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

Housing Trust helped orchestrate one family's Salisbury homecoming

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — The walls are bare and the rooms are not yet fully furnished, but the modest, gray house at 70 East Main Street is a happy home to Bill Sherwood and his three children, ages 4 to 17, thanks to assistance from the nonprofit Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) and countless others who gave of their time and talent to help the young family return to the community where their ancestors go back generations.

"I always wanted to live in town and previous to this opportunity, I couldn't afford to live in town," said Sherwood on a recent Saturday morning two weeks after the housing trust transferred ownership of the renovated, 3-bedroom, two-story home to him for \$250,000.

Just one week earlier, the family had spent their first night in their new home. It was SHT's 16th house to be sold as affordable housing in Salisbury.

"Carter slept in his own room for the first time," said Sherwood of his youngest child, who is 4. The youngster, taking a break from giving bear hugs to the family's yellow Lab, Max, talked excitedly about dressing up as his favorite superhero, The Flash, for Halloween, "because he's fast."

"I'm having a sleepover tonight," said Carter, naming all of his friends who would be arriving later that day. The youngster



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
The Sherwood family, from left, Jase, Bill, Carter and Abby, at their new home in Salisbury.

attends pre-school at Salisbury Central School.

"All the people that helped us out who were seen and unseen, it's really a miracle," noted Sherwood, who sold his house in North Canaan so that he and his children, Jase, 17, Abby, 15, and Carter, could move closer to his mother after the tragic loss of his wife, Katy, to cancer three years ago.

"It was a tough time. We also lost

my dad Robert, who was known to everyone as Bullet, around that same time," Sherwood recalled of the family's trying times.

Leo Gafney, Trustee Emeritus of the housing trust, remembered Bullet Sherwood as being deeply committed to the community. He served the Lakeville Hose company for 48 years, was the "informal mayor" of Salisbury and "an amazing guy," said Gafney.

"If there was anything going on, he was there. If there was an accident, he would direct traffic. If there was a fire, he would help with housing. He even played Santa Claus at the church during the holidays."

Gafney noted that one of SHT's main missions is to make affordable homes available to volunteers.

"Getting Bill back to Salisbury fits our model perfectly," he said, noting that Sherwood has followed in his late father's footsteps as a volunteer firefighter with the Lakeville Hose Company for 15 years.

In addition, Jase is a junior member of the hose company. The teen, a junior at Oliver Wolcott Technical School, has his sights set on a career as an HVAC technician. He said he wants to give back to the community in the same ways his grandfather and father have.

Abby, who will turn 16 in early February, is a sophomore at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and member of the girls' volleyball team, which she revealed is enjoying a successful season.

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN
Racers set out in the rain on the five-mile course through Kent for the 47th Annual Pumpkin Run.

Wet and wild weather for Kent's Pumpkin Run

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Cold and rain on Sunday, Oct. 29, didn't discourage the field of runners entered for the largest annual Kent event. A windy 50 degrees was actually reportedly a "comfortable running temperature," maybe not quite as much for spectators.

As always, costumes were a big part of the day's fun. Just as imaginative, creative and entertaining as ever, there were pumpkins, skeletons, and Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce runners. First place was the

familiar face of William Sanders, a frequent winner in many races in the area. Women's winner, and sixth place overall, was Kerin Hempel.

A kids fun run started the day and was well attended. Results for all 201 competitors can be viewed on fasttracktiming.com

Meet the candidates

Municipal voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. This election cycle will see contested races for selectman in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, and Salisbury. In 2021, just two of the six Region One towns had contested races. With 26 candidates for select-

man in 2023, there is a lot to learn ahead of the vote. Ahead of the election, profiles on participating candidates have been published in 'The Lakeville Journal' in our 'Meet the candidates' series.

This week, read about Kent's candidates on page A8.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST
Lisa Carter

Supt. Carter announces plan to leave Region One

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter announced her retirement at the All Boards Chair Committee meeting Wednesday, Oct. 25, effective June 30, 2024.

Carter became superintendent July 1, 2020, in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a phone interview Saturday, Oct. 28, she was asked if the pandemic experience had hastened her retirement.

She said not.

"I'm not retiring earlier than I might have. The job is big, COVID or not. It's seven

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Writers versus robots

A look at copyright law in the modern era of AI

By Maud Doyle

FALLS VILLAGE — In the history of written literature in the West, the modern notion of authors' rights are a fairly recent invention, said Mary Rasenberger, chief executive officer of the Authors Guild, at Friday night's Salisbury Forum on Oct. 27 at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. And in the era of Artificial Intelligence, it is time that those rights be revisited.

The context for the talk, as Rasenberger summarized: A year after OpenAI's release of ChatGPT4 in November 2022, it is being used to write books and generate content—especially for the web—and

human writers are getting laid off, losing the work that supports book writing, and selling fewer books for less money. For one week this year, AI-generated books had the top three bestsellers in the young adult category.

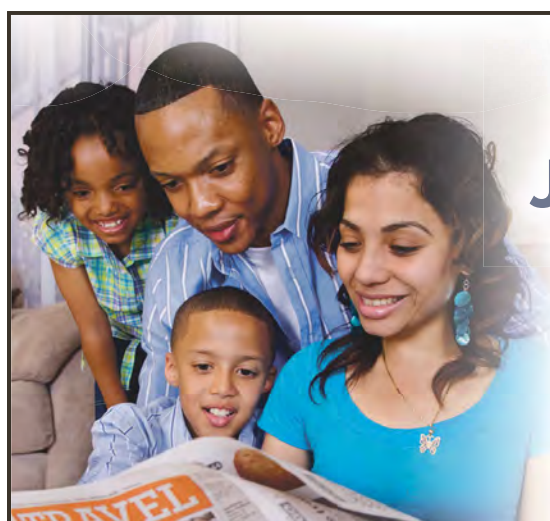
The concept of "author," meaning "someone who was the originator of and had authority over the text" (or who "authorized" the text), said Rasenberger, arose in the Roman period, receded in the Middle Ages, then reemerged in 12th century France, reaching the English language in the time of Chaucer in the 14th century.

But it wasn't until the 17th century, some 200 years after the invention of the printing press, said Rasenberger, that authors gained

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Disconnected: DEEP discusses broadband

By Riley Klein

LITCHFIELD — “Here is one of the biggest hot spots in the state for unserved and underserved addresses,” said Nadya Hoolahan from the Office of Telecommunications and Broadband at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

In 2023, towns in the Northwest Corner remain notable behind the majority of the state when it comes to available high-speed internet. On Thursday, Oct. 26, representatives from DEEP hosted an informational forum on the subject.

The audience of 18 was primarily composed of residents without broadband internet, several of whom were members of the Sharon Connect Task Force, which set out to properly map connectivity levels of every home in town.

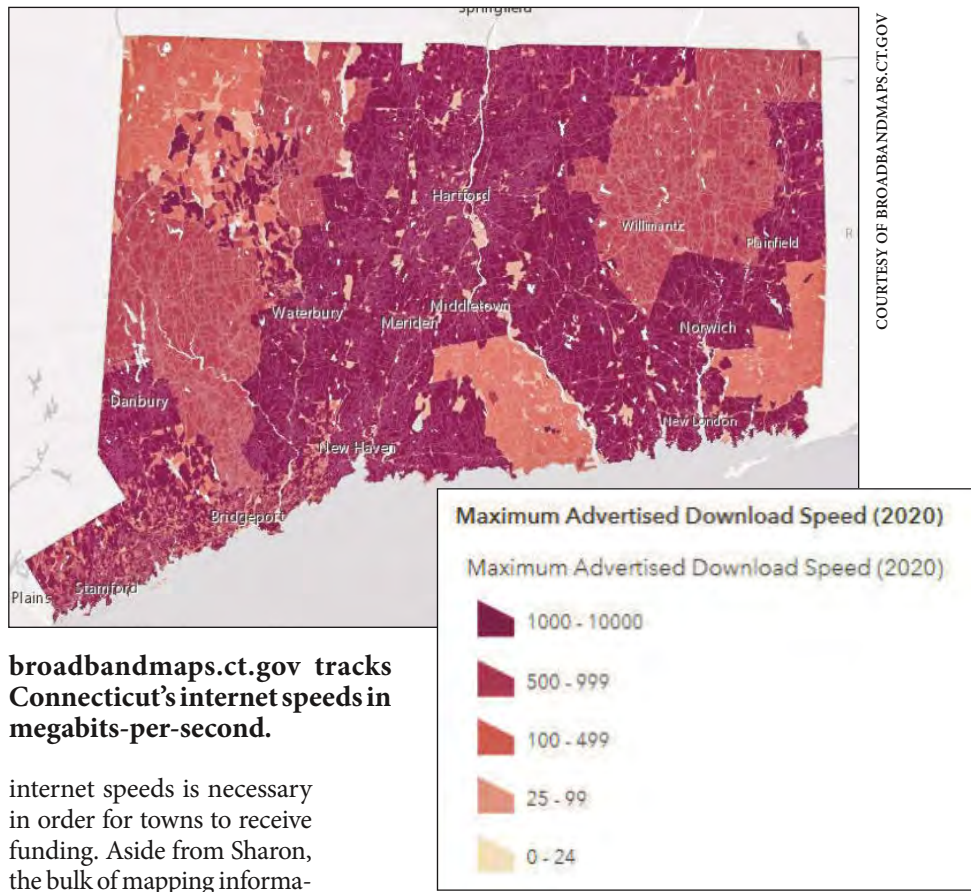
In Sharon, Hoolahan pointed out on the interactive map on broadbandmaps.ct.gov, 0% of homes meet the standard set by the state for high-speed internet.

“That’s a problem for us,” said Hoolahan.

Connecticut has set a goal of achieving universal one gigabit-per-second download speeds and 100 megabit-per-second upload speeds by 2028.

To achieve the state’s connection goals, two distinct funding streams are in place to bridge the gap in unserved and underserved locations: \$144 million will come from Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) and \$41 million from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The money will initially be allocated to areas that have demonstrated a severe lack of coverage, meaning accurate documentation of



broadbandmaps.ct.gov tracks Connecticut’s internet speeds in megabits-per-second.

internet speeds is necessary in order for towns to receive funding. Aside from Sharon, the bulk of mapping information in the Northwest Corner has been provided by internet service providers (ISP) up to this point.

Audience members took issue with this, stating that ISPs have not given accurate information of speeds in the area.

“It’s like asking the Catholic priest how child molestation is going,” said Katherine Keifer, Salisbury resident and candidate for selectman.

Individuals can “challenge” current information if they verify a notable difference in download/upload speeds with at-home speed tests. Independent challenges can be submitted through Dec. 28, after which time challenges can only be submitted through a municipal government or regional Council of Governments.

“When we get to the BEAD program, this official challenge process, the window will close for the status of the FCC map, which will dictate where BEAD funding goes,” said Kevin Pisacich, director

of DEEP’s Office of Telecommunications and Broadband.

DEEP encouraged residents who believe that their internet speeds are slower than what has been mapped to independently submit connectivity reports on broadbandmaps.ct.gov.

A grassroots effort to properly map high-speed internet availability is precisely what the Sharon Connect Task Force accomplished.

Jill Drew, co-chair of Sharon Connect Task Force, said the group set out to improve broadband coverage in Sharon. The group has collected data on every address and telephone pole in Sharon to accurately map connectivity in the town.

“We did it with all volunteers,” said Drew. “It took over a year, it was very time consuming.”

While larger municipalities in the state are often able to outsource data collection to professionals, in rural Connecticut the burden has fallen

on individuals and volunteer groups.

Those seeking to comment on the map can contact David Lukens, broadband mapping coordinator at the Office of Policy Management, at david.lukens@ct.gov.

Volume 1 of the Initial Proposal for BEAD funding has been posted online and is open for public comment through Nov. 17. This volume lays out goals of the program and provides more information on the challenge process.

Visit www.tinyurl.com/3a-6j3v3b to see Volume 1 of the proposal.

Volume 2, expected to be published in November, will give information on remaining requirements including the selection process, performance measures, and deployment projects. Volume 2 will also have a 30-day public comment period. Comments on the BEAD Initial Proposal should be submitted via email to DEEP.Broadband@ct.gov for review.

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POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Trespass, larceny charge

On Monday, Oct. 23, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Troopers responded to Laurelbrook Farm in East Canaan for the report of a suspicious person walking around the farm. An investigation led to the arrest of Robinson Romero Tonato, 21, of North Canaan, on charges of criminal mischief 1st degree, criminal trespass 3rd degree and larceny 1st degree. Romero Tonato was released on a \$5,000 cash surety bond.

Turns self in on warrant

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, at approximately 5 p.m., Francis Golden, 33, of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, turned himself in at Troop B on an active warrant for failure to appear 2nd degree. Golden was held on a \$3,000 cash surety bond. The warrant stated Golden was accused of operating a vehicle under the influence and violation of probation.

Oncoming car high beams

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, at approximately 8:45 p.m., Dean Bradley, 49, of Miami, Florida, was traveling northbound on College Street in Cornwall when an oncoming vehicle with its high beams turned on caused him to swerve and collide with a utility pole. Bradley was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

Left scene at Stop & Shop

On Thursday, Oct. 26, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Melissa Lafountain of Bristol was parked in the North Canaan Stop & Shop parking lot when a white GMC pickup, possibly bearing a Massachusetts license plate,

struck her front passenger side door. The pickup truck then left the scene. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Troop B at 860-626-1820.

Following too closely

On Thursday, Oct. 26, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Caroline Rodriguez, 63, of Sharon, was traveling southbound on Route 7 in North Canaan, slowing to make a turn into a driveway when Juana Flores, 40, following behind failed to slow and struck Rodriguez’s vehicle. Flores was issued an infraction for following too closely.

Right-of-way collision

On Friday, Oct. 27, at approximately 10 p.m., Mark Gannon, 33, of West Cornwall, was traveling south on Route 63 in Canaan. Vivian Roberts, 17, of Kent, was traveling east on Route 126, negotiating a left turn onto Route 63 and struck Gannon’s vehicle on the passenger side. Roberts was issued a written warning for failure to grant right of way to oncoming traffic.

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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Online This Week

Falls Village seasonal celebration

Falls Village hosted a Fall Festival on Oct. 28. Learn more on www.tricornernews.com

Sharon hires human resource consultant

Tracey Abut has been hired in Sharon to help meet the town’s human resource needs. Full story on www.tricornernews.com

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Legal Notice Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 16, 2023: Approved—Site Plan Application #2023-0228 by agent George Johannesen, for an addition to camp kitchen and staff dormitory in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 64 as Lot 16 and is located at 410 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is the American School for the Deaf.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
11-02-23

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 23, 2023:

Approved with Conditions - Application 2023-IW-017 by owner A Slice of LLC for the planting of a vegetative buffer in connection with demolition and rebuilding of a single-family residence. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 40 as lot 29 and is known as 79 Old CNE Road, Lakeville.

Exempt - Request for declaratory ruling 2023-IW-022D by owner Richard and Jean Bell for the repair and resurfacing of a bridge on a driveway as of right. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 59 as lot 05 and is known as 147 Between the Lakes Road, Salisbury.

Approved with Conditions - Application 2023-IW-020 by owner Hotchkiss School for gravel turn-offs and grading for vehicles and temporary kitchen facility trailers. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 06 as lot 09 and is known as 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville.

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

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Prospective voters of the Town of North Canaan are hereby warned that the Registrars of Voters office will be open from 9:00 am-5:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023 for all those who wish to register to vote in the Town of North Canaan, CT. Those who register to vote on that date will be eligible to vote in the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at the McCarthy Room at 100 Pease Street in the Town Hall of North Canaan, CT. Dated at North Canaan this 25th Day of October, 2023.

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Our Towns

State's history of witch persecution, redemption reveals an untold story

By Debra A. Aleksinas

GOSHEN — In 1647, 45 years before the executions of the Salem Witch Trials, the Colony of Connecticut sent America's first condemned witch, Alice 'Alse' Young of Windsor, to the gallows on charges of witchcraft.

Young, one of dozens of people falsely accused and one of more than 10 who were hanged, met her demise at Meeting House Square in Hartford on what is now the site of the Old State House.

After that, witchcraft persecution took off not only in Connecticut, but throughout New England. The state's last witchcraft trial took place in 1697, when charges against Wallingford residents Winifred Benham and her teenage daughter were dismissed.

While the Connecticut Witch Trials did not generate nearly the level of hysteria as Salem, Massachusetts, the panic persisted for nearly four decades, according to Beth Caruso, author and co-founder of the Connecticut Witch Trial Exoneration Project, who addressed a small but engaged audience during a lecture at the Goshen Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 26.

"I was surprised to find out that not many people know about Connecticut's Witch Trials," said Caruso, who during the past decade has written two books and an academic article on the topic and has another tome in progress.

Root causes were fear and misogyny

Fear and misogyny, Caruso explained, were the root causes of the Witch Trials. Puritan beliefs, she added, also contributed to accusations of witchcraft, specifically three types of magic: high, folk and demonic.

High magic, primarily alchemy and astrology, was revered in the day and studied by those with higher education like John Winthrop Jr., who served as Deputy Governor of the Colony of Connecticut.

Folk magic, on the other hand, including foretelling the future, protection and good luck, was commonly used but was frowned upon by church leaders, said Caruso. And then there was dark, or diabolical magic, which was associated with witchcraft.

Misogyny ran rampant during this time. Women accused of being witches were humiliated and degraded, she explained. "The men never had to strip down and have their private parts searched. Never. They could stand up for themselves."

Three stages of the trials

The Connecticut Witch Trials occurred in stages, explained Caruso. From 1647 to 1654, there were seven accusations, convictions and hangings. An accusation was a death sentence.

The year 1647 was a traumatic one in Windsor. A deadly influenza hit town, resulting in a death toll of 27 people. Most were children, and the majority of them had prominent parents.

Caruso said there are logical modern explanations for common behaviors of those thought to be bewitched. For example, many of the "fits" referred to in witch trials might have been seizures that occur with a high fever.

Other effects of high fevers are confusion or hallucinations. "As a nurse, I have



PHOTO BY BETH CARUSO

This memorial brick bears the name of Alice 'Alse' Young, of Windsor, Conn., the first person executed for witchcraft in America.

seen it with the elderly and young kids," said Caruso.

From 1655 to 1661, John Winthrop Jr. got involved, but then from 1662 to 1663, Winthrop was away getting Connecticut's charter and what became known as the Hartford Witch Panic ensued.

During Winthrop's absence, Caruso explained, Captain Mason, leader in the Pequot war, stepped in as acting Deputy Governor. During that time, four people were hung. Reverend Stone and other ministers interogated witnesses, and Bray Rossiter, a physician, performed an autopsy to prove witchcraft took place.

"Rossiter did an autopsy on a young girl" who accused Judith Ayres of torturing her, Caruso explained. The girl had been suffering a high fever and exhibited confusion.

"Rossiter does the autopsy five days later and finds blood accumulated in the girl's gullet. That was normal, but he didn't know it."

From 1663 to 1697, more witch indictments and trials took place but under the two-person rule, where more than one accuser was needed for a trial, there were fewer convictions and no deaths.

After Winthrop's return in 1663, there were changes in indictments and the witch hangings stopped altogether. Winthrop refused to carry out convictions, said Caruso.

There was an uptick in accusations in 1692 during the Salem Panic, but Connecticut authorities became more measured in their approach.

State's apology took 370 years

On May 25, 2023, the eve of the anniversary of the first witch hanging, lawmakers proclaimed the innocence of residents convicted of witchcraft. Caruso described the milestone as "a joyous moment."

In a 33-1 vote, with distant family members in attendance, they absolved accused Colonial-era witches with the passage of HJ 34. The resolution had more than 24 co-sponsors, and was supported by Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz.

"The State of Connecticut apologizes to the descendants of all those who were indicated, convicted and executed for the harm done to the accused persons' posterity to the present date," the resolution states. Lawmakers also acknowledged the "trauma and shame that wrongfully continued to affect the families of the accused."

Massachusetts had exonerated those convicted during the Salem Witch Trials.

The Connecticut resolution, according to a statement by the CT Witch Trial Exoneration Project, "will be an example to others working to recognize and address

the wrongs of the past. Connecticut is taking a stand against injustice and human right violation. Connecticut is taking a stand against misogyny. Connecticut is also taking a stand against witch-hunting, which will resonate in parts of the world where witchcraft accusations continue to lead to violence today."

However, Caruso noted, in over 60 countries around the globe, people are still being accused of diabolical witchcraft, mostly women.

According to the UN Human Rights Council report, she said, 20,000 people between 2009 and 2019 "died or suffered from witch hunts, mostly through vigilante justice."

"What Connecticut did with its resolution has current meaning in the fight against witchcraft accusations worldwide," said Caruso, author of "One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America's First Witch Hanging," and its sequel, "The Salty Rose: Alchemists, Witches & A Tapper in New Amsterdam."

She told program attendees that following the passage of the Exoneration Project's resolution to clear the names of the accused, the goal is to continue to share the history of the Connecticut Witch Trials and to advocate for public education and memorialization.

"We are advocating for permanent historical exhibits," including a witch trial trail for the state to highlight the different witch trial-related sites, with an online guide, said Caruso, in addition to a "unified permanent exhibit to educate Connecticut citizens and others about this history."

Currently, in her hometown of Windsor, a brick memorializing Alice 'Alse' Young is installed in a town Heritage Bricks installation across from CVS at the flagpole.

"There are no grave sites for descendants or others to visit," said Caruso who noted that convicted witches did not have proper graves. "They were possibly thrown in ditches near the hanging site or taken secretly by families for a proper burial."

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Madame Marissa gazed into the future for fortune telling at HYSB Monster Mash.

Fortunes and fun at HYSB Halloween extravaganza

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — There was something for everyone at the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau's Monster Mash Dash at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 28. About 50 runners participated in the five kilometer run using the high school's cross country course. Matt

Mette explained the course, noting helpfully that there were arrows painted in strategic locations and some people stationed at points along the way to assist.

Some of the runners were in Halloween costumes.

For the more sedentary, there were food trucks, a DJ, and two bouncy houses, one equipped with a slide that the younger set found irresist-

ible.

HYSB's Marissa Kent was on hand as Madame Marissa, a fortuneteller, and Jamie Sadeh of Falls Village assisted youngsters in creating potions from ingredients such as eyeballs and spiders.

An enterprising youth could also paint and/or carve a pumpkin to take home, or make a nice batch of slime.

Sharon votes to allow funding for Mudge Pond aquatic study

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Heightened concerns about whether the hydrilla invasive aquatic plant found in nearby waterways might also be present in Mudge Pond led to a unanimous vote by residents at a town meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26, to have a study conducted.

Dale Jones was elected moderator for the meeting by unanimous vote by the 45 voters attending.

The Board of Finance had given prior approval for the expenditure in the amount of up to \$5,716 to fund a study this fall by Northeast Aquatic Research of Mansfield Center (NEAR). The

funding will be taken from the Silly Putty Fund that stipulates that a town meeting is required for any expenditure from that fund.

Expected to prepare a report within eight months, NEAR will study water quality and overall plant growth, reported Lynn Kearcher who spoke about the need for the study.

Hydrilla can hitchhike from one lake to another attached to a boat bottom. She noted that the southern end of the pond might be at risk, noting that hydrilla can multiply its biomass exponentially once it takes hold.

Kearcher said that the last study of Mudge Pond was done in 2006.

Voters also approved the repeal of ordinances no longer needed since the town has joined the Housatonic Valley Health District and is now governed by its rules and regulations. Repealed were local ordinances that were enacted to govern well drilling permits, sewer systems and food service establishments such as local restaurants.

Within a program to remove dead or dangerous trees overhanging or endangering roads, the town is working in partnership with Eversource, requiring an additional appropriation of \$24,391 to be taken from the Undesignated Fund. The Board of Finance had given this expenditure prior approval.

First Selectman Brent Colley said that tree removal is part of the annual budget. Recently, however, an increase has been seen in the number of troubled trees, whether from spongy moth or infestation from the ash borer insect.

Putting the number of trees in perspective, Colley said that Sharon is the third largest town in acreage in the state.

"We're trying to prevent trees from falling over the roads," Colley said. "It's to keep our roads clear and our lights on."

Falls Village to vote on land swap, easement

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Some 12 residents came to a public hearing called by the Board of Selectmen to discuss the second of four items that Falls Village will vote on during a town meeting that runs concurrently with the municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The item is: 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 (aka the Falls Village Inn) two easements, being a pedestrian easement along the northern side of the property and a vehicular easement through the exist-

ing parking lot.

First Selectman Henry Todd said "We're going to explain this in gruesome detail."

He said the town is getting land from the Falls Village Inn that will solve the longstanding encroachment problem with the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St. Part of the rear of the building is currently on the Inn's property.

The land the town is receiving will also make the 35 Railroad St. a conforming lot.

In return, the Inn is getting an easement along the alleyway and a 24 foot easement to allow for deliveries to the back of the inn.

There were a handful of technical questions, and the hearing adjourned without incident after 15 minutes.

Winter clothing drive in Salisbury

SALISBURY — All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church will again hold its annual winter clothing drive and giveaway. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, which is at 313 Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury.

Winter clothing may be

donated and dropped off at the church at any time between now and Nov. 10. Please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition. Winter clothing for all ages will be accepted, including coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves and boots. For more information, call 860-824-1340.

Kent library raffles off Porsche

On Sunday, Oct. 29, Kent Memorial Library drew the winning raffle ticket for the Porsche Boxter S. Rainy weather moved the scheduled 1 p.m. drawing from the Town Hall steps to the indoor comfort of the library. Sarah Marshall and a small group of hopeful ticket holders watched as young Struan Peters drew the ticket from the huge barrel. Rebecca Edelman from Rockville, Maryland, was the lucky winner. This year, a second prize of two e-bikes was won by Diane Impastato from Kent.

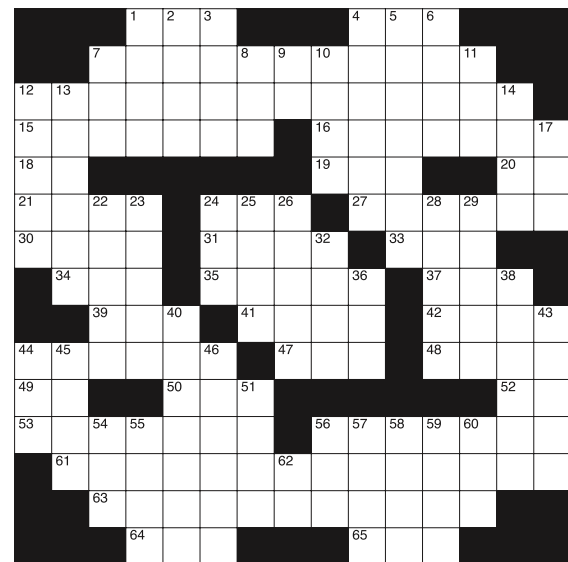


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Brain Teasers

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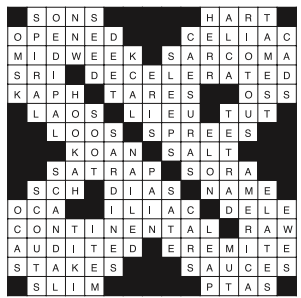
1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize



10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized

45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

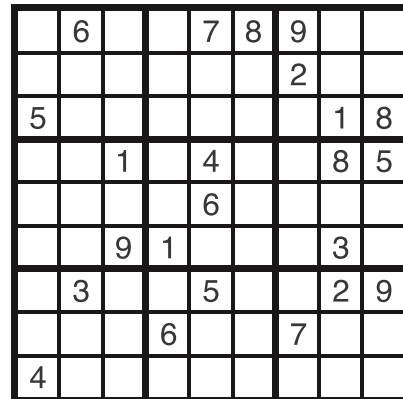
Oct. 26 Solution



CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state

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OBITUARIES

Jane Cole Geisler

VERBANK — Jane Cole Geisler was born June 20, 1923, and grew up in Hyattsville, Maryland.

After graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in Botany in 1944, she met H. John Geisler on an American Youth Hostel bicycle trip. They married in 1945 and moved to Urbana, Illinois, where daughters Carol and Emma were born while John completed a degree in electrical engineering on the G.I. Bill.

They then moved to Dutchess County, New York, where John worked at IBM until retirement. Jane had a son, Warren, in 1950, and while the three children were growing up she enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader and Jane and the whole family enjoyed ice-skating, skiing, swimming, and gardening at the Hillside Lake home.

Then they all moved to Verbank where John's mother lived with them in a two family house on Milewood Road. Jane led a senior Girl Scout group for several years. After her children left for college, she spent more time on environmental education projects, organized day camps, and led many other hikes and activities involving nature study. She was an

Appalachian trail maintainer and was active in the Union Vale Historical society, conservation committee, ADK and the Waterman Bird club for many decades.

She was also an avid reader and loved to play scrabble. She created trails and activities at Tymor Park, attended many town meetings and Cary Arboretum events. She also spent time with relatives at South Wellfleet, Massachusetts, each year, swimming, shell fishing and walking. She was active and walking, almost daily, up until a month before she died.

She is survived by her three children, Carol Schlentner, Warren Geisler, and Emma Stamas, and grandchildren, Tonya Schlentner, Paula Hicks, Laura Stamas, Jed Stamas and Jeremy Stamas; also six great grandchildren, Wesley Hicks, Katie Hicks, Luca Mnookin, April Mnookin, Bodie Katsoras and Mira Stamas.

Instead of flowers, please send a donation to your favorite environmental cause.

Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.mchoufuneralhome.com.



Cheryl Meyer

MALONE, NY — Cheryl Meyer, 78, passed away on Oct. 22, 2023, in Johnson City, Tennessee.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1944, in Malone, New York, to Arthur and Shirley Crate, who both predeceased her.

She graduated from Franklin Academy in 1962 and went on to work as a secretary/medical transcriptionist.

She married Cecil Meyer on June 16, 1985, whom she lost on July 16, 2002. She loved her church, enjoyed being with her friends and family and was loved by all who met her.

Cheryl is survived by her children Barbara Delfa of Granville, New York, Wayne (Tammy) Rock of Jonesborough, Tennessee, Cheri (Roger) LaMere of Millerston, New York and Donna Muncey of Williamsburg, Virginia; Grandchildren

Ashley (John) Teal of Brantingham, New York, Tamara Carter (Jazu Stine) of Pittfield, Massachusetts, Britnee Muncey and Richard Muncey of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Jessica Muncey of Jackson, Michigan; Great-Grandchildren Gabriele Rooney, Allie Teal, Jack Teal, Draeko Campbell, Donte Campbell, Indigo Stine, Juliet Muncey and Madeline Muncey; brother Stephen (Phyllis) Crate of Tupper Lake, New York, sisters Debra (Percy) McMahon of Malone, New York and Susan (Cecil) Patenaude of Huntingdon, Quebec; and numerous nieces and nephews, all of which she loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association.



Richard Wardell

SALISBURY — Richard Wardell passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 21, 2023.

Richard was born on Sept. 18, 1933, in Hamden Connecticut to Loretta and Arthur Wardell, and he grew up in the New Haven area.

He was a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and in 1959 he graduated from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. He was a graduate student at Columbia University's Mortgage Banking School in New York.

He worked at National Iron Bank for 60 years, including many years as CEO and Chairman. From 1988-1991, he served as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Richard was an outdoorsman. He loved fishing for trout and salmon with his wife Sara, and they both

adored the many Labrador Retrievers who were part of their family for many years. He was also an accomplished painter and art collector.

He is survived by his wife Sara Belcher Wardell; his first wife, Jeanne Wardell; his daughter Lisa Wardell and her

husband John Heissenbuttel; his sons Dan and Rick Wardell; his grandchildren Anna and Ian Heissenbuttel and Mackenzie and Tavish Wardell; and his dogs Jake and Lulu.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County or The Little Guild.



Edith M. Blodgett

SALISBURY — Edith M. (Weir) (MacNeil) Blodgett, age 99, died on Oct. 21, 2023, at Noble Horizons.

She was the widow of Edwin R. MacNeil, and of Alan H. Blodgett.

Born in Ellington, Connecticut, Jan. 27, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Bertha (Hazelton) and Irving H. Weir.

She was an active member since childhood of Salisbury Congregational Church, taught Sunday School, participated in fund raisers, and was a member of Women's Fellowship.

Edith was employed for 35 years at Salisbury Bank & Trust Co. and retired in 1987. She also worked as Asst. Town Clerk and Salisbury Tax Collector.

Edith was an avid reader, loved anything to do with "words," board games, crossword puzzles or playing

cards. She enjoyed being outdoors and taking long walks.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, June MacNeil, 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and her very dear friend Larry Cunningham.

She was predeceased by her son, Alan MacNeil, daughter, Diane MacNeil, her brothers, Harland Hazelton, Kenneth Weir, Irving Weir Jr. and sister, Shirley Rogers.

Funeral services will be held Nov. 3, at 3:00 p.m. at Noble Horizons Chapel. Interment will be private at the convenience of family.

Memorial donations may be made to Noble Horizons Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT 06018 Attn: Aux Treasurer.

Arrangements are under the care of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, Canaan, CT.



Selectmen approve lower speed limits around town

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Motorists passing through the town center will have even more time to take in village ambiance following action by the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25, as they reviewed state recommendations and voted unanimously to lower the local speed limits.

Months of study by the volunteer Noise and Traffic Committee had been in response to residents' concerns about speeding traffic throughout the town center, leading to a study by the state Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA) within the state Department of Transportation (DOT).

First Selectman Jean Speck reported on the results of the OSTA review and its recommendations. The selectmen's vote cleared the way for the DOT to implement the lower speed limits with new signage.

The new speed limit will be 25 mph throughout the village center. South Main

Street will see the 45 mph limit lowered to 35 mph in both directions, and from 45 mph to 25 mph from South Commons Road north to the traffic light.

Motorists traveling along Route 341 will also see lowered limits as they approach the town.

"This is a big step in the right direction," Selectman Glenn Sanchez said, noting that the Noise and Traffic subcommittee will be pleased with the change.

"This is an example of why we created the subcommittee," said First Selectman Jean Speck. "Passionate townspeople come together and get results," she added.

A public hearing will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, to consider acceptance of a gift of property to the town, to repeal and replace an ordinance concerning tax abatement for emergency personnel, and to consider an Inland Watercourse citation. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

Digital HVRHS White Oak yearbooks now online

The HVRHS Alumni Association has completed a month's long project to digitize, and make public-ly available, the White Oak yearbooks from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The project was a collabora-

tion with the Digital Technology Center at the Hartford Public Library; a state-of-the-art digital technology center serving archival initiatives throughout the State of Connecticut.

HVRHS yearbooks, beginning with the Class of 1941 to the present, are available on the Association's website at www.hvrhsalumni.org

In addition to all the annual class yearbooks, there are special editions commemorating the 50th (1939-1989) and 75th (1939-2014) anniversaries of the school's founding.

Correction

In an article in the Oct. 26 issue about Andrew Jack, a Windsor chair-maker in East Canaan, it was incorrectly stated that he and his wife Sarah have three daughters. They have twin sons and a daughter.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Applications available for food and fuel in Salisbury

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services will provide turkeys at Thanksgiving and grocery gift cards and gifts for children for the holidays. The deadline to register for the Thanksgiving program is Wednesday, Nov. 15. The deadline to register for the Christmas program is Monday, Nov. 13.

Fuel assistance applications are currently being

taken for fuel deliveries made between Nov. 1, 2023, and April 1, 2024. Applicants may qualify for fuel assistance if annual income is under: \$54,338 for a household of two; \$67,124 for a household of three; \$79,910 for a household of four.

Town of Salisbury residents in need contact Patrice McGrath at 860 435-5187.

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Worship Services

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<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> 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 You-Tube 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 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 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>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i> Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español a las 4 de la tarde el último domingo de mes The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</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 <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> 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, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. <i>The Transcendental Club</i> 1830s Concord, MA For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 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 Teen YIP <i>Judaism With A Smile!</i> 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 <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!</i> 860-824-0194</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 7 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 <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i></p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i></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 <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</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>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutches Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 718-789-3138</p>

EDITORIAL

Expanding Compass

This week The Lakeville Journal's Opinion and Viewpoint pages have moved to the first section of our two-section paper to give us the opportunity to expand Compass coverage.

Compass is where we chronicle Arts and Entertainment news and features, and starting with this edition we will add Lifestyle to its coverage, labeling it "Arts, Entertainment and Lifestyle."

We also think that the Opinion and Viewpoint pages, which include the Editorial, letters from readers and columns, are more at home in the first section of the paper with our community news and features.

We have long wanted to expand Compass' offerings to include coverage of the many lifestyle activities and events that make our lives richer here in the Northwest Corner and beyond.

While we are shuffling some pages around and putting a focus on lifestyle, we are not changing anything that's already here. We still will provide you with an Editorial each week, and will print the "Letters to the Editor." We also will retain the popular "Turning Back the Pages" column written by Norma Bosworth. We also will continue to feature cartoons and photographs.

The biggest change to be noticed is that Compass will have a broader mandate, and will reflect not only arts and entertainment in our communities, but also life as we are living it. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

A few months ago we started including a calendar of events on the Viewpoint page. We plan to keep that going, of course, and it will stay in the rebranded "Arts, Entertainment and Lifestyle" Compass section of the paper. We recognize that the Calendar is a feature that readers want, and our plans include expanding it as much as possible.

We are also busy getting ready to launch a new website by the end of this month that we hope readers will find useful and informative. We plan to give readers a fresher site by putting stories up online with more frequency throughout the week. We won't become a daily newspaper, but when important news breaks, we plan to get it to you on a timely basis.

Often when the topic of "online news" comes up, readers ask if we are going to end printing The Lakeville Journal as a newspaper. The answer is a definite "no." The plan is to continue with a print edition, while offering readers a more modern experience on their computer screens and phones. We also intend to continue to feed our social media outlets: Facebook and Instagram.

We met our match!

Good news! A group of key supporters and Lakeville Journal Foundation board members pledged a total of \$100,000 as a matching challenge, and we have now met that match.

To those of you who contributed, thank you! Your willingness to double your contribution through our matching campaign is an inspiration. We are truly grateful for your support, and we want you to know that your donation will make a meaningful difference to our efforts to expand and improve our town and community coverage.

If you have any questions or would like to stay connected, please feel free to reach out at publisher@lakevillejournal.com or (860) 435-9873. We value your feedback.

We'll list the names of everyone who's participated in the Nov. 9 issue of both papers. It's exciting to have so many readers pitching in!

Helping our Veterans

A friend, who is a veteran, served in the army in Thailand years ago when he was exposed to toxic waste. Since then, he has been afflicted with several kinds of cancer.

Jahana Hayes, our Congresswoman, has been fighting for veterans' compensation for health issues and other benefits. She co-sponsored the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act to improve the claims process at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This would streamline the bureaucratic forms needed to claim benefits. It would also require the VA Secretary to publish disability benefit forms on the VA's website for use by veterans' private providers. She worked to increase travel reimbursement pay for veterans living

abroad to attend disability exams.

As a ranking member of a Subcommittee on Nutrition, she has fought to address hunger in disabled veterans. She worked to boost funding for the VA to give more job and educational opportunities to veterans. She has also worked to make healthcare access less difficult for women veterans.

Her office was named the only Purple Heart Office in the Northeast by veterans who appreciate her work. We are so lucky to have Jahana Hayes as our Congresswoman, not only for her work for the district but for the difference her work has made in veterans' lives all over the country.

Liz Piel

Sharon



Support for Klemens

This letter is in support of Michael Klemens for the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission. Michael has demonstrated leadership and courage in his long tenure chairing this Commission. Recently he spearheaded the reorganization of the Land Use Office and worked diligently with the new owners of Lime Rock Park and the residents of Lime Rock to ensure a collaborative and transparent process that both recognized the Track's needs as well as those of the community. And, most importantly to me, he is a stalwart supporter of affordable housing demonstrated by his leadership in developing overlay districts to encourage the development of affordable housing in the villages of Lakeville and Salisbury. We are fortunate to have dedicated and skilled volunteers such as Michael serve our town.

David Rich

Lakeville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unequaled leadership in Marty Lindenmayer for Kent

When looking at our candidates for First Selectman of Kent, many of the folks in town are sharing how lucky we are to have people of such quality running for office. I couldn't agree more. And I hear them saying that we, in fact, are looking at choices that are — more or less — equal. But — we're not.

Let me start out by being very clear about the fact that Rufus de Rham seems a truly nice man who appreciates the quality of Kent. Lynn Worthington is a terrific human being with worthy skills as a communicator and a heart that's clearly in the right place

in terms of what she sees and wants for our town. Rufus and Lynn may both see many of the same the challenges we're facing as a small, rural community, as those acknowledged by Marty Lindenmayer. And they may even envision many of the same solutions. But those who write that Rufus, Lynn, and Marty have equal skills, just haven't done their homework.

Marty has led organizations, boards, classrooms, coalitions, and platoons here in Kent and around the world for more than forty years. He not only sees what needs to be done, he's able to lead what

may begin as warring factions into united efforts that can define and effect positive solutions. How do we know? He's proven it — time and time again.

He grew up on a farm. He doesn't romanticize rural life, he's lived it. His father taught and led conservation initiatives at Cornell. Marty was raised with those values. And his career in leading men and women under extreme conditions, faced with both duty and skill, was met not only with respect, but with commendation and honors.

Marty Lindenmayer has a tested, proven and true skill

for leadership. He's a man who has done everything possible to support his town, his community, and his country for his entire career. We should be grateful to have him on our side. But most of all, we should acknowledge that the qualities — and most of all, the skills — he can bring to our town's leadership are not equal to other's. No matter how well-intentioned others may be.

With grateful respect to all the candidates — and all who help us to preserve and protect our town,

Diane Meier

Kent

Both parties should be represented in local government

The current Republican Town Committee was established in February 2018 to serve as a serious, responsible voice in the community. Our efforts have been focused on various issues affecting our town, such as affordable housing and honoring our first responders, as well as supporting Republican candidates for local, state and Congressional office. We believe that a small town like Salisbury needs widespread participation in its various governing bodies and commissions and that both parties need to be represented in those bodies.

Our candidate for Selectman, Don Mayland, has served our town for over 50 years, including 35 years teaching economics at Hotchkiss, 24 years on the Board of Finance, three terms as Selectman, and has chaired numerous other boards and commissions. Don works extremely well

with his fellow Selectmen, both Democrats, and deserves another term. Bob Riva is well-known to most Salisbury residents as a leading small business owner and his long involvement in local government: eight years on the Board of Education, four years on the Zoning Board of Appeals and one term as Selectman. He is currently a highly valued member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, for which he is running to retain his seat.

Our other candidates include Janet Lynn, a long-time Registrar and Assistant Registrar of Voters, who is running for the Zoning Board of Appeals on which she has

previously served. Peter Becket and Stanley Morby are running for the Board of Education. Peter is a long-time Salisbury resident who has been active in numerous community ventures. Stanley is active in the Salisbury Central School PTA where his daughter is a student and his wife Larissa is a teacher.

These candidates will not only serve the Town well but will insure that there is bipartisanship in our governance. Please consider them when you vote next week.

Tom Morrison
Chair,
Salisbury Republican
Town Committee

Thanks to affordable housing supporters, donors in Salisbury

The Salisbury Housing Trust would like to thank all our supporters and donors for their contributions in renovating our most recent affordable home at 70 East Main. As a result of your generosity in time, materials and financial support, the home is now owned by a wonderful local family.

The support for creating more desperately needed affordable homes starts at the top, so thanks to Curtis Rand and the Board of Selectmen plus all of the people who work in the Town Hall for their unending help to see this through. They were joined by the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission and Family

Services, so truly a team effort! Sue Dickenson over at Litchfield Bancorp was instrumental in arranging the financing and Andy Molnar of EJ Homes did a marvelous job as general contractor for the renovation. Andy invited other contractors to join in and people like Joe Schafer of Decker and Beebe and Will Bassett contributed their time and materials to the task.

Finally a big thank you to our donors who made this come true, the support of our community is simply amazing as we try to address this important issue of affordable housing.

John Harney

Salisbury

More letters next page.

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Viewpoint

Everyone loses in the 'Blame Game'

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — 1923

One of the large oak trees in the Grove School yard fell across the street recently, and damaged the porch of Mrs. Packard's cottage and carried down the electric light and telephone wires. The road was cleared and wires restored by evening of the same day.

E.R. Smith and family will leave here Monday for Miami, Florida. They will make the trip in Mr. Smith's car.

The cozy bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Silvernale on Orchard Street was the scene of a very pleasant and somewhat rare event on Monday, Oct. 29th, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Silvernale were married in Lakeville on October 29, 1873, and have spent their entire married life here.

A new metal roof has been placed over the office of the Holley Mfg. Co.

50 years ago — 1973

Mrs. Donald Sager of Cornwall Bridge and her five children escaped without injury when a propane gas explosion at 3 a.m. Tuesday imperiled their home. Monday night's heavy rains apparently undermined a propane tank which fell into a ditch beside the foundation of the one-story Sager home on Route 7 just north of the Kent town line. Police said fumes from the severed gas line spread in the ditch and into the cellar through an open window. Meanwhile the fall of the tank woke son Donald, who woke his mother, and she called state police. Then the furnace kicked on in the basement, which was filling with fumes. There was a flash and a boom. Mrs. Sager, along with her children, got out of the house as flames seared much of the outside of the home. State Trooper Robert Peyman then arrived and ran to the fuel tank and also a second one, shutting off the lines and preventing the spread of fire and explosions. Cornwall and Warren firemen arrived and extinguished the flames. The home suffered relatively minor damage.

State Police Lieut. James Shay, commander of Canaan Barracks, said Tuesday he felt some people in the Canaan-Falls Village area were distrustful of police actions and motives in the Barbara Gibbons murder case. Since the arrest of 18-year-old Peter Reilly for the Sept. 28 murder of his mother, many residents have rallied to Reilly's support, raising bond money and assuring him of their sympathy. The Troop B commander said he felt the rural setting of the Gibbons murder had something to do with people's reactions. "Most people

Affirming the Town Meeting

On Oct. 26, the Town of Sharon held a Town Meeting where several residents came out to vote on three agenda items; all three were approved. One item on the agenda was to release Silly Putty funds to conduct a study of Mudge Pond. Because of the approval, an aquatic company has begun the research and we should have a comprehensive report by mid-November.

I would like to thank the Selectmen for their unanimous support; the Board of Finance for approving the release of funds; and Exec-

utive Secretary Tina Pitcher for collating the proposal so that residents could better understand the need for the study.

The lively discussions, the flow of the meeting moderated by our Selectmen, and the residents who were given time to speak and voice opinions, was affirmation that the Town Meeting form of government is still the most direct form of democracy, allowing all registered voters to make decisions regarding their town.

25 years ago — 1998

CANAAN — Owners of the Colonial Theater have been given 60 days to make structural repairs to the historic Railroad Street building. Building Official William Conrad inspected the two-story structure last week and declared it unsafe. Non-compliance with the order would result in it being condemned, he said.

When horseless carriages were beginning to come on the scene and telephones were less than common fixtures, a child named Katharine was born in Westbury, Long Island, at Wheatly, the family estate, to Edwin and Elizabeth Morgan. The date was Oct. 29, 100 years ago. Today, Katharine Avery Evarts will be greeted by family and friends on her 100th birthday in a party at The Kent nursing facility here.

Tina Drozdenko and Michael Hanlon were married Aug. 29 at their home in Falls Village. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Drozdenko of Torrington. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Hanlon of North Canaan.

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

Lynn Kearcher Sharon

here aren't used to this type of major investigation," he said. "They are unaccustomed to its proportions."

In case you thought you needed to get a new pair of glasses after reading last week's Lakeville Journal, don't go — yet. The size of the type really was smaller. Because of the newsprint shortage, we had to take paper where we could find it. The Norwich Bulletin generously sold us enough for last week's edition, but the rolls were 4 ½ inches narrower than our standard size and it was necessary to shrink pages 13 percent in order to use the rolls. This week's edition is back to our regular size and comes to you by courtesy of The Meriden Record, which was able to sell us additional rolls. What about our shipment from Canada? Well, you won't believe it, but after being shipped from the mill in northern Ontario it was halted in Toronto, the victim of a trucking strike. The company promised it would be here this week, and we're keeping our fingers crossed. Meanwhile the Journal expresses its appreciation to readers who have put up with our vicissitudes and to other newspapers and the American Newspaper Publishers Association who have offered help. P.S. The truckload of paper arrived Wednesday afternoon. We feel like a dog in a forest of fireplugs.

Lynn Kearcher Sharon

Nobody, no non-terrorist government Sunni, Shiite, Muslim, Palestinian, Israeli, Egyptian, Jordanian wants the Gaza Strip, wants to govern, provide well-being (education, medical services), to enable Gaza Strip residents. The UN, the "humane" West, the Middle Eastern oil-rich nations have for decades witnessed, cast aspersions then seemingly ignored the distress of Gaza — a misplaced, abandoned tiny, poverty-dense place and people.

Gaza is the exact land size of Las Vegas having a population somewhat more than Phoenix and somewhat less than Houston. It is one of the most densely populated areas on earth.

Imagine Las Vegas being

GUEST COMMENTARY
KATHY HERALD-MARLOWE

the focus of the world. Imagine Las Vegas unwanted by Nevada, or California just 50 miles away or by the United States its "home" base.

Imagine Las Vegas a leper colony with diasporic peoples in 58 refugee camps dispersed about the region — one third of Palestinians have lived in refugee camps for over 50 years. Fifty-five percent of Gaza residents live in eight "refugee camps" in Gaza itself. With 48% under 18 with a mere 3% over 65, refugee camps have been the only home to generations of

Gazans.

Occupied by Egypt from 1948 to 1967, Gaza was Israeli occupied from 1967 until the Oslo Accords in 1993 created the Palestinian National Authority with territories in Gaza and the West Bank.

In 2005, the last public election in Gaza was won by Hamas — no elections have been held since. In 2008, the Palestinian Authority after an Israeli-Hamas conflict refused to accept Gaza into its constituents — this Authority left Gaza to Hamas, left them untethered to the West Bank.

A sizable, though not majority Bibi/Sharon segment of Israelis sanctioned illegal settlements in the West Bank, proffered Hamas buy offs, and engaged in Kushner heel and spit diplomacy. No one,

no nation is without blame.

Headlines, protests, outrage burns across the globe particularly in the Middle East and in intellectual bastions of words without deeds, without balance, thwarting peace.

Ambitious, aggressive politicians everywhere seize the platform of terror and brutal militarism for their own gain — their own justifications and fear mongering. Hamas terrorized Israel on Oct. 7 and Israel has promised retaliatory devastation. The world isn't broken so much as cowardly, fecklessly riveted on blame vs. restorative co-existence.

"Our task is not to fix blame for the past, but to fix the course for the future."

—John F. Kennedy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why I'm voting Marty Lindenmeyer for Kent

With very few exceptions, I have voted exclusively Democratic on the local, state, and federal levels since I first began voting many decades ago. I have worked hard on Maria Horn's campaigns for the 64th and have never regretted my support for her. I made get-out-the-vote phone calls for Jean Speck and Glenn Sanchez in the last election.

After watching the First Selectman Debate (twice!! with many thanks to Kent News, Inc.), I realized that all three candidates are great people who care very much about Kent and who basically want the same things for the wonderful people of our town.

So why am I supporting Marty Lindenmeyer for First Selectman?

Marty has acquired impeccable leadership skills over the years at the National, International and local levels. He has excelled at everything from U.S. Naval Captain and Senior Intelligence Officer to Chairman of the Kent Center School Board of Education, President of the Lions Club, a Trustee of his church...and so much more.

He is a strong environmentalist who grew up on a farm and has a love for nature which aligns perfectly with "keeping Kent rural," while at the same time making sure we are up-to-date

with modern necessities such as internet for all.

He is an amicable, small town kind of guy, with worldly experience, who will bring a breath of fresh air and a "let's get things done" attitude to his job as First Selectman of Kent.

I love Kent! At a time when national politics are so strongly divisive, it's refreshing to know that small towns can accomplish great things without partisan politics. Kent is fortunate to have such an incredibly strong, well-rounded, and bipartisan candidate running for First Selectman. We deserve the very best.

Deb Schlee

Kent

Vote for Marlowe and Kinsella for Falls Village

Falls Village has an opportunity. An opportunity we have not had in a long time. An opportunity to bring two solid businessmen, two pragmatic and proactive leaders, two hard working, dedicated to the whole town, individuals, into the Selectmen's office who will lead us to a Future Falls Village we all want and need. They will bring trust back to the Selectmen's office. Why? Because they love Falls Village as much as every one of us does. Their dedication to our Town and residents is unmeasurable.

If you take the time to view the Selectmen's meetings either in person or the recordings, and either myself or my wife have been to, or viewed every single meeting for the past two years, it is impossible to end the meeting without noticing one Selectmen, Greg Marlowe, stands out. Greg is the only one with a plan, a real

plan. Greg is also the only one who has solid, intelligent, researched, TRUTHFUL answers with substance — solid substance. He asks questions, raises concerns and brings all stakeholders into the equation. Greg is proactive and does not just nod his head in agreement without careful thought, research, and consulting the residents as well as the other boards and commissions involved to come to a practical and informed decision.

Greg's 12 years of Selectman experience, 14 years on P&Z, deep involvement in the 10-year Plan of Conservation and Development, Bridge/Infrastructure committee and 30+ years business experience, along with his willingness to be available evenings and weekends, and not just 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. four days a week, makes him the number one candidate for First Selectman. We need Greg.

Chris Kinsella is running for Selectman. Chris is hard-working, honest, intelligent and a natural leader too. His heart is huge, and he cares deeply for ALL Falls Village. He will do everything he can to make Falls Village a better place to live while maintaining the beauty and characteristics we all love. Chris's experience in project management provides a perfect fit for this role. He is easy to work with, listens to everyone's point of view and takes those points of view and concerns into consideration in every decision-making process. It's refreshing to see and experience. We need Chris. Like Greg, Chris is available to all of us. Chris Kinsella is the number one candidate for Selectman.

Vote for Greg Marlowe and Chris Kinsella. The perfect and only qualified team to lead Falls Village. It is an opportunity we can't afford to miss.

Doug Cohn

Falls Village

Please cast your vote on Nov. 7

The Salisbury Democratic Town Committee has a long history of recruiting and electing high quality candidates for our municipal elections. The results are that Salisbury has been one of the best run towns in Connecticut.

Our terrific schools attract young families, excellent social services support people of all ages, our land use boards and commissions work hard to protect natural resources while promoting development that maintains the character of the town, and the list goes on.

From the Boards of Selectmen, Finance, and Education, to The Planning & Zoning Commission and other Land-Use boards

and commissions, all led by Democrats I might add, the quality of life here has become the envy of the state.

Last night each of our thirteen candidates had a chance to speak to the community at our Meet & Greet, held at the Senior Center at the Grove. In my twenty-five-plus years on the SDTC I have never been so impressed. The reaction from the public reinforced that feeling.

Please vote on Nov. 7 to continue the caring and fiscally responsible leadership we all have enjoyed for so many years.

Al Ginouves,
Chairman of the Salisbury
DTC

Lakeville

Please vote for Klemens

One of the unexpected pleasures of Covid was attending meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee by Zoom. I enjoyed serving on such boards years ago but it's a treat in advanced old age to be able to watch them like a tv show.


What luck for Salisbury that a renowned herpetologist should have decided to make his home here and then devoted so many years to helping us negotiate the prickly border between preservation and economic development. Dr. Klemens believes that it need not be an adversarial set-to. He patiently urges both sides to find ways to accommodate both. We are lucky to have his guidance and his experience as a municipal planner who has seen it work in towns both large and small.

Lorna Brodtkorb
Lakeville

Thanks for trip support


Dear Salisbury-Lakeville neighbors,

Thank you for coming out to the Salisbury Beast 5K run/walk to support the Salisbury Central School's 8th Grade trip to Washington DC. The trip is a time honored 8th grade tradition, and we are excited for our turn! The Beast is a newer town tradition that we hope will continue to be part of our fall festivities. We have always known what wonderful, tight knit community we live in but are now witnessing firsthand how we all show up for each other and it is incredible to be a part of it. Thank you for buying wreaths and letting us wash your cars and all the other things you do to make Salisbury-Lakeville such a great place to grow up. Nico and Max Bochnovich Salisbury Central School K-8



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With all of the turmoil in the world from Gaza to Afghanistan, it is hard to know what positive impact one could do to help. The World Central Kitchen is certainly a consideration as they are on the ground providing food and clean water in these disaster areas. They are a highly rated charity that focuses on their mission to be present where needed. For more information on the World Central Kitchen and how to donate, please visit wck.org



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Meet the candidates: Kent

Get to know the selectman candidates ahead of the 2023 municipal election. In Kent, there are three candidates for first selectman and two candidates for selectman vying for a seat on the town board. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Lynn Mellis Worthington

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

I have over three decades of experience living and working in Kent. I've worked as a journalist covering the town's issues, as well as an academic administrator and faculty member at South Kent School. I was a Kent volunteer firefighter and KVFD emergency member for 21 years. I've also served on numerous non-profit boards, including the Kent Historical Society and Kent Girl Scouts. My BS in Journalism degree is from Ohio University. I am also an adjunct professor with Syracuse University.



is important and the town must continue to be a partner in the future. I served for 21 years with KVFD as a firefighter. We need to look to collaborate with towns on regionalization as one solution.

How would you improve the town?

The important thing about leadership is relationships with others. One of my goals is to have a culture within the town government that encourages an open exchange of information so that employees, elected officials, residents and taxpayers feel supported in many different ways. I will approach managing all the different aspects of the position with a mindset of collaboration, with trust and respect. I plan to institute hybrid quarterly open forums for residents to ask questions on any topic.

Anything to add?

I encourage Kent voters to research my responses to issues and who is endorsing me at <https://electlynnmellisworthington.com> and reach out with questions. Voters looking for a candidate who is honest, trustworthy and respectful will find that in me.

Why do you want to be selectman?

I want to improve the town, making it more efficient and effective for the townspeople. I bring my deep knowledge of the town. I've attended at least 1,200 meetings during the 25 years that I've covered Kent as a reporter and editor, listening, comprehending and then presenting the information. I know the current issues and I've got the background history that creates a knowledge base that is unmatched by my opponents. As a communicator, I want all residents to be informed about town government.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

My top priorities when elected as first selectman would be to work immediately on these four issues: future emergency response for EMS and fire, ensuring affordable housing is expanded, pro-active economic development planning and establishing a town Land Acquisition Fund. KVFD's emergency response

FIRST SELECTMAN

Marty Lindenmayer

Unaffiliated Candidate for First Selectman

I grew up on a farm in Upstate NY where my small-town values mirrored those of Kent. My service in senior positions in the Navy and government, honed my skills in leadership, communication, and collaboration. I fell in love with Kent in 1985 and retired here with my wife, Kathleen, in 2010. I served as Soccer and Baseball Coach at KCS, as Chair of the KCS Board of Education, as President of the Kent Lions Club, and as Commander of the American Legion, and still serve on KCS Facilities Committee.



Why do you want to be selectman?

Kent needs a First Selectman who has proven executive leadership skills and experience and can manage the complex issues that affect us. I have the knowledge and experience to effectively collaborate with our many public and private stakeholders to build clear objectives and then provide leadership to successfully execute our plans. My years in government, as well as my success leading Kent Center School's Board of Education, Lion's Club, and American Legion, attest to my ability to do this job.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

My immediate priority is to rebuild collaboration and improve relations between the offices in Town Hall as well as with our Boards, Commissions, and Committees while re-establishing regular dialogue between the First Selectman's office and the citizens of Kent. Working together, I will establish

a town planning process that will include integration of issues affecting housing, town infrastructure, improving economic health, care for seniors, better access to recreation, amongst other issues.

How would you improve the town?

Addressing the rapid pace of change that our towns are facing will require leadership with proven knowledge, skills, and abilities to take the work of our public and private stakeholders and build a plan of action and milestones that the town can support. The Board of Selectman need to be focused on their tasks, educated to the issues at hand, and held accountable for their results. Improving relationships amongst our business, school, and local community groups is critical to that goal.

Anything to add?

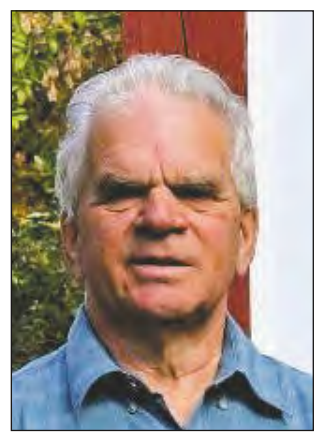
My decision to run as an Unaffiliated-Petitioning Candidate is based on my desire to bring the challenges we all agree are important to Kent, away from being a "D" or "R" issue, to ones which will only be fixed if we work together. Vote for Kent!

FIRST SELECTMAN

Rufus de Rham

Unaffiliated Candidate for First Selectman

Lifetime relationship with Kent, starting with visits to my grandmother's farm. Moved to Kent in 1975 to help her out; homeowner since 1978; 40 years board experience in town; 30 years as an EMT with KVFD; BA and MED from Tufts; wide array of leadership positions: President or Chair of BOF, Ambulance, Lions Club, Kent Community Players, Kent and NM Softball leagues, New Milford Homeless Shelter; 30 years teaching high school.



Why do you want to be selectman?

I have the right experience, temperament and skill set to lead Kent through necessary changes to meet the future needs of the population while maintaining the integrity and character of the town.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Housing — affordable, mixed use, and senior are the most needed areas; Safety — I support a second resident State Trooper so we have coverage 365 days a year; Economic Development — starting with the creation of a committee to

explore needs and solutions; Support social programs — Park and Rec, Social Services, Senior Center are all expanding their offerings and need the town to back their efforts; strengthen town and school ties.

How would you improve the town?

Family brought me to Kent and family keeps me here. What is important to improving the town is to lead with the same attributes that make a strong family — care, kindness, communication, seeking common goals, striving for civil dialogue, keeping a moral compass, and, with empathy, watching out for those in need.

Election basics

Voting day for 2023 municipal elections is Nov. 7. Kent's polling station will be at Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Blvd. from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots are already available from the Town Clerk.

Kent's town government is administered by an elected three-member Board of Selectmen, with the position of first selectman being full time. The legislative body of Kent's municipality is the Town Meeting.

Selectmen in Kent are elected to two-year terms.

They are seated on the board two weeks after election day. The annual salary of the first selectman is \$78,999 and the annual salary of each other selectmen is \$5,715 each.

The candidate for first selectman that receives the most votes will become first selectman through 2025. The remaining first selectman candidate then drops into the pool with the candidates for selectman. The top two vote getters in the pool will become selectmen through 2025 (subject to state law on minority representation).

SELECTMAN

Glenn Sanchez

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

I have been a secondary school teacher, coach, and administrator for over 34 years and have lived in the Town of Kent for 29 years. This year I am the President of the Lions Club of Kent and am an active member of St. Andrew's Parish. I am completing my first term of office as Selectman in the Town of Kent. During that time I have been on two Board of Selectmen subcommittees and have attended or watched numerous board and commission meetings.



Why do you want to be selectman?

I am running for a second term as Selectman because I want to continue to give back to this town. Federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act gave Kent \$821,855. The ARPA subcommittee, of which I was a part, recommended to disperse those funds to families, businesses, nonprofits and for municipal projects and upgrades. This was one of the most rewarding jobs as Selectman, and I wish to continue to work hard to help facilitate the completion of other municipal projects.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

I seek to lend my support for initiatives such as the re-

cent Kent Affordable Housing proposal for the two-acre parcel near Kent Common, a timely and efficiently completion of Phase II of the Streetscape project, and a possible study to determine the future use of Emery Park.

How would you improve the town?

I wish to continue to collaborate with boards, commissions, and all Kent residents on these and other important issues that affect our town.

Anything to add?

In the course of these last two years, as Selectman I have learned a great deal about the workings of our municipal government, and I hope to put those lessons to good use in a second term of office.

SELECTMAN

Edward Matson

Republican Nominee for Selectman

Three term selectman in the past, Highway maintenance state of CT, business owner, past Fire chief.

Why do you want to be selectman?

Lower taxes, affordable living, fair zoning regulations.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Housing, park land, Highway garage and roads.

How would you improve the town?

Work with private non-profits.

Anything to add?

Just please vote for hard working candidates and not the ones who just show up and nothing changes.



Statewide voter registration session at town halls Nov. 6

The Registrars of Voters in all Connecticut towns will hold a voter registration session on Monday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This special registration session is provided for voters that: have just turned 18, just moved to town or have been on military leave.

The upcoming municipal election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polling hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Check with the Registrar of Voters in your town as to the location of your polling place, where to register to vote or any questions you may have.

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Sports

GNH football silences Seymour in 20-7 victory

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football snapped a three-game losing streak with a 20-7 victory over Seymour High School on Saturday, Oct. 28.

GNH's senior quarterback Nolan Risedorf scored all three Yellowjacket touchdowns on his feet, with two breakaway rushes and a deep punt returned to the house. Seymour found several scoring chances in the red zone, but the goal line defense of GNH stood their ground and challenged the Wildcats to beat them in the air.

Conditions on Van Why Field in Winsted were ideal for a late October afternoon game: a sunny 77 degrees with a light breeze at kick-off.

After a tough 12-7 loss in Watertown on Oct. 20, GNH was hungry for a win on their home field.

The Yellowjackets hit the ground running when Owen Riemer busted open a 37-yard rush on GNH's first possession. Nolan Risedorf broke out for a 22-yard sprint to the endzone a few plays later and GNH took an early 7-0 lead.

Seymour scored at the start of the second quarter on a 5-yard pass on 4th and goal from quarterback Anthony Cortello to tie the game.

Less than a minute later, Risedorf found daylight on a QB sneak to the right and dashed for a 47-yard touchdown. GNH went for two but failed to convert, bringing the score to 13-7.

Both teams took turns going three-and-out for the majority of the second quarter.

"Defense, we gotta get a touchdown. If our offense



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

can't, we gotta do it ourselves," said a Seymour defender on the sideline as the punting team ran back out onto the field with about two minutes left in the half.

The punt landed in the hands of Risedorf, who turned on the jets and went 67-yards to the hole. GNH took a 20-7 lead with 1:57 before the break.

Seymour connected on a deep pass and spiked the ball on the 5-yard line with 0:19 left. GNH captain Aiden Avenia sacked Cortello on the next play and the first half expired.

Dark clouds rolled over Winsted at half time and a light drizzle rained down on the field.

The second half was a defensive battle with neither team finding success on the ground. Cortello repeatedly looked to pass under pressure as the angry Yellow-

Evan Schibi shook the tackler when GNH football defeated Seymour 20-7 in Winsted on Saturday, Oct. 28.



Brett Maguire passed on an option play.

jackets nest penetrated Seymour's front line. The Wildcats strung together a few big drives but were unable to get the job done at the goal line. Three Seymour chances in the red zone ended with turnovers on downs in the third and fourth quarters.

GNH had a final scoring

chance on a field goal late in the fourth quarter. The kick had the distance but was ruled wide right.

The shining sun returned as the game ended 20-7 in favor of GNH. After the match, both teams moved to 3-4 this season.

"Our quickness clearly



Jackson Haefner sacked Anthony Cortello.

beat them," GNH Coach Scott Salius said in a post-game interview with Just Sports Winsted. "Defense stepped up great. Special teams stepped up great. Punt return for a touchdown is awesome."

This game was the first of

a three-game home stretch for GNH. Next up, the Yellowjackets will host Wolcott High School (1-6) on Nov. 4 with a 2 p.m. kick-off. GNH will then host Holy Cross High School (5-2) on Nov. 11 with the game set to begin at 1 p.m.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Kent Center School soccer falls to Torrington



The Vikings from Torrington Middle School defeated the Kent Center School Lions 10-0 on Thursday, Oct. 26. The Lions showed great bravery on the field, but the speed and passing accuracy of Torrington led the Vikings to victory in their final home game of the season. KCS will host the Region One Middle School team on Thursday, Nov. 2, for a 3:45 p.m. match.

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HOUSING

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As a bonus, said Gafney, the home is located across the street from a portion of the rail trail leading to the commercial area around La-Bonne's Market, providing easy access for the children to where Sherwood's mother, Catherine, resides.

Paying it forward

At the same time Sherwood was purchasing the Salisbury home from the housing trust, he needed to find a buyer for his circa-1900, single-family house on Pease Street in North Canaan, which he had purchased in 2013.

That's when John Harney, president of the Housing Trust and local real estate agent, contacted Melissa Gandolfo of Gandolfo Realty in North Canaan asking if she knew of buyers who would be interested in the property.

"We were searching in the community for a young family that needed an affordable home that was responsible, pre-qualified and ready to go, and we just worked together," recalled Gandolfo.

She found a "lovely young couple to work with," who was expecting their first child.

The couple had been renting in Torrington, and the husband was commuting daily to and from work at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, said Harney.

"Here was another local kid who grew up, went off

to college and came back," only to find that he and his wife were priced out of the real estate market. "That's where Melissa worked with him and suggested Bill Sherwood's house," said Harney.

Sherwood suggested a price of \$150,000, which was accepted by the young couple. But to meet FHA loan requirements, the property had to pass a "strict appraisal," Harney explained.

That meant all hands on deck, as family and friends, including Sherwood, spent several weeks in July and August making repairs and demolishing an old barn on the site.

"They were all over the house. There were people over people putting down floors, painting and spackling every room, installing a new deck," recalled Harney, who compared it to an old-fashioned barn-raising.

Housing Trust board member Ryan Cooper, owner of Tri State Landscaping and Property Management LLC, lent Sherwood his excavator to tear down the barn and repair the grounds.

"When the FHA appraiser arrived, she must have thought she had the wrong address," said Harney.

Referring to the \$150,000 sales price on his North Canaan property, Sherwood

said he could have upped the asking price a bit, but "I wasn't trying to make a couple of bucks, I wanted to help the buyers out. That's the kind of people we are."

"All the people that helped us out who were seen and unseen, it's really a miracle."

— Bill Sherwood

Sherwood noted that, coincidentally, the purchasers of North Canaan home are his late wife's brother's stepchildren, "so that house is kind of still in the family."

The ties that bind them

The Housing Trust's Cooper and his landscaping crew were among the dozen or so contractors and businesses who volunteered their time and resources to help with renovations on the home. Little did Cooper know at the time that his childhood friend would become its owner.

"Earlier this year when we began seeking applicants, I was excited to hear of Bill's interest to come back to Salisbury," Cooper explained. "I thought this would be a fresh start for Bill and family following the loss of his lovely wife, and great for our volunteer fire department, which Bill is very active on."

"SHT couldn't have selected a better family for this home," said Cooper, "and I hope it brings Bill and his

family some much needed positivity and new beginnings. It makes all the hard work my team and I put into it that much better knowing a lifelong friend has taken the keys."

Sherwood had also been an employee of Cooper's landscaping company before landing his current property management job at Harris Farm, a 1,000-acre, private estate on Smith Hill in Salisbury managed by Don Stevens, a well-known woodcarver.

The father of three pointed to a delicate, hand-carved wood duck which occupies a place of honor on the fireplace mantle along with his late grandfather's military flag.

"Don also presented our family with a hand-carved cardinal when my wife passed away," he noted.

Gandolfo said she was thrilled by the circle of friendships from both communities that helped two young families obtain affordable homes.

Housing Trust board member Judy Gafney asked that homeowners with smaller houses who are looking to sell contact the Salisbury Housing Trust before putting them on the market.

"Come and sit down and talk to us. We may be able to purchase them."

CARTER

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days a week, and occupies tremendous bandwidth."

After a 20-plus year career working for the U.S. Department of State and in the private sector, she began her teaching career as a substitute at Salisbury Central School and at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Carter said she was nervous at first. "I didn't think the kids would like me."

In 2002 she joined the HVRHS staff as a member of the social studies department, where she taught for ten years.

Carter said she figured she'd retire in that position, but then-Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain urged her to get the necessary certification to become an administrator.

She then became principal at Salisbury Central School on short notice.

"Two weeks before school started in 2011, they needed an interim principal at Salisbury — in a hurry."

Carter became the permanent principal in Salisbury before becoming the assistant superintendent for Region One in 2017.

In a statement, David Valcin, the chair of both the ABC Committee and the Salisbury school board wrote, "Lisa led us through what was arguably the most difficult period for education in our history and leaves us in a stronger and healthier state than before we faced the chal-

lenges of a global pandemic. She is, by far, the hardest working and most committed individual I have had the privilege of working with and her departure leaves us with a challenging quest before us to find another professional with a passion for and commitment to education that is equal to hers."

Pat Mechare, chair of the Region One Board of Education and the Falls Village school board, wrote in a statement, "On the one hand, I'm so very excited that Lisa will have time to pursue her favorite things, see more of her family and really relax without the high demands of the job of superintendent of seven school districts. On the other hand, I have worked with many people over the years and Lisa has been one of the absolute most dedicated individuals I've ever had the pleasure with whom to work. She's one of a kind and will be almost impossible to replace."

Carter will work for EdAdvance, a Regional Educational Service Center (RESC), in Litchfield after she retires.

She said she looks forward to spending more time with her grown children and her parents.

Reflecting on her Region One career, Carter said "Every job I've had I really enjoyed — and thought I would retire in."

"The great thing about Region One is that every single person has an impact on a child's life and education."

AI

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rights to their own texts in Europe, enabling them to profit off of their successes.

Partly in response to the importance of writing and pamphlets to the success of the American Revolution, copyright protections were extended to American authors.

"So they put copyright in the Constitution," said Rasenberger. With the introduction of AI language generators, there is an element of the wild west on these new fields of battle over copyright.

AI users find out what the next big books are going to be, then generate a book on a similar topic so that people will buy theirs by mistake. Unauthorized AI-made summaries of books are sold next to the actual books. The Authors Guild recently assisted one of its members after learning that a number of books, generated in her style, on topics for which she is known, were being sold under her name.

"So far, these books are pretty low quality," said Rasenberger, "but they're so cheap and fast to produce,

that even these poor versions will flood the market. [Meanwhile], the quality of AI generated books is going to improve very, very quickly."

The economics of human writing were already in crisis before the release of ChatGPT. In 2000, Amazon arrived, for many years selling books at a loss, and drastically lowering the value of books.

Worldwide, said Rasenberger, traditional publishers publish about 500,000 books a year. Kindle alone—because of the vast marketplace it provides for niche, often self-published genre books—publishes well over two million books a year.

Since Kindle's creation in 2009, book authors' incomes have gone down 42%; now, from writing, editing, teaching, coaching etc. combined, full time book authors—including established self-published authors—make a median income of about \$25,000 per year.

In a world where commercial genres are no longer able to generate the bulk of

publishing houses' income, she said, "it's going to be harder in the future [to] favor human quality over potential sales."

Rasenberger painted a picture of the future in which, without laws and contracts in place to prevent it, a market that includes AI-generated books will force even the most unwilling writers and publishers to use AI to be faster, generate more text, and generally "stay competitive." Already, writers are being asked to produce more work in the same time-frame, and for the same compensation, and to use AI to do it.

The byproduct of such progress is that "literature" will become increasingly expensive to produce for both writers and publishers, so it will grow rarer and less accessible, reliant on private investment and philanthropy, and generally recede from the reach of its already shrinking audience.

"A lot of writers are losing jobs, and others are getting concerned [about the] potential of AI to decimate the profession," said Rasenberger.

Recently, the Authors Guild filed a suit against OpenAI, demanding compensation for writers whose work was used for training ChatGPT. It is narrow in its parameters—only fiction writers are included, and the target compensation for use is somewhere in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range.

The Guild is also continuing work on legislation that would allow freelance writers to bargain collectively, like employed writers do. The Screenwriters Guild's recent strike addressed many of the same issues of authorship, credit, and AI.

But more radical legislation is needed, Rasenberger suggested. AI is very good—much better than human

writers—at imitating an author's particular voice or style. To prevent AI users from generating work in the style of, say, George R. R. Martin, and selling it in his name, the ability to copyright a voice or style is being called for.

At minimum, writers want some means of demanding permission before their work is used in AI generated output.

The Guild is also lobbying for requirements that AI-generated work is labeled as such, so that readers know what they're buying.

However, such defenses, Rasenberger said, would have to be passed by Congress.

The legal route is fraught because fair use law, under

the auspices of Big Tech, has grown so broad in the last two decades.

Rasenberger summarized her vision of a future without these protections: "The markets are flooded with AI generated books [...] We can all be writers, without training or talent. Books are going to become more personalized, [and] we're going to need AI to help us find the books we want to read. We will have little shared reading culture, in an extension of the social media mirroring we're seeing today, already, where everyone has their own truth. So everyone's an author. No one has authority. The essence of the idea of authorship is gone. And so is a shared truth."

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The Ungardener reviews the new fall cleanup

Thinking small in the Fall

Most of us know that the expression 'fall cleanup' has become something of a misnomer. In our preparation for winter we are encouraged not to clean up the dead leaves or cut down plants as they become the winter homes for insects and other animals that keep the food chain of our habitats viable. This will look unkempt to some but may evoke a new, enlightened point of view as in 'I understand things about nature that I did not before and have changed my behavior and broadened my aesthetic in response.' Or maybe you just want to save the fireflies. Admirable either way.

Habitats are delicate places where small changes have big impacts. We can augment birds' essential insect diet by not shredding the leaves which on which next year's insect eggs were laid. We can abet the spring awakening of pollinator bees that have moved into the hollow of goldenrod stems to ride out winter. The outcomes of collectively making small changes like these extend even to the human food chain. And the efforts made in the name of nature's caretaking — however small — can also improve one's mood and outlook.

The recent horrific news from the Middle East, on top of everything else going on in the world, sent me into an inertia powered by fear and depression. For two days I was unable to go outside for more than



a dog walk. I recalled how I felt after the 9/11 attacks: a similar type of paralysis. At that time, the thing that got me back to myself was cleaning. Small tasks done meticulously: arranging drawers and closets, cleaning the floor, detailing the kitchen. At least I had control here when I had no control over the larger events that had sent me into that state of mind.

Reminded of that, I went outside to tackle more of my fall cleanup. Starting small, I concentrated on some bothersome plants that have been creeping into more space at the outside edge of the woods. One of these is a type of persicaria with small pink flowers that has efficiently spread outward into the lawn thanks to the lawnmower and crept into the woods by foot traffic. Oriental Lady's Thumb Persicaria longiseta is a familiar plant to all of us and resembles a taller, native version, Persicaria pensylvanica.

Kneeling on a pad I pulled out five or six trugs-worth of the stuff. In its place I planted a native grass mix from Prairie Moon Nursery. It took me a couple of days to get this boring job done.

Something about the narrow focus and repetitive nature of the work seemed to be just what I needed.



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

Before cutting down a bittersweet vine the Ungardener notices a Pandora Sphinx caterpillar on its way to a nearby Virginia creeper, which is part of its diet.

Did I feel better? Of course! I was outside. I had accomplished a task. I had a sense of improving something; something I had control of. The persicaria will come back next year and the next; no doubt about that. But the effort has stopped it from spreading even more.

I recommend using this time of year to replace your old fall cleanup routine with invasive removal and planting of native perennials that require overwintering. Most herbaceous plants—native and not— have already gone to seed but those like the Persicaria longiseta are not gripping the soil and are easy to pull. Stiltgrass falls into that category. Young woody plants like burning bush are also easy to pull this time of year. In their place you can plant seed — maybe simply a shake of some aster seed off of a plant in your yard. Or seeds sourced from a reputable native seed

company. Steer clear of wildflower mixes from big brands — I have noticed that they often contain non-native and even invasive seed. Ernst Seeds is a reliable source for native seeds with a helpful seed-finder tool on their website.

I will still spray the boxwood and holly with Wilt-Pruf and root prune a few shrubs I intend to re-situate in the spring. The dahlia tubers need to be dug up and stored and young trees need their tree guards installed. I have taken photos of areas I plan on changing a bit next year and will document my ideas so they are ready for spring action. There is still some time left to accomplish these tasks as well as those that will be helpful to our animal neighbors in our shared habitat.

Healing nature and ourselves.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

HISTORY: ALEXANDER WILBURN

November casts spotlight on Native American stories

As theatergoers flock to cinemas to see director Martin Scorsese's adaptation of New Yorker journalist David Grann's 2017 book "Killers of The Flower Moon," detailing the tragic murders of Osage Native Americans in Oklahoma, several area organizations in Connecticut and New York State are honoring the history and heritage of the Northeast's Indigenous tribes.

At David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., Schaghticoke Tribal Nation member Darlene Kascak, education director for The Institute for American Indian Studies Museum and Research Center in Washington, Conn., will share an interactive presentation of the history of Connecticut's Indigenous people on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. Per The Institute's research, the state's name Connecticut originated as an Algonkian word translated as "place of the long water" — Quinnetukut. Kascak's Schaghticoke Tribe shares a long history with the state's land, deeply entwined with the Housatonic River. The river, which runs through Western Connecticut and drains into the Long Island Sound, was also occupied by the Algonquins and originally by the Mohicans, an Eastern Algonquian Native American tribe that historically called Housatonic "usi-a-di-en-uk" or "beyond the mountain place." The river was sometimes known as "Pootatuck" or "The Great River" until the 18th century.

Earlier in the month, on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 12:30 p.m., The Institute for American Indian Studies will hold a service in honor of Veterans

Day, memorializing the military service of Native Americans throughout the history of the nation's conflicts, both domestic and overseas. The event will be led by Gary Tinney of the Golden Hill Paugussett Indian Nation, a state-recognized Native American tribe with a reservation in Trumbull, Conn. He will be joined by the Yootây Singers Drum Group from Mashantucket, Conn. Culturally, drum circles have been traditionally used to gather participants in a ritual of healing, equity, and shared consciousness.

Also on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., the Spencertown Academy Arts Center in Spencertown, N.Y., will present "Still Here: A Survival Story of Indigenous People" led by activist and historian Heather Bruegl, a citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and first-line descendant of The Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Tribe, who has presented her research at Bard and Vassar Colleges. She was a guest speaker at the first ever Indigenous People's March in Washington, D.C., in 2019.

For those looking to explore further, there is The Forge Project, a Hudson Valley, N.Y., initiative founded in 2021 by Zach Feuer and Becky Gochman. Housed in a residence designed by Chinese contemporary artist Ai Weiwei built on the ancestral homelands of the Moh-He-Con-Nuck, The Forge Project is host to a rich collection of contemporary work by living Indigenous artists, including Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, a Cowichan/Syilx First Nations painter from Canada and Nicholas Galanin, a Tlingit and Unangax multi-disciplinary artist from Alaska.

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BOOKS: MAUD DOYLE

Two lives, two journeys: Memoirists capture and share experiences

Authors Tara Kelly and Ralph Sneed read from and discussed their recent memoirs, “No Last Words” and “The Legible Element” at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Conn., on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The memoirs are two different animals, and as the excerpts demonstrated, the authors are two different writers: Kelly’s prose is bell-clear, her use of each detail decisive (she is a journalist), while Sneed takes the scenic route, wandering associatively among his memories (he is a poet).

Marriage and divorce provide the framework for “No Last Words”—specifically, Kelly’s apparently glamorous marriage to a playboy alcoholic which, over the course of the book, she learns to see more and more clearly, until she can finally free herself from it.

In the passage that Kelly read aloud, her husband commands her to “wood” Raven—that is, to more or less take apart then reconstitute a boat named Raven. After some initial resistance, she agrees, and the Maine November finds her alone in a boatyard, alternately taking refuge in the workmanship of the task, and struggling against the dull bludgeon of tedium.

Speaking afterwards, Kelly nearly described the book as detailing “the things that happened to me,” but stopped herself—“every-

thing that ‘happened to me’ happened because I said ‘yes,’” said Kelly, “until I said ‘no.’”

In the writing of the book, she sorted among different selves, with differing degrees of agency she said—the Tara it ‘happened to,’ the Tara who’s remembering it now, the Tara who’s putting it on the page.

“The Legible Element” is a made up of essays that share the trope of water, as Sneed seeks to better know himself by experimenting with different water sports (surfing, sailing, fishing, scuba diving, swimming, and skating).

In Sneed’s words, the book describes “the foibles of a complete amateur bumbling through these activities because he wants to be connected with water in some way.”

The self he seeks in the book is amorphous and inclusive. He said he wanted to examine “the guilt or shame or selfishness—all things people have accused me of.”

“I wanted to get as close as possible to what I’m actually like,” said Sneed.

Moderated by John Coston, Editor-in-Chief of The Lakeville Journal, the conversation was the latest installment of the White Hart Speaker Series hosted by Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., and the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, which has hosted such writers as Simon Winchester, Samin Nosrat, and Susan Orlean in informal conversation.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Featured artists Jean Saliter and Lynn Fowler attended the grand opening of the Art Bar & Cafe.

NIGHTLIFE: RILEY KLEIN

Art gallery and wine bar open in Union Station

Oil paintings, watercolors, landscapes and sketches filled the upper level of Union Station in North Canaan, Conn., for the grand opening of Art Bar & Cafe on Friday, Oct. 27.

Works by area artists lined the corridors with even more Northwest Corner creations hanging within the new wine bar above Great Falls Brewing.

Chris Tripler, owner of both the Art Bar & Cafe and Great Falls Brewing, said the inspiration to open a community art gallery arose from the unexpected success of a pop-up gallery at the brewery earlier this year.

“We were amazed by the number of people who showed up,” said Tripler. “It was largely folks that never come to the tap room.”

With so many art lovers in the area, Tripler felt the Community Gallery seemed like a perfect fit for North Canaan. After getting a few tips from a nearby art critic, including the ideal height to hang art in a gallery (the center of the image should be 57



From left, Pat Graf, Chris Tripler, and Bunny Mcguire on Oct. 27

inches from the ground), the gallery at Art Bar & Cafe was born.

Melanie Teardo, manager of the Art Bar & Cafe, said the addition to downtown North Canaan brings “something unique to the area. Definitely nice to have a little bit of night life around here.”

On the new gallery, she said it creates “a sense of community” among local artists. “You don’t have to be an expert painter to be a part of it.”

On Oct. 27, work from several featured artists was on display, including ink and watercolor

art from Jean Saliter of Salisbury. Saliter holds a photography degree with a minor in painting and said her interest in watercolor developed while at home during the pandemic.

“There was just so many hours in a day, so I thought ‘why not teach yourself patience?’ and I got some watercolors,” said Saliter. “I just sat down and painted day in and day out. I taught myself from YouTube tutorials and books and mimicry.”

Many of the pieces on display by Saliter showed intricately inked outlines of insects that were brought to life by an overlay of bright watercolor highlights.

At the Art Bar & Cafe,

paper and pencils were placed on each table to keep the creative juices flowing, along with cocktails, wine, and beer, all sourced within Connecticut. Appetizers from Freund’s Farm were also on the menu.

Saliter and fellow featured artist Lynn Fowler, along with a Lakeville Journal reporter, collaborated for a blind multi-artist sketch during the grand opening. Fowler drew the head, then folded the paper to allow Saliter to independently draw the torso. The reporter then poorly added legs and feet to complete the haphazard portrait of what looked to be an overweight beach bum in a feathered cap.

“Come to Canaan and have fun,” said Fowler.

Visitors can tour the Community Gallery on the second floor of Union Station each day and the art on display is available for purchase. The Art Bar & Cafe will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 9 p.m.

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ANIMALS: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Ghosts, goblins, and good dogs at Haystack Pet Parade

Despite an early threat of rain, plus the presence of twenty some leaping dogs in Halloween costumes, and a few mysterious ghosts and goblins, the First Annual Norfolk Haystack Pet Parade went off without a hitch.

Overlooking the City Meadow with Haystack Mountain in the distance, the newly enhanced Robertson Plaza in the center of Norfolk was the perfect spot for the lively event, which attracted folks from eight months to eighty years, and their pets.

Organizer Vishal Grover, treasurer of the

Norfolk Foundation said, "Vinita Patterson, a Norfolk resident, approached the Norfolk Foundation with the idea of a Halloween costume pet parade. We have been partnering with Mission Impact, the youth group of the Norfolk Church of Christ UCC, and their Pastor Erick Olsen. They helped organize our Halloween event, baking treats and making popcorn, and decorating. The Norfolk Library and Botelle School have been wonderfully supportive in promoting the event."

The Norfolk Foundation, founded in 2015, is a nonprofit group whose

mission is "to contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Norfolk, particularly in relation to the town's natural setting and multiple artistic and cultural attractions."

As the crowd began to gather on the cobblestone plaza, dogs of every size, shape, and breed appeared with their humans, some in coordinating costumes. There was a tiny Bichon bumblebee, a massive Superman boxer, a tail-wagging black bat with wings, a Harry Potter terrier, a tiny Yorkie pirate, a hot dog hound, a pumpkin dachshund, and a boisterous black lab with an

iridescent dinosaur costume. A gentle retriever had the proper decorum as Sherlock Holmes, and the dog Pippa wore a blonde wig, re-enacting the iconic photograph of a wind-blown Marilyn Monroe—complete with a grid to stand on.

All the dogs and their owners behaved themselves as they paraded around the plaza under the wise gaze of the Owl of Good Fortune, a bronze sculpture by Norfolk resident Jon Riedeman. There was cider and popcorn, home-baked cookies, candies, and a great display of dog treats that were handed out to each patient and

cooperative pooch. Even the sun cooperated.

Vishal Grover credited his dog Teddy with connecting him with more neighbors in Norfolk, from many walks of life. He quoted from the book "Sapiens" by Yuval Noah Harari: "The dog was the first animal domesticated by Homo sapiens. A 15,000-year bond has yielded a much deeper understanding and affection between humans and dogs than between humans and any



other animal." Everyone in attendance agreed that the First Annual Haystack Pet Costume Parade was great fun, and will become a Norfolk Halloween tradition.

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Top right, Monty the golden retriever as Sherlock Holmes, clockwise from top, Vishal Grover, Treasurer of The Norfolk Foundation, with Teddy as a pirate, Fergus as Harry Potter, Erick Olsen and Doreen Kelly with Margaret as a bumblebee.



ACTIVITIES: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Jack-O-Lanterns by moonlight

Thirteen carved pumpkins flickered beneath the full moon, lifting the spirits of those who dared to stroll, or drive, down Jack-O-Lantern Lane in Goshen, Conn.

The Oct. 27 event was a combination of the town's annual Halloween party for youngsters with a new twist this year: a Jack-O-Lantern contest.

Contestants of all ages unleashed their spooky creativity and imaginations on big and small pumpkins, and visitors submitted votes for their favorites. Their creations ranged from ghoulish, to funny, to classy.

Goshen's Recreation Director Erin Reilly said she was excited by the turnout.

"I couldn't ask for more for our first year," she noted. "We hope to make it an annual event."

Reilly said the idea was inspired by her mom, Sandi, who had at-



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

tended a hugely popular Jack-O-Lantern contest in Keene, New Hampshire. "She told me, 'You should do something like that.'"

As for the full Hunter's Moon in near full peak, which Mother Nature provided as a fitting backdrop, Reilly laughed, "I didn't plan it that way."

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■ NOVEMBER 3

Bingo for Education is Back!

Lee H. Kellogg School, 47 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Scholarship Association (FVSA) announced that Bingo for Education is back this fall. FVSA will host this popular event on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village.

■ NOVEMBER 4

The Sweater Project

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

On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host Wendy Summer to talk about an Afghan initiative she created called "The Sweater Project" (TSP). TSP purchases yarn from local merchants in Kabul, Afghanistan, pays Afghan women to knit sweaters and then distributes the sweaters to destitute children living in internally displaced persons camps. It's a win-win for Afghan women and local yarn sellers to generate income and provide new and much needed warmth for the poorest Afghan children. Wendy Summer will talk about TSP and share photographs from her many trips to Afghanistan. This program is free and open to the public.

Mohawk Mountain Job Fair

Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, Conn. mohawkmtn.com

Join the team at Mohawk Mountain! A Job Fair will be held on Nov. 4, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Now hiring for the upcoming season. Open to everyone, no registration needed. Visit mohawkmtn.com for more information.

Cornwall Author Talk

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

On Saturday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m., live and via Zoom, the Cornwall Library presents A Special Evening with Robert Dance, author of *Ferocious Ambition: Joan Crawford's March to Stardom*. Robert Dance's latest book (he is also author of *The Savvy Sphinx: How Garbo Conquered Hollywood*) examines Joan Crawford's astonishing career and how she rose to become one of the biggest-ever stars during the golden age of Hollywood.

Mr. Dance will be in conversation with Dan Dwyer, book dealer and owner of Johnnycake Books in Salisbury. Together, they will discuss Crawford's relentless ambition and colorful private life and offer fascinating insight into the now lost golden age of Hollywood. The event will be followed by a book signing.

Registration is required at CornwallLibrary.org.

Cupcake Challenge! Fundraiser

The Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., North Canaan, Conn.

Beginner or expert bakers can enter one dozen of your best

or favorite cupcakes. Cupcakes will be judged by taste, overall appearance, creativity, and texture. If you don't bake, come eat a cupcake or two at the Calico Fair Bake Sale! Be the hero that so many families need by supporting the Pilgrim House in Canaan, which houses Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry.

Only \$12 to enter!

Where? The Pilgrim House, during the annual Calico Fair.

When? 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. (You do not need to be present to win.)

Contact Fran Chapell at 860 824-0597 or fchapell@comcast.net, to participate or make a donate to the cause.

■ NOVEMBER 11

Art Show, Poetry Reading, and Workshop

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

The Cornwall Library is excited to announce that artist and prize-winning poet Sally Van Doren is offering an art show, poetry reading, and exciting workshop at The Cornwall Library, exploring the intersection of poetry and art for poets. The combined art show opening and poetry reading by Sally Van Doren from her new book of poetry "Sibilance" is on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. "Poetry and Art, A Creative Writing Workshop with Sally Van Doren," takes place on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free registration for attendance is required at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Movie Night at Colonial Theatre

Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad St., Canaan, Conn.

Boondocks Film Society Presents STRICTLY BALLROOM (1992) (dir. Baz Luhrmann) at Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 7 to 10 p.m. (film at 8:30 p.m.). Live flamenco film-inspired food and beverages, artist-designed commemorative poster and much more flair in store! Tickets: \$22 (food and drink sold separately.)

■ NOVEMBER 12

Benefit Concert

Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Renowned musicians Jon Lafleur, Marthe Ryerson, and Donna Castanar will be coming together for a special concert to raise funds for various Community Outreach Services. The performance will occur on Nov. 12 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. The benefit concert will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$50 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 860-364-5260 for more information.

Free Food Distribution

7 Sand Road, Canaan, Conn. Mark your calendars! On Sunday, Nov. 12 from 10

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. there will be a free drive-thru food distribution at the Canaan Seventh-day Adventist Church at 7 Sand Road, Canaan, Conn. "First come, first served" while supplies last!

■ NOVEMBER 18

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.

■ ONGOING

Salisbury Senior Center Knitting and Crochet Club

42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn.

The Salisbury Senior Center is hosting a new knitting and crochet club on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. Knitters and crocheters of all levels are welcome. Bring a project you are currently working on or start a new one. Meet other seniors from the area. Beginners should bring size eight knitting needles and worsted weight yarn. Coffee and tea will be provided. For further information contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860 435-5186 or email lmcauliffe@salsburyct.us

Call and Response

Souterrain Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, Conn.

A new show at the Souterrain Gallery: *Call and Response*, works by the Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones and Dr. Kathy Bozzuti-Jones of Trinity Retreat Center opened on Oct. 7. The exhibit runs through November.

Friends & Family Storytime

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. will host Friends & Family Storytime, which will feature songs, rhymes, and stories, as well as crafts and other activities.

The event will take place on the library lawn next to the Buttons Garden. If the weather doesn't cooperate, it will be held inside.

Friday Nights on the Green

Village Green, Norfolk, Conn.

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THEATER: DEBORAH MAIER

Series ponders state of performing arts

Early on the crisp and sunny morning of Monday, Oct. 23, about 35 people representing regional groups gathered in the recently renovated Stissing Center in Pine Plains, N.Y., to explore the status and future of theater in our region, led by a panel of six.

This first session of the Performing Arts Business Series was organized by Brett Bernardini, the Stissing Center's executive director, who moderated throughout. As a frame for the morning's work, Bernardini had shared a recent article from American Theatre magazine titled "Theatre in Crisis: What We're Losing, and What Comes Next," which listed a history of theater closures and some pointed questions as to causes, including the traditional nonprofit business model.

Requesting personal definitions of "sustainability" and "regional theater" in the present terms, Bernardini then introduced the keynote speaker, Harlem-based Jonathan McCrory, artistic director since 2012 of Barbara Ann Teer's National Black Theatre (NBT). McCrory spoke of both spiritual and practical aspects of sustaining the community and practice of theater-going.

Addressing the emotional tone of the article and the meeting's purpose, he spoke of grief and vulnerability—as experienced via COVID-19 and in the circumstances of the field they love.

Theater's role, he continued, is to promote clarity of the heart, a softening of humanity, "space to fall in love—with others, with yourself."

Panelists ponder 'sustainability'

Panelists present in



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this first session were New York Assemblymember Didi Barrett; Ron Hicks of Dutchess County Economic Development; Lou Trapani, director of the Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck; Ancram Opera House co-director Jeffrey Mousseau; and Michael Rhodes, artistic director of Tangent Theatre Company in Tivoli. A sixth scheduled panelist had tested positive for COVID and was absent.

A major point of discussion was real estate. Trapani called theater "a landlord's game," with the costs of running his own facility "\$1,100 a day—to do no theater." As to possible help from grantmakers, they are not interested in this type of community theater, he averred.

McCrory outlined how NBT got its start with Teer's purchase of real estate in Harlem, leading to its present home in a 21-story mixed-use tower on upper Fifth Avenue, with its commercial space fronting on 125th Street—"a place to live, serve and create." For playwright and screenwriter Darrah Cloud, who was responsible for bringing McCrory to the presentation, this move away from depending on the nonprofit model makes sense, along with other changes to how things are done.

Declining audiences

"Older folks are not coming," Trapani and others lamented, citing

distance, COVID-related concerns, and late-evening performances. By and large, it has traditionally been older, more financially secure patrons who most consistently support live theater. More matinees or earlier evening start times might draw in those who don't want to travel home at night, some suggested.

To an audience member's question as to how NBT so successfully attracts younger audiences, McCrory noted that NBT offers student residencies that have so far accommodated 300 young artists, holding 23 readings a year in which playwrights and actors are paid for their work.

As with other issues, the lack of affordable housing in our region loomed large in this discussion of creative businesses. "It all boils down to jobs," Trapani said, citing an Arts Mid-Hudson survey outlining the profits generated by the arts for restaurants, hotels and other businesses. Ron Hicks, crediting Barrett's \$3 million affordable housing initiative, pled with the audience to "participate, know what affordable housing is!"

Future sessions in the series are scheduled for January, April, July and October 2024, similarly in each month's third week, at the Stissing Center unless the group decides otherwise.

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