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



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Salisbury Central School students presented handmade cards thanking veterans for their service.

Thanking veterans

Since the end of World War I in 1918, Nov. 11 has served as a day to recognize the contributions, sacrifices and patriotism of living veterans and to thank them for their service.

Last week, schools and town centers throughout the Northwest Corner celebrated veterans of the armed forces in honor of Veterans Day. Students presented gifts of gratitude and inspiring perfor-

mances to servicemen at school assemblies. Speeches commemorating the sacrifices of the nation's veterans were read aloud in town centers.

Read more on Pages A3 and B5.

'All In' civic groups in CT focus on housing, food insecurity

By Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

Groups of civic-minded residents in several Connecticut towns are banding together to raise awareness about the importance of local government and issues that affect people across the state, like affordable housing and food insecurity.

Members of "All In" ran for local school boards and zoning commissions in Tuesday's election, have or-

ganized meetings with elected officials and have made improvements to community gardens.

They've organized letter-writing campaigns and opened a food pantry. Some have been appointed to town boards and committees. One chapter in Ansonia and Derby even has a standing meeting time with the mayor.

The movement, which began three years ago, has at least three chapters in municipalities across

Connecticut's Naugatuck Valley including Ansonia-Derby, Oxford and Seymour. There is also a chapter in Milford.

All In is made up of groups of residents and organizations that aim to get the community more involved with local government by encouraging people to attend meetings, interact with local politicians and stay up-to-date on new

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

From left, Garrett Eucalitto, Jean Speck, Sheila Mosquera-Bruno, Stephen Harding, Marty Lindenmayer, and Maria Horn.

Kent unveils completed streetscape

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Wednesday, Nov. 8, Kent recognized the completion of phase one of its Streetscape Project.

At 2 p.m., First Selectman Jean Speck, state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), state Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), and newly elected selectmen in Kent gathered on Main Street to cut the ceremonial ribbon.

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Loan forgiveness, visas offered to fill rural health care positions in region

By Maud Doyle

NORTH CANAAN — The Northwest Corner was designated a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) by the Health Resources and Services Agency in late August, following two years of efforts on the part of local health care organizations.

The federally awarded designation grants medical providers in the region—including such entities as Nuvance Health's Sharon Hospital and North Canaan's forthcoming Federally Qualified Health Center—incentives to attract crucial primary care providers to the area.

The two principle incentives are loan forgiveness, for practitioners who took out federal loans to complete medical school, and visa sponsorship, for foreign practitioners who want to continue to work in, or attend school for, health care professions in the U.S.

To benefit the health care organizations operating in designated areas, the federal government in-

creases Medicaid reimbursements for appointments with doctors and nurses who qualify as general practitioners.

Concerned by the lack of primary care services in the Northwest Corner—a nationwide trend in rural areas—the Torrington-based Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) first applied to the state Primary Care Office (PCO), a part of the state Department of Public Health, which in turn applied to the federal Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) a full two years ago.

However, the Primary Care Office based its assessment on outdated information on the number of primary care providers operating in the region—the numbers complicated by COVID-19, among other things. For example, HRSA's data showed that in Canaan there were two general practitioners, when in fact, one had retired.

Across the country, the prima-

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Poll workers in Falls Village tallied the votes on election night.

Northwest Corner voters have spoken

Election Day 2023 saw contested selectmen races in five of the six Region One towns. Polls closed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and the votes have been tallied.

Falls Village had the highest voter turnout in the state with 63.2% of registered voters casting ballots. Cornwall, North Canaan and Kent all had over 55% turnout.

New first selectmen have been elected in four of the six towns with many more fresh faces filling

board seats throughout the region.

Several town matters were decided during this election cycle as well, including the sale of the former firehouse in Falls Village and the approval of recreational marijuana sales in North Canaan.

Across the six Region One towns, Boards of Selectmen are now composed of 11 Democrats, four unaffiliated representatives, and three Republicans.

See full results by town on Page A4.



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Regional

Silo Ridge blaze draws response from multiple fire departments

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — A fire at the Silo Ridge Field Club on Thursday, Nov. 9, consumed a multi-unit condominium building and damaged surrounding structures.

The Amenia Fire District reported that the call was responded to at 8:48 p.m. by the Amenia Fire District volunteers, who upgraded the situation to a three-alarm fire in order to summon more resources through the mutual aid system.

Area residents reported seeing a substantial orange glow in the dark night sky. Some observers said that the flying embers looked like so many fireflies taking flight from the fire's energy.

Eight fire departments responded, including Wassaic Fire District, North East Fire District, J.H. Ketcham (Dover Plains) Hose Company, Sharon Fire Department, Millbrook Fire Department, Lakeville Hose Company, Union Vale Fire District and Copake Fire Department, and Northern Dutchess Paramedics.

There were no reports of injuries.

Most of the responding departments are all-volunteer, including the Amenia Fire District, taking pride in quick response time and a sense of community engagement that binds those who fight fires within their community and the area.

Support was also provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, and the Dutchess



PHOTO FROM AMENIA FIRE DISTRICT

Ladder crews battled the blaze at Silo Ridge in Amenia on Thursday, Nov. 9.

County Department of Emergency Response.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office assumed responsibility for the scene at 2:53 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, according to official reporting.

The fire remains under investigation.

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Online This Week

Dutchess County election results

In an off-year election, when there were no federal or state contests on the ballot, turnout is typically limited. Results in town board races this November showed the difference that a few votes can make in a local election. Learn more on www.tricornernews.com

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.

Leaves roadway, hits pole

On Thursday, Nov. 9, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Ann Hellerman, 60, of Norfolk, was traveling northbound on Route 7 in North Canaan when her vehicle left the roadway on the right, striking a utility pole and coming to an uncontrolled rest in a grassy area. She sustained minor injuries and was transported to Winsted Medical Center by North Canaan EMS. Hellerman's vehicle was towed from the scene and she was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

Two charged in violation of protective order

On Saturday, Nov. 11, at approximately 10:45 p.m. Troop B was called to investigate a report of a disturbance between two individuals at an address on Everest Hill Road in Cornwall. After an investigation, Jamie Bourgoin, 45, of New Britain, was arrested for violation of a protective order. She was held on a \$5,000 cash/surety bond. Benjamin Waller, 57, of Cornwall, also was arrested for violation of a protective order and was on a \$2,500 cash/surety bond.

Bourgoin and Waller were scheduled to appear in court.

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 johnc@lakevillejournal.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the plot owners.

Nicole Miller
Secretary
11-09-23
11-16-23
11-23-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2023-0234 by owner A Slice of LLC for a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 79 Old CNE Road, Lakeville, Map 40, Lot 29 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
11-09-23
11-16-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2023-0232 by owners Biagio Lubrano and Suzanne Tanner for a Home Occupation at 373 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 28, Lot 11 per Section 210.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing

will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
11-09-23
11-16-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF TRACY BAMFORD Late of Salisbury (23-00413)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated November 2, 2023, 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:
Catherine B. Miller
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street
P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-16-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Site Plan Application #2023-0231 by agent Todd Ritchie of SLR Consulting for a new garage building at 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Map 4, Lot 16. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to &

speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
11-09-23
11-16-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER JORDANO Late of North Canaan AKA Christopher Peter Jordano AKA Christopher P. Jordano AKA Chris Jordano (23-00409)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 24, 2023, 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:
Elaine V. Patton
P.O. Box 633
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
11-16-23

TOWN OF CANAAN PUBLIC NOTICE STEVEN DUTTON VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, to hear an application for variance of Section 3.2, minimum rear yard setback, of the Zoning Regulations for Steven Dutton, 64 Route 7 N. A copy of the application is available at the Town Hall.

Richard Heinz
Chairman
11-16-23
11-23-23

Our Towns

Cornwall students honor veterans

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The student body of Cornwall Consolidated School led a ceremony of gratitude for veterans of the armed forces on Thursday, Nov. 9.

In total, nine veterans from varying branches of service spent a morning with the students. Servicemen were represented from every major conflict going back to World War II.

The ceremony began with breakfast in the cafeteria. The veterans shared a meal and conversation with the eighth graders before moving to the gymnasium with the full student body.

The CCS band performed a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then selected speakers from each grade posed questions to the veterans.

A fourth grader named Alpha asked, "What inspired you to join the service?"

"My grandfather had served in World War II. My father had served in the Air Force for a number of years. So I just wanted to follow in their footsteps and continue that legacy," said Jake Thulin, Army veteran and current night custodian at CCS.

"I was drafted," said Robert Parker, Army veteran of World War II.

Fifth grader Pippa asked the veterans to share their most memorable experience.

"Coming home," said Col. Kirk Harrington, commander of Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan.

The veterans each received student-made gifts to thank them for their service.

"I'm just so tickled to know that the eighth grade class has done this ceremony over the past seven years and they're fully aware of what this day is," said Navy veteran Casey Cook. "This is why we serve."



Colonel Kirk Harrington visited CCS on Nov. 8.



Chris Williams led the ceremony in Salisbury, Nov. 11.

Salisbury thanks those who served

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — About 40 people gathered on a chilly morning at Town Hall for a Veterans Day ceremony Saturday, Nov. 11.

Chris Williams led the ceremony, assisted by Dave Bayersdorfer and Don Hurlbutt.

Bayersdorfer read from remarks by President John F. Kennedy on Veterans Day in 1961:

"Today we are here to celebrate and to honor and to commemorate the dead and the living, the young men who in every war since this country began have given testimony to their loyalty to their country and their own great courage.

"I do not believe that any nation in the history of the world has buried its soldiers further from its native soil than we Americans — or buried them closer to the towns in which they grew up.

"We celebrate this Veterans Day for a very few minutes, a few seconds of silence and then this country's life goes on. But I think it most

appropriate that we recall on this occasion, and on every other moment when we are faced with great responsibilities, the contribution and the sacrifice which so many men and their families have made in order to permit this country to now occupy its present position of responsibility and freedom, and in order to permit us to gather here together."

Concluding the ceremony, Williams said, "Remember that behind every veteran is a family.

"They are just as important as the veterans who defend our country."

Sharon students celebrate servicemen

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — A traditional Veterans Day assembly of the students at Sharon Center School (SCS) was held Wednesday, Nov. 8, when seven local veterans were honored with choral music and speeches by the Student Council.

Each visiting veteran took the podium next to tell the students about individual experiences with military service in the various branches.

Veteran Bob Loucks, who graduated from SCS in 1957, spoke of his experience serv-

ing in the U.S. Navy, shipboard on the USS Cascade, a repair ship providing repairs to larger battleships and destroyers.

"I'm very, very proud of my service, Loucks said, describing his years of service as "some of the most exhilarating times of my life."

Don Mayland, U.S. Navy veteran, spoke of his service in South Korea. Vietnam veteran John Perotti said, "It was

a privilege to serve in the U.S. Army."

Veteran Michael Tesoro, who served in the Air Force as a physician, said that he cared for personnel in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"Be proud of your country, always," Tesoro told his young audience.

Veteran Brian Kenny noted that he had graduated from SCS and HVRHS going on to describe his service in

the U.S. Army.

Marine Sgt. Tate Begley told the students of his service in Special Operations as part of a SWAT team on the West Coast.

"Remember your country and remember what your country means to you," Begley told his audience.

Rounding out the list of local veterans being honored was Ray Aakjar, who served in the U.S. Army.

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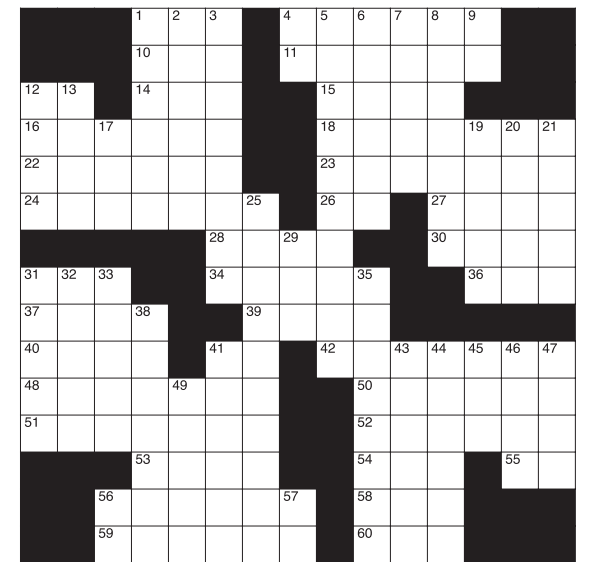
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4. Hindu deity
10. Polynesian garland of flowers
11. Not chained to
12. Metric ton
14. Tall, rounded vase
15. Musical composition
16. St. Francis of ___
18. Discover the location of
22. Compact group of mountains
23. Mend
24. Not current
26. Atomic #64
27. Young hawk
28. Or ___
30. Pouches
31. Southern Thailand isthmus
34. Mends with yarn
36. Downwinds
37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
39. Italian archaeological site
40. Cold appetizer
41. Yes
42. Peninsula
48. Of that
50. A way to divide
51. Relating to the physical senses
52. One who makes money
53. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
55. South Dakota
56. Snow sport
58. The products of human creativity
59. Change mind
60. Born of

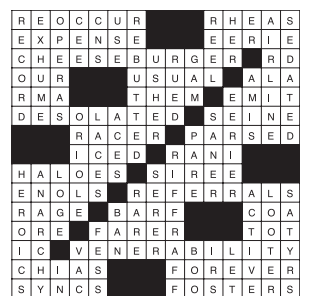
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3. Made smaller

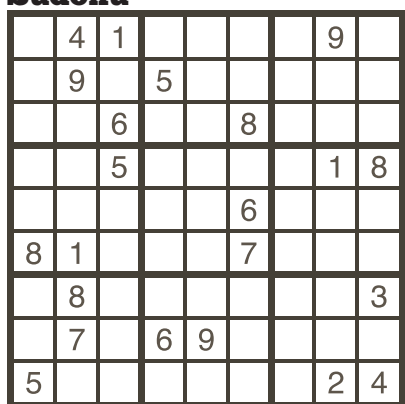


4. Type of meter
5. Revolt
6. Killed with rocks
7. Gregory __, US dancer
8. Nullifies
9. Home to the Flyers
12. Female parent
13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
19. Regal
20. Line
21. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
25. Clearing up
29. No seats available
31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
32. Groove in organ or tissue
33. Not of this world
35. Cooking device
38. Forget
41. Operational flight
43. Actress Danes
44. Poke holes in
45. A way to discolor
46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
47. Pharrell's group
49. Red fluorescent dye
56. Jr.'s dad
57. Electronics firm

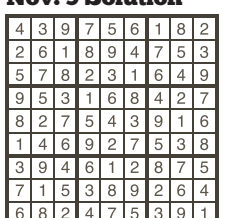
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Elections

Recount confirms Kiefer in Salisbury

SALISBURY — Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand ran unopposed and won a tenth term.

Selectman Chris Williams was reelected, and a recount Monday morning, Nov. 13, confirmed challenger Kitty Kiefer edged out incumbent selectman Don Mayland by three votes for the final spot on the board.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

First Selectman
Curtis Rand (D) 969

Selectman
Chris Williams (D) 829
Kitty Kiefer (U) 429
Don Mayland (R) 426

Board of Finance
Michael Volstad (D) 935
Pari Forood (U) 406

Board of Education
Lucia Phillip (D) 693
Barret Prinz (D) 651
David Valcin (U) 355

Peter Becket (R) 228
Stanley T. Morby (R) 175

Board of Assessment Appeals
Elvia Gignoux (D) 966

Planning and Zoning Commission
Michael Klemens (D) 844
Bob Riva (R) 535

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate
Beth Wells (D) 870
Danella Schiffer (D) 825

Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacey Weiner (D) 790
Lee Greenhouse (D) 772
Janet Lynn (R) 324

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Harding Bancroft (D) 916

Regional Board of Education
Flora Lazar (D) 904



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Changing of the guard

North Canaan's outgoing First Selectman Charles Perotti, left, celebrated with First Selectman-elect Brian Ohler at Great Falls Brewing Co. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Lindenmayer wins Kent

KENT — In a three-way race for first selectman, Marty Lindenmayer came out on top. His opponent Lynn Mellis Worthington earned enough votes to be seated as a selectman, along with her running mate and incumbent selectman Glenn Sanchez.

Several other contested races yielded new additions to Kent's town government as well.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

First Selectman
Marty Lindenmayer (U) 587
Lynn Mellis Worthington (D) 460
Rufus deRham (U) 115

Selectman
Glenn Sanchez (D) 779
Ed Matson (R) 318

Tax Collector
Deborah Devaux (D/R) 1064

Board of Finance
Fran Goodsell (D) 828
Charles Cogut (D) 684
Lynn Harrington (R) 397

Board of Education
Jenn Duncan (D) 789
Katherine Symonds (R) 329

Board of Education (fill two year vacancy)
Heather Brand (D) 831

Board of Assessment Appeals
John Veltri (D) 557
Rufus deRham (R) 537

Planning and Zoning Commission
Sarah Chase (D) 650
Lawrence Dumoff (D) 506

Matthew Winter (U) 505
J. Adam Manes (U) 205

Zoning Board of Appeals
Daniel Schiesel (D) 712
Anne Bisenius (R) 538
Nicholas Downes (R) 455

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Elizabeth Aviles (D) 848

Sewer Commission
Ellie Place (D) 763
Jack Nelson (R) 557
Joseph Agli (R) 335

Cornwall's Ridgway elected to 17th term

CORNWALL — First Selectman Gordon Ridgway was elected to his 17th term and will fill the role for another two years.

The Board of Selectman welcomed two newcomers this year in Rocco Botto and Jennifer Hurlburt Markow.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

First Selectman
Gordon Ridgway (D) 414
Kenneth C. Baird (R) 181

Selectman
Rocco Botto (D) 281
Jennifer Hurlburt Markow (U) 246
John F. Brown (R) 88

Town Clerk
Vera Dinneen (D/R) 621

Town Treasurer
Richard Bramley (D) 473
Nicholas Daifotis (R) 141

Tax Collector
Jean D. Bouteiller (D/R) 610

Board of Finance
Jessica Brackman (D) 449
Joseph Pryor (R) 297

Board of Finance (fill two year vacancy)
Gary Steinkohl (D) 396
Oscar Anderson (R) 185

Board of Finance Alternate
Kate Sandmeyer Ward (D) 486
Cody Gillotti (R) 203

Board of Education
Hugh Cheney (D) 479
Iris Herman (D) 445
Rachel Matsudaira (R) 239

Katherine Scoville (R) 218
Christi Bodwell (R) 145

Board of Assessment Appeals
Richard Bramley (D) 507

Planning and Zoning Commission
Christine Gray (D) 435
Anna Timell (D) 409
Christopher Jackson (R) 206

Zoning Board of Appeals
Scott Cady (D) 471
Barbara Wolkowitz (D) 395

Caroline Daifotis (R) 151
Cody Gillotti (R) 132

Zoning Board of Appeals (fill two year vacancy)
Carl Hermann (R) 358

North Canaan elects Ohler first selectman, approves recreational marijuana sales

NORTH CANAAN — Brian Ohler will become the new first selectman in North Canaan. His opponent, incumbent third selectman Christian Allyn, was voted off the board.

Voters also approved the sale of recreational cannabis in North Canaan by a narrow margin, enabling the Planning and Zoning Commission to regulate and issue licenses for retail sales.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

Recreational Cannabis Sales in the Town of North Canaan
Yes 542
No 525

First Selectman
Brian Ohler (R) 805
Christian Allyn (D) 296

Selectman
Craig Whiting (R) 665
Jesse Bunce (D) 408

Town Treasurer
Emily Minacci (R) 793

Tax Collector
Jennifer Jacquier (R) 824

Board of Finance
Christopher Sorrell (R) 687

Douglas Humes Jr. (R) 643
Andrew Pelletier (D) 408

Board of Education
Lindsey Crane (R) 774
Brooke Riva (R) 647
Stephanie L. Grant (D) 495

Board of Assessment Appeals
Douglas Humes Jr. (R), 685
Patricia Lynn Fowler (D) 441

Planning and Zoning Commission
Michael O'Connor (R) 655
Peter Brown (D) 564

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate
Jesse Bunce (R) 694

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (fill two year vacancy)
Walter Schneider (R) 616

Zoning Board of Appeals
John Jacquier (R) 774
Sally Green (D) 434

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Martin McKay (R) 647
Jack Anstine (D) 325

Sharon shows unity through bipartisanship

SHARON — Demonstrating the spirit of bipartisanship, every candidate in Sharon in 2023 ran unopposed.

A new Board of Selectmen has been voted in along with several more newcomers to the town's government.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

First Selectman
Casey Flanagan (D) 521

Selectman
Lynn Kearcher (D) 472
John Brett (U) 281

Town Treasurer
Tine Pitches (D/R) 609

Tax Collector
Donna Christensen (D/R) 606

Board of Finance
Thomas Bartram (D) 528
Carol Flaton (D) 449

Board of Finance (fill two year vacancy)
John Hecht (D) 502

Board of Finance Alternate
Michele Pastre (R) 332

Board of Finance Alternate (fill two year vacancy)
Christine Clare (D) 490

Board of Education
Nancy Hegy Martin (D) 483

Philip O'Reilly (D) 468

Board of Assessment Appeals
Elizabeth Forstmann (D) 401
Thomas Casey Sr. (R) 213

Board of Assessment Appeals (fill two year vacancy)
Debbie Hanlon (D) 490

Planning and Zoning Commission
Larry Moskowitz (D) 482
Larry Rand (D) 479

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate
Jill Drew (D) 468
Edward Wilbur (R) 268

Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (fill two year vacancy)
Katy Knsolving (D) 494

Zoning Board of Appeals
Allen Young (D) 437
Brian Abut (D) 430
William Trowbridge (R) 313

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Donna DiMartino (D) 489
Scott Pastre (R) 276

Regional Board of Education
Sara Cousins (D) 504

Falls Village records highest voter turnout

FALLS VILLAGE — With 63.2% of registered voters turning out, Dave Barger was elected the new First Selectman in Falls Village. He is joined on the board by Judy Jacobs and Chris Kinsella. Greg Marlowe, the incumbent selectman who ran for first selectman, came in last and is no longer on the board.

Four ballot questions passed at a town meeting that ran concurrently with the election, the most significant being the sale of the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St., for \$300,000 and a land swap with the Falls Village Inn which makes 35 Railroad St. a legal lot and grants two easements to the Inn.

See the vote totals for all ballot items below with winners indicated in bold.

First Selectman
Dave Barger (D) 274
Greg Marlowe (R) 177

Selectmen
Judy Jacobs (R) 224
Chris Kinsella (D) 213

Board of Finance
Thomas Wilson (D) 258
Carol Staats (R) 174
Corinna Fleming (D) 242
Marisa Ohler (R) 154

Board of Finance (fill four year vacancy)
David Wilburn (D) 212
Eric Carlson (R) 209

Board of Finance (fill two year vacancy)
John Steines (D) 214
David Blass (R) 201

Board of Finance Alternate
Ginger Betti (D) 299
John Haddon (R) 158

Board of Finance Alternate (fill two year vacancy)
Karl Munson (R) 256
Daly Reville (D) 167

Board of Education
Emily Peterson (D) 305
Maria Bulson (R) 126

Board of Assessment Appeals
Mary Palmer (WI) 9

Board of Assessment Appeals (fill two year vacancy)
Hazel McGuire (R) 264
Mary Palmer (D) 174

Zoning Board of Appeals
Dick Heinz (D) 318
Barbara Riley (D) 298
Henry Todd (R) 220

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
Jody Bronson (D) 290
David Blass (R) 182

Constables (maximum of seven)
Tim Downs (R) 271
Terry Blass (D) 258
Lou Timolat (R) 209
Matt Hansen (R) 176
James March (R) 169
Dan Shaw (D) 164
Jandi Hanna (D) 163
Colter Rule (D) 131

Regional Board of Education
Pat Mechare (D/R) 368

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the sale of the property at 35 Railroad St. for \$300,000?
Yes 330
No 74

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the exchange of property from Great Falls Property LLC, owner of the abutting land to the former firehouse, to the Town of Canaan, making the property a legal lot as well as giving Great Falls Property two easements being a pedestrian easement along the northern side of the property and a vehicular easement through the existing parking lot?
Yes 347
No 56

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the appropriation of up to \$10,000 from the Bridge Reserve Account #1702646689 to pay the final bill of Cardinal Engineering for the Cobble Road Culvert Project?
Yes 373
No 28

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the appropriation of up to \$10,000 for the replacement of the A/C unit at Town Hall with a heat pump from the 107/109 Property Reserve Account #170263056?
Yes 373
No 33

Election key

All winners are indicated in bold. Due to state law on minority representation, some candidates were not seated despite receiving more votes than the winning candidate (see Falls Village Board of Finance).

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(R) Republican
(D/R) Cross endorsed
(U) Unaffiliated
(WI) Write In

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OBITUARIES

Steven E. Camardi

NORTH CANAAN — Steven E. Camardi, 67, of North Canaan, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.



Steve was born on Sept. 30, 1956, in Brooklyn, New York. After living in Brooklyn and working several years for the MTA in Manhattan, he moved to North Canaan with his loving wife of 35 years, Marilisa (Traverso), in 1991.

He began his career in the private school sector in 1998 at South Kent School where he served as Business Manager and Chief Financial Officer for 21 years. His career path ended with a short stint as Business Manager at Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York.

At home, he enjoyed watching sports in every season with his family. The center of his world were his two sons, Anthony and Nicholas. He was always supportive of their professional and athletic endeavors, endlessly encouraging them to be successful.

He was an avid golfer, handball player, and terrific cook. In 2018 he won the Albany Handball Men's Doubles tournament. His love for

cooking stemmed from his Italian heritage. He brought the tradition of the 7 fishes Christmas Eve meal to the table year after year.

He was a member of the Finance Council of St. Martin of Tours Parish and served as a Trustee. Steven will always be remembered for his generosity and kindness.

In addition to his wife and two children, Steven is survived by his brothers, Ben Camardi (Doreen) of Edison, New Jersey, and Richard Camardi of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, along with an aunt, an uncle, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday Nov. 18, 2023, at St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Steven's memory to: The Last Post Sanctuary, P.O. Box 259, Falls Village, CT 06031; South Kent School, 40 Bulls Bridge Road, South Kent, CT 06785; or The Darrow School, 110 Darrow Road, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

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

Joan Ellen Hicks

SALISBURY — Joan Ellen (Crooker) Hicks passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at the Fisher Home in Amherst, Massachusetts, at the age of 91. She was a long-time resident of Worthington, Massachusetts. She was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on July 15, 1932, the daughter of the late Orville Dewey Crooker and Ester (Sandell) Crooker and resided in Bethany, Connecticut.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut, June 18, 1954, and a Masters degree in Medical Technology at Brigham Young University, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joan lived in Canton, and worked at New Britain General Hospital until she married John Clark Hicks, June 2, 1962, and moved to Millerton. While in Millerton she was active in the Millerton Library and was a founding member of the North East Historical Society. She was also a long-time member and active Committee Chairman of the Twin Lakes Beach Club in Salisbury.

In 1977, she and John relocated to Salisbury, and Joan continued to work at both Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and Sharon Hospital as a Registered Medical Technician. She was a 70+ year

member of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, active in the White Water Canoeing and the Trails Committees and became Trails Chairman in 1983 for several years during the major relocation of the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut.

After her divorce in 1986 she relocated to Canaan, and eventually retired from Sharon Hospital in 1994 and moved to Paonia, Colorado, to be with her dear friend Polly Pulver and enjoy the Colorado snow. In 2004 she moved to Worthington, Massachusetts, where she became a well-known artist and crafts person known as "sparrow" and had many of her art displayed in local galleries in the Berkshires.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Eastman and her long-time companion, Oliver Wiley of Worthington, Massachusetts.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Sandell (Hicks) Kitt and her husband A.J., of Hood River, Oregon, and 3 grandchildren, Aksel, Ava, and Ayden Kitt, and her ex-husband John Hicks, of Salisbury.

The Williamsburg Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Massachusetts is in charge of all arrangements.

Marion Cooper

PINE PLAINS — Marion Cooper passed away peacefully in her home on Sept. 17, 2023, in Sarasota, Florida surrounded by her three children.



Born Feb. 7, 1930, in Passaic Park, New Jersey, she also lived in Pine Plains, Poughkeepsie and Sarasota, Florida.

Predeceased by her brother, Clifford Morris Cooper, in 1948, and her mother, Dorothy Stone Cooper, and father, Walter George Cooper.

Marion was co-owner with her mother of two Fins and Feathers pet shops in Kingston, New York, 1952-1956. From 1972-1992 she was a well-respected Supreme Court reporter in Dutchess County, New York.

Marion's interests were watercolor painting, trips to Great Britain, traveling

throughout New York State, studying the genealogy of her Cooper and Shults' families from the Revolutionary War in the Mohawk Valley to the 1800s Steuben County, New York.

One of her greatest pleasures was her lake cottage in the village of Pine Plains, New York, and the people and town of Pine Plains.

Marion is survived by three children; Laura Flock Barrett of Port Charlotte, Florida, Nancy Flock, and Frank Flock of Sarasota, Florida. Her grandchildren Christine Barrett O'Keefe (Michael O'Keefe) of Fresh Meadows, New York, Andrew Barrett of Westchester, New York, and her great grandchildren, Keira O'Keefe and Arthur O'Keefe of Fresh Meadows, New York.

Dutchess County digitizes handwritten records in Ancient Document Online Archive project

By Carol Kneeland

POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum, guardian of the written records of Dutchess County's past, breathed a sigh of relief last week when he and his team completed Phase 9 of the Ancient Document Online Archive project.

At this point, 167,000 pages of handwritten records of the Dutchess County Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions from 1721 to 1889 have been digitized and made accessible to the public, said Tatum.

"The Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions is the predecessor to today's court system," he explained.

They involved civil cases that mostly consisted of debts, he said, while "the criminal court ran the gamut from fraud to murder and all sort of salacious crimes."

"The contents of this collection are all the evidentiary statements, depositions—the narrations which laid out the case from the plaintiff's perspective—and the various writs and other items which made up what we would consider the case file today," he said.

By detailing personal and local history, the documents give valuable insight into the way in which the county evolved, he said.

The many cases involving debts demonstrated the stark disparity between the haves and the have-nots, he said, and the ways in which many entrepreneurs and farmers struggled to overcome obstacles.

Other records showed that even members of the upper classes, such as a grandson of famous Revolutionary War Gen. Philip J. Schuyler, could also end up facing "financial calamity."

The records illustrated the small ways that the colonists



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Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, left, and Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum review a box of antique documents ready for imaging.

resisted British rule. For example, British law restricted the degree to which ore could be refined, as it was supposed to be sent to England for processing, a limitation which affected the economic opportunities of the ironworks that dotted western Dutchess County. However, a 1750 lawsuit against a Dover miner revealed that miners were processing ore and producing tools for blacksmiths and others despite the royal edicts.

Thousands of court re-

ords remain to be processed. To that end, the Online Archive project was recently awarded another year of funding from the New York State Archives Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund.

Once digitized, the fragile documents are treated and stored in acid-free containers at a specialized facility in Pennsylvania, then returned to the county for archiving.

Tatum, who credited County Clerk Brad Kendall with both the inspiration

and implementation of the Online Archive project, explained that much of the local work was provided by the staff of that office.

Noting that information is not of use to anyone if it is not used, Tatum encouraged anyone having difficulty finding the material they want to call his office for help at 845-486-2381.

The digitized documents are available through dutchessny.gov/ancientdocuments and dutchess.gov/countyclerk

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com



Worship Services

Week of November 19, 2023

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-375-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT The next meeting will be Sunday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jojaloio1@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp Shabbat Services Hebrew School CTeen YJP Judaism With A Smile! chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am North Cornwall Meeting House 115 Town Street, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly + Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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Clothing drive thanks

On behalf of the parishioners of All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church, I would like to express our appreciation to the local community for supporting our recent winter clothing give-away. We were overwhelmed by the response from our area friends and neighbors with their generous donations of clothing. Thanks also to The Lakeville Journal and WHDD radio for publicity help. A special thank you goes to the Salisbury Central School Student Leadership Group and their families for collecting hundreds of items for us to distribute.

We had a huge turn-out of local people and almost all of the clothing was given away. Left-over items were donated to local shelters. We feel so blessed to be able to help others and to be a part of such a caring community.

Hope Mongeau
Church Council Member



EDITORIAL
Digital news feed

The past week was an eventful one. Voters headed to the polls for elections that ended up with some surprise results. We won't know how it all will work out until our newly elected officials settle down to business with our reelected incumbents.

Last weekend our communities also came out to celebrate Veterans Day, gathering for ceremonies at public memorial sites. Assemblies were held in elementary schools, where students expressed their gratitude and respect for our service vets.

As voters, we are primed to want to know the results of an election as soon as possible. Our curiosity is magnified when we begin to hear that some elections were upsets. As families, we value the recognition accorded to our veterans, and look forward to the images of our youth presenting a thank you message to a vet, or to see a gathering of our neighbors around a war memorial with American flags waving in the air on this annual day of remembrance — part of our lives since the end of World War I.

This week The Lakeville Journal provides a rundown of last week's elections, and our reporters write about Veterans Day events across the region. But we didn't wait to tell you about what happened on Election Day. On Election Night we worked late to post results as soon as they became available, first on our Instagram account @lakevillejournal. Managing Editor Riley Klein created quick summaries of races in all the towns: Salisbury, Kent, Cornwall, Sharon, North Canaan and Falls Village. Flipping through the pages of each post leads to photos of the winning Selectmen. The Instagram posts were followed by longer writeups the next day on tricornernews.com, our website. We updated the outcome of elections for commissions and boards and other municipal posts.

As a printed weekly newspaper, we adhere to a seven-day cycle. Every Tuesday around noon we send our paper off to the printer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. But as we have done for some time, when big news happens we get it out to you as fast as we can. We know that our readers are looking for their news on smartphones, computers and tablets. We have no plans to end print publication. This week's paper has full-page coverage of the 2023 election and Veterans Day events. But we are stepping up to provide our readers a better news feed throughout the week on the kind of platform that has become the go-to source for news by more than eight out of ten American adults.

To meet readers more frequently on this dominant news turf The Journal is getting ready to unveil revamped websites later this month.

The new websites will be called lakevillejournal.com and millertonnews.com. We also will drop the paywall, meaning access to the news no longer will be restricted to those who subscribe. The goal is to offer a digital news feed on your digital device more than once a week and to reach more readers.

While residents of Litchfield County and eastern Dutchess County live under different governing arrangements, there is abundant cross-border interest in the rest of what life has to offer. Each paper will have its own identity on its unique website, and the two sites will be linked so readers can digitally "cross the border," just as they frequently do now in everyday life.

Thanks to your continued support, we are preserving the heritage of a weekly newspaper and updating our digital feed to better meet you where you look for news.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Vigil for Israel,' solidarity with all who suffer, and a church's mission

On Nov. 14, the Congregational Church's Meetinghouse was scheduled to be the site of a "Vigil for Israel." While this was not organized or sponsored by the church, as pastor I led the decision to allow the use of our building. The church's senior lay leader planned to open the event with the following statement:

"As Moderator of the Church, I welcome you to this historic Meetinghouse, which, in addition to church-related functions, for more than two hundred years has been used by this community for public gatherings and meetings. We take to heart our stewardship of this place, including tonight's opportunity to host our neighbors.

"Often, controversial subjects are discussed, including matters on which our membership holds a wide variety of deeply held convictions. So, as a church we will state clearly that we neither endorse nor oppose the perspectives presented in public forums because they are convened in this place."

I have heard from both

church members and neighbors that an event held in the Meetinghouse has the appearance of being supported by the church. We are, nonetheless, determined to have this place used as often as possible as a site for speaking on issues that matter to our community — even as we toll our bell for victims of gun violence, open the doors to blood drives, host a multitude of local groups, and seek to use the place so extensively the carpet wears out.

Regarding the war in the Middle East, our members have shared an outpouring of anguish. Our members deplore the brutal attacks on people of Israel, and also the brutal attacks on residents of Gaza and the West Bank. We pray with broken-hearted anguish for Israelis, Palestinians, Jews, Muslims, Bedouins, and Arabs, in the Middle East and in communities

around the world, who today are vilified, scapegoated, and attacked. We pray for the safe return of hostages. We weep for hundreds of thousands of neighbors whose lives are forever disrupted and distorted by trauma and loss. We acknowledge even sacred scripture offers no singular vision that would end the conflagration.

We are in solidarity with all who suffer, all who are in need of healing, all who live in fear, all who seek an end to fighting, and all who are determined to build communities of dignity and self-determination.

We believe we are fulfilling our church's mission when the Meetinghouse provides a place to give voice to that multitude of convictions, and more besides.

The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson
Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC

The deadline for letters to the editor is 10 a.m. each Monday. You may email letters to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES
NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — November 1923

The young men of the forestry service are again inspecting the trees in this section for the gypsy moth and other tree pests.

Philo Lyon of Bridgeport has purchased the C.W. Barnum property in Lime Rock and is moving there. It is reported that he expects to start a Garage.

LIME ROCK — The remains of George Wickwire were brought here for burial last week. Also brought here recently were the remains of Mrs. Duncan Tellerday from Marlborough, N.Y., for interment.

John Maddrah of Winsted recently killed a wild cat that weighed over 25 pounds.

R.W. Dufour is having the main chimney at the Hub en-

larged.

50 years ago — November 1973

A major new plan for the Filston House estate was unveiled Wednesday afternoon for members of the Sharon Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Commission members appeared generally impressed at the informal hearing, with the concept of an extensive "retirement community" complex for the former Colgate Estate owned by Mark Cohn.

The real estate spiral in Kent continues with no end in sight. Last week the Naboring farm on Cobble Road was sold to an illustrious group of investors for an indicated price of half a million dollars. The 265 acre tract was sold by Paul Naboring, life tenant of the estate of Frank Naboring, to Allen Lewis, et al. In this case the et al stands for three well-known theatrical and literary names: Mike Nichols, director of the movies "The Graduate" and "Catch 22"; William Styron, author of "The Confessions of Nat Turner" and "Lie Down in Darkness" and Philip Roth of "Portnoy's Complaint" fame. Speaking for the buyers, Mr. Styron has stated that the group intends to preserve the land as open space.

It took 45 whacks with a 2½ ton wrecking ball Tuesday to start the demolition of the bridge which carries the Lime Rock - Salisbury Road over Salmon Kill. Workmen have begun removing the old bridge to make way for a wider, straighter, safer new structure. Travelers will have to detour by way of Brinton Hill or Wells Hill for about three weeks.

The home of J. Dormer Cannon on Farnam Road was burglarized early last Wednesday morning, according to a State Police report. The robber, whose visit was discovered by a caretaker, apparently had taken time to enjoy a helping of ice cream from the Cannon kitchen.

Lena Blodgett, Falls Village's oldest resident, died Sunday in Brightview Convalescent Home in Avon. She was 102 years of age. Mrs. Blodgett made her

home in Falls Village for over 90 years. She was born on Oct. 10, 1871, on what is now called the Canfield Farm, the only daughter of William and Frances Gillette. She could trace her family on both sides to the earliest days of the community -- on her father's side she was descended from Jonathon and Esther Gillette who moved to Canaan shortly after the Revolutionary War; and on her mother's side she was sixth generation descendant of James Beebe, one of the original proprietors of the town of Canaan.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Cecchinato were the guests of honor Sunday at a party celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. An open house, attended by about 175 friends and relatives from as far away as California, was held in the VFW Post home. Mr. and Mrs. Cecchinato, both natives of Canaan, were married in the old St. Joseph's Church on North Elm Street Nov. 7, 1923.

NORFOLK — Last Saturday, the Bruey family of Litchfield Road delivered its last bottle of milk after several generations of work in the milk business. Wesley Bruey and his son Lyle have been delivering milk to nearly 200 customers. In 1928, the se-

nior Bruey started to run a dairy and bought out a milk route. For the last few years, the Brueys have been delivering Guida Seibert milk. The company has taken over their route and will deliver milk on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

25 years ago — November 1998

At Lee H. Kellogg's building committee meeting Thursday, a date for groundbreaking on the school's renovation was set. After years of political battles and dispute surrounding the project, Principal Jack Pozzi had this to say: "Barbara Collins (music teacher) and I are going to get up and sing 'The Impossible Dream' at the ceremony."

Canaan residents will meet next Tuesday at 7:30 in the Town Hall for the annual town meeting. In addition to the usual town business, voters will be asked to consider the town's acquisition of the Laurel Grange Hall in East Canaan. The recently disbanded Laurel Grange owes back taxes on the Route 44 property, and the selectmen have offered to take the property in lieu of taxes owed.

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

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Farewell to fall

On automobile tires and pollution

Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of pollution do automobile tires cause? — B.L., San Francisco, CA

Tire wear pollution was in the news recently after a group of Native American tribes in the Pacific Northwest asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate a possible link between tire pollution and declining populations of wild coho salmon there. The tribes blame the chemical 6PPD, which has been used in motor vehicle tires for over six decades to make them more durable. It is also widely used in other rubber products such as footwear, synthetic turf and playgrounds. While it might make rubber stronger, 6PPD can react with ozone pollution in the air to form a byproduct called 6PPD-quinone. Stormwater runoff containing 6PPD-quinone inevitably runs off into streams and other water bodies during rain, when aquatic organisms are exposed to it. Concentrations of 6PPD-quinone in storm water in the Pacific Northwest were found to be lethal to coho salmon after only a few hours of exposure.

6PPD isn't the only bad stuff coming off tires. Another is microplastics, also used to strengthen the rubber in tires but linked to a wide range of toxic effects that can make their way up the food

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chain to our dinner plates. Another major consequence of tire wear and tear is the release of airborne pollutants. When tires roll over roads, they generate friction, which leads to the production of tiny particles and chemical compounds that can become airborne. These pollutants can include fine particulate matter (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

Particulate matter from tire wear is an especially concerning pollutant because it can be inhaled by humans and animals, causing respiratory problems and other issues. Fine particulate matter can also contribute to the formation of smog and haze, reducing air quality in urban areas. VOCs and PAHs emitted from tire wear can react with other pollutants in the atmosphere to create ground-level ozone, a key component of smog. Ground-level ozone is harmful to human health and can cause respiratory issues, especially in vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly.

Tire wear and tear also pollutes water, and not only

in salmon habitat. When it rains, the water washes tire particles into stormwater drains and eventually into rivers, lakes, and oceans. The runoff can contain not only microplastics but also a variety of chemicals used in tire manufacturing and those generated during tire wear. These chemicals may include heavy metals, such as zinc and cadmium, which can have toxic effects on aquatic life and disrupt ecosystems. Furthermore, the leaching of chemicals from tires into water bodies can lead to long-term contamination of aquatic environments.

Tiremakers are working on more durable and eco-friendly tire materials that emit fewer pollutants. To wit, low rolling resistance tires can help improve fuel efficiency and reduce both tire wear and associated pollution. Meanwhile, we can all help by getting maintaining our vehicles regularly and making sure the tires are inflated to recommended levels. Getting out of our cars altogether and walking, biking and taking public transit are also great ways to reduce reliance on cars and all the environmental evils they cause.

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America is living beyond its means

The U.S. government has been borrowing from Peter to pay Paul for decades. That should come as no surprise to most, but the speed by which we are piling up debt to support our spending has become alarming.

The Federal budget deficit is the difference between how much Washington spends and how much it receives in taxes. That concept should be familiar to all of us who count on our income to support our family's spending. Imagine if the amount you owed (your deficit) doubled from last year.

That is what happened to the nation's budget deficit over the last year, to the tune of \$1.7 trillion.

If you look at the big picture, the U.S. total federal debt topped \$33 trillion this year. That amounts to 121% of 2022's GDP. Usually, the U.S. deficit expands during hard times for the economy since tax receipts fall. The opposite occurs when the economy grows. However, that relationship has come apart.

The U.S. economy has been growing since the pandemic and yet tax receipts continue to fall. Much of the blame for this situation can be laid at the doorstep of various administrations and Congress. Tax cuts by George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and more recently Donald Trump have reduced the amount of taxes coming into the government's coffers.

In typical political fashion, the present White House under President Biden has pinned the blame for lower tax revenues on the former president. Trump indeed left the country in far worse shape than his predecessors. His more than generous

THE RETIRED INVESTOR

BY BILL SCHMICK

corporate tax cuts failed to jump-start the economy. Instead of investing in capital formation, corporations used those savings to increase dividends and stock buybacks.

Federal spending now accounts for 25% of GDP. In defense of government spending, you might say the last few years have been unusual and you would be right. The COVID-19 pandemic triggered a huge spending program to save the economy and voters. In addition, the need to do something about the country's deteriorating infrastructure was finally addressed after years of inaction. Since then, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the terrorist attack in Israel have added even more pressure to increase spending.

But the really big programs that have consumed so much of the government's spending commitments are Social Security and Medicare, which account for almost half of U.S. spending.

Back in 2011, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) predicted the fiscal deficit would average 1.8% of the economy in the ensuing decade. This past May, in the CBO's latest projections, that number has increased to 6.1% of Gross Domestic Product. Altogether, federal spending will account for almost 25% of the U.S. GDP over the next decade while tax receipts will account for 18% of GDP. If we continue this trend, Penn Wharton School researchers predict that the U.S. could default on

its debt as soon as 20 years.

Up until now, the financial markets have largely ignored the deficit, and the endless debates and false promises by legislatures who talk a good game but simply move the deck chairs around on a sinking ship once they are in power. The bond market, however, is beginning to take notice.

As the nation's borrowing grows larger to finance a growing deficit, bond vigilantes are taking matters into their own hands. They are selling U.S. government bonds, which is pushing yields higher and higher on government debt. It is the private sector's response to Washington's profligate spending and irresponsible deficits. In the current fiscal year interest spending should surpass \$800 billion, which is more than double 2021's \$325 billion number.

By 2026 net interest expense should reach 3.3% of GDP. That would be the highest on record. If interest rates remain where they are, and fiscal policy continues its spending path. If unchecked, the cost of servicing this debt could be larger than defense spending by 2025, and top Medicare spending by 2026. I believe the present push by Republicans in Congress to cut spending is both necessary and urgent. It will be painful. It should also be accompanied by tax increases across the board, but that may be too much to ask for given elections next year, but one can always hope.

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AI apocalypse — not what you think

In Jewish mythology, a golem is a giant creature made of clay. It is inert until awakened with the enshrining of a secret word. It has no will of its own. But with a single command it can, and will, destroy whole cities. Remove the command and it is powerless. Alas, the same cannot be said of the modern golem.

The modern day golem is far more insidious and the destruction it brings is not to cities but to truth. GLLMM stands for Generative (self-taught), Large Language (responding to commands in plain language), Multi-Modal Model (treating text, video, and sound the same.)

The term was coined by computer scientists Tristan Harris and Aza Raskin from the Center for Humane Technology. These "golems" are Artificial Intelligence engines that have been trained on everything you can find on the internet.

The big five technology companies, among others, are all racing to create the most powerful, most user-friendly Generative AI while at the same time crying out for regulation because they know how dangerous this is. ChatGPT, Google Bard, Microsoft Bing are just a few of the Generative AI that have been released.

The good news is golems may help us cure cancer and survive climate change! They are so adaptable that many businesses will be able to run without any humans at all! Film studios can replace actors with AI generated characters. Publishing houses can replace authors. Students can generate term papers in an

BUT THEN AGAIN...

BY LISA WRIGHT

instant.

The bad news is that you need no special knowledge to use generative AI. Anyone with a grievance can now create "deep fakes," mimic anyone's voice, create perfect false recordings, or write "scientific" papers. Generative AI has no sense of right or wrong. It does not care if it is trained on truth or lies. And they are amazingly good at doing anything anyone asks them to do.

The world is full of good, caring, sensible people. It is also full of con men, disaffected youths, vengeful exes, and extremists willing to do anything to achieve their goals. Oh, and dental plan companies (just ask Tom

Hanks.)

It does not take a creative genius to imagine the harm they can do.

The one good thing that may emerge from this experiment with nearly-conscious computers is that people will finally realize that you cannot believe anything you read, see, or hear on the internet.

We need to hold actual human beings responsible for unleashing these monsters. The danger comes, not from the AI itself, but from the ease of abuse they offer. The programs are already out there and, sadly, the generative AI designers failed to include an off switch. This is the AI apocalypse we should all be worried about.

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The Ct Mirror ran an interesting story this past week on the fact that with the heavy rains this past summer, many private wells have had a higher risk of bacteria infiltrating into the drinking water. Their source is the CT Institute of Water resources at UCONN, <https://ctiwr.uconn.edu/welltesting>. In their testing of water samples from private wells this summer, 50% tested positive for Coliform bacteria, which was a 30% increase from the previous year. The usual solution is to shock the well with bleach. The Institute is offering workshops and low cost testing for those interested. The other option is to ask your plumber to take a sample and send to a certified lab. In either case, the recommendation is to test your private well water to ensure that you have safe drinking water.



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Jared Kuczenski sees the playground as one of his great accomplishments during his two-year tenure.

Kent Parks and Rec director steps down

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Joining in praising the work and accomplishments of Parks and Recreation (P&R) director Jared Kuczenski from the post he has served for two years, the P&R commission went on to accept his resignation, effective at the end of the year.

Kuczenski will serve on a part-time basis through December for continuity and to be available to help the town with transitioning to a new director.

"In two years, we did five years' worth of work," Kuczenski said, thanking the board and the community for their support and their sharing in the enthusiasm about the recreation program.

"I will miss the kids and the seniors," Kuczenski said. Meeting for an interview

Friday, Nov. 10, Kuczenski saw the new playground installation at Kent Commons Park as one of his significant accomplishments to benefit the community. It is now nearly complete but for the back-ordered addition of a shaded picnic table.

"The contractor did an amazing job," said Kuczenski of Creative Recreational Systems.

Other accomplishments that Kuczenski cited were the improvement of the playing fields at Kent Center School, and that the P&R Department was attracting full enrollment for expanding programs.

"Everything we run, we fill," Kuczenski said, noting growth in soccer and baseball. He added that there are already 23 children signed up for a pre-K soccer program.

Salisbury finalizes ARPA spending

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Board of Selectmen closed out the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending with \$10,000 for Colliers Engineering, which has been performing consulting work for the town; \$118,000 for the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA); and \$125,000 for sidewalks.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said the actions finish up the ARPA spending. The town received \$1,065,000 total in federal funds.

"It's been a great windfall for the town," said Rand.

Selectman Don Mayland, who is also the chair of the WPCA, said continuing discussions of affordable housing in town need to include the WPCA and the sewer and water systems' capacity.

"We're in pretty good shape now," Mayland said.

The ongoing challenge is infiltration, primarily rainwater getting into the system. Even with recent relining, a lot of water is still making its way in, especially through manholes.

Mayland also asked users of the Rail Trail not to park along the path by the sewer plant because it makes it difficult for trucks to maneuver.

The selectmen discussed the informal parking area on town-owned property on the west side of Undermountain Road, just south of the intersection with Conklin Street.

Rand said White Hart employees park there now, but both the Salisbury Housing Trust and the Economic Development Committee are interested in the property for either housing or parking.



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Walkway underway

Work is moving along on a new sidewalk and pedestrian bridge on Main Street (Route 44) in Lakeville. The sidewalk will link Salisbury Central School to the firehouse on Brook Street in case the school needs to be evacuated in an emergency.

Sharon P&Z gives nod to affordable housing proposal; no action on solar

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Following brief discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) agreed that a proposal to convert the former Community Hall at 99 North Main St. into units of affordable housing is in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development.

The unanimous determination was voted at the P&Z meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The Town Hall parking lot expansion plan progressed with discussion and then approval of the lighting plan.

The ideal height for the light poles was determined to be 10 feet.

In conjunction with the expansion plan, the P&Z also approved a merger of the Town Hall property and the rear parking lot at the radio station next door, a town-owned building. The merger is seen as a logical means to improve the lighting in both areas.

A proposal to install solar energy panels adjacent to the Sharon Center School (SCS) on Hilltop Road was briefly discussed. P&Z member Betsy Hall reviewed the

history of the existing nature preserve and walking trails, created and used by SCS students. When the nature walk was put in, an enormous number of school children would use it, Hall pointed out. The planting of trees of different species on the site was intended to offer natural habitat but plans for the solar project would cut down

those trees, leaving stumps.

"We are compromising a very nice part of Sharon," Hall said.

The P&Z took no action, noting that it still has time remaining before a decision needs to be made. P&Z has a period of 55 days from the date of the public hearing that occurred Wednesday, Oct. 11.

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Sports

South Kent wins season opener

By Riley Klein

KENT — South Kent School prep basketball began the 2023-24 season by gliding to a 91-74 victory over United States Military Academy (West Point Prep) on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The Cardinals dictated the tempo of the game through superior size and explosive athleticism. West Point lived and died by the long ball due to the inability to penetrate the paint with consistent success.

After concluding the 2022-23 season as the New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) AAA champions, South Kent's new lineup showed they intend to keep the program's success rolling in the coming season.

Well over 100 fans filled Brown Gym for the season opener. One spirited supporter brought a drum, which boomed each time West Point was on offense, limiting the Army of One's ability to communicate on the court.

With just four team practices under their belt, the



Jojo Wallace helped South Kent control the tempo of the game from the perimeter.

Cardinals got off to a somewhat rocky start offensively. Dominance on defense bought them time and kept the game even as they gelled into Coach Raphael Chillious' high-speed offense.

Cardinal guards Jojo Wallace and Nate Guerengomba found a rhythm on the perimeter and created open space for Kelvin Odih to work his way to the rim. The trio combined for 28 points in the first half and helped South Kent build a 35-31 lead by the break.

In the second half, the Cardinals took flight. They came out of the locker room on a mission and displayed pure dominance on both ends of the court.

Dunks rattled the rim and ignited the audience. "That rim takes damage," said a spectator in the bleachers.

The Cardinals' shots were all falling by this point and their defense continued to lock down the middle. Guerengomba sank four 3-pointers in the second period and inspired his teammates to get in on the action.

"It's contagious. You shoot like that, everybody will shoot like that," said Coach Chillious to the huddle during a second-half timeout.

West Point shot from the perimeter with considerable success, but the inability to produce in the paint prevented Army from building up steam.

South Kent kept pushing the pace until the final buzzer and ended the game with a 91-74 win to start the new season.

"Always good to get a win," said Chillious after the

game. "We'll take it." Guerengomba led South Kent in scoring with 29 points. Wallace ended with 22 points and Odih had 16 points. On defense, 6'8" forward Jacob Hogarth had too many blocks to count.

West Point was led by Jacen Holloway, who ended with 25 points. Alex Engro finished with 17 points thanks to his lights-out jumper.

South Kent laced them up again the next night, Thursday, Nov. 9, for a home game against Redemption Christian Academy. The Cardinals kept the ball rolling with another victory, 95-61.

The team will head out on the road for a stretch of away games before returning to South Kent on Wednesday, Dec. 6, to host Busche Academy for a 5 p.m. tip off.



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Nate Guerengomba led the Cardinals in scoring with 29 points against West Point Prep on Nov. 8.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Kent's Louise Roper raced for the ball against Loomis' Olivia Beauvois, Nov. 11.

Kent soccer falls to Loomis Chaffee

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Saturday, Nov. 11, Loomis Chaffee School, a powerful team and longtime rival, came from Windsor to face the Kent School soccer team for the final regular season game of the 2023 season.

From the opening minutes, Loomis clearly took control of the game. Persistent attacks and ball control kept Kent on the defensive.

Kent captain and goalkeeper Mia Montanari was put under constant pressure, making save after save. Despite playing some "Premier League" defense, she was overcome by the frequency



Loomis midfielder Lizzie Orszulak attacked the net. of Loomis' attacks.

Credit goes to Loomis coach Linda Hathorn and her team. Loomis forwards Luisa Thomsen and Tennessee Murphy, assisted by Olivia Beauvois, kept the ball near or in the Kent goal for the

majority of the game.

Loomis Chaffee finished the regular season with an excellent record of 11-2-2, the best record in Founder's League soccer for the third straight year. Kent's season record ended at 2-10-3.



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policies in the town.

They're primarily focused on issues related to housing affordability and food insecurity.

"That can be a barrier where people feel like they don't know enough to engage," said Jenny Rice, a founding member of All In for Seymour. "We are giving them enough knowledge that they feel they can navigate those spaces."

The movement gets consultation and support from TEAM Inc., a Connecticut-based human services nonprofit. Rice is also a consultant with TEAM.

She got involved with All In about two years ago and runs a food pantry out of her home.

Part of the movement's focus is to bring in a diverse group of people from across the political spectrum, said Jamie Rude, a member of All In for Milford.

"This is just very different," Rude said. "You can't tell who's a Republican or a Democrat. There are no boundaries. Folks are just coming together because they love Milford and they want to make it even better."

Research has shown that the people who speak up at public meetings are more likely to be older, male and white.

Lower numbers of voters also turn out for local elections. In 2020, more than 1.8 million Connecticut residents voted. In Tuesday's municipal elections, only about 700,000 voted, according to unofficial results from the secretary of the state.

All In is working to change that dynamic, to encourage people to place more importance on local government.

"Getting people in town meetings is huge, so is getting people to show up at planning and zoning, and getting people to show up at board of education and selectmen meetings," Rice said.

Housing

Many of the All In chapters are working to advocate for an increased affordable housing stock in their towns. Affordable housing has been a hot-button political issue for years and got more attention from the state legislature in the last session in the face of rising rent costs.

The state lacks 89,000 units of housing that are affordable and available to its lowest-income renters, and local zoning ordinances mean that developers have to get special permission from zoning boards in order to build multifamily housing in more than 90% of the state.

One of the ways All In is tackling the issue is by urging elected officials to loosen restrictions on accessory dwelling units. A 2021 law aimed to streamline the process and regulations around accessory dwelling units, but more than two-thirds of Connecticut towns opted out. Still, most allow units of this type in some form.

Accessory dwelling units are additional units of housing on the property of a single-family home. Many advocates, including some from All In, have advocated for looser restrictions around housing of this type including allowing attached or detached units and allowing nonrelatives to rent out the spaces.

Several All In groups have pushed for loosening ADU restrictions in their towns including in Seymour and Milford, group members said. They've written letters and spoken out at town meetings.

"Those are our two big issues that we've been looking at tackling in our area — especially in Ansonia and



Left, Toni Lombardi, who is active in Milford's political sphere, addresses the crowd while holding her daughter Maddie. Below, those present at the All In meeting in Milford on Thursday, Nov. 9, participated in group discussions focused on housing and families with children.



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Derby. We've got very high rates of folks living in poverty without access to affordable housing, affordable food," group member Rose Hatt said.

Food insecurity

About 1 in 10 Connecticut residents don't have access to enough food, according to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap study.

All In members are helping out at food pantries and nonprofits that recover food waste, such as baked goods that don't sell, to use at food pantries or shelters.

Some of the chapters, such as the one in Oxford, have also organized meetings with elected officials so that community members can get to know them, said group member Lynn Aiksnoras.

They had a couple of forums with elected officials in Oxford to talk about issues such as how to use the city's money from the American Rescue Plan Act, Aiksnoras

said.

Two of the Oxford All In members were appointed to the committee that made proposals about how to spend the money, Aiksnoras added.

All In members have also worked on tenant organizing efforts and host community meals.

Kevin Atterberry, a member of All In for Seymour, worked with other group members to organize the area's first Juneteenth celebration over the summer, he said. It was a combined event with Seymour and Oxford, he added.

They've also organized an essay contest around Juneteenth for school-aged children and are planning another Juneteenth celebration

next year.

"It's not just Black history, it's American history," Atterberry said.

It's also about educating people and building community, he added.

"You're showing that there's power in a community," he said. "If people don't like something, they can get together and try to figure out a solution instead of being like 'Oh, this sucks.'"

It's helping combat isolation, particularly in some of Connecticut's smaller towns, members said.

"The overarching general concern was we're all very isolated, and we need a better sense of community," said Sara Locke, member of All In for Oxford.

HPSA

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ry care workforce is aging, a trend that particularly affects rural areas, said a spokesman for the Primary Care Office.

CHWC also had difficulty proving that the region included a high level of low-income or poverty-level households, the designation's other principle criterion.

"North Canaan and surrounding towns have some affluence and pockets of wealth," said Joanne Borduas, chief executive officer of CHWC, who spearheaded the effort. Because of the area's small population, she said, providing evidence of a qualifying percentage of low-income patients in the service region was difficult.

After the first application was denied, CHWC worked with the Office of Rural Health Care, Sharon Hospital and other local organizations to revise their data, and after several months of work, the application went to HRSA again.

The "new" designation is technically an expansion of Torrington's HPSA designation, which has been in place for over 20 years, said Borduas.

The primary care providers incentivized by the designation include GPs and other practitioners of family medicine and internal medicine, including advanced nurse practitioners, nurses and even—on a case-by-case basis—licensed clinical social workers.

The incentives do not extend to specialists like OB-GYNs or gastroenterologists—other health care providers sorely needed in a region characterized by an aging population and a lack of reliable access to transport.

Asked if the program works, Borduas was unequivocal. "Absolutely, it works,"

she said. "I've hired maybe a dozen or so providers who have come looking for sponsorships for visas" since she began working at CHWC, she said.

She has also seen many providers come through the loan repayment program. It's "a big draw for those who are just coming out of medical school," she said, which is "a really big plus" for local health care "because [recent graduates'] skills are usually very high."

"The HPSA designation is one more tool in our recruitment toolbox to help attract and retain top talent from a larger pool of clinical candidates," said Sharon Hospital president Christina McCulloch in a statement. "We are actively building the needed infrastructure to take advantage of this opportunity."

Andrea Rynn, spokesperson for Nuvance Health at Sharon Hospital, said that the designation is primarily directed towards physicians and not nurses, so she doesn't expect the incentives to help Sharon Hospital attract and retain staff in their Labor and Delivery Unit, which Nuvance is trying to close.

"But we will be exploring all opportunities," she said.

Improving rural health care is also necessary for keeping people in the area and attracting new full-time residents, or for people to return to the communities that they worked in and grew up in, said Borduas. "This could be a promising step in that direction—to get folks to stay locally, and to get health care services where they are very much needed."

The new designation includes Salisbury, North Canaan, Canaan, Norfolk, Colebrook, Sharon, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Warren, Litchfield, and Morris.

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bon. Also present was Sheila Mosquera-Bruno, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Housing and Garrett Eucalitto, Department of Transportation commissioner.

Eucalitto remarked, "We do large projects all around the state...major highways, major railroads...but these are the projects that have the greatest impact on our individual communities."

Speck also recognized and thanked former First Selectman Bruce Adams, who was instrumental in the early days of Streetscape.

The completion of phase one has given Kent walkable and safe sidewalks along Main Street and Bridge Street.

With tearful sincerity, Speck said, "I'm thanking everybody that had a hand in the concrete and granite."

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Tea for the soul:

Exploring harmony and tranquility in Norfolk

Mr. Wenchin Tsai and Mrs. Li-Jin Chung greeted visitors with welcoming smiles at the open house held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center on West-side Road.

Mr. Tsai, who manages the tour guides for the Center, explained their mission is to “promote cultural exchange to enhance mutual understanding among people. This is a place where you can explore the roots of spiritual thought that have influenced the world.”

Beyond the ornate metal gates emblazoned with the logo of the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center lies a world that enchants, educates and humbles the viewer. The marble reception area displays its motto—“Love, Mutual Support, and Peace”—surrounded by the Chinese characters for gentleness, kindness, respect, frugality, yielding, benevolence, righteousness, propriety, wisdom and sincerity.

As the tour began, Mrs. Chung continued: “The Center opened on Aug. 6, 2022, to introduce Asian culture through education and dialogue, and to integrate with the local community with the goal of creating a more harmonious society. We must walk together as a team, as we are all the same under our skin.” Mrs. Chung, formerly a systems analyst at Bell Labs, volunteers her time at the Center “because I am passionate about our mission.”

Housed in an extraordinary stone castle built at the turn of the century, the Center contains museum-style art and history exhibits exploring the background and meaning of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, and the spiritual and mystical aspects of the Incan and pre-Columbian culture of Peru. Young docents, volunteers who come from as far away as Montreal, are on hand to answer questions, bring fresh glasses of water, and knowledgeably guide the curious through three floors of interactive, mysterious and informative displays.

Sculptures, paintings from Taiwan and Canada, ancient artifacts, stained glass windows, calligraphic scrolls, and brilliant silk ceremonial robes glowing in the light fill the senses. There is a tunnel of glass lit from within that has water flowing down its sides to help visitors feel tranquil in their Spiritual Exploration Zone.

While the purpose of the museum is serious, there are flights of fancy. For instance, in one display, a button asks visitors to choose whether they pray for peace. There is a hand suspending a globe that, if the wrong answer is given, pulls the Earth underwater and a film plays showing global catastrophic events; push the “yes” button and the message is hope, light and salvation. In a separate building on this 48-acre estate, there is a Peruvian cultural exhibit, which has at its centerpiece a life-sized llama



Mrs. Li-Jin Chung and Mr. Wenchin Tsai

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST



Gwendolyn Wong

serving as a backdrop for a selfie photo booth.

Entering the vast Victorian dining room, Mrs. Chung explained that in

1998 when the Confucian Study Association purchased the property, it was in a state of disrepair. The funding for



the restoration project has come from private sources around the world. Craftsmen from

Taiwan were brought to Norfolk to reproduce the mahogany panels and coffered ceilings from the heyday of this massive stone house,

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My hour with a medium

The Northwest Corner was in full autumnal regalia and still decked out for Halloween when I arrived at the home of Kia Hellman, self-described “psychic medium/intuitive advisor,” for my first session, so it’s possible that my feeling of the house’s peaceful, understated witchiness came entirely from my imagination.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Kia Hellman.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK MAUD DOYLE

Hellman, a native of the Northwest Corner, has a warm, limpid face. We sat in her sunlit office, a comfortable, easy space painted sky blue. Cloudy white sheepskins and macramé instead of the psychic-of-your-imagination red velvet curtains; a clean white desk instead of a round, draped table dedicated to a shadowy crystal ball.

Of course we all have guides and the spirits of those who have passed on, she said, naming the entities that many psychics and mediums choose to channel.

“But I prefer to go straight to source — I find it’s just clearer that way,” she said.

Hellman explained that she meditates on her clients before each of her sessions, and even though she knows only their names, images will arrive from which she

rence of what appeared to be non sequiturs, such as a shift from our discussion of my book project to the necessity of engaging in more embodied creative practice, for instance: “When you dance, you push away the hard, enforcer energy that gets in the way of your expression,” she said.

It was these moments, when she offered unprompted suggestions, that I found most woo-woo (dancing is the path to writing more freely?).

Feeling like she was just filling the silence, I’d interrupt, injecting pointed questions about my most pressing anxieties: my new job and my love life — it will be about ten months before I’m able to verify either of Hellman’s predictions on these fronts.

It was only afterwards that I realized that the meandering streams of thought she’d been navigating in those unprompted spaces were among the most resonant and precise of our interview — only my roommate knows anything about the joy I derive from dancing in our kitchen. Should I return, I intend to stay quieter, and listen with more open ears to the answers for which I didn’t know to look.

can often start the conversation.

She described three prompting images for me: a strict, taskmaster-type older woman with a stick; a child (me?) rolling joyfully down a grassy hill; and friends chattering over candlelight — all of which felt surprisingly resonant, and provided ample structure for our wandering conversation.

In many ways my hour with Hellman felt more like a warm and supportive life-coaching session — a sort of spiritual talk therapy — than what I’d imagined a session with a psychic would be like.

At first I was annoyed by the persistent occur-



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Inside the Connecticut-Asia Cultural Center in Norfolk.

...exploring harmony

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which was designed by Henry Hornbostel for his widowed client, Pulitzer-Prize-winning Serbian physicist and inventor Michael I. Pupin, who wrote in his memoir, “From Immigrant to Inventor”: “In 1897 I bought a farm at Norfolk. This blessed spot where I regained my health and happiness, became my real American home and I have never had any desire to seek a better haven of happiness in any other place.” There is a display in the museum honoring the origins of the home including an image of Pupin and his friend Albert Einstein.

On Nov. 5, the Center held an open house and tea ceremony for the community to enjoy. A table set with soft linens, flowers and a row of teacups waited in a sunny alcove of the great

paneled room. A row of guests joined the two women, who explained the tradition and meanings behind the aesthetic tea ceremony they call the Tao of Tea. They served red and green teas from Ali Mountain in Taiwan.

In a stone castle built to restore the soul of a man, it is fitting that its walls contain an organization that believes “The earth is the home we all share. By reducing conflicts and living in harmony and mutual prosperity, we are fulfilling our responsibility of protecting the earth. To achieve this goal relies on people being able to awaken and to manifest universal love, tolerance and mutual assistance. In this way we can honor the possibility of peaceful coexistence among people and create a

bright and happy future.”

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FILM: DEBORAH MAIER

First American indie film to open Orkin/Engel exhibit at Mad Rose Gallery

On Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3:30 p.m. at The Moviehouse, "Little Fugitive" will be featured in a free showing as an introduction to the work of Ruth Orkin and Morris Engel at the nearby Mad Rose Gallery.

The 1953 Silver Lion award-winning short film follows the exploits of a 7-year-old boy who runs away after he is cruelly pranked into believing he has murdered his brother. In a way almost unthinkable today, he ranges far and wide in Coney Island's amusement park, captured in evocative black-and-white cinematography of a New York that no longer exists.

As noted in the gallery's press release: "Also screened will be "Ruth Orkin: Frames of Life," a documentary directed by their daughter Mary Engel that offers an intimate look at Orkin's life, her creative process, and the enduring impact of her work. Mary will be present for a Q&A after both films."

A reception at Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) at the corner of Main Street, will follow the screenings. The iconic married couple, who began as collaborators, were active in the period from the late 1930s



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through the 1980s. They are recognized as having broken new ground in both moving pictures and still photography.

One of Orkin's best-known images, "American Girl in Italy," is emblematic of her gift for capturing a moment in time, often with a touch of humor as well as an eye for detail, in street scenes as well as portraits.

Her husband, Engel, likewise an accomplished photographer from an early age, served

in the Navy in World War II under Edward Steichen, and was an influential figure in independent filmmaking. With a friend, he had designed the first handheld 35mm camera based on the bulkier, heavier ones that had been used by the military in World War II.

The exhibit extends until Sunday, Dec. 31. The gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. To assure seating for the films, see the gallery's website for tickets.

THANKSGIVING DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

The Pilgrim House in North Canaan will host its annual Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23. Thanksgiving dinner will be provided to all attendees, and deliveries are also available by request.

Those interested in contributing to the celebration can do so by making donations such as uncooked turkeys, potatoes, vegetables, rolls or condiments. Volun-

teers are also needed to help prepare vegetables Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. and/or work Thanksgiving Day, or deliver dinners to shut-ins — CDC requirements will be required for both days.

If there are any unused funds, they will be used to assist people in our local communities to help fight hunger and famine by spreading the word about the Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration. Monetary

donations can be made payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT 06039 with "Thanksgiving Celebration" marked in the memo line. To make a food donation or volunteer, contact Beverly Becker at 860-671-1892 or beverlybecker4@gmail.com



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Solos and duets were brought to harmonic life by singers performing Sunday, Nov. 12, at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. At the left is soprano Marthe Ryerson, performing with soprano Donna Marie Castaner. Accompaniment was provided by organist Jon Lafleur.

MUSIC: LEILA HAWKEN

Community assembled for Sunday concert

Clearly, there is no shortage of lovers of good music in Sharon, judging from the capacity audience that assembled at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon for a benefit concert of sacred and secular solos and duets on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Church organist Jon Lafleur ably accompanied sopranos Marthe Ryerson and Donna Marie Castaner, offering an eclectic mix of music. Each piece was selected

to showcase the versatility and talents of the performers, whose voices blended harmonically to perfection.

Castaner self-accompanied on lever harp, smaller than a symphony harp but effective as a gentle companion for a solo rendition of "Amazing Grace."

For Lafleur, it was his first concert in 13 years, when he accompanied Trumbull High School's choir for a European tour.

The program was chosen by Lafleur to range from Mendelssohn to Broadway by way of Mozart and Schubert. Composers' dates spanned from the 13th to the 20th centuries, all still relevant to 21st-century ears, minds and hearts.

Secular pieces included an array of serenades, or love songs, in German, French and Italian.

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NOVEMBER 17

Children's Theater

The Center On Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Children's Theater proudly presents, "Folk Tails: Animal Stories from Around the World" Friday, Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. at The Center On Main, 103 Main St. in Falls Village. The show includes a folk tale written by the cast members. Amber Cameron directs, with musical direction from Brook Martinez.

NOVEMBER 18

The History and Archeology of the Indigenous Lifeways of the Northwest Corner

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a talk with Paul Wegner, Assistant Director of the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Conn. Paul will discuss the history and archeology of the Indigenous lifeways here in the Northwest Corner. Guests will have the opportunity to get hands on with Indigenous objects found in Connecticut that tell us a story of the state's deep history.

International Poetry

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

An in-person/Zoom hybrid poetry event will be hosted by Cornwall Library on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Join poets from around the world, poets from across the nation, and local poets for an afternoon of live readings. Spots are limited. To sign up to read, contact www.ccArshagra.com. Registration is required at cornwalllibrary.org.

Qigong Workshop

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org
The Hotchkiss Library

of Sharon will host an introductory Qigong workshop on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Qigong is an ancient Chinese exercise form, created centuries ago to promote strength, flexibility, and resilience in the body, mind, and spirit. This introductory workshop will teach the foundational Qigong movements, as well as a few of the major acupressure points (acupuncture is derived from Qigong) for self-healing. Space is limited in this free workshop, but pre-registration is required: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/11434397. Preference will be given to Sharon residents.

NOVEMBER 19

Turkey Tales

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, 120 Muser Dr., Cornwall, Conn.

Kick off the Thanksgiving holiday out in the forest as you search for the signs and sounds of wild turkeys! Learn all about this fascinating bird that is so prevalent this time of year and discover the turkey's natural history, unique adaptations, and connection to the first Thanksgiving. Check out turkey feathers, a call box, and more up close—and maybe even come across some live ones along the trail during a guided walk. Pre-registration is required. Visit hhnm.org or call (845) 534-5506.

NOVEMBER 22

SVNA Community Breakfast

15 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association will host a free community gathering at The White Hart on Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Salisbury. James Demmert, an experienced investment manager with over 35 years of experience, will discuss the tax benefits of charitable giving and provide a brief overview of the global financial markets. After the talk,

James will generously provide guests with a copy of his latest book, "Wall Street Lessons: Overcoming Fear, Greed and Being Your Own Worst Enemy." To attend this event, please RSVP to Joanna Geiger at (860) 397-9480, jgeiger@vnhlc.org.

Quinnetukut – Stories of Survival

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Join Darlene Kascak (Schaghticoke Tribal Nation) from The Institute for American Indian Studies at the David M. Hunt Library on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. for an interactive presentation on the 12,000-year history of Quinnetukut's Indigenous people for all ages. Listen to the stories that explain the great mysteries of life that teach about love, being a good human being, and our kinship with all living beings. IAIS will bring animal furs, replicated artifacts, organic instruments, and more contemporary items for an interactive and educational experience for all age groups.

NOVEMBER 23

Turkey Trot Fun Run

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Join the Cornwall Library for the Turkey Trot Fun Run on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. First and second place prizes will be awarded for a kids' sprint and a one-mile adult run. Refreshments will be available for purchase. \$10 entry for those over age 10, free to those under age 10. Register at cornwalllibrary.org.

NOVEMBER 24

Tree Lighting

Cornwall Bridge, Conn.

The Cornwall Association will host the annual tree lighting in Cornwall Bridge on Friday, Nov. 24. Guests are invited to take part in the seasonal merriment beginning at 5 p.m.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Baris Gokturk introduced the new art show at Hunt Library on Nov. 11.

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Connecting through art

‘Round Corners,’ an exhibition by art students of the New York Educational Program (NYEP) in Manhattan (including Falls Village artist John Hodgson), opened at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, Nov. 11.

All featured artists in the exhibit live with developmental complexities.

Instructor Baris Gokturk introduced the

show and noted that the group had expanded into sculpture, using found objects such as kitchen utensils.

The NYEP artists have held 10 group exhibitions, and some in the group have also exhibited work in additional shows. Hodgson, who has been working with Gokturk since 2008, has had 12 solo shows.

The Hunt show runs through Friday, Dec. 1.



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On Friday, Dec. 1, holiday season festivities will kick off with a "Making Spirits Bright Stroll" in downtown Salisbury.

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Saturday, Dec. 2, will feature activities throughout the day

and evening, including a holiday market, food vendors, Scoville Library Books & Bling, Noble Horizons Festival of Trees, choral concerts, and a holiday cocktail party at the White Hart.

Sunday, Dec. 3, will wrap up the weekend with a Parade of Lights, Santa Claus and the tree lighting at the White Hart and Town Green.

Donations will be collected for the local food pantry. Guests are

asked to bring a nonperishable food item or two to deposit in one of the many collection boxes around town.

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Our Towns

SCS keeps veteran tradition alive

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Veterans came to Salisbury Central School for the traditional Veterans Day ceremony Thursday, Nov. 9. It was the 17th year of the event.

Sixth-grader Skyler Ohman, in uniform, was outside in the parking lot directing traffic, and had to be summoned to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The veterans introduced themselves, the students sang to them, and the band played various service anthems.

The ceremony ended with the children giving handmade cards to the delighted veterans.

Attendees included: Dave Bayersdorfer (Marines), Scott Salmon (Marines),



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Peter Oliver (left) and Dave Bayersdorfer share a laugh before the ceremony.

Craig Moskowitz (Army), John McGuire (Army), Peter Oliver (Marines), Jerry Baldwin (Air Force), Chris Ohmen (Army), Bill Kelsey

(Navy), Joanna Robinson (Marines), Joe Power (Navy), Jason Pennella (Army), Troy Ramcharran (Army), Jim Kennedy (Coast Guard),

Carl Jenter (Army), Don Hurlbutt (Army), Tracy Firth (Army), Randy Cannon (Air Force), and Mark Ditmer (Army).



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Music teacher Danielle O'Neil led a group dance, Nov. 9.

LHK thanks veterans

FALLS VILLAGE — At a concise ceremony Thursday, Nov. 9, Lee H. Kellogg School students thanked veterans with songs and dance.

The veterans who were there were: John Seitz (Air Force), Michael Poole (Navy), Jason Mechare (Navy), and Robert Turner (Army). Brenda and Joy Rooney attended as parents to celebrate John E. Rooney (Army), who was not pres-

ent. Several students honored grandfathers and great-grandfathers who served.

Music teacher Danielle O'Neil led the children in singing and in a dance involving scarves.

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— Patrick L. Sullivan

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