut,” he said. “Let’s get this thing done.”

Author Simon Winchester, a Berkshire County resident, spoke of his memories of taking the train from London to his boarding school in Dorset, a journey that involved three changes.

He said the United Kingdom’s rail service was drastically curtailed in the mid-1960s after the Beeching Report, named for Richard Beeching. The report recommended significant reductions in Britain’s rail infrastructure.

Winchester (now an American citizen) said the U.K. is now moving back to rail transportation, investing in high speed rail.

He acknowledged the cost but added, “It’s

not impossible.

“It will change our lives in so many ways.”

Karen Christensen, founder of the Train Campaign, wrapped things up. She mentioned a 2011 study on the projected economic benefits of passenger train service (available on the Train Campaign website) and current efforts underway in Congress.

She urged the Connecticut audience to get in touch with their federal representatives and express their support for passenger rail.

“It’s going to make this a nicer place to live.”

Help Wanted: Business is back, workers are not

Demand exceeds staffing at Salisbury’s nonprofit Chore Service

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — For more than three decades, Chore Service has employed local people who provide non-medical care to seniors and disabled residents in the Northwest Corner so that they may remain safely and independently at home.

Then came the coronavirus, and with it, unprecedented hiring challenges for the nonprofit agency. As requests for assistance pile up, workers to do the chores for homebound individuals are scarce, according to Executive Director Jane MacLaren.

“We’re just not able to hire,” said MacLaren, who, along with Program Director Patti Palermo, has been furiously searching for new employees. They’ve posted help-wanted notices on Facebook, in local publications, on community bulletin boards. They’ve contacted town social workers and community colleges in the hopes of generating applicants.

“We’ve had little to no response,” said MacLaren. What scant response they do received from applicants is often followed by no-shows for interviews. “We don’t get a lot of follow-through from the applicants.”

The Chore Service directors pointed to several issues contributing to their hiring woes: workers who still fear contracting the virus, parents sidelined with children who are out of school, a lack of available child-care and competition with the federal and state governments.

“We assume there is also an issue with people receiving [unemployment] benefits that are allowing them to stay at home,” said Palermo. “While this is great and often necessary, it is hard for agencies like ours to find folks who can help us serve our clients.”

Chore Service, which serves residents in North Canaan, Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Lakeville, Norfolk, Salisbury and Sharon, is not alone in its search for workers.

As pandemic life recedes, workers nationwide are leaving their jobs in search of more flexibility and more money, and are rethinking how they spend their time. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, in June the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) increased by 233,000 to 4 million, following a decline of 431,000 in May.

Lost one-third of the staff

Prior to the pandemic, the agency employed 31 paid staff. That number has dwindled by one third, to 21.

“The need is the greatest it’s ever been,” said the Chore Service executive director. “We’ve always prided ourselves on not having a wait list.”

In the past, requests were filled immediately, “particularly for people getting released from rehab who need our services right away.”

Now, with the exception of urgent needs such as food and other necessities — which are often handled by MacLaren and Palermo — the wait may be several days. The alternative, said MacLaren, is that clients may have to stay an extra day in a health care setting.

“It’s hard when you have to prioritize the clients. We’ve never had to do that before,” said Palermo. “We are struggling to keep up with the need.”

The program director noted that housekeeping services and requests for companionship services represent the bulk of the wait list. Added demand for services is also the result of the departure of clients’ family members, who moved to the area during the height of the pandemic and are now returning home.

‘A very competitive wage’

MacLaren noted that pre-pandemic, the agency had been considering raising the hourly wage of \$14 for indoor chores and \$15 for outdoor tasks to \$15 and \$16, respec-

tively.

Just a year and a half prior to that, she noted, the hourly pay was \$12.50.

But the current hourly pay hike came ahead of schedule due to hiring challenges.

“It’s a very competitive wage for this area,” noted the executive director, who also touted the agency’s flexibility when it comes to workers’ schedules, and a job which is personally rewarding.

Services offered by Chore Service — which is funded in part by the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging — may be temporary or ongoing, and include companionship, house cleaning, laundry, light meal prep, minor handyman repairs, transportation and yard work.

Clients make a contribution based on income and ability to pay, and community donations also help support the program.

The agency directors are optimistic that summer’s end will bring relief.

“Once school starts in September, I think we will get back to normal. Parents will be able to get out and do things again,” said MacLaren, and that should expand the employment pool.

“What is unique about Chore Service,” she noted, “is that we serve people in the community and also hire people from the community.”

For more information on employment opportunities at Chore Service, Inc., go to www.choreservice.org or call 860-435-9177. Applications are available online.

POSTPONED

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But the inclement weather peaked with a thunderstorm predicted for Saturday night, July 17. To be safe, the fireworks and parade were postponed and will now be held on Saturday, July 24.

The parade, featuring firefighters from three states as well as many community members, will start at 6 p.m. The group will step off on Pease Street, continue along Railroad Street, take a left onto Route 44 at the traffic light and then pass the Doughboy monument and Lawrence Field, ending up at the firehouse.

Any groups that want to sign up to march can contact Maribeth Marchi at 860-601-

3130 or by email at canaanfireco.1911@sbcglobal.net. Line-up will begin at 5 p.m.

The fireworks usually begin at 9:15 p.m.

Carnival rides, provided by R.W. Commerford & Sons from Goshen, will be offered for an additional weekend. The decision to remain was partly based on the spongy wetness of the ground at Lawrence Field, and concerns that trying to move the large carnival machines would damage the field.

“They have been very concerned about the field so the town gave them permission to keep on the field longer,” explained Railroad Days or-

ganizer John Lannen.

“They will be open on Friday, July 23, and Saturday, July 24, from 6 to 10 p.m.”

Entry to the carnival and unlimited rides costs \$30.

Some restaurant specials and activities will be offered next weekend, Lannen said.

“The firemen will have their boot drive on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.”

Poetry Is Music at Collin’s Diner will be held on Saturday from 6 to 11 p.m.

Details are being constantly updated; for the most up to date information, go to the Canaan Railroad Days Facebook page. For more on last week’s events, go to Page A5.

STORMS

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The USGS data from Gaylordsville, about 26 miles south and downstream of Falls Village, told a similar story. On the morning of July 19, the river was at 8,260 CFS (median flow there for July 19 is between 500 and 600 CFS).

The gauge height in Gaylordsville was 7.91, after peaking at 8.4 on July 18. Flood stage at Gaylordsville is 8 feet.

The National Weather Service issued a river flood warning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday,

July 19, to remain in effect until Wednesday afternoon, July 21. The warning predicted the river would peak at 8.5 feet on Monday afternoon, with subsequent minor flooding.

All of which tells residents what they already know: The river is very high.

Unlike spring high-water events, when the river tends to drop fairly rapidly after the rain stops, midsummer flooding takes much longer to recede.

In the spring, much of the

excess is used up fairly quickly by thirsty plants. But in mid-July, when it rains hard for a period of several days, the water has nowhere to go but downhill, and into the Housatonic.

The Housatonic River is never an easy river for anglers and recreational boaters — which is why anglers and boaters like it. At normal flows, it is challenging. At or near flooding, the river is extremely dangerous and should be avoided.

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Because the times are still so uncertain, once again, we felt uncomfortable holding our annual garden party in person this year.

For the past two years, we have missed seeing everyone, but we are immensely grateful for everyone’s continued support.

We thank the Sharon Playhouse and Mohawk Mountain Ski Area for letting us use their sites to greet people as they picked up their Garden Party to Go boxes. It was wonderful to be able to reconnect for just a moment after such a long hiatus. Also, thank you to those supporters who donated their To Go boxes to staff and clients. They were deeply appreciative and enjoyed their delicious treats.

The Garden Party is our only fundraising event, and through these difficult months, the community has been behind us. Thank you for knowing how important it is for Chore to keep serving the seniors in our seven towns by helping them remain safely and independently at home. **Because of your support**, our mission continues!

Many people emailed photos of their Garden Party to Go, so please check our website soon to see all the fun photos and to view a list of our generous donors. There is still time to email your photos!

For more information regarding Chore Service, **please call or visit our website**. Thank you again and please continue to stay safe.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Letting les Bons Temps Roll at Sharon Playhouse

Good times have been rolling at Sharon Playhouse in recent weeks, first with the ABBA tribute band performance on July 10, which attracted an estimated crowd of 300 people (and yes, everyone got up and danced and sang along to “Dancing Queen,” and no, Meryl Streep and Christine Baranski, who starred in the ABBA film “Mama Mia,” did not attend).

A mere four days later the theater hosted an epic Bastille Day dinner party with Robert Arbor from the new French restaurant in Sharon, Conn., called Le Gamin.

For those who attended and had a wild time, and for those who missed out but would like to catch the next ride, the theater has numerous performances scheduled for the outdoor stage in the coming weeks (and there is talk of moving some performances indoors soon).

This seems to be the summer of tribute bands at many area performance venues, possibly because uncertainty has lingered over whether COVID-19 and its variants will force a return of a quarantine.



It's not just a laser show: ELO Encounter plays some of the prog rock band's greatest hits at the ELO Laser Encounter at Sharon Playhouse on Aug. 27 and 28.

So if you love tribute bands — or if you've always secretly wanted to see one but were embarrassed to do so — then this is your year!

Coming up on Saturday, July 24, is Motown Under the Stars. The following weekend (Aug. 7), it's Swinging with the Rat Pack. For youngsters among our readers, that term refers to a number of Las Vegas entertainers, notably Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra. Aug. 21 is The Sounds

of Swing and Soul, which is followed by not one but two evenings of the Laser Encounter tribute to the British band ELO, also known as the Electric Light Orchestra (Aug. 27 and 28).

To buy tickets and to find out about other performances this summer (including the youth theater shows, which have proven to be very popular), go to www.sharonplayhouse.org.

The tribute shows are mostly on the outdoor stage. Some cars are al-

lowed in the parking area but it's better if you park across the street in the parking lot for the medical offices. Bring a folding chair. You can pre-order boxed meals prepared by Sharon's own J.P. Gifford; they will be waiting for you when you arrive.

There are also shows on the patio, where there are cabaret-style chairs and tables, and cabaret-style singers (including Sharon Playhouse favorite Amanda Lea Lavergne on Sept. 25) and comedy.

**CAT VIDEOS:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

America's Favorite Cat Videos, On the Big Screen

There are many reasons to rejoice that the beloved Millerton, N.Y., movie theater, The Moviehouse, is open again (and now has an elevator and an ice machine!).

New owners David Maltby and Chelsea Altman also are working hard to schedule films that are diverse, timely, interesting — and quirky. There was the screening of “Jaws,” in time for national Shark Week, for example. Also unexpected was the screening of the remastered version of the erotic French thriller, “La Piscine.”

Coming up this weekend: A film that pays homage to the animal that many believe is responsible for the success of the YouTube online video channel: the cat.

From July 23 to 25, The Moviehouse will show the hour-long “CatVideoFest 2021.” As YouTube has shown, you don't have to be a cat, own a cat or even particularly like cats to like videos about cats.

Preview materials about the film say that, “CatVideoFest is a compilation reel of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos



PHOTO BY ADINA VOICU FROM PIXABAY

The most amusing cat videos of the past year are featured in “CatVideoFest 2021,” which opens this weekend at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y.

and classic internet powerhouses. Cat-VideoFest is a joyous communal experience, only available in theaters.”

In other words, you could watch cat videos alone at home, but isn't it much more fun to watch and laugh along with your friends and neighbors? Best of all, 10% of ticket sales from The Moviehouse screenings will go to the Little Guild in West Cornwall, Conn.

Tickets are \$8.50 and \$10.50 and can be ordered online ahead of time at www.themoviehouse.net.

For those who are more interested in cool cats than in real cats, the theater is also showing the documentary film about the late chef and general cool cat Anthony Bourdain this month.

PREPARING PUPPIES (AND INMATES) FOR LIVES IN SERVICE

The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., will host a free outdoor live event that features puppies — not just because they're adorable but also because they are being trained as part of a program founded by Salisbury, Conn., resident Gloria Gilbert Stoga.

The puppy program will feature Stoga and Police Officer Jonathan Stackhouse of the Acton, Mass., Police Department and his dog, Zane. It will be outside the library on Saturday, July 24, at 3 p.m.

The library is at 30 Pine St. in West Cornwall.

Stoga will talk about how Puppies Behind Bars' dogs are trained in prison by inmates serving long sentences. Stackhouse's dog, Zane, is a yellow Labrador retriever who was trained by the Puppies Behind Bars program.

Zane and Stackhouse work together daily on community outreach and police work.

There will be a demonstration of some of the 92 commands that Zane has

been taught by his prison “puppy raisers.”

Puppies Behind Bars was started more than 20 years ago. Prison inmates raise service dogs and teach them to help wounded war veterans and first responders; they also train explosive-detection canines for law enforcement and police officers in general.

Puppies enter prison at the age of 8 weeks and live with their inmate puppy-raisers for approximately 24 months.

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Many Puppies Behind Bars inmate puppy raisers find work in dog training, grooming and related fields after they are paroled.

Approximately 140 inmates have participated in the program as puppy raisers in New York and New Jersey and, to date, the program has raised more than 1,200 puppies.

— Cynthia Hochswender

CALENDAR

Send items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

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D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org. Book Marks, July, Opening Reception, July 24, 4 to 6 p.m.

KIDS

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PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org. StoryWalk, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net. Cat Video Fest 2021, July 23 to 25; I Carry You With Me, opens July 23; Jungle Cruise, opens July 30; Stillwater, opens July 30.

MUSIC

Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org. Swingtime Big Band, July 24; Harlem Quartet, July 25; Swing Times Five With Debby Larkin, July 31.

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org. Wanda Houston Returns for an Outdoor Performance, July 23.

THEATER

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org. Broadway in the Berkshires with Host Richard Kind: A Benefit Performance, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org. Swinging with the Rat Pack, Aug. 7, 8 p.m.

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The Summer Show of Wildflowers Has Begun

The rain stopped, briefly, and the wildflowers in fields and along roadsides busted into bloom. The photos here will help you identify some of the more common blossoms that you'll see in this part of the world. Always use caution when touching an unfamiliar plant; never dig up a wildflower and bring it home

to your own yard — many wildflowers are very invasive (they grow wild!). And certainly don't eat them; wildflowers are rarely edible. If you feel that we have misidentified any of the flowers in these photos, send an email with corrected information to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

— Cynthia Hochswender



DAISY FLEABANE



BLACK-EYED SUSAN



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Learning to pivot

If there's anything the worldwide pandemic has taught us, it's how to change things at a moment's notice: the ubiquitous "pivot" is now perhaps more a part of our lives than any other action. This skill is one that the organizers of any events across the region certainly found supremely useful last week.

As more and more activities that were shut down last year are now happening again, with vaccination changing the climate for interaction, the variable that can still shut them down is the weather. And the weather last weekend was definitely challenging for anyone trying to have outdoor gatherings, from parties to concerts to carnivals.

Perhaps the event most clearly and widely affected by the violent storms was Canaan Railroad Days, when the parade and fireworks had to be postponed from Saturday, July 17 to Saturday, July 24 (see the front page this week for more on the rescheduled events for Railroad Days.) The storms of July 17 brought down trees and limbs, and washed out lots of gravel and dirt areas with rushing water. Northwest Corner towns cleaned up the roads quickly and without too many adverse effects.

But the heavy rides and trailers at the Canaan Railroad Days carnival were embedded in the mud, and couldn't have been moved without lots of problems even if organizers had wanted to do that. Instead, they decided to postpone the events for that night, and keep the carnival in place so that there would be more opportunity for those who missed the fun last year to have more time to partake this year.

It's hard enough to put on such community events without having the weather turn bad at the very moment one would like it to cooperate. Of course, none of us can control that, try as we might, so dealing with the repercussions as well as possible is all we can do. Kudos to all those who found ways to take outdoor events inside as possible during the storm. And kudos to those who run the many events at Railroad Days for pivoting and finding a way to salvage some of the fun for community members of all ages, but especially for the young children and families who have a limited number of years to experience the carnival and fireworks.

North Canaan, and we've said this before, is experiencing a renaissance at this moment, with the road and track construction in the middle of town finally addressing safety for drivers, and more new downtown businesses filling retail spaces.

Take the time to visit downtown North Canaan this summer despite the construction, and take a look at the new shops, a renovated Roma's which may open by next weekend and experience the Depot building in its current state of complete renewal. It will be worth your while, and will help those businesses that are isolated due to the ongoing construction. Making the effort to go there will give them a clear sense that they are supported by their community.

And be sure to take part in the Railroad Days events as outlined on the front page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — July 1921
SALISBURY — Miss Ann Carlin has been confined to the house this week owing to some painful though not serious injuries which she received last Sunday morning. Miss Carlin was returning from church in a wagon and when she turned the horse into the driveway between St. John's Church and Clark's store, the animal became frightened by the locking of the wheels of the wagon with those of one of the cars which was parked nearby.

— William W. Duggan, driver of the road oiling machine of the Crissey Co., which is now oiling the road to Sharon, appeared before Justice M.D. Rudd last Saturday charged by Inspector Preston with speeding the truck through the village to the danger and annoyance of our citizens. To cut a long story short Duggan was fined \$25 and costs amounting to \$12.31.

LIME ROCK — The many friends of little Irene Osche are glad to hear that she is improving from her auto accident.

— St. Swithin's day occurred last Friday. The weather was rainy and according to the old superstition if it rains on St. Swithin's day we are to have 40 days of such weather. While it has not rained every day, still, St. Swithin, up to date, is doing very well in the shower line.

50 years ago — July 1971
Rep. Gordon M. Vaill, Northwest Connecticut's member of the State House of Representatives, charged Tuesday that the move to have the General Assembly repeal the new state income tax amounts to grandstanding by the Democratic majority.

— The Salisbury Zoning

Board of Appeals decided Monday night to permit the construction of a new service station in Lakeville that will mean the demolition of four present buildings and drastically change the appearance of the downtown area.

— Howard Swanson of Morgan Motors, Canaan, won first place in the service technicians' quiz for Zone 1 put on by the Ford Marketing Corporation. He placed third in the New York District.

25 years ago — July 1996
Judge T.F. Gilroy Daly, a beloved federal judge, a former federal prosecutor and a commanding figure in court, died last week of cancer. Judge Daly gained national prominence in the 1970s when he took unpaid leave from a position with the state to defend Falls Village's Peter Reilly who had been accused of murdering his mother. With the help of others like playwright Arthur Miller and Kent's Donald Connery, Daly obtained the reversal of Reilly's conviction.

CANAAN — Fire officials have theorized that the fire that razed Perotti & Sons plumbing services in East Canaan Sunday night was caused by lightning. The building was heavily involved before a neighbor happened to notice the fire and reported it just after 11 p.m. Fire crews responded quickly and were able to save portions of the business, including the offices and many of the records.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as possible. Go to www.scovillelibrary.org to find more archival stories.



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Tasseled corn, darkening clouds

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gratitude for help when it was needed

I had no idea that we're surrounded by living heroes. I've been largely ignorant to the fact that there are dozens of people who live and work right here in our local community who volunteer their time and their highly developed set of skills for the betterment of all of us.

A few days ago, my daughter was in a car accident. When my wife and I arrived on the scene we saw people we know from everyday life working in carefully orchestrated chaos. They were capable, confident, professional and calming. I'd like to thank everyone

involved, the fire, ambulance and police who serve. You are all heroes and we are eternally grateful to each and every one of you.

David Maffucci

Lakeville

Reunion

Oogie, Eliot, Ron and Pat proclaiming where the world is at. So, here we sit at On The Run — One for all and all for one.

Patricia Moore

Lakeville

A great Troop 35 Boy Scout fundraiser

From Goshen Boy Scout Troop 35: We want to start off by saying thank you! Thank you to the Goshen Ag. Society for letting us use the fair grounds for our annual steak dinner. Thank you to all the businesses that donated unbelievable gifts, I know it was hard after such a bad 2020 year. A BIG thank you to everyone that came out and supported our fund raiser and purchased a dinner.

The Goshen Boy Scout Troop consists of kids from Cornwall, Lakeville, Goshen

and Harwinton. These fundraisers help us buy new gear for camping and helps offset the cost of our trips, like a week-long backpacking hike to the top of Mount Washington in August! This year's steak dinner took a lot of planning because of the COVID restrictions and the new location. Somethings went great and somethings we learned needed improving. Sometimes even the best laid plans go astray.

However, the weather was fantastic, sunny and warm, a

great evening. We received positive feedback on the DJ and music. So, we are planning on having music next year as well. As we write this, most COVID restrictions are lifted, and we hope it stays that way. It will make planning next year's Steak Dinner easier. Again, Thank You to all that attended! With luck next year, come eat, dance, mingle and enjoy. And please stay to the end, our business donations will be live.

Martha Lane

Cornwall Bridge

In the age of advocacy

It's terrible to have tragedy bring priorities and needs into focus. I'm learning more about Shakespeare's comedies versus tragedies, with the latter having characters die often due to lying, cheating, killing unjustly and otherwise going astray.

Yet we overlook the crime of poverty, linked to crime, poor health and lack of education leading to an early death for many without insurance as well. We don't seem to learn from the past since "it's no one's job" to explore concerns other than governmental agencies or if a crime was committed.

Advocacy can be a shared endeavor to address the gaps in coverage, learn from the past and prevent future harm and death. Minors, elders and others in peril should be closely monitored by responsible adults with more support to be accountable in reasonable ways for allowing youth to drive and live independently.

The age of advocacy has arrived for human, health and climate concerns. Let's not sit this time out hoping someone else will figure things out and create helpful change. Now is the time to advocate for the ways we want to live together with healing and helping winning the day.

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

Conditions flattening a democracy

"If the pilots were in charge, Columbus would still be in port. They believed the assertion that the world is flat." — Robert Crandall, former CEO American Airlines

Assertions under-gird human existence and shape the essence of life. False assertions over the centuries: the Earth centers the universe, heavy objects fall fastest, germs are a myth, vaccines are killers — all ginned up to violence for Galileo, Aristotle, Salk, current U.S. public health experts and many others. Today the upper Northwest U.S. is ablaze wiping out forests and homes, unprecedented temperatures, Western Europe is flooded. Yet climate change is denied, smeared, ridiculed — as were 15th century assertions that the Earth was indeed not flat.

Six months ago, on the day the U.S. Legislature was certifying the 2020 presidential election hundreds broke in for a "peaceful walk" through the halls of the Capitol — "patriots on a stroll" — a continued falsehood asserted by politicians, talk show hosts, joined by other mouths resulting in one-third of Americans doubting the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. The truths of the election and its turbulent aftermath is denied, unfound assertions are given wide berth via loud mouths. Faith in democracy is flattened with intent.

Recently a "doctor" ad-

ressed the Ohio state Legislature proclaiming that the COVID Vaccine causes her and others to be magnetic — attracting metal — the "key" demonstration for her assertion failed. The Arizona state GOP-dominated Legislature insisted on a 2020 election audit of one county selecting Cyber Ninjas, a conjured up vendor with methods and processes devised solely by Doug Logan, its inexperienced, un-credentialed owner, for the job. State election administrators, workers and machines in Arizona and a number of other states are denied having run non-fraudulent elections (for Republican and Democratic candidates) without any court viable evidence of fraud. In Arizona two Democratic voters and two GOP voters were found to have cast fraudulent votes for their deceased mothers. Faith in democracy is flattened with intent.

Pat Cipollone, 45's White House counsel, and staff told the coup-chasing executive if he did pocket pardons for himself, Rudy and Don Jr., then they would resign en masse giving public statements as to their reasons for resigning. This staff had been concerned on January 6th that the trio 45 wished to give blanket get-out-of-jail-free cards would be arrested on seditious charges for their remarks inciting the January 6 attack on the Capitol and the targeting of VP Pence.

Democracy was intended to be overwhelmed, flattened to non-existence by a man reluctant to admit his loss, to leave the legal protective shell of the presidency.

Leaving the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Ben Franklin, when asked what kind of government we have, responded: "A Republic, if you can keep it."

So Joni Mitchell rings in my ears:

"Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Kathy Herald-Marlowe
Sharon

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Free speech: a civil liberty central to American identity

The Connecticut Foundation for Open Government (CFOG) is a nonprofit educational organization founded on the principle that open, transparent government is in the public interest. CFOG sponsors an annual high school essay contest to encourage thought and debate among students across Connecticut on public and freedom of information issues. Here is the 2021 first place essay, answering the below question.

"Should the owners of social media platforms be legally responsible for libelous postings by users? Under present law, only the user is legally responsible for a libelous post."

Even in Colonial times, journalist John Peter Zenger faced a libel trial in 1735, becoming a national symbol for free speech. Since then, debates over free speech have persisted. We now face the issue of balancing free speech on social media. Currently, only users themselves hold legal responsibility for libelous postings, not the platforms' owners. It becomes clear that if social media platforms' owners were to also hold legal responsibility for libelous postings, too much free speech would be sacrificed.

To understand this, we must define libel as the publication of false and malicious statements which may damage someone's reputation. However, libel is not protected by the First Amendment which states that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ..."

We are now faced with redefining what the press is — have social media platforms become the press? To me the answer is clear: yes. With many Amer-

icans relying on social media for the latest updates, and with politicians reaching their constituents through posts, social media is no longer just a place to post pictures from vacations.

GUEST COMMENTARY NICOLE BURGON

Social media is part of the new press.

Just as libel occurs in the press, we have seen libel in current events as false and often ill-intentioned statements circulate on social media. Particularly, former President Trump used Twitter as a platform for posting questionable information. His tweets about Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden and other Democratic or even Republican politicians were often called out for being baseless.

New York Times Co. v. Sullivan in 1964 established that it is difficult for public figures to win damage suits for libel because that limits the public's ability to criticize them. The court held that the First Amendment protects newspapers even when they print false statements, as long as the newspapers did not act with "actual malice." However, Trump's accusatory tweets could be considered libelous and malicious in nature. Eventually, Twitter ended up permanently suspending Trump's account, under the premise that his false and ill-intentioned claims potentially incited violence.

Although Twitter's actions were permissible, the question arose: should all social media platforms be required to have that level of involvement in users' posts? Currently, Section

230 of the Communications Decency Act, passed in 1996 as one of the first groundbreaking pieces of internet legislation, lets internet companies establish the correct moderation for their own audiences. Thus, users can choose which platforms they want to be a part of: the free-for-all Reddit, or the restricted comment section on The New York Times website. So while companies can take a more active role in responsibility for libelous postings, not all do, and this variation seems to work best.

For example, the European Union once decided that platforms were legally required to take down anything they knew was illegal and would not receive any legal protection if they tried to curate content. What resulted were smaller ad companies and websites shutting down, as they couldn't afford the costs of liability without protection. The internet began to shrink. Yes, consequences must remain for libelous postings and dangerously misleading information. However, placing legal responsibility on social media platforms' owners would actually lead to more restriction than protection of the public as platforms create heightened rules in order to avoid lawsuits.

In order to keep the internet a diverse, equitable place, we must allow owners of social media platforms to choose their own levels of moderation and responsibility for postings. We should instead teach people how to go about social media with a sense of civic responsibility.

Nicole Burgon is a 2021 graduate of East Lyme High School, and the first-place winner of this year's statewide CFOG High School Essay Contest.



No matter where you are, it's too darned hot

To listen to popular songs from the past, one might think that heat waves were mostly pleasant occasions to lay back in a recliner and just enjoy a cool drink since it's too hot for either work or play.

But the heat waves of today are a different matter. They've become fiercer, more frequent and connected to other adverse climate events such as droughts, storms and wildfires. Extreme heat waves might not seem as dramatic as hurricanes or floods but the National Weather Service has deemed them the deadliest weather phenomenon, on average, in the United States over the past 30 years. Recent record-breaking temperatures not only in the Pacific Northwest but in Las Vegas (117 degrees F), Canada (121 degrees F), Scandinavia (94 degrees F), and Siberia (100 degrees F) have been all-time records, as has 134 degrees F in Death Valley, Calif. According to Reuters, June 2021 was the hottest June in the United States in 127 years.

Atmospheric phenomena combine to form "heat domes" where high pressure air above keeps ground level air and its heat in place where it is further warmed by the sun and heat escaping from the Earth. The result is abnormally hot air.

While droughts are a recurrent feature of changing climate all over the world, according to many Earth scientists, the American Southwest landscape is the driest it has been since the late 1500s. As a result, the lakes and reservoirs that supply most of the area's water (including Lake Mead, which supplies seven states) are at their lowest levels in recent memory thus threatening not only potable water supplies for individuals but also for growing crops (the major users), businesses, and fire fighting.

In California, 2020 was the worst year ever for wildfire damage. The drought, which has been happening for more than 20 years, has left most of the state especially dry and vulnerable to fire. This year, the wildfire season, which normally starts in June, began two months early. The very dry ground and vegetation has made fires more likely to happen and more difficult to control. Water to extinguish fires is in short supply. 2021 is likely to surpass 2020 as the worst wildfire season in memory.

The death toll from the heat waves, not to mention the fires, for a dozen Western states and British Columbia is poised to be the highest on record by the end of 2021. Extreme heat has contributed to an average of at

least 140 fatalities in the United States each year. For 2021 the number is already over 200.

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER MAC GORDON

The electric grid throughout the West is straining to provide the power requested and authorities are asking customers to significantly reduce their consumption of electricity to avoid blackouts. But people are using their air conditioners more than ever to help endure the extreme heat. Surviving a prolonged heat wave may prove too difficult for many people.

Among the problems piling up, more air pollution from increased energy production (to power air conditioners) and extensive forest wildfire smoke will cause additional sickness, particularly in the health compromised portion of the population.

The droughts associated with the heat waves are continuing to reduce crop yields, thus causing a problem of national significance since California is the country's largest food producer. And other Western states are also experiencing the problem of lower food production.

The northeastern United States has an unusually benign climate. Despite occasional hurricanes, floods, blizzards, and tornadoes, our weather has been less extreme than that of most other parts of the country.

But climate change is affecting us as well. The frequency of heat waves has increased throughout our region over the past several decades and climate experts have forecast much hotter, more frequent heat waves for the future.

Is there anything we can do to reduce the problem? Yes! Use less energy, especially that derived from fossil fuels.

Increasing the shade where we are can also make a significant difference. Towns and cities absorb more heat and can become as much as 20 degrees F hotter than their surroundings. Massive tree planting campaigns can help (although it may take 15 years or more for saplings to develop enough leaf canopy to offer much shade). Anyone building a new house in the Northwest Corner should consider using trees to shade their home, including outdoor parking and sitting areas. Green roofs can lower summer temperatures inside a house considerably; so can effective insulation. Using energy-efficient appliances and equipment helps. Driving less can save a lot of energy.

But individual actions, while valuable if done by enough people, should not distract us from the major problem: climate change. Supporting politicians who understand and will act on this is crucial. The pace of climate change is accelerating and we need to move much faster to catch up with what is happening.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

Circling around the Poles, from Roman to Elzbieta

Roman Pucinski, our Alderman on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Danny Rostenkowski, our U.S. Congressman, who went to the slammer for various skullduggeries, who can recall them all?

Poles? And Slovaks, Croats, Serbs, Russians, all speaking broken English. My sainted busha, my Slovak grandmother who outlived three husbands, I am sure she poisoned numbers two and three, she was a great cook and knew all about "spices" — Hungarian (her real love and the father of her five), Slovak and German.

The Hungarian. When Mary Kosach landed in New York, just before Ellis Island existed, she told the customs people she was here to find her husband. It seems they thought that he was here somewhere to be found. He was, but not in the way they thought. A while later Mary and Alex Lipsey met for the first time.

She had been saved, I later learned, from a life in a relative's hotel-cum-brothel in Slovakia when her mother raised the cash to get her out and off to America.

The Slovak. He is remembered best by his entreaties to Mary to give him pienadze for pivo. She would relent and off he went to the gin mill.

The German. Holzmann. Woodman, who was in fact a baker. He was also an amateur chiropractor. Whenever we went over, he was sure to have my mother lie facedown on the couch and give her a strenuous "Drick." As my father looked on.

Where my mother learned to give my father strenuous Dricks for his ever-ailing back.

There were times when my father could not straighten up. We had to bustle him off in a cab to the chiropractor (nicht Holzmann, Gott sei dank).

Fast forward to the early '70s when I found myself in Turtle Bay, Manhattan, hanging with Poles not at all like Roman Pucinski and Danny Rostenkowski. These Poles were the artists/intelligentsia newly arrived from Warszawa

SOVEREIGN STATE LONNIE CARTER

and Krakow and Wodz, home of the famous film school that produced Roman Polanski, disgraced child molester and brilliant filmmaker (what is it with these guys — Polanski, Woody Allen), Jerzy Skolomowski and Andrzej Wajda (pronounced Vida), director of one of the greatest post-War films, "Ashes and Diamonds." It takes place on the last day of World War II in Poland. The Nazis have finally been defeated; the Russians are about to take over.

I used to teach the film and began with my Polish history lesson. I drew three circles on the board, from left to right. I said all you need to know is that the first circle is Germany, the middle is Poland, and the third is Russia. The first marauds over the middle, from West to East; then the third marauds over the middle, from East to West. Guess which country takes it in the groin every time. End of lesson.

One of the Turtle Bay painters said to me that he didn't understand why, in Poland, they had heard of America's Polish jokes making fun of his countrymen. He could not fathom it. What could they possibly be about? I could not explain.

Another time we were all sitting, drinking. (My hostess, Elzbieta, a great beauty, used to

say that a Polish wedding party was never over until all the bottles were empty. Every Polish party was its own wedding.)

Once there was a very stern man at table who finally left. After a minute, there was an eruption of laughter. "Polish KGB," all shouted.

Beata, another beauty (is there another Polish kind?), gave me a note, helping me in my fledgling Polski. It read: Ja jestem — I am.

Elzbieta took me to Jimmie's Corner, a narrow dive on 44th between 6th and 7th in Manhattan. Why? It was owned by Jimmie, a Black former boxer and his beauteous Polish wife Eva. Boxing photos covered the walls, one with Jimmie and Harold Carter, a former middleweight champ and an elegant Black man. My father, a great fight fan named Harold Carter, was an elegant white man.

At a wedding, not Polish, of twin sisters named Carter, their mother told me that all Carters Black and white were related going back to a huge plantation in Virginia owned by one Rock Carter. As the legendary Casey Stengel used to say, long before Google, You can look it up.

Word had it that Jimmie's hole-in-the-wall survived in this high rent district because the landlord loved the place. A rarity all around. Jimmie died recently, as did his beauteous wife Eva before him. I don't know if the Corner, which was nowhere near a corner, will survive.

From Roman and Danny to Jimmie and Eva and Andrzej and Elzbieta and Beata — Wczorai Dzisiaj Jutro, Ja Jestem.

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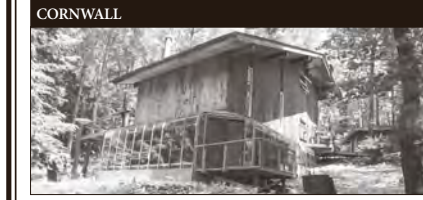


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