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Sharon Hospital appeals OHS decision on maternity unit

By Maud Doyle

SHARON — On Wednesday, Oct. 18, Sharon Hospital appealed the state Office of Health Strategy's proposed rejection of its plan to close its labor and delivery (L&D) unit.

The brief and exceptions filed by the hospital argued, in effect, that the Sharon Hospital primary service area (PSA) has less need for an operating maternity ward than it has for the cessation of financially unsustainable services. The hospital has said that the unit loses about \$3 million annually, contributing to the hospital's overall annual losses of over \$20 million.

Citing financial concerns, declining birth rates in Litchfield County, and underutilization of its obstetrics unit, the hospital first announced its intention to close its maternity ward in 2018, and applied to OHS for a Certificate of Need in January 2022.

In August, OHS released the proposed decision denying Sharon Hospital and its parent company, Nuvance Health, a Certificate of

"Nuvance Health itself has lost in excess of \$100 million dollars since its establishment in 2019, and is facing a dire financial situation with a significant projected operating loss in fiscal year 2023."

Nuvance Health CEO Dr. John Murphy

Need to close its maternity unit on grounds that the hospital failed to demonstrate that the closure met the agency's criteria for a CON: "public need, access to care and cost-effectiveness."

In the brief filed with OHS, the hospital wrote: "Sharon Hospital was subjected to an unfair and biased procedure in the course of its CON application that violated its procedural rights."

It characterized the proposed decision not as a product of OHS and the CON procedure, but as the work of an individual Hearing Officer. Throughout, the brief described the findings and conclusions as "arbitrary and capricious," "prejudicial," "inadequate," "circular" and "betraying a startling misunderstanding of health system finances," and accuses the officer of "cherry-pick[ing]" data, irrationality, and "prejudicial processes." (It also argues that multiple delays in the proceedings effectively render the proposed decision inadmissible.)

The brief disputed the proposed decision's argument that the closure

of the maternity unit will have a negative effect on the quality, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of care in the region.

Demand for Services

The brief took issue with the proposed decision's interpretations of CON criteria, arguing that the proposed decision demanded "an impossible burden of proof" by requiring that the CON proposal to terminate services would ultimately "improve" access to and quality of local health services. The CON process, it stated, required that the OHS instead focus on the relative insignificance of the effect the L&D closure would have on access.

The brief argued that insignificance by laying out an existing lack of demand for the L&D unit's services. The brief is clear that the Town of Sharon and Litchfield County are experiencing declining birth rates and an aging population. (Because the CON process requires only that a hospital's services align with Connecticut's Statewide Plan for healthcare access, the brief does

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN BARBAGALLO

Route 44 in Norfolk, looking west on Nov. 5, 2022, at the scene of tanker truck crash that spilled 8,200 gallons of gasoline. Concerned citizens welcomed a new state law, which went into effect Oct. 1, that allows municipalities to use of remote speed and red-light cameras.

New state camera law eyed to curb Route 44 speeding in Norfolk

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — When a motorcycle collided with a vehicle on Route 44 in Norfolk on July 5, 2023, passersby called 911 and attended to the injured motorcyclist as he lay bleeding in the hot sun until first responders — the Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance, EMT's, and a Norfolk firetruck — arrived.

Eight months earlier to the day, a nightmare scenario unfolded on the stretch of Route 44 that passes through the town center. Early on Saturday morning, Nov. 5, a gasoline tanker truck traveling west flipped on its side near Botelle Elementary School, spilling 8,200 gallons of gasoline and causing extensive environmental damage. First Selectman Matt Riiska said it will take years, and millions of dollars, to mitigate the effects of the tanker spill.

Norfolk residents for years have asked state officials to lower the

speed limit on the section of state road that passes through Norfolk village, especially near the Town Green and elementary school. Their pleas have yet to be met.

Data on motor vehicle accidents in the Route 44 corridor extending from Winsted through Canaan provide evidence of a sustained rate of accidents. According to the UConn Connecticut Crash Data Repository, from January 2020 to April 2023, there were 278 crashes involving 502 vehicles and 657 people on the section of Route 44 that also serves as Main Street in Winsted, Norfolk, and Canaan. Of those, 215 of did not involve injuries, 35 had multiple injuries, and three involved fatalities.

After the tanker truck crash, 400 concerned citizens, spearheaded by residents Michael Selleck, Larry Hannafin and Sally Carr, signed and sent a petition to Gov. Ned Lamont

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Region One announces Kindergarten enrollment guidelines

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Superintendent Lisa Carter has released the details of a plan for dealing with the new Kindergarten age requirements.

The move, announced on Wednesday, Oct. 18, was made necessary to the General Assembly's recent legislation requiring that all students entering kindergarten in the 2024-2025 school year turn five years old by Sept. 1. Prior to the legislation, which was signed into law by Gov. Ned Lamont in the spring of 2023, children entering Kindergarten had to be five years old by Jan. 1.

This left a gap for children born between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31.

Carter wrote that Region One administrators and the town school boards discussed possible

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Learning by doing at Touch a Trade

Kevin Ireton, right, helped demonstrate a hand saw at the second annual Touch a Trade event on Saturday, Oct. 21 in Kent that offered a hands-on experience for the whole family. For full story, turn to page A8.

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

This week, read about Falls Village's candidates on page A7.



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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.

Salisbury breach of peace

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Troop B responded to 336 Main Street, Salisbury, for the report of a suspicious incident. An investigation led to the arrest of Victoria Deluca, 41, of Huntington, Pennsylvania, on a charge of breach of peace, 2nd degree. Deluca was released on bond.

Mother, daughter altercation

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, at approximately 10 a.m. Troopers responded to a Miner Street address in Falls Village for a verbal altercation between a mother and daughter. Johanna Tweed, 62, of Falls Village, allegedly threw a large container at the victim's garage and was banging on the front door. Tweed was brought to Troop B and charged with breach of peace, 2nd degree and released on bond. At approximately 1 p.m., Tweed, allegedly violating conditions of her release by making contact with the victim following the previous arrest, was found walking on Route 7 and was arrested again, charged with violating conditions of release in the 2nd degree. Tweed was unable to post bond.

Violating protective order

On Wednesday, Oct. 18, at approximately 3:15 p.m. Troopers responded to a call from a victim reporting

an intoxicated man with an altered mental status. Peter Peterson, 67, of Sharon, was found to be in violation of a protective order and was charged with violating a standing criminal protective order and was held on a \$2,500 cash or surety bond.

Passing in no-pass zone

On Thursday, Oct. 19, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Judith Murphy, 70, of Lakeville, was traveling southbound on Route 7 in Sharon. Eyad Musharbash, 60, of Verplanck, New York, was northbound and attempted to pass another northbound vehicle in a no-pass zone and struck Murphy's vehicle. Both vehicles were towed from the scene and Musharbash was found at fault and arrested for interfering with an officer, reckless driving, passing in a no-pass zone, failure to carry a license and operating an unregistered vehicle. Musharbash was held on a \$5,000 cash/surety bond.

Operating under influence

On Saturday, Oct. 21, at approximately 9:45 a.m., Troop B received a complaint of a nonactive disturbance at 118 Route 7 Canaan. Pursuant to an investigation, William Ferris, 24, was taken into custody on disorderly conduct charges and was transported to New Haven Correctional Center.

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

Doyle, Edelman named to new editorial posts

MILLERTON — Maud Doyle, a Lakeville Journal reporter who joined the paper in July, has been named Managing Editor of The Millerton News.

Doyle, who lives in Lakeville, will succeed Emily Edelman, who has served as Millerton's Managing Editor since last fall. Edelman has been an integral part of the successful effort to rebuild the staff at The News and will step into a new key position as Editorial Coordinator overseeing publication of stories from both papers on a revamped website to be launched in late November.

Both papers, published by nonprofit The Lakeville Journal Foundation, will launch paper-specific websites that will provide readers with fresh updates throughout the week, and will expand offerings on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Instagram.

Since joining the paper, Doyle has covered several key stories, including the affordable housing crisis, Sharon Hospital's application to end labor and delivery service and the pressures on local EMS services in the bid to find new volunteers.

"We are pleased to have two dedicated journalists who are committed to helping us continue to build The Mil-



PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

Maud Doyle

lerton News' coverage across eastern Dutchess County," said Susan Hassler, publisher. "And we are excited about the launch of a more accessible website for our subscribers."

Prior to joining The Journal, Doyle worked at several publications in New York City, including Bloomberg News and Departures magazine, and as a freelance writer, editor and researcher. She holds a BA from Brown University and Master's degrees from Columbia University



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Emily Edelman

and Harvard University.

Edelman has a broad background in community journalism, both in news writing and radio. She was assistant managing editor at the Berkshire Edge, an online news publication in Great Barrington, and is a board member for the Ber-

shire Theatre Critics' Association. She presents a daily radio show at WBRK Inc., in Pittsfield; was assistant program director at WHDD-FM in Sharon; and worked at WKZE-FM in Sharon and Red Hook.

Doyle and Edelman, along with Lakeville Journal Managing Editor Riley Klein will report to John Coston, editor-in-chief of the publications.

The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a nonprofit established in 2021, publishes The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News with a goal to sustain and expand both newspapers.

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0227 by owner Marisa Simmons for a cottage bakery home occupation at 37 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Map 56, Lot 25 per Sections 210.1 and 210.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 10-19-23 10-26-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0229 by Rick Ehle for a Special Permit for vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure at 254 Housatonic River Road, Salisbury, Map 12, Lot 30 per Section 503 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting.

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 10-19-23 10-26-26

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0226 by Salisbury Housing Trust for a Special Permit for new multifamily construction in the multifamily housing overlay district at 17 Perry Street, Lakeville, Map 47, Lot 37 per Section 405.3 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours

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LEGAL NOTICE WARNING MUNICIPAL ELECTION TOWN OF SALISBURY

The legal voters of the Town of Salisbury are hereby warned to meet at the Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for the purpose of electing Town Officials. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut, this 11th day of October 2023.

Patricia H. Williams
Salisbury Town Clerk
10-26-23

PUBLIC NOTICE STEVEN DUTTON VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, to hear an application for variance of Section 3.2, minimum rear yard setback, of the Zoning Regulations for Steven Dutton, 64 Route 7 N. A copy of the application is available at the Town Hall.

John Holland
Chairman
10-19-23
10-26-23

WARNING MUNICIPAL ELECTION November 7, 2023

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon, are hereby warned to meet at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for the purpose of electing Town Officials. The polls will open from 6 am to 8 pm. Voting is in the Chapin Room, second floor.

Absentee ballots are available during normal business hours in the Town Clerks office. Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM until Noon. Dated at Sharon Connecticut this 11th day of October, 2023.

Linda Amerighi-CCTC
Sharon Town Clerk
10-26-23

WARNING REGISTRARS OF VOTERS HOURS OCTOBER 31, 2023

Prospective voters of the Town of North Canaan are hereby warned that the Registrars of Voters office will be open from 9:00 am-8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31, 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 November 7, 2023 at the McCarthy Room at 100 Pease Street in the Town Hall in North Canaan, CT.

Dated at North Canaan this 18th Day of October, 2023.

Patricia E. Keilty
Rosemary A. Keilty
North Canaan
Registrars of Voters
10-26-23

Online This Week

Sharon organ concert rehearsal

A sacred and secular concert is scheduled to premiere Nov. 12 at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon. Full story on www.tricornernews.com

Cornwall Town Meeting delayed

Due to delays in the annual audit, Cornwall's Town Meeting that was originally scheduled for Nov. 17 has been delayed to Dec. 8. Learn more on www.tricornernews.com



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'Lack of help' at root of garden center's closure

By Debra A. Aleksinas

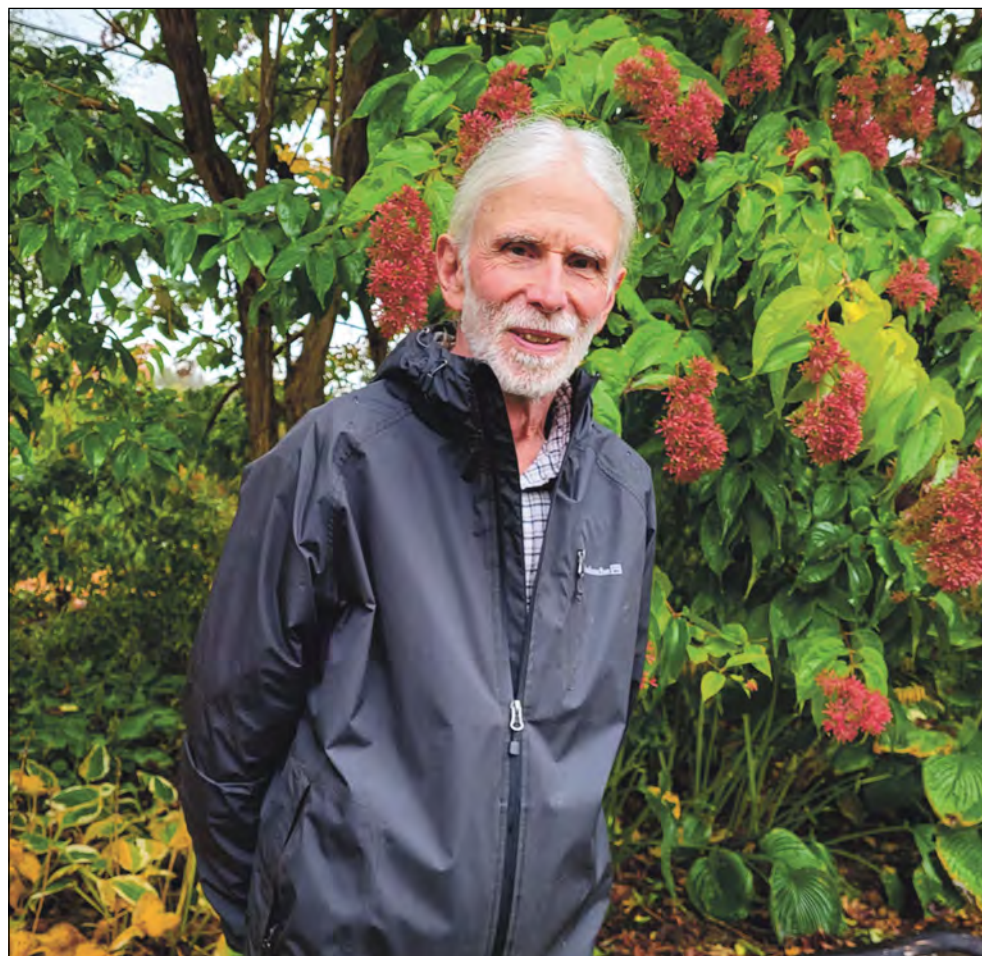
FALLS VILLAGE — A critical worker shortage in the rural Northwest Corner has caused the Falls Village Flower Farm to permanently close its retail operation on Kellogg Road, which has drawn loyal customers from throughout the tri-state area since opening more than 24 years ago.

"We will still have the nursery and we will still be growing perennials, but our market will be different. We are not going to be open to the public," owner and head grower Tom Scott announced on Oct. 20. "We will be selling by appointment only."

During a recent rainy weekday visit, the entrance to the flower farm's parking area was closed to vehicles, and a help-wanted sign on the roadway leading to the business was no longer posted.

"The reason we are changing our business plan is because of lack of help. I cannot get on a big enough soap box and scream loud enough to say that we have a serious labor problem," in the rural Northwest Corner of the state, said Scott.

Although the retail side of the nursery operation is now permanently closed, Scott, who caught the gardening bug at a young age by growing vegetables in his



Tom Scott, owner of Falls Village Flower Farm, has closed the retail operation at his nursery due to a lack of employees.

backyard and selling them along the roadside, is by no means hanging up his trowel.

Scott said he will continue providing customers with garden services such as maintaining, installing, pruning and preparing soil and offering "custom growing" services for plants that are not currently in season.

He said his business plan moving forward will focus on growing perennials for two major, annual trade shows: Trade Secrets, which benefits the Lakeville-based Project SAGE, and Hollister House Garden, Inc., in Washington, Conn. Scott, who has been a fixture at the shows for many years, said

10% of his sales benefit those nonprofit organizations.

Scott said he will also be renting out the nursery's mature display gardens and grounds as event space for parties, weddings, family outings, reunions, memorials, corporate events and celebrations.

A bocce ball court located on the grounds was built by Scott, a bocce ball enthusiast, to league standards and is also available for rental by the hour.

Over the past few decades, the nursery owner has converted the seven-acre farm, formerly owned by the

"I cannot get on a big enough soap box and scream loud enough to say that we have a serious labor problem."

—Tom Scott, owner, Falls Village Flower Farm

late Charlotte Kester, from an overgrown, wooded site into a fairytale-like setting. Lush wisteria and old growth trees provide pleasant shade and a trickling creek on the property line provides cool air on hot days. Mature plants fill pathways that change with the seasons.

"Gardening," said Scott, a transplant from Dover Plains, N.Y., "is 90% imagination."

This philosophy is evident at the nursery's outdoor sales house consisting of a small weathered wood box enveloped by an explosion of climbing hydrangea.

Falls Village Flower Farm started out small in 1997 as a wholesale nursery and eventually expanded to include more growing space and additional cultivars.

The nursery where Scott propagates and grows herbaceous and woody perennials has been coveted by gardeners from throughout Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. The flower farm encompasses 27,000 square feet of growing space and offers varieties from the traditional to the rare and unusual, including natives.

The pandemic was a bonus

Unlike many businesses that shut down during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the gardening business blossomed, said Scott.

"The first three customers I had in 2020, it was almost like they were reading

off the same script. They all said, 'We're stuck and home, so we are going to do some gardening.'"

With the gardening boom came the need to grow the workforce, but finding reliable, knowledgeable employees to manage the retail sales and tend to the rows upon rows of potted plants and shrubs at the nursery while he was out servicing customers' gardens became an unsurmountable challenge, said Scott.

That need for help will present itself again when he opens the nursery in the spring under its new model, but to a lesser degree now that the retail operation has ceased. At present, the staff consists of himself and the nursery manager, which means he will still be looking for help.

Scott said ideally he would find someone to whom he can pass along his vast gardening knowledge to over the next 10 years, who would then purchase the business.

"I would work for them" and leave behind all the other aspects of running the nursery, including managing staff, payroll, paperwork, marketing and other responsibilities that come with ownership, said Scott, who works seven days a week from April through November.

"Then I hibernate and recuperate," until spring's arrival and a new growing season.

Falls Village voters to have town meeting on election day

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Falls Village voters will choose new boards and commissions on election day, Nov. 7.

There will also be a town meeting held on election day at Town Hall, where voters will weigh in on four issues.

They are:
Shall the Town of Canaan approve the sale of the former firehouse property at 35 Railroad Street for \$300,000.

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 existing parking lot.

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the appropriation of up to \$10,000 from the Bridge Reserve Account #1702646689 to pay the final bill of Cardinal Engineering for the Cobble Road Culvert Project.

Shall the Town of Canaan approve the appropriation of

up to \$10,000 for the replacement of the A/C unit at Town Hall with a heat pump from the 107/108 Property Reserve Account #170263056.

Voting in the town meeting is by ballot.

The regular election voting will be held in the main room as usual, and the town meeting will be in the area where the town clerk operates. The town meeting will adjourn when the votes are counted.

Only registered voters can vote in the municipal election, while anyone who pays taxes in Falls Village may vote in the town meeting.

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Florence and Beatrice Bye got into the Halloween spirit on Oct. 20 in Kent.

Pumpkin painting party in Kent

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Kent Park and Recreation presented its second annual Pumpkin Painting and Carving Party on Friday, Oct. 20.

Held at the Kent Community House. All kids, twelfth grade and under, were invited and more than 30 youngsters arrived. Pumpkins were provided as well as every possible artistic

decorative add-on. Carving was an option but painting was the unanimous choice as the popular medium.

The event was sponsored by the Northwest Corner Prevention Network.

Reporter's Notebook

Rolling scones: Peggy's sweet spot

By Mike Cobb

AMENIA — Last summer, I missed my train from Wassauc to New York City. Looking to kill a few hours until the next train rolled in, I searched online for a place to pass the time.

My father and I found Peggy's Sweet and Savory at 3312 East Main St., which was rated 4.5 on Yelp and was highly recommended for its scones. I usually find scones to be as hard as hockey pucks, but being hunky, I was willing to give it a go.

Located in a green brick townhouse complete with a black cast-iron staircase outside, Peggy's has a vibe that's as much Brooklyn as it is rural upstate New York. The menu features coffee, tea, homemade sandwiches and fresh baked goods.

Once inside, my eyes were drawn to the back of the building where a Vermeeresque shaft of light illuminated a small kitchen. Presumably Peggy prepared baked goods, gently stirring dough in a metal bowl.

We were served excellent coffee while awaiting the main attraction. When the scones finally arrived, fresh

out of the oven, they had a flaky crust with a warm and chewy interior. My dad and I took a table outside under a shade tree and had a lovely second breakfast.

Peggy McEnroe has been at this particular establishment for 12 years. Thanks to her friend Michelle Haab, McEnroe connected with Claire Houlihan, who owns the building that would become Peggy's Sweet and Savory.

"Claire had a building in Amenia where she wanted to create a cafe, and Michelle thought I would be a good fit," McEnroe explained.

She runs the business with her niece Katerin McEnroe, a Housatonic Valley Regional High School student who works weekend shifts. She said scones are one of the more popular items, followed by cakes. Carrot cake in particular sells well.

"I enjoy making pies, sweet or savory. Baking is an enjoyable and calming pursuit," she said.

Materials are locally sourced from farmers' markets for in-season products. McEnroe uses food distributors such as Ginsberg's and Baldor Specialty Foods, oc-

asionally making trips to Restaurant Depot for supplies.

As is the case for many food establishments and small businesses, getting good help is difficult. "It is a universal problem, and it forces one to get more creative and figure out how to get the work done. There is never a dull moment in this business," she said.

McEnroe understands the frustration people have when hours are curtailed due to being short-staffed: "It's just as frustrating from the business side. We are in the hospitality and service business, and we strive to create enjoyable experiences for people."

She added: "I am grateful for my customers and staff who have supported me through all the challenges and successes. I look forward to many years to come."

To see Peggy's menu and hours, go online to www.peggyssweetandsavory.com

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Curtis Rand First Selectman

Born and raised in Salisbury, Curtis has served as First Selectman for nine terms & for terms as Selectman before that. His strong history of service to the town on various boards and commissions includes Conservation Commission, Scenic Roads & Bridges, and Transfer Station. He is a graduate forester committed to our town as seen through its people, history, architecture, and natural environment—all while maintaining one of CT's lowest mill rates. He is married with three grown children. Curtis is dedicated to protecting the values making Salisbury a special place to live and raise a family.



Chris Williams Board of Selectmen

Chris, currently Selectman, has been a resident for more than 30 years who, after serving in the United States Marine Corps, returned to Salisbury to raise his family. While employed by the State of Connecticut within the Department of Transportation for 30+ years working on road and bridge projects, he served on the Board of Finance, Board of Assessment Appeals, & the Salisbury Fire Commission; Scenic Roads Committee, Parks and Forests Commission, and as Chairman of Pathways and Sidewalk Committee. He was also a member of the Town Grove staff for 2 years, and previously served as Pack 7 pack master and Troop 7 Scoutmaster.

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Michael Voldstad Board of Finance

Michael and his wife, Kathy, are full-time residents, having lived in Salisbury part-time since the 1990s. As a retired lawyer specializing in municipal finance, he contributes much to the BOF. Also, he is a trustee for the Chore Service and on the Salisbury Congregational Church Investment Committee.



Lucia Philipp Board of Education

Lucia moved from NYC to Salisbury with her family in 2019 to teach Spanish at Salisbury School, later becoming Chair of the World Language Department. Both her children attended SCS until last spring when her eldest graduated. She has worked in education for more than 15 years in various capacities from teaching, fundraising, to admissions. She now works at Millbrook School, volunteers for the Salisbury Association, and is eager to serve on the BOE.



Barrett Prinz Board of Education

Barrett and his family live in Lakeville and his three children graduated from Salisbury Central School; he joined the SCS board in the fall of 2016. He currently works as the general counsel for an international health policy non-profit that works with governments to strengthen their public health systems. He is an active squad member of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service & board member at Salisbury Family Services.



Flora Lazar Region 1 Board of Education Representative

A social worker/psychotherapist working with children and adults, Flora resides in Salisbury with husband, Lee Greenhouse. In her clinical work, she has been a school social worker & collaborated closely with schools to address student mental health needs. She was founding executive director of, and served on boards of, several educational non-profits including Old Town School of Folk Music, Experimental Station, and Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute.



Michael W. Klemens Planning & Zoning Commission

In 2006, Michael moved to Salisbury, was appointed an Alternate, shortly thereafter became a full member, & has served as Chairman for the past 11 years. An ecologist by profession, most of his career he has worked with communities across the region to plan sustainable futures. He believes every point of view has merit, regulations of the town should be applied evenly & transparently to protect rights of individuals, as well as the community-at-large.



Danella Schiffer Planning & Zoning Commission, Alternate

Salisbury resident for more than 40 years, an organizational psychologist, Danella has been an Alternate since 2014. "Serving is a heavy responsibility that requires fairness to all and attention to: maintaining Salisbury's character; promoting its economic viability; protecting our environment; safeguarding residents' quality of life; and respecting legal boundaries." She is president of the Amesville Association & Sharon Garden Club.



Beth Wells Planning & Zoning Commission, Alternate

A LEED accredited practicing architect specializing in residential and retail work, Beth's professional passions are sustainability, maintaining natural resources, and design that is sensitive to the environment. Prior to ZBA Alternate, she served on community design boards in Los Angeles for years. She is committed to both preserving the feel and history of Salisbury, and shepherding its growth in thoughtful ways. Beth and her husband live in Lakeville.



Lee Greenhouse Zoning Board of Appeals

Lee and wife, Flora, moved to Salisbury after living in Chicago and NYC. A retired management consultant specializing in information technology companies, the list of corporate & other boards on which he has served is long. "I hope my skills as a fair-minded listener, thorough gatherer of information, and thoughtful policy-maker, might be useful to the community with my willingness to roll up my sleeves, take on projects, and persevere as a volunteer."



Stacie Weiner Zoning Board of Appeals

Having lived in Salisbury for more than 40 years, Stacie is presently on Salisbury's Zoning Board of Appeals, committed to ensuring a fair review process for all. She is Vice President and Financial Advisor for RBC Wealth Management, past president of the Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council, and serves on the Investment Advisory Board of the Northwest Community Foundation.



Harding Bancroft Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate

After retiring from a career in Information Technology, Harding moved to the Northwest Corner in 1997, first to Sharon for 25 years, and then, last year, to Salisbury. In Sharon he was a Sewer and Water Commissioner for more than 20 years, a member of the Board of Finance for over 10 years, and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for about 9 years.



Elvia Gignoux Board of Assessment Appeals

Growing up in Salisbury, Elvia attended Indian Mountain and Berkshire School. She has sold real estate in the area for more than 20 years and is knowledgeable about local real estate values. She has served on many local boards including SWSA, Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority, and Housatonic Child Care Center. She has served as an alternate on the Salisbury Board of Assessment Appeals.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn B. Tompkins

SHARON — Evelyn B. Tompkins, 92, of Sharon, peacefully passed away on Oct. 11, 2023, at Geer Nursing Facility.

Evelyn was born May 26, 1931, in Sharon, to David and Martha Boge. Shortly after her birth, during the Great Depression, the family returned to Norway where she lived until she was 7.

Evelyn graduated from Amenia High School in 1949 and Bryant College business program in 1951.

Evelyn was happily married to Robert "Jolly" Tompkins who predeceased her in 2014.

Evelyn's greatest joy in life was her family. She rejoiced in her children's and grandchildren's accomplishments, both big and small. Evelyn loved spending time with family and her many friends "the more the merrier" and enjoyed cooking, especially her unforgettable brownies. She was always ready to host a celebration!

Evelyn was a secretary, and her favorite job was the many years she spent at Webutuck High School in the Guidance Office. She loved interacting with the students and was always so excited by their college acceptances.

In her spare time she enjoyed many outdoor activities with her family including skiing into her late 70's, golf, gardening and canning, rail-fanning, walking and camp-

ing. For many years she was a "Reading Buddy" at Sharon Elementary School.

She was an active congregant of the Sharon United Methodist Church where she made many wonderful friends as they volunteered for everything!

Evelyn is survived by her children: Stephanie (Jim) Lalli of Cranbury, New Jersey, David (Pam) McEnroe and Gwyn Myles, both of Vancouver, Washington, Chris (Jen) Tompkins of Salisbury; stepsons, Thomas (Becky) Tompkins of Los Altos Hills, California, and John (Ron) Tompkins of St. Petes Beach, Florida. She is also survived by a very special niece, Lee McEnroe of Millbrook, New York.

Evelyn is survived by 10, much loved grandchildren; Brian and Christopher Lalli, Matthew, Mark, Dana, Ryan, Kaelyn, John and Travis Tompkins, and Amanda Schonert, as well as 15 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Evelyn was predeceased by her son-in-law, Lloyd Myles.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date. Arrangements will be under the direction of Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Memorial donations may be sent to Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, CT 06069.



Timothy Walter King

NORFOLK — Timothy Walter King, 57, entered into eternal life on Oct. 21, 2023, with family by his side. Born Sept. 11, 1966, in Winsted, he was the son of the late Paul and Rita (Lachat) King.

Timothy graduated from the special needs program at Conard High School in West Hartford, where he became proficient in reading, writing and sign language. He was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church in Winsted and St. Martin of Tours Parish in Norfolk, where he served as an adult altar server for many years.

For most of his adult life and until his passing, he lived with his sister Agnes, her husband Stan, and their children Sydney and Paige, since they were born. He loved being a part of family activities and helping in any way he could. He read countless story books to his nieces, played games with them, and always watched out for them. He enjoyed vacationing, especially to the beach, listening and dancing to music, animals, WWE Wrestling, and his favorite activity of all, being a Special Olympic swimmer where he earned scores of medals. He worked as an estate gardener with Agnes and carpenter's helper with Stan and enjoyed getting to know all the people he met through his vocation.

Through his loving disposition he greeted everyone he met with a hug or a high five. His view of the world included only its best qualities and taught those who knew him

that in the end it is only love that really matters.

He is survived by his three brothers and two sisters, Patrick King (partner Barbara Zimmerman) of Torrington, Peter King (Karen) of St. Petersburg, Florida, Jean Bronson (Joel) of Falls Village, Francis King (Diane) of New Hartford and Agnes Dzenutis (Stanley) of Norfolk, and their families. He will be missed by the Dzenutis family who were as much a part of his life as his own.

Calling hours are Friday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 922 Main Street, Winsted. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Church, 31 Oak Street, Winsted, at 11 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 28, 2023. Burial to follow in St. Joseph new Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Martin of Tours Parish, Canaan, Ct., or to Special Olympics Connecticut. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com.



HARPSWELL, Me. — Karin Marie Zetterstrom was born on Feb. 27, 1940, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and grew up in Canaan, Connecticut, the first daughter of Olle and Martha Zetterstrom, both natives of Sweden. Younger brother Tom and sister Ingrid were born several years later.

A curious and whimsical child, Karin treasured reading books in her special nook in the rocks above the family's limestone quarry. Karin graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1958 where she was a member of the National Honor Society and active in numerous groups and clubs. She taught ballet and worked as a lifeguard and swimming instructor which were precursors to her passion and vocation — teaching. Additionally, travel to Sweden and Norway and a memorable family car trip through the national parks sparked a life-long love of travel.

Karin attended Sarah Lawrence College where she majored in English literature, graduating with honors in 1962. While at Sarah Lawrence, she developed many life-long friendships, and remained an active alumna throughout her life. In 1964, she earned her master's degree in education at Stanford University. Having met and married Neville Woodruff in California, they landed teaching positions at the American International School in Vienna, Austria, from 1965-1967.

They returned to the United States to teach at the Woodstock Country School in Vermont where their son Alex was born in 1967. The family moved to Boston in 1968 where Karin engaged in peace and justice causes inspired by Father Drinan, dean of the Boston College law school and prominent anti-war activist. Her second son Stephen Woodruff was born in 1970. Shortly after

moving to New Gloucester, Maine, the couple divorced in 1973. Karin settled her family in the commercial fishing village of Cundy's Harbor, a small coastal community where the boys could run wild and free through the village, woods, and to the beach at Sandy Cove.

In 1974, Karin began teaching courses in women's studies at the University of Southern Maine. She earned a second master's degree in English at Tufts University in 1977, focusing on women writers including Virginia Woolf, Jane Austen, and Sarah Orne Jewett.

Karin taught college writing, English literature, and women's studies at Westbrook College in Portland from 1979-1987. Governor Joseph Brennan appointed her to the Maine Commission on Women in which she was active from 1979-1982. She served as president of the Jane Austen Society of Maine and was a long-time participant in a local women's French group. From 1988 until her retirement in 2008, she taught college writing, literature, major women writers and modern literature at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA). Many of her courses became the foundation for the department of women's studies at the UMA. During these years, she also led several summer literary tours to England. She was a dedicated teacher who cared and nurtured her students' intellectual pursuits and their personal development leading to lifelong friendships.

In 1982, Karin met her love Robert "Bob" Jackson, and they married on July 23, 1983. To her two sons, Karin added Bob's three daughters, who became as dear to Karin as any daughters could ever be. In their retirement, Karin and Bob made numerous

trips to Europe, Canada, and throughout America. They spent time with friends and relatives, always hosting lively summer lobster feeds at the Harbor. They valued their church communities and were active members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brunswick and All Saints by The Sea chapel on Bailey Island. Enjoying over forty years of marriage, Karin and Bob shared a love of history, art, dance, literature, classical music, opera, and fine foods and wines.

Karin was preceded in death by her parents Olle and Martha Zetterstrom. She is survived by her loving husband Robert; sons Alex (Lindie) Woodruff and Stephen (Elizabeth) Woodruff; stepdaughters Joan (Keith) Mummert, Ann (Jim) Hutson, and Gale Jackson; siblings Tom Zetterstrom and

Ingrid Saterstrom; nephews Mark and Daniel Menges, and beloved grandchildren Patrick Hutson, Cate Hutson, Thomas Woodruff, Stephen Woodruff, and Emma Woodruff.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28, 2023. A livestream of the service is available on the church's website. An additional memorial service and celebration of life is being planned on Bailey Island for July 2024.

The family is sincerely grateful for the outstanding physicians and providers who cared for her over the last years, especially Dr. Paul Hyman and the Mid Coast Hospital team, the Brunswick Aging Excellence team, and CHANS hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karin's memory to the Cundy's Harbor Library or the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP).



Karen Marie Zetterstrom

Dorothy Kovacs Foley

CANAAN — Dorothy Kovacs Foley died peacefully at home on Oct. 16, 2023.

Widow of the late Thomas J. Foley Jr. who predeceased her in 2008, and loving sister Ruth Hutchings who predeceased her in early 2023.

Born in Torrington Jan. 19, 1932, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Bodnar Kovacs.

She graduated from Torrington High School in 1949. Dorothy was employed as a bookkeeper/teller at Brooks Bank and Trust until she married and moved to Canaan in 1955. There she was involved with her husband in life on the family farm on Lower Road. In early years Dorothy was a communicant of St. Joseph Church and a member of the Daughters of Isabella. An avid reader, she was a faithful participant of the Douglas Library readers group. In earlier years she

was involved in various charity drives and fundraisers for the church and town.

Surviving is her son, Patrick and his wife Lori; three grandsons; Garrett, his wife Megan, and their daughter Wren, Jarred, Jacob, his wife Corey, and their daughter Inez; and beloved granddaughter Cameron Ann. She also leaves her nephew, Richard F. Hutchings of Canton, and niece Virginia Messler of Austin, Texas. A lifelong kinship was shared with brothers-in-law, Warren and John Foley Sr., and sister-in-law Mary Foley Joch, their spouses, and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside service to be held Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Canaan, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County.



Worship Services

Week of October 29, 2023

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on 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 Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252 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 Offering companionship along the Way 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 trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT The next meeting will be Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. 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 Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp Shabbat Services Hebrew School CTeen YIP Judaism With A Smile! chabadnw.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am North Cornwall Meeting House 115 Town Street, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>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>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>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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In Appreciation

Judy Mellecker Parker

Judy Mellecker Parker died peacefully in Sharon Hospital on Aug. 16, 2023. She was born in Clinton, Iowa, on Oct. 7, 1939. She married Robert Andrew Parker, the well-known artist and musician, in 1992 and they lived in West Cornwall. She managed the accounts and the household and drove Bob around when his eye-

sight was failing. She was on staff as the Talk of the Town editor at the New Yorker Magazine for about 35 years. She had a quiet, giving demeanor, sensitive to the feelings of others, particularly when she turned down a piece. She will be greatly missed.

Family and friends of the Parkers

Jon Haines Barrett

MILLERTON — Jon Haines Barrett, 81, a lifelong resident of the Town of North East, passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at his home.

Jon was born Feb. 23, 1942, in Sharon. He was the son of the late Harold Haines and Claire (Schwab) Barrett.



ly at Oblong Rural Cemetery, Coleman Station Road in Millerton, NY, on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. A time of sharing memories and reflections of Jon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. for relatives and friends, at the Barrett residence, 344 Indian Lake Road, Millerton, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North-East-Millerton Library, 75 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Jon's memory or to send flowers to service, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Jon took over the family dairy farm on Indian Lake Road in 1961 upon the death of his father, and operated Indian Pond Farm until 1991. Jon held the positions of Assessor in the Town of North East and Town of Beekman for many years, but always remained involved in farming. He raised beef cows, goats and dairy heifers. He was a quiet, kind and gentle man with a wry sense of humor who could make you laugh out loud unexpectedly. He loved to read science fiction and history books as well as the Sunday Edition of the New York Times and he was a loyal patron of the NorthEast-Millerton Library. He adored his dogs, from his border collie, Tippi, in his teen years to his chiweenie, Gus, in his final years. He will always be remembered as a steady, supportive and loving husband and father.

Jon is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Lyn (Miller) Barrett of Millerton; his children, Heather Biewald (Frank), Thomas Breuler (Deborah), James Breuler (Mia), Christian Kelly (Jennifer), Elizabeth Barrett and Megan Ideker (Cory) as well as sixteen grand and great grandchildren and his sister, Gail Crane (John).

In addition to his parents, Jon was predeceased by his son, Bruce Haines Barrett in 2017.

Committal services and burial will take place private-

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The ancient craft of hand weaving has been practiced for thousands of years, and with good results from a practical need to create clothing and then better clothing with adornments, to a higher realm, combining colors, texture and fibers to create works of gallery-worthy wearable art.

Handwoven textile artist Anne Cameron is a prime example of the latter. Her works of wearable art and household linens are now on display at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum through Friday, Dec. 8. The opening reception was held on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The Sharon resident creates and markets through her company, Tissé Designs. For the exhibit, she chose a representative sampling of blankets and shawls, table runners and linens, scarves, towels and more. All items are on sale, with a portion of each sale to benefit the historical society.

Yarns are diverse, from pure silk to cotton, linen, wool, Merino wool, cashmere, alpaca and Tencel. The latter material is derived from Eucalyptus and frequently combined with

other yarns in Cameron's weavings.

Chris Robinson, board president of the historical society, coordinated with Cameron in how best to display her textiles and both were pleased by the result.

"We haven't had just a solo textile exhibit," said Robinson. "Not only is Cameron an artist, she is a craftsperson, and it's important to support the traditional crafts."

Robinson noted that the historical society has a beautiful loom in its collection.

"It's really a wonderful opportunity to have a solo show of a representative sample of my work," Cameron said, noting that she has been weaving for 12 years, and still proudly experimenting. She recalled that she started by taking five lessons and from then on has been basically self-taught.

"I'm working on a project right now—two shawls," Cameron said.

"I tend to use Tercel, cotton, silk and alpaca. I don't use a lot of wool," she added, as it can be itchy.

As a companion feature of the textile exhibit, Cameron will give a talk on Saturday, Nov. 18, titled "Handweaving Then and Now: A Look at the Art and Craft of Weaving Through History." The talk will begin at 11 a.m. Whether someone has



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Engaged in lively discussion about a grouping of the artist's handwoven designs were Sharon Historical Society Trustee Brian Ross and local handweaver Anne Cameron. The opening reception was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, for the latest Gallery exhibit, an extensive solo showing of Cameron's woven art. The exhibit will continue through Friday, Dec. 8.

seen the exhibit in advance or waits to visit on the day of the talk, the two events in combination will enhance the experience.

The free exhibit will be open when the historical society is open. For additional information, go to www.sharonhist.org.

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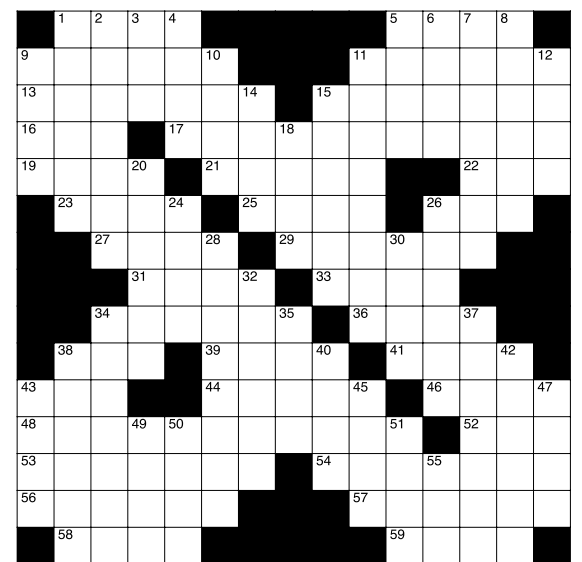
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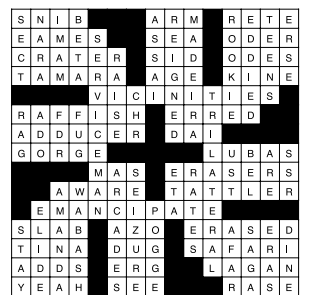
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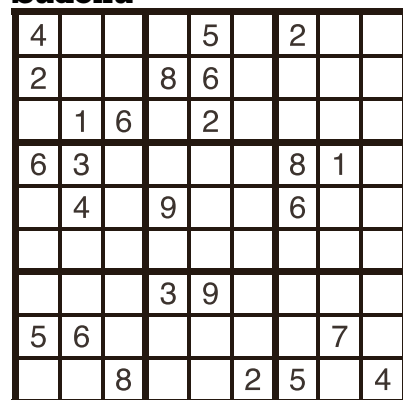
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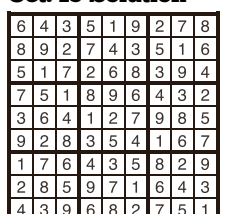
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Meet the candidates: Falls Village

Get to know the selectman candidates ahead of the 2023 municipal election. In Falls Village, there are two 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

Dave Barger

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

My wife Carmela and I have lived in Falls Village for 43 years and raised two daughters here where our roots are firmly planted. I was a Connecticut State Trooper for 24 years. As a Sergeant and Master Sergeant, I was required not to only know various laws, but to supervise personnel, utilize interpersonal skills and work cooperatively with the public. After retirement, my skillset led to a job as Chief of Public Safety at Quinnipiac University and to being a Selectman for the past 6 years.



ty, finding solutions to problems is what public service is about. The job as First Selectman encompasses all of these facets. Simply put, I want to give back to a town that has given so much to my family and me and I want to urge others to join in the governance of the community.

Why do you want to be selectman?

Public service is a public trust. The experience I have gained from my previous careers helped me immensely as a Selectman and will help me as a First Selectman. Listening to, engaging and working with the communi-

If elected, what are your top priorities?

The Town has an aging

infrastructure. Town roads and bridges as well as buildings have to be examined and how we can best repair them and maintain them. My next priority would be to promote businesses benefiting Falls Village's economic development and would be compatible with the town's environment. Another priority would be to work on housing needs with respect to transitional housing that will benefit and attract young people, families, veterans and seniors who want to "downsize".

How would you improve the town?

As First Selectman, I am an elected public servant and working on the town's priorities would move us in the direction of improving the town. I would also encourage open lines of communication between the residents of the Town and Town Hall through all means possible - digitally, telephonically and even using the old medium of posting notices outside the Town Hall and even sandwich boards. Assist in creating community functions to foster community cohesiveness, pride and a sense of belonging.

Anything to add?

I have been recognized as a Certified Connecticut Municipal Official by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and Trinity College. I am the President of the Board of HYSB, a member of St. Martin of Tours Parish and a member of the FVVFD.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Greg D. Marlowe

Republican Nominee for First Selectman

Current Selectman (12 years), member of P&Z (14 years), Chairman of the Bridge Committee, Past President Canaan Exchange Club, Regional Manager Century Aggregates (30 years)

Why do you want to be selectman?

After serving on the Board of Selectmen for twice as long as any current member on the board I am in a personal position to be able to now utilize the experience I have from 30 years of business leadership as well as that gained working with many former leaders of our town to know what has and has not worked and adapt that to what our current town needs are today. I want to bring a renewed trust to our town government. I want to be proactive in dealing with the town's infrastructure needs.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

1. To develop a renewed trust in the First Selectman's office.
2. To address long overdue infrastructure issues before they become unaffordable.
3. To improve communication between all of our boards and commissions.
4. To make the First Selectman available to those with weekend homes and/or day jobs that are now unable to visit during the current hours.
5. To bring a pragmatic voice to town hall that can lower the divisiveness and bring those with opposing viewpoints together with respect.

How would you improve the town?

Through putting into mo-



tion my Four Pillars of Town Hall plan currently available on my published website, with the main categories being opportunity, caring, well-run, and inclusive government. Being genuine to

our new community members and properly welcoming them to what our beautiful town has to really offer is the best way to get their involvement in the many needs for volunteerism that are available and the life blood in a small town. To be a true leader in all aspects of the community.

Anything to add?

We live in this beautiful part of the world and are small enough where we should have a goal to consistently help one another out. We have proven this during the most difficult of times. I would be honored to lead this town toward this goal.

SELECTMAN

Judy Jacobs

Republican Nominee for Selectman

I have lived in Falls Village for 52 years and have co-owned the family business Jacobs Garage for 33 years. I am presently the President of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, member of the Falls Village Board of Finance, member of the Falls Village Vol. Fire Dept., and organizer of the Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show. I have been the chairman of the Falls Village Economic Development Commission, member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and Chairman of the Recreation Commission.



Address our infrastructure needs. 7. Increase cell phone coverage.

How would you improve the town?

I would encourage an affordable housing commission to implement ways of increasing affordable housing, including changes in zoning regulations. I would increase economic development that would blend into our rural and historic community while increasing our tax base. I would increase the usage of our recreation center including year round use, providing more recreational activities. I would maintain our town buildings better and address our bridges and roads.

Anything to add?

Working with the public and volunteering, I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know our longtime and new residents. We have people from all walks of life here and that is what makes our town so great.

SELECTMAN

Chris Kinsella

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

I'm 63 years old, I've been a resident of Falls Village for 31 years. I'm a project superintendent for C. H. Nickerson, a construction company, where I've been employed since 1988. Married to Eileen, two adult children Tim (Kate) & Erin (Matt), three grandchildren, two enrolled in Lee Kellogg School. Served a full term on the Planning and Zoning back in the mid '90s, I was a member of the Firehouse construction committee, currently serving a second term on the ZBA, and on the bridge committee.



owned infrastructure. Help identify areas that need improvement and create a plan to address them, both efficiently, and cost effectively.

Why do you want to be selectman?

I want to serve the town in a greater capacity. Working as a superintendent has given me experience in problem solving, team building, listening and communication, fostering confidence in the people that I work with, and has taught me a pragmatic approach to helping solve issues in a collaborative way.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

One of the things I would like to focus on is the town

Another is finding an equitable solution to our affordable housing crisis.

How would you improve the town?

I would love to see more transparency within our government.

Anything to add?

Falls Village in my opinion, is the most beautiful place on earth. I would do anything to help keep it that way.

Election basics

Voting day for 2023 municipal elections is Nov. 7. Falls Village's polling station will be at Town Hall, 108 Main Street from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots are already available from the Town Clerk. Absentee ballots will be counted at the polls.

Falls Village's Board of Selectmen is composed of a first selectman and two additional selectmen. The first selectman is the town's chief elected official who administers town business on a day to day basis, the Board of Selectmen is responsible for superintending the town's affairs subject to control of

town meetings.

Selectmen in Falls Village are elected to two-year terms. They are seated the night of the election. The annual salary of the first selectman is \$40,540 and the annual salary of each other selectmen is \$5,335 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).

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.

Salisbury voter registration session to be held on Oct. 31

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, for unregistered residents who wish to vote in the up-

coming Nov. 7 municipal election.

Residents who have just turned 18, just moved to town or have been on military leave may still register on Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Mason Andy Steele laid bricks with his son, River.

Touch a Trade: A hands-on experience

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Trade professions shined at the second annual Touch a Trade event in Kent on Saturday, Oct. 21. Gloomy skies over the Eric Sloane Museum and the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) field did not deter attendees of the event, who came out to get a taste of the excitement offered in hands-on work. Trade displays and demonstrations, both historic and modern, filled the museum compound. The open-air expo included lessons on sheetrock repair, wall tiling, painting, wood cutting, brick laying, and nail driving. Touch a Trade provided these demonstrations and experiences for the visitors, both young and old. The Eric Sloane Museum area was devoted to the “historic trades,” such as boat building, tin smithing and even horseshoe making. The expansive CAMA field provided the more current trades: electricians, plumbers, carpenters, and land-

scapers. Visitors were greeted by Patrick McCombe, a Planning Team member, who considered the day “an overwhelming success.” “Trades happen outside and people love the opportunity to be outside, not in the office,” he said, adding that he “was emotional seeing the response and enthusiasm of visitors.” Through lessons and exposure, Touch a Trade aimed to inspire the next generation of trade professionals. Touch a Trade is a Kent based offspring of Hudson Valley Preservation. Their far-reaching goal is essentially to put people in real contact and understanding with the trades that are diminishing and in need of newcomers and support. We are all aware of the trades that surround us on a daily basis: plumbers, electricians, carpenters, builders, and so many more. Sadly, contractors are finding it more difficult to find trades people to fill these much-needed positions.

Norfolk outlines proposal for ‘much needed’ new firehouse

By John Coston

NORFOLK — It was standing room only on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department as residents heard about plans to replace the fire house that no longer meets the town’s needs. More than 60 people, including several firefighters, attended the information session held in an open bay of the building as a light rain fell outside. Fire Chief Brian Hutchins invoked the history of the town’s firehouse, which was first located in the early 1900s in the Royal Arcanum Building near the center of town, followed by an auxiliary building until the current building was built in the 1970s. “We don’t have enough space to operate,” said Paul Padua, president of the department. Padua also listed several ways the building is noncompliant with fire-safety regulations, including not having decontamination spaces, adequate ventilation, failing to meet Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, lacking storage space that requires outdoor trailers, and not having a proper communications center or kitchen or meeting room. “Our kitchen will support one toaster, or one coffee maker,” Padua said. “But not at the same time.” Matt Ludwig, First Asst. Chief, noted that the building doesn’t meet requirements for space between trucks. Four 47,000 pound trucks are tightly packed into the bays, with little room to



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Attendees gathered inside the Norfolk Firehouse to hear of plans for construction of a new firehouse.

spare. State law requires six feet between trucks in a fire house. The plan calls for the 3,700 square foot building to be replaced by a 10,000 square foot facility designed by Hamden architectural firm Silver Petrucelli & Associates. The new building would be sited adjacent to the old one, which would be demolished afterward. Norfolk holds a Class 4 ISO rating, a score provided by the Insurance Services Office that reflects how prepared a community and area is for fires, with 1 being the best and 10 the worst. Winsted and Torrington each have ISO ratings of 3. Ludwig explained that the rating is based on factors such as how fast a department responds, how many firefighters respond, the training level and the number of hydrants. “The average is 5 to 6 across the nation,” Ludwig said.



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Rendering of a proposed new firehouse for Norfolk.

ISO ratings also came up as residents questioned how a better rating would factor into homeowner’s insurance. The answer was that a better ISO rating can mean lower insurance premiums. First Selectman Matt Riiska spoke about next steps and cost. Earlier this month the State Bond Commission approved \$2.5 million in grant funding for the project. The total cost could reach between \$5 and \$6 million and officials will consider a capi-

tal campaign and additional grant money opportunities to reach that goal. “There are no frills in this,” Riiska said. On the question of a tax increase, Riiska didn’t rule it out, but also said it’s too early to know such detail. The project is on the agenda for the Oct. 25 Inland Wetlands Commission. It will then face Planning and Zoning, the Board of Finance and ultimately will go to a town vote when firm estimates of cost are in hand.

“North Canaan is a town unlike many others in our area. Our school color is blue, to match the color of our hardworking industrial collar. Our school mascot is a Knight, to symbolize our courage, honor, and service to others. The prosperity of our town was built on a foundation of iron, fertile pastures, cavernous quarries, and raging rivers. Shortly after 1900 North Canaan saw a steep increase in population due to many Italian and Irish immigrant families settling here. Our town has seen many highs and many lows throughout its history. The freight train and our dairy farms are variables that have beaten the test of time. Many surrounding towns have had their identities and landscape completely upended and changed forever; for better or for worse.

I’m proud that North Canaan remains a cornucopia of hardworking individuals, multi-generational families, small businesses, and state of the art industrial innovators. I also feel that North Canaan remains ripe for so much more. Let us be the blueprint and example for how a true, small, blue collar town can survive. Ensuring that our school remains a top choice for parents to send their children. Ensuring that our families and businesses are safe from crime, and that our town is eradicated from the heroin and fentanyl that have plagued our streets for over a decade. Ensuring that our businesses and farms have the technology and the access needed to be competitive. Ensuring that our residents have all of life’s comforts and necessities right here in town, foregoing the need to take that 30 minute trip north or south just to support big box stores. Ensuring that future housing and business development is still possible through sensible and equitable zoning practices. Ensuring that our environment and open space remains a bucolic destination for generations to come.

The formula for success isn’t black and white. It will take hard work and dedication. This shouldn’t scare us. Rather, it should excite us. We’ve never been known to back down from a challenge. No matter where our differences may be, we can rely heavily on the one common denominator that lives within all of us; that North Canaan is our home, it’s our love. Let that be the fuel needed to bring our voices and ideas together, in a way that helps write our next chapter; a chapter worth reading, a chapter worth living.”

I am kindly asking for your support and vote on Election Day. Vote Row B!

Brian M. Ohler
Candidate for First Selectman
Town of North Canaan



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Our Towns

East Canaan Windsor chair-maker preserves a woodworking heritage

By John Coston

EAST CANAAN — Windsor chair-maker Andrew Jack opened his workshop on Sunday, Oct. 22, to visitors curious about the way he builds the iconic chairs that have a heritage dating to 16th century England.

Jack's second-floor workshop off Route 44 is a tribute lab to the famous Windsor chair that was introduced to America by English settlers.

Less than a mile from Jack's studio, the first settlement known as Canaan was established in the mid-18th century. It's not difficult to imagine that today, nearly 300 years later, the early settlers would have appreciated one of Jack's creations crafted here in the Canaan Valley.

In 2008, soon after graduating from SUNY Purchase with a degree in sculpture, Jack met Curtis Bachman, a chair-maker extraordinaire who was speaking at a conference.



Andrew Jack flanked by Windsor chairs built in his East Canaan workshop.

Jack, 40, who grew up in Kent, said he was drawn to the idea of making Windsors with inspiration from Bachman.

"I still have the first chair I made," he said. "It's in my bedroom. The house is filled with my mistakes," he added, drawing a couple laughs from about 10 visitors who asked questions and intermittently

took turns sitting in an assortment of Windsors in the room.

Jack estimates that he has built approximately 150 chairs over his 15-year career. The average price is \$1,500 to \$1,600.

"I sold one once for \$3,000," he said.

For wood, Jack uses a mix of green wood — red

and white oak, sugar maple, ash and White pine — and creates the chair components using hand tools. A bandsaw is used to cut parts for length and for roughing out the seat.

Jack also teaches chair-making, which he began in 2020 in the East Canaan studio. On average he has from one to three students each month.

"Some are retirees," he said. "Others are stay-at-home dads."

Jack's wife, Sarah, is a teacher at Salisbury Central School, where she teaches 2nd Grade. They have three daughters.

His Windsor designs vary, and he said the variations have evolved in part from his mentors.

One visitor asked how long it might take to create a single Windsor. "About 30 hours," he said, glancing around the shop with its array of hand tools, wood spindles and legs.

For more information, visit www.andrewjack.net.



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Petal it Forward spreads joy in Salisbury

Pat Palmer stood outside of her husband Bob's flower shop, Thornhill Flower & Garden, and offered small flower arrangements to passing strangers on Wednesday, Oct. 18. "Petal it Forward Day," an initiative of the Society of American Florists, encouraged florists to give two arrangements away to local passers, one to keep, and one for him to give away. "Flowers make people happy," said Palmer. "People's faces just light up when I tell them what I'm doing." "This absolutely made my day," said one bouquet recipient.

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Housy soccer beats Wamogo 3-0

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity soccer earned a decisive 3-0 victory over Wamogo Regional High School on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Masterful midfield play helped the Mountaineers control possession and dictate the tempo throughout the game. The HVRHS strikers got the job done when it counted, and the defenders kept Wamogo scoreless for the second time this season.

Conditions on HVRHS Game Field were fair with temps in the low 60s and overcast skies. Occasionally the sun peaked through to illuminate a painter's palette of autumnal tones that engulfed the surrounding hills.

As the action got underway, the Mountaineers quickly shifted into high gear.

Freshman Brayon Lopez-Gonzalez looked like a young Messi in the box as he danced around the Warrior's backfield. Lopez-Gonzalez helped HVRHS take an early lead by scoring with ease in the ninth minute.

The ball remained in Warrior territory for the majority of the first half. It didn't take long for senior Leo Clayton to whiz one past the keeper on a powerful boot from the top of the box at the 33rd minute.

Lopez-Gonzalez netted another on a solo sprint to the goal just before half time. The Mountaineers took a comfortable 3-0 lead by the break.

HVRHS worked some subs onto the field in the second half and continued to let the shots fly. Wamogo's goalie looked determined to stop the bleeding and did not let another one pass.

The Warriors found a scoring chance late in the game when HVRHS keeper Abram Kirshner over extended, leaving the net wide open. Junior center back Manny Matsudaira filled the void and redirected a shot out of bounds, giving Kirshner time to settle back into position and maintain a clean sheet. HVRHS glided to a 3-0



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HVRHS' big backs Patrick Money and Manny Matsudaira rose above the competition while going for a header in the varsity soccer game against Wamogo, Oct. 18.

win over Wamogo. The Mountaineers advanced to 7-7-1 on the season while the Warriors moved to 3-11. Brayon Lopez-Gonzalez scored twice for HVRHS and Leo Clayton scored once.

The Mountaineers will return to their home field on Friday, Oct. 27 when they host Nonnewaug (10-2-1) for HVRHS senior night.



Everet Belancik created scoring chances with well placed corner kicks for the Mountaineers.

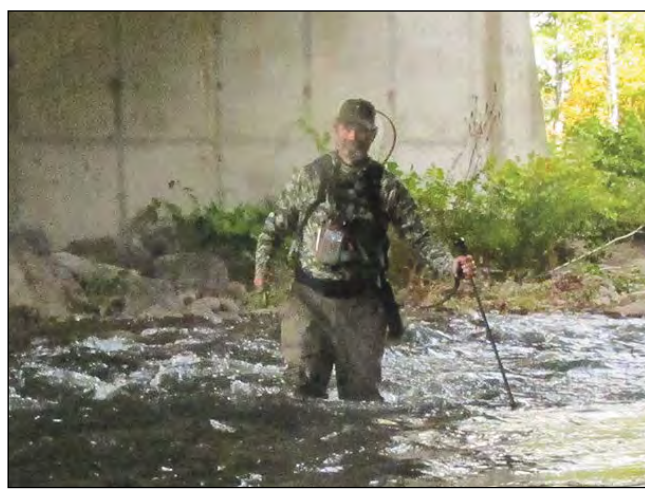


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Thos. Gallucio did not fall in on a recent fishing trip.

Toughening up my nomadic attorney

The first thing I noticed on pulling into the driveway of the ancestral manor last week was that a dead tree fell and clipped the edge of the new and expensive roof.

Turned out to be a close call. The primary victim was the gutter.

I called the roof guy and he came out and fixed things. He is also going to cut down some additional dead trees, mostly ash, that are looming over the house.

My nomadic attorney, Thos. Gallucio Esq., was holed up at the private campground in Phoenicia, with the state campgrounds closed for the season.

He declared his intention of heading south as soon as our fishing experience was over. Being cold at night is "against my ethics."

Nomads used to be tougher. Imagine somebody in the Golden Horde whining about the weather and announcing his intention to head off for the Mediterranean.

The boys would bury him up to his neck in a hill of fire ants.

All the rivers were a bit on the high side, so we explored a couple of little blue lines with satisfactory results.

We also fished a major Esopus tributary, Woodland Valley Creek, and caught nothing but wild-ish browns of respectable heft, 12 to 14 inches.

I say "wild-ish" because with the new regulations adopted three years ago, the Esopus and environs are no longer stocked. These browns are probably from the last batch of stockers.

The high point of the trip was traveling the circuitous route to the West Branch of the Delaware.

Thos. and I were packed into Gary's truck, and Gary entertained us with tall tales of past angling adventures, including "The Strange Case of the Lucky Gas Station Hot Dog." I need to let this one settle before attempting to write it up for public consumption.

The West Branch is a humbling experience. The stretch we were in is wide like the Housatonic, but nowhere near as deep.

It's full of spooky wild brown trout that grow to mammoth proportions, and only eat specks.

A speck is a tiny fly, about the size of a fraction of an iota. On the Hous I will tie on a bass popper to use as an indicator and then a piece of tippet to the bend of the hook, attached to the speck.

That low-rent tactic doesn't fly on the West Branch. Between the vast distances between angler and fish, and the steady wind blowing straight downstream, the only way to go is a 12-foot leader minimum, the speck, and dropping a pile cast downstream so the first thing Mr. Fish sees is the speck, not line or leader.



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

It's maddening, watching the rises and finally getting a speck out in the strike zone, only to watch the wakes as the alarmed fish bolt.

We were in the ballpark, but no tangible results. Gary and I each had a couple on for a hot second, and Thos. didn't fall in, which counts as a victory.

On the cinema front, we explored the subtext of "Deathstalker II," the dystopian pathos of "Mad Max," and the countercultural significance of "Repo Man."

After each flick Thos. confidently pronounced it to be the worst movie he'd ever seen.

I've got at least one more trip planned before I shut the camp down for the winter. And with New York adopting year-round fishing, there's no reason other than inertia not to toddle over for day trips before the snow flies.

Meanwhile, Connecticut has stocked our streams for the fall, including the Housatonic Trout Management Area between Cornwall Bridge and Lime Rock, and the Blackberry in East Canaan.

The Housatonic system got a hearty slug of rain Oct. 20-21, so check the USGS gauge for the Hous at Falls Village before venturing out.

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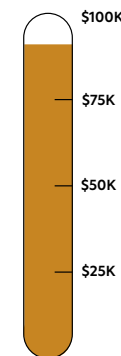
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Our Towns

On the Run coffee shop marks 40th anniversary

By Ollie Gratzinger

LAKEVILLE — It was 1983; there was no Patco, no Sweet Williams, no Provisions, no Starbucks and no Dunkin Donuts in Canaan, but near the corner of Ethan Allen and Montgomery streets in Lakeville, there was a cafe called On the Run, serving donuts and coffee.

This year, on Oct. 23, the shop turned 40, and its former owner says that, even though its current owner has made improvements here and there, very little has changed. And that's the beauty of it.

"Many things stayed the same. Many, many things," said Sandra Oliver, On the Run's founder, who ran it for 11 years and then sold it to her niece, Becky Redmond Sherwood, who would later sell it to another Lakeville native and its current owner, Brenda Sprague. But it was only about five years ago that Sprague took Oliver's writing off the chalkboard; Oliver is still excited about the business — and about the wins it has had in the decades since she left.

Over the years, On the Run has sponsored a local men's softball team, as well as a women's team called The Blueberry Muffins. It also hosted the town's first-ever scarecrow contest, which would go on to become an annual tradition.

"For those people who go there, it's an icon," Oliver said.

It started, like many things do, by chance.

In the early 1980s, Oliver was working in Canaan as a social worker at an adult day-care. On her way to work, she would stop at a little place nearby and pick up donuts



PHOTOS BY OLLIE GRATZINGER

for the staff of six. It was called S&S Bakery.

"The building is still there, across from Collin's Diner in Canaan, on the right," she said.

It wasn't actually a bakery, per se, but rather a retail satellite that sold donuts baked at the actual S&S Bakery in Winsted. The extent of the shop was a narrow entryway and a huge bakery case with donuts and coffee, but Oliver said she remembers being intrigued by the way its owner, named Diane, always seemed to be having a good time.

And when Oliver's younger sister — she comes from a family of seven — announced her plans to open a small bakery similar to S&S, Oliver saw it as an opportunity to flex her entrepreneurial muscle without leaving her full-time job just yet. She found a little alcove, which measured about 196 square feet, next to the shop's cur-

rent location, paid the rent, painted the walls and bought the coffee and the cups.

"I knew it was just going to be a good thing," she said.

But five days before it was slated to open, Oliver said her sister had second thoughts about a job that requires early mornings, seven days a week, and she backed out of the deal.

With too much invested to just let go, Oliver phoned a friend, a career waitress in Falls Village, who came to help, and they made it work; two weeks later, on their opening day, they made \$100.

"We were so excited. Selling coffee and donuts, we made \$100, and that's back with those prices," Oliver said. "That was monumental to me." It was only a few years before Oliver would leave her job as a social worker to manage On the Run full-time.

When the building next

On the Run is celebrating 40 years in business.



The Lakeville coffee and donut shop opened in 1983.

door, once a children's store called Bubbles and Bows, went on the market in 1987, On the Run was able to expand from the small alcove into the bigger spot, where it still stands today. They were able to sell more than just coffee and donuts, too — baskets from Sandra's side gig with her soon-to-be sister in law, and light fare on a new lunch menu. And more donuts and coffee than ever before.

Back in the early years, the

shop was sourcing upward of 20 dozen donuts from S&S Bakery each day. And when S&S eventually closed, those donuts came from Bess Eaton, and later Dunkin, in Torrington. Eventually, Oliver found a supplier over the river in New York, who would remain their vendor until she sold the business in the 1990s.

Now, "If they have two dozen donuts to start the day, they have a lot," Oliver said. Sunday used to be the

biggest day for business, with churchgoers buying dozens upon dozens after service let out, but for the last few years, On the Run has been closed on Sundays, and the community hasn't seemed to mind.

"There's so much choice now; there was no choice then," Oliver said.

Now, there's a donut shop in nearly every neighborhood and a cafe on nearly every block. The folks at On the Run have seen many such places come and go. Oliver named some of them: Auntie Ems, Green Cafe, the Daily Bagel, Harvest Bakery, Cheffreys, Harris Foods, the Four Seasons and Holly's, among others.

But, through it all, On the Run has stood on its own two feet. What's the secret?

"They stay in their own lane," Oliver said. "Becky and Brenda have succeeded in knowing that they can only fill a certain niche. They didn't suffer that identity crisis that so many restaurants suffer."

Again, very little has changed. The menu simply is not so different from what it was back in the 1980s and 1990s. It still boasts New England clam chowder and tossed salads, banana nut muffins and, of course, plenty of donuts.

And that's what makes it special.

"A lot of it is people-driven. You have to know when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em," Oliver said. "Every time you change what people think you are, there's confusion, and so I think they did a really good job of not doing that. [Brenda's] identity has remained true and strong. I think that's the difference. I think that's the entire difference."

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not address the demographics of Dutchess County, New York, where the majority of the hospital's clients reside.)

The brief also described a situation in which expectant women in Sharon Hospital's PSA are already choosing to bypass Sharon Hospital in favor of other options, because the small, local hospital does not provide the level of clinical care needed to accommodate certain types of high-risk deliveries.

A central question raised by the proposed decision, regarding the question of declining community demand for L&D services since 2019, was whether or not Sharon Hospital/Nuvance's communications with the public had caused some prospective mothers' choice to bypass of Sharon Hospital in favor of other hospitals, and so contributed to the decline in demand.

Contradicting the proposed decision's finding that

the hospital had ceased to market the L&D unit in 2019, the brief stated that Sharon Hospital continued to market their L&D services in newsletters, on its website, and in brochures. Simultaneously, said the brief, they informed current and prospective clients of their intention to terminate those services as soon as permitted by the OHS.

Accessibility

The brief emphasized the OHS finding that there are other local hospitals that are able and equipped to take on the limited population that would lose access to L&D services in Sharon.

It disputed concerns raised by the proposed decision that, according to national trends, termination of rural health care services have outsized effect on the uninsured, Medicaid recipients, women and indigent persons. National trends, the brief argued, have no connection to the Sharon PSA,

which, as a population, is comparatively white, wealthy and insured. (The brief did not address the fact that nearly a third of people with in the Sharon PSA fall below the ALICE income threshold for meeting basic needs).

The brief did not mention the OHS's finding that the population utilizing Sharon Hospital's L&D unit is different from the overall PSA: 48% of L&D clients in 2021 were on Medicaid.

The brief dismissed OHS's concerns about the greater distance of alternative hospitals for much of the Sharon PSA, noting that 45 women who chose to give birth at Sharon Hospital in 2022 actually live closer to other local hospitals.

The brief also contested findings that longer travel times lead to worse birth outcomes because the study was conducted among women in The Netherlands, and had "zero applicability" on

women in Connecticut.

The brief also challenged the relevance that community members' testimony that the unpredictable nature of driving in weather in Litchfield County makes increased distances more fraught, on the grounds that they are "not experts in weather or transportation," that such testimony does not rely on statistics, and that the roads in question are the same ones that expectant mothers are already traveling to reach Sharon Hospital.

Cost Efficiency and Quality of Care

The brief dismissed the OHS's finding that Sharon Hospital's five-star CMS safety rating, which none of the proposed alternative area hospitals have, has any relationship to the relative safety and quality of care of Sharon's and others' maternity wards.

In vociferous arguments against the relevance of Nuvance Health's finances to Sharon Hospital's CON case, the brief warned that "every dollar Nuvance Health is required to expend to prop up an underutilized service at Sharon Hospital is a dollar the non-profit system is unable to allocate to services and programs that will provide more care for more people in its communities" and ultimately "jeopardized each member hospital in [the Nuvance] system.

The brief described the cost inefficiency of 24/7 staffing and maintenance of the maternity ward in the face of declining use. Citing the OHS's finding that "[i]n 2021, Sharon Hospital operated its L&D Unit 24/7, but for 202 days (55% of the time), there was no delivery of a single

baby at Sharon Hospital."

The brief stated that low reimbursement rates for commercial insurance and Medicaid (about \$5,000 per birth), coupled with the low volume of deliveries, the hospital effectively loses some \$20,000 on each delivery.

The Cost of Community Health

The inefficiencies of Sharon Hospital's L&D unit were echoed in the brief's discussion of the bleak financial situation of hospitals across the state. The brief cited a September 2023 report on hospital finances statewide which found that Nuvance Health lost over \$66 million in fiscal year 2022.

In his testimony, Nuvance Health CEO Dr. John Murphy stated, "health systems such as Nuvance Health cannot continue to operate at large losses indefinitely. Nuvance Health itself has lost in excess of \$100 million dollars since its establishment in 2019, and is facing a dire financial situation with a significant projected operating loss in fiscal year 2023."

It is for this reason, he testified, that "Sharon Hospital must be self-sustaining" and cannot continue to rely on its parent company, Nuvance Health, for financial support.

In a separate development, OHS granted Sharon Hospital a CON to change their Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to a Progressive Care Unit (PCU) on Tuesday, Oct. 10. A PCU offers a lower level of care than an ICU, and is equipped and staffed to handle less critical cases that require less monitoring. OHS's permission for this change, however, required that the new PCU "shall maintain,

update, or improve the current level of critical care equipment as necessary to maintain the population and acuity of critical care services currently offered."

The filing of the brief and exceptions was the latest move by Sharon Hospital in a five-year effort to close its labor and delivery unit. Members of the local community, led by Save Sharon Hospital, and elected officials have rallied to prevent that closure, and were granted Limited Intervenor status in the hospital's CON case. It was the evidence provided by these groups and individuals to which the brief takes greatest exception:

"The resulting Proposed Decision relied on anecdotal and irrelevant evidence instead of a fair consideration of reliable evidence and data offered by Sharon Hospital, and resulted in a flawed decision that was predetermined and unduly influenced by public pressure."

Effectively, Sharon Hospital argued that ending the unsustainable financial outlays required by the continued maintenance of the maternity unit is more significant to maintaining quality and access than is the continued offering of those services.

"Failure to [approve the application] amounts to clear legal error subject to reversal by the Superior Court, and would represent a short-sighted policy error that imperils the present and future of Sharon Hospital," stated the brief.

The next step in the CON process will be the presentation of an oral argument from Sharon Hospital on Nov. 8.

SPEEDING

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and the Commissioner of the State Department of Transportation (DOT) on March 29, formally requesting that the Route 44 speed limit be lowered as it passes through Norfolk village — especially near the school and its playground close to the road.

"We propose that the speed limit, which is now 40 mph as it passes the school, be reduced to 25 mph from the intersection of Route 44 and Laurel Way continuing to the intersection of Route 44 and Blackberry Road," the petition said.

Selleck, who lives alongside Route 44, has written numerous letters to the DOT requesting that the speed limit through town be set at 35 mph. He also requested "School Zone Ahead" signs to slow traffic as it descends a hill by the school.

DOT Commissioner Garrett T. Eucalitto, who grew up in Torrington and drove on Route 44 when he worked summers at Tobey Pond in Norfolk, responded to the petition May 5, promising a meeting with the petitioners. It has yet to be scheduled.

Commissioner Eucalitto, who suggested mitigation such as flashing lights near the school, also promised to send an investigative committee to Norfolk, which has

not yet happened.

Meanwhile, Norfolk is investigating other options to address safety issues in a town that eliminated its Resident State Trooper Program in 2015, reducing enforcement capabilities.

A new state law that took effect Oct. 1 allows municipalities to purchase remote speed and red-light cameras that record license plates, driving speeds, and compliance with red lights. Speeding violations documented by the cameras would be treated like traffic tickets. Placement of the cameras would be left to local officials pending approval by the Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA).

"The Town of Norfolk would like to work with the State of Connecticut to install the speed cameras on Route 44 in the area of Botelle School," said Norfolk First Selectman Matt Riiska.

"We have tried numerous times to work with the Connecticut DOT to install signage to slow traffic with little effect," Riiska explained. "If cameras can be used to record speeders this is an option, we are open to trying," he said.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand has also been trying for years to have the

speed limit on Route 44/Main Street lowered. The Town of Salisbury requested reviews that were done in 2005, 2010, 2017, and 2021. Rand has received numerous letters of denial from the CTDOT in response to his letters. Recently, Rand has reached out to Norfolk resident Selleck and Norfolk Selectman Riiska to express his shared frustration.

"The problem is that Route 44 is designated an arterial road and as such is harder to regulate," said Rand in a recent interview. He continued, "While I don't have a problem with our local District 4 DOT, as the local traffic authority of Salisbury I would like to have a more respectful response from the CTDOT. I would like to meet and discuss the latest solutions for speed mitigation and safety such as roundabouts, median islands, speed cameras, and flashing beacons. I believe that if we join forces with other area towns that share our concerns, we stand a better chance of success. We all want our children to be safe."

"It's tragic and unacceptable that Connecticut's pedestrian deaths are at a 40-year high. It's not enough to ask drivers to slow down — we know the best way to prevent these tragedies is to start building safety features into our streets, like raised sidewalks or narrower traffic lanes," said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (D-5th District). "Last year was Connecticut's deadliest year on the roads — with more than 300 driver, passenger, and pedestrian deaths," added U.S. Rep. John Larson (D-1).

ENROLLMENT

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programs to bridge the gap. Five of the six school districts, Falls Village, Cornwall, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon decided to provide programming that can include students who will not be eligible for school under the new legislation. The Kent board has not yet made a decision.

At Cornwall Consolidated School, North Canaan Elementary School, Salisbury Central School, and Sharon Center School, students must be five years old by Sept. 1 to be eligible for Kindergarten, and there will be an Early Kindergarten program for students "who may need an additional year of support based on the Kindergarten screening criteria as well as for those children whose birthdays fall between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31 in any given year."

At the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village, students who turn five by Sept. 1 will be enrolled for one year of Kindergarten, and students who turn five between Sept. 2 and Dec. 31 will be admitted for a two year Kindergarten

program if there are slots available.


Carter added, "All children turning five and seeking enrollment in one of the aforementioned programs will be screened in the spring to gain an understanding of their knowledge and social skills. Students will be placed based on their date of birth. However, it is possible that, based on screening and other information, a Kindergarten-eligible student may be recommended for Early Kindergarten (Cornwall, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon) or a second year of Kindergarten (Falls Village). Parents/caregivers will have discretion regarding the acceptance of that recommendation."

"In Cornwall, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon (the districts hosting an Early Kindergarten program) acceptance/enrollment will not exceed fifteen students. Parents/caregivers and children who have not participated in the spring screening process will not be eligible for the EK program if the program is full."

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Trick or Treat, It's Hot Boy Halloween

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! is neither a pep rally cry nor the cheers of teenage pop band's fans but a fine art photography program launched in 2018 by editor Ghislain Pascal, a former celebrity publicist, and curator of The Little Black Gallery in London, England. In celebration of the third printing of the "BOYS! BOYS! BOYS!" hardcover anthology as well as the sixth volume of the magazine of the same name, Pascal is bringing a collection of daring, flesh-revealing, and provocative show of photography celebrating the masculine form to Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., for a pop-up exhibition opening with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

With a global range of

talent, including Alexander Courtman from Germany, Sean Patrick Waters from America, and Mauricio A. Rodriguez from Venezuela, BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! is a unique collective acquiring images of men exclusively from the portfolios of gay and queer-identifying male photographers.

"Many magazines and online platforms have pictures of beautiful men, but I wouldn't necessarily decide they fit my criteria," Pascal said over a Zoom interview from his home in France. "They're just photographs, not fine art. It's a very difficult line that I tread in making my selection. You can also go all the way to the other side of the spectrum where it can go too far. Is it fine art... or is it now

pornography? It is hard. It's not an easy decision to make."

Expect leather, glitter, nature, and plenty of skin; Pascal's selections for the show are equally confident and erotic, but how to define the artistic lens of "gay photography" is a murkier question. Is it about desire, intimacy, an understanding of masculinity and the male form that connects both artist and the subject? "For me," Pascal said, "there's one photographer that I think will always be defined as groundbreaking and setting the mold for what photography for queer and gay men means, and that's, say it with me, Robert Mapplethorpe. His work is still breaking barriers today."

On view through Nov. 5.



COURTESY OF BOYS! BOYS! BOYS!

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FILM: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Prepare For A Scare!

Driving alone down an empty road at night, surrounded by desolate plains of uninhibited nature, the lingering nightmare might be getting a flat, but in American director Herk Harvey's 1962 horror film "Carnival of Souls," screening outdoors in service of Halloween anticipation on Thursday night, Oct., 26 behind the Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., a busted tire would be a relief. Instead, physiologically tortured Mary (Candace Hilligoss), driving to start a new life in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a tragic incident, is haunted not just by her own survivor's remorse but by a ghoulish face man, a vision of the uncanny

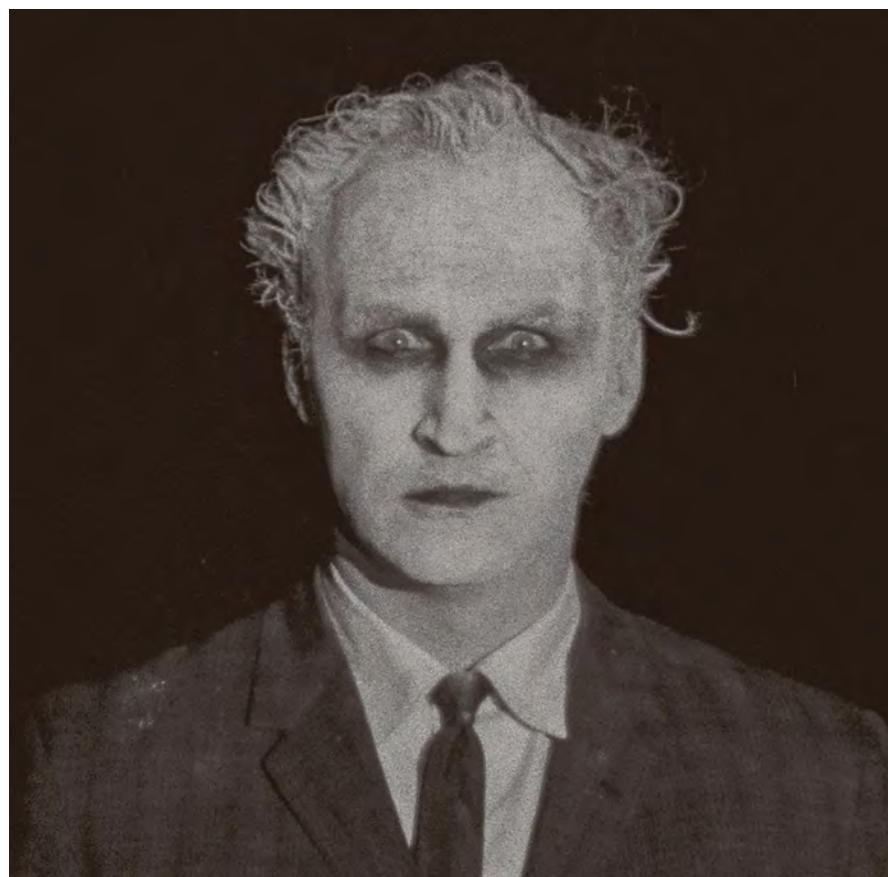
whose chalky mask of flesh and sleepless eyes stare into her guilty soul. He glowers in the window's reflection; he glares motionless in the open road.

Played by Herk Harvey himself, the spectral image of death is just one of the spine-chilling images conjured in this shoe-string budget black-and-white film, shot guerrilla style and funded by local businesses in Salt Lake City and Harvey's hometown of Lawrence, Kansas. Loosely based on the short story and perennial high school English assignment, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge," by American Civil War veteran Ambrose Bierce, known for both his horror fiction and satirical writing, the script for "Carnival of Souls" penned by Harvey's friend John Clifford

employs a similar "Twilight Zone" like twist.

Despite the small production scale, Harvey's murky footage of gothic gloom graying over the American Plains has left a lasting cultural impression. In 2017, young American indie folk singer Phoebe Bridgers released a music video for her romantic ballad "Smoke Signals" based around the recognizable ballroom scene in "Carnival of Souls." Her production didn't stray too far from the film's small-scale roots. "Instead of random dead dudes, it's all my friends," she told NPR. "I paid them in pizza. We shot it at the Masonic Hall in Highland Park, which is the coolest place ever."

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The Dark Shadows of Maine's Cliffs and Coasts

Dozier Bell's exquisite new show of drawings and paintings at Carol Corey Fine Art in Kent, Conn., is a generous group of postcard-size landscapes, seascapes, and interiors from her home in Maine. Each painting gives the sense of looking through the wrong end of binoculars that shrink and compress the view at a psychological distance. These are not pictures of the sun-splashed Maine of Neil Welliver and Fairfield Porter but "Dark Maine," with its long autumns and winters of isolation and introspection that test the resolve of the spirit.

Rather than painting from memory, the subject of Bell's work is memory itself. The result is no small feat, accomplished by obsessive drawing in dense velvet-black charcoal on mylar with phenomenal skill. There is a translucent dreamy light and a

"how does she do that" aspect to these works that almost entirely removes the touch of her hand from their creation. The casual observer might say they are photographic, given the size and skillful adjustment of light and dark. However, it is somehow more closely related to the cinematic, especially in her pale skies, sometimes populated by soaring birds — like film stills from early Ingmar Bergman. The psychologically-charged black-and-white landscape of Bergman's "Persona" springs to mind.

The material of the compressed charcoal pigment is at one with the dense atmosphere of the image. It's an internal space that has its lineage in the Northern European tradition — not Munch's slashing, expressive psyche but the dark, silent interiors of Danish painter Vilhelm Hammershoi.



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'Raptors 3' by Dozier Bell

Sweet Treats for Autumn Days and Spooky Nights

Sweater weather is upon us! This means it's time for flannels, boots, apple picking, and fresh, warm apple cider donuts. These donuts are one of my favorite things in the world to eat — and to make. They make you feel all warm and fuzzy; the aroma alone is intoxicating. Nothing is better than going to an apple orchard and warming yourself up with a hot bag of these tasty donuts after a chilly day picking apples. This recipe is the

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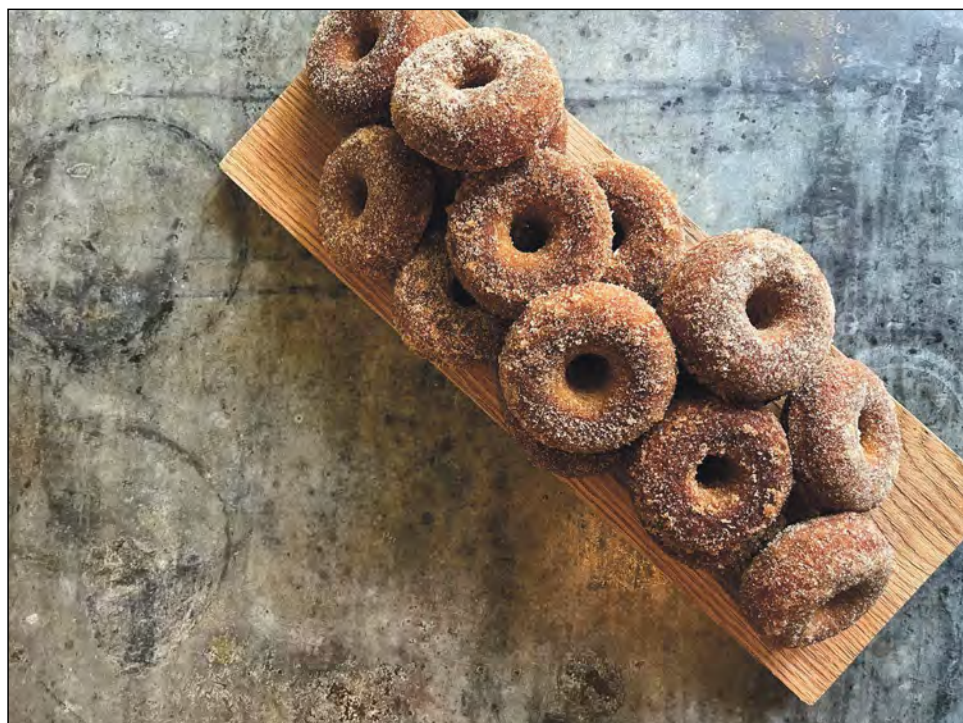


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to about half and then I remeasure ½ cup (You may have some left over that's ok. Save it for the next batch). Set aside to cool.

In your electric mixing bowl, add sugars and room temperature butter. Using paddle attachment, whip on medium/high speed until light and fluffy (about 3-4 minutes).

Add eggs one at a time and then vanilla. Mix on low to medium speed until combined.

Add all dry ingredients and mix on low speed until almost incorporated (you want some dry flour).

With the mixer on low speed, slowly add your reduced apple cider. Mix until smooth.

Spoon into greased donut molds if you have them or lined muffin tins. Bake at 350F for about 15 to 20 minutes. Rotate the tray halfway through baking. (You will know they are done when you push on the tops and the donut pushes back, or you can stick a toothpick in the center. It should come out clean.)

Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Carefully remove from molds and brush with melted butter.

Dredge in cinnamon sugar. Let cool. Enjoy!

Emma Isakoff is the pastry chef at Troutbeck, a historic hotel and restaurant in Amenia, N.Y.

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100 years ago — October 1923

Mrs. Jacob Fitting and son are visiting Mr. Fitting's people in Oyster Bay, L.I.

M.C. Ateshian has been receiving considerable new machinery this week to be used in his new dry cleaning and pressing business which he has opened in the telephone building.

C.H. Osborn is making quite extensive repairs and alterations to the former Stuart blacksmith shop which he recently purchased. He expects to move his business there about December 1st.

50 years ago — October 1973

Outrage at weekend actions taken by President Richard Nixon produced action Monday in the Northwest Corner. Sharon was the focal point, with over 400 area residents signing a petition for the president's impeachment. A demonstration to support impeachment proceedings in Congress is set for noon this Saturday on Sharon Green.

Well, The Lakeville Journal has made it through another week — in slightly smaller size, to be sure, but things are looking up. This time The Norwich Bulletin kindly sold us enough rolls of paper for this issue. The smaller width of these rolls has necessitated a slight reduction in page sizes which we hope readers and advertisers will understand. The bright note is that it was not necessary to send a truck

to Canada after all because we received a telephone call that a truckload of newspaper had been shipped to us. We haven't yet seen it but the omens are bright.

25 years ago — October 1998

Lake Wononscopomuc is not in good health. At the annual meeting of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association Saturday, members discussed a new threat to the lake — the possible invasion of zebra mussels, small mollusks that were found a few weeks ago for the first time in East Twin Lake and which almost inevitably will also be found in Lakeville's lake soon. Association chairman Don Mayland said this summer was "one of the worst summers we have ever had for milfoil," that slimy weed that swimmers hate and that the weed harvesting machine can help control but cannot eradicate. "The lake is gradually dying," he said. "Every year it is losing oxygen."

Michael and John Harney recently presented Jane Lloyd with a check for \$1,000 from the sale of Jane's Garden tea, a special blend created by John Harney to help Ms. Lloyd's fund. The young woman was diagnosed earlier this year with breast cancer and the fund was set up to help pay her medical expenses.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lynn Worthington has my vote on Election Day

There has never been a race for First Selectman in Kent that has produced a more qualified selection of candidates. In their own right, each would be an excellent steward of the town. One cannot underscore their commitment to public service enough. Their hearts are in the right place, and they share the goodwill of our community without reserve. Each embodies the American spirit that Kent nurtures in her townfolk — a rural fortitude and a small-town commitment that extends to well beyond the borders of our town.

As Election Day draws near, let us reflect on the timeless values enshrined within our Constitution. Across our nation, and indeed the world, the very fabric of democracy rests upon upholding and defending these principles, ensuring a fair and just society for all. As our town wrestles with its own decision of leadership and direction, we need to hold firm to a decisive shift toward a local-minded politics rooted in principles, honesty, and fairness. At the local, state, and national level, let us demand that our candidates and representatives exemplify

the values we hold dear.

To this end, I would like to add that I have known one of our candidates, Lynn Mellis Worthington, since I was 7 years old when she first started as a reporter for the Kent GTD. She is now as she was then, someone who I deeply respect. Lynn has a natural tenacity, which enables her to firmly grasp an issue, find a solution, and yield results. She's a community champion with a skillful, humble leadership style, that favors conscience over ego and accuracy over hyperbole.

Lynn does truly embody the genuine spirit of Yankee ingenuity and wise thriftiness, which is essential for our small town. Lynn confidently knows this community inside and out — from every pothole and backroad to every storefront, town meeting and budget, to every hearth and headstone. Under Lynn's leadership and guidance, I do believe that Kent's best days are ahead. Moreover, I believe she will be a strong and wise guide for us at the state and federal level. For this, she has my vote.

The path to a stronger democracy starts here in our town — it lies in our hands,

what we teach our children, and in the actions, we take each day to be better people.

Regardless of who you're voting for — we must remember that we're friends and neighbors. So, whether you're a Lynn, Marty, or a Rufus, let us communicate, coordinate, and cooperate to forge a new vision of our Kent community where our shared and sacred candle on the water, our American Constitution, is not just revered, but actively protected in the face of political challenges. The time for transformation is now, and it starts with a relentless commitment to upholding our constitutional principles — not only on Election Day, but every waking day.

Sarah A. Chase

Kent

In support of Kitty Kiefer

This letter is in support of Kitty Keifer for Selectman. Kitty is ideal for the position. She is trained as a lawyer and is smart and focused. Her impulse is to listen and to

Don Mayland — A life of leadership and service to Salisbury

Don Mayland is currently a Selectman for the Town of Salisbury and should be re-elected to that role in November.

Don has been serving our country and our community for most of his life. First as an enlistee in the US Navy, then after a brief stint in the local family business, a devoted teacher at the local Hotchkiss School for 37 years. During that time, not only did he instill in his students a love of the environment and the outdoors, but he also gave back to our community by serving in numerous town organizations. He is not only a Selectman, but also served 10 years as President of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad and four terms on the Board of Finance. He is Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority, served as President of the Lake Wonoscopomuc Association, President of the Marketplace of Salisbury, and as board member of the Northwest Community Foundation. And the list goes on. It would be very hard to find another with this amount of experience and commitment to our community.

Don has a unique view of Salisbury and is well aware of the needs of our community — affordable housing, traffic control, and high-speed internet to name a few. He wants Salisbury to benefit from new technology and approaches but does not want to sacrifice the small-town culture that is so attractive to us in this community. Don has worked seamlessly with Curtis Rand and Chris Williams and will continue to do so to achieve our goals; we should let this team continue to serve Salisbury.

Alan Friedman

Salisbury

serve. She's devoted to the town. I'm thrilled to vote for Kitty Keifer and I urge you to vote for her, too.

Janet Andre Block

Salisbury

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OCTOBER 27

Grand Opening Art Bar and Community Gallery

75 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

The Art Bar and Community Gallery, a new wine bar and art space coming to North Canaan, will hold its grand opening on Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Craft cocktails, wine and Great Falls Beer will be served along with local small bites from Freund's Farm. The Art Bar will have art supplies for patrons to purchase, and then create their own art while enjoying a craft drink. In the Community Gallery, curated pieces will be on display from regional artists. Learn more online, @theartbargallery on Instagram or search for The Art Bar & Café North Canaan on Facebook.

Senior Wellness

Workshop at the Salisbury Senior Center

42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn.

The Salisbury Center at the town Grove is hosting a Senior Wellness Workshop on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join Sharon Hospital's Director of Rehabilitation Services, Melissa Braislin as well as Physical Therapists Emelie Gold and Virginia Billups for a free workshop focused on fall prevention and stroke awareness. The workshop is part lecture and part exercise class. Come prepared to move. Light refreshments will also be served.

For further information contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860 435-5186 or email Lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us

OCTOBER 28

Falls Village Cemetery Tour

Under Mountain Road, Canaan, Conn.

The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Canaan Historical Society will host a cemetery tour in Falls Village on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. This year's tour will explore the town's cemeteries on Under Mountain Road; Lower City, Holabird/Kellogg and Haskin's Cemetery, which house many Civil & Revolutionary War veterans and longtime Falls Village families. Volunteers from the Historical Society will be stationed throughout the cemeteries to share life stories of the people buried there and will be joined by a Civil War reenactor. The rain date for this event will be Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is free and open to the public, and donations to support both organizations are appreciated.

Halloween Pet Costume Parade

Robertson Plaza, Station Place, Norfolk, Conn.

On Saturday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m., bring your furry friend to this not-to-be-missed event. In addition to the pet costume parade, there will be seasonal snacks and face-painting.

Bring the whole family!

Registration is requested.

Wine and Beer Tasting Benefit for Housatonic Child Care Center

Lakeville Town Grove, Lakeville, Conn.

Housatonic Child Care Center will hold a wine and beer tasting and silent auction benefit in partnership with Salisbury Wines on Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the town Grove.

Light appetizers will be served. Silent auction items include gift certificates to local businesses, gift baskets and more.

Tickets are \$50, and are available for purchase at Housatonic Child Care Center, 30B Salmon Kill Road; Salisbury Wines, 19 Main Street; the Salisbury General Store, 20 Main Street; the HCCC booth at the Salisbury Fall Festival or by calling 860-435-9694. For more information email housatonicchildcarecenter@gmail.com or call 860-435-9694.

OCTOBER 29

Kent Pumpkin Run

6 Green Pastures Lane, Kent, Conn.

The 47th running of the Kent Pumpkin Run will take place at noon on Sunday, Oct. 29 on the Kent Green. The five-mile event is Kent's largest one-day community event with up to 700 participants for the main event. Organized by the Kent Chamber of Commerce, the Kent Pumpkin Run travels along one of the most scenic courses in Connecticut. Each year the race has had more and more costume-clad runners. Prizes are awarded to the top five most creative costumes.

Pre-registration tickets now on sale until Friday, Oct. 20. Visit www.kentpumpkinrun.com for more information.

Falls Village Fall Festival

Main Street, Falls Village

The Falls Village Recreation Commission and the David M. Hunt Library will hold a Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the Town green. The event features hayrides, a petting zoo, live music, pumpkin painting, a community art project, games, crafts and vendors. In case of rain, this event will move inside to the Center on Main.

Great Falls Brewing Co. Harry Potter Trivia Night

75 W. Main Street, North Canaan

To benefit the Canaan Child Care Center, a non-profit organization offering educationally based, affordable, child care for children three to eight years of age.

Time: 6 p.m.

Call Fran 860 671-1415.

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

Cupcake Challenge! Fundraiser

The Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., North Canaan, Conn. 10 a.m.

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. Prizes awarded to three adult and 3 child participants \$12 entry fee. If you don't bake, come eat a cupcake or two at the Calico Fair Bake Sale!

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salisbury. Supporting the Pilgrim House in Canaan, which houses Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry.

You don't have to be present to win.

NOVEMBER 12

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!

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@salisburyct.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.

Pumpkin Shows at Naumkeag

The Trustees of Reservations thetrustees.org/program/halloween

There are pumpkins everywhere at The Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show in Stockbridge, Mass.

The Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show runs through Oct. 29. Reservations at www.thetrustees.org/program/halloween



PHOTO BY SARAH BLODGETT

Miles Pond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Working together for community solutions

A theme of gentrification and upscaling driving out locals from many areas seems the new normal in many areas and countries. Millions of people are scrambling to think of how to make ends meet. They could benefit from what Schumacher Cen-

ter.org and many in permaculture circles, such as Gaia.org, offer in terms of people working together for community solutions.

Everyone deserves a team of support during their lifetime, especially when starting out and in elder years as de-

cline may happen in mental or physical skills. Around the world, a lack of natural supports or safety is oppressive. The bigger reality of the the Middle East conflict focused on Gaza has many tentacles spanning centuries and seems at a tipping point for all to care about at this dire time.

We could learn the options people in power and in a geographical area have even if they are not being spelled out by them. We need more think tanks and prayer tanks (but clearly religion is also a key part of the world challenges so a wider understanding of our human nature is needed) not more military tanks as first options.

Dr. Steven Greer informed Congress of what is known about secret operations in the world. There are profound questions to grapple with on many ecological, humanitarian and basic living fronts for safety, respect and survival. There are many on Clubhouse.com, Discord and X (formerly Twitter), Facebook and youtube offering info and ideas.

NewLifeExpo.com in Brooklyn NY Oct.27-9 will have dozens of exhibits and talks about health, our human energy, will and much more. Dannon Brinkley whose helped thousands as a hospice volunteer will speak.

If every state in the Northeast could send a handful of folks to catch that vibe and enhance their tribe with hope, the positive ripple effect could ease some of the overwhelm. Many faith groups are praying but too often tied in with a political war, profit and control strategy without respect for humanitarian options.

Accurate, comprehensive media, our collective human family and groups looking for real solutions need to gain a foothold to anticipate and guide people in times of conflict rather than feed the frenzy. Thanks for each doing their part and looking to be a respectful team player locally and globally.

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

Dave Barger for First Selectman

I write this to state my intention to cast my vote for Dave Barger as First Selectman of the Town of Canaan, also known as Falls Village. I do this to state my reasons for supporting Dave and by no means to disparage his opponent whom I have supported in another elected position.

Character counts and knowing a person well helps in making judgments in that regard. I have known Dave for about 40 years starting at a time when he and his wife Carmela, like I and my wife, moved here to raise a family and chose to make their life our town. It happened that I attended a party honoring his retirement from his career with the CT State Police. From several of his peers I heard of his quiet competence and good judgment in critical situations that arise regularly in police work. Also noted was his ability, as a supervisor, to contribute to a positive work environment in a busy office with on-going complex operations.

About his long involvement in the town's civic affairs, I need say no more as it speaks for itself.

Lastly, I must highlight that Dave plans to serve as a full-time First Selectman in accordance with the custom, practice, and tradition in force in our town for generations. As a former member of the Board of Selectman for twelve years, including four years as First Selectman, I insist that being present in this way is crucial to providing superior service to the peo-

ple of the town. Dave's opponent, alternatively, plans to remain full-time employed in his position as a manager in a private enterprise thus would be relegated to serving two masters whereas Dave's commitment to the people is undiluted.

Louis G. Timolat
Falls Village

Janet Lynn for Salisbury ZBA

With the local elections coming soon, I would like to recommend Janet Lynn to serve another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. She has successfully served one term already and did a great job for our community.

Janet has been a long-term Salisbury resident originally from Sharon. She attended Salisbury Central school and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Upon graduating, she entered the Women's Army Corp for a period of three years. After successfully completing her term, she returned to Salisbury. Since then she has served our town as the registrar of voters, been a member of the affordable Housing Committee, and served one term on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Janet has expressed her desire to serve another term because our community is growing and facing new challenges which affect the safety and health of all our community. I strongly support her re-election and hope we all send her back for another term.

Paul Ramunni
Salisbury

On lookout for Black bears


I get a blog from Heather Lende who lives in Haines, Alaska. Bears are a real problem there. They roam at night looking for food. They will rip car doors open if folks have left any food in the car. Locking the doors does not help. The bears will rip them off.

Heather said a friend used to hang bars of Irish Spring soap in his cherry tree. The bears would rip the paper off the soap, but leave it alone. Another thing is moth balls which apparently they don't like. Heather has hung some on her car door.

I haven't seen any signs of a bear here in Canaan Valley, but I think they are around.

Carolyn McDonough
North Canaan

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Affordable housing is an ever increasing need in all of our communities here in the NW corner. Most of the available affordable housing stock before COVID has been purchased by investors and after their renovations, will never be affordable again. Here in Salisbury, the Housing Trust is now working to develop lands owned by the Town or gifted to the Trust by concerned landowners. A recent development to address this issue is combining the efforts of both affordable housing organizations with that of local land trusts to increase the amount of land that could be dedicated to housing. A great example is the Kestrel Land Trust's (www.kestreltrust.org) collaborative work in Easthampton, Ma., where 53 acres will be used for both affordable housing and land conservation. For more info, please read this article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette: www.gazettenet.com/Kestrel-Land-Trust-pursues-collaborative-conservation-and-affordable-housing-project-in-Easthampton-52462537

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