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Outgoing Region One super reflects on teaching tenure

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORFOLK — When Lisa Carter joined the Region One school district in 2002 as a social studies teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS), following her work with the U.S. State Department where she helped write the curriculum for teaching Foreign Service Officers how to speak Mandarin Chinese, she envisioned retiring in that role.

She never imagined her teaching position would serve as a steppingstone toward a 21-year career in education, capped by her appointment as superintendent, with responsibility for leading and managing seven schools and seven boards of education, as well as one regional school board, during one of the most tumultuous times in the history of American education.

In an interview in late May at The Hub in Norfolk, her hometown, Carter reflected on her tenure with the Region One school district, from which she is stepping down at the end of June.

"I've done a lot of things, but



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Superintendent Lisa Carter is retiring at the end of this month after 21 years as an educator and administrator with the Region One school district.

this has been the most rewarding career that I've had in my life. I never thought I'd have the opportunity to learn from so many people, and for me to have impact on the lives of so many people, and to send our students out into the world with big dreams and aspirations, along with the confidence to achieve those dreams," said Carter.

"Lisa's experience prior to becoming a teacher brought a worldly and innovative thinker to Region One."

— Ian Strever, Principal, HVRHS

Prior to becoming superintendent of the Region One school district — which includes, in addition to the regional high school, six elementary schools: Lee H. Kellogg, Cornwall Consolidated, Kent Center, North Canaan Elementary, Salisbury Central and Sharon Center— she held the position of assistant superintendent from 2017 to 2020.

Carter, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mandarin Chinese and a minor in Business from Georgetown University, a master's in business administration from the University of Southern California and a second Master's in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University,

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Saddle up for Goshen Stampede

Country-style competitions and confections drew thousands to Goshen Fair Grounds the weekend of June 7-9 for the 18th annual Goshen Stampede. Full story on Page A2.

Rain gardens to reduce flooding in Dover Plains

By Debra A. Aleksinas

DOVER PLAINS — When it rains these days, it often pours. And all that runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, parking lots, roads and driveways has to go somewhere.

All too often, that flooding ends up in lakes, streams or ponds, along with pollutants collected along the way.

To prevent this from happening, the Cornwall, Conn.-based Housatonic Valley Association recently teamed up with a Dover Plains business owner and other partners to celebrate the installation of two rain gardens aimed at reducing pollution entering Wells Brook, a tributary to the Ten Mile River and a significant warm-weather refuge for native fish.

The June 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the Dover

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler presents Dylan Deane with his eagle statue.

Deane becomes Eagle Scout

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — Dylan Deane became an Eagle Scout at a ceremony at Couch-Pipa VFW in North Canaan on Sunday, June 9.

Deane's Eagle Scout project was to design, construct and install in-

formative signs in town directing visitors to restaurants and other amenities.

This proved to be more complicated than expected, but Deane was persistent and determined.

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Officials answer town's questions on Pope plans

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Pope Land Design Committee held an information meeting Thursday, June 6.

A planned visit to the Pope property site at 5 p.m. was rained out, but the meeting itself convened as scheduled at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall and on Zoom.

Committee Chair Ray McGuire opened by asking First Selectman Curtis Rand to explain what the committee is and how it was formed.

Rand said the current committee, and its predecessor, the Pope Committee, were both appointed by the Board of Selectmen and both committees report to the selectmen.

The first committee, Rand explained, was appointed in 2017 with representatives from the Affordable Housing Commission, Recreation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission (which at the time included Inland Wetlands), and the Board of Finance.

Tom Callahan from the Historic District Commission chaired the Pope Committee.

The committee's report concluded that the best uses for the property were: affordable housing, recreation, and conservation.

At that point the first committee was disbanded and the current

'None of the concepts the committee considered called for paving the Rail Trail.'

Pope Land Design Committee was formed, again by the selectmen, to look at concepts to meet the three goals set by the first committee.

Asked if the committees have or had any regulatory authority, Rand said no, they are advisory bodies. The authority on what to do with the Pope property rests with the selectmen and, ultimately with the town meeting.

Asked about funding, Rand said consultant fees, some \$52,000, were paid from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

McGuire said the land design committee decided they needed a consultant and chose Phil Barlow of FHI Studio in Hartford. McGuire said the committee didn't want large apartment buildings or a driveway next to the Rail Trail.

The consultants put together a series of concept plans, culminating in what is called Concept 6, which calls for 64 dwelling units in 23 buildings.

Asked where the 64 unit figure came from, Vivian Garfein of the

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Falls Village selectmen meet

The sale of 35 Railroad Sreet is moving forward, slowly. More at www.lakevillejournal.com

GOP to host legislative forum in Kent June 20

KENT — The 30th District Republicans will hold a legislative forum on Thursday, June 20, at 7:30 a.m. at the Fife n' Drum Restaurant on Route 7. State Sen. Steve Harding (R-30) will be joined by State Representatives from across the state to give a review of the 2024 legislative session and answer questions from those attending.

Also invited are Fifth Congressional District candidate George Logan, U.S. Senate candidates Gerry Smith and Matt Corey, 64th District candidate Barbara Breor and Republican State Party Chairman Ben Proto. The cost of the breakfast is \$30. Proceeds will support Republicans in the 30th District.

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.

Larceny charge

On Monday, May 20, at approximately 4:50 p.m., Lynn Mead, 48, of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, walked into Troop B and was taken into custody on an active arrest warrant. The warrant related to an incident in North Canaan in August, 2023. The charge is larceny in the 6th degree. Mead was released on a \$2,500 nonsurety bond.

Asleep behind wheel

On Monday, May 20, at approximately 6:15 p.m., Ruperto Gualan-Dota, 47, of Canaan, was northbound on Route 7 in Salisbury in a 2011 Toyota Tacoma and admitted to falling asleep. While negotiating a curve the vehicle crossed the centerline and struck an embankment. The vehicle was towed from

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

the scene by Arnold's Garage. Gualan-Dota was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

Disorderly conduct

On Wednesday, May 22, at approximately 1 p.m., Troopers responded to a Town Hill Road address in Norfolk on an active domestic report. Sam Bell, 54, of Norfolk, was charged with disorderly conduct and was released on a \$500 non-surety bond.

Damage at Lindell's

Sometime during overnight hours on Wednesday, June 5 four lighting stanchions were damaged at CA Lindell Hardware, 59 Church Street, North Canaan. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Resident Trooper Jeremy Ribadeneira at 860-824-7313, Ext. 8.

Honda hits two guardrails

On Saturday, June 1, at approximately 4 a.m., William Perez, 33, of Torrington, was westbound on Route 44 in

North Canaan when the 2015 Honda CR-V he was driving swerved off the road, striking a metal guardrail then crossed the road and struck the guardrail on the other side. The Honda was towed from the scene and Perez was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

Motorcycle hits mailbox

On Saturday, June 1, at approximately 6:30 p.m. a motorcycle failed to maintain lane and struck a mailbox on Route 63 in Canaan, then evaded the scene. The operator of the black motorcycle was described as a white male, 20 to 30 years old wearing a red T-shirt. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Trooper Mitchell Montano at 860 626-1820.

Backing into parked car

On Monday, June 3, at approximately 2 p.m., William Brodnitski, 82, of Norfolk, was reversing out of a driveway on Maple Avenue

in Norfolk in a 2013 Mazda 3i when his vehicle struck a parked car on Maple Avenue. Brodnitski received a verbal warning for unsafe backing.

Blazer exits roadway

On Tuesday, June 4, at approximately 9 p.m., Benjamin Vianese, 23, of Cheshire, was eastbound on Route 44 in Salisbury near Twin Lakes Road in a 2021 Chevrolet Blazer when the vehicle exited the roadway in a curve. The Blazer was disabled and was towed from the scene. Vianese was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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

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'Giddy up' for 18th Goshen Stampede

By Riley Klein

GOSHEN — Country-style competitions and confections filled the Fair Grounds for the 18th annual Goshen Stampede, June 7 to 9.

The three-day rodeo festival displayed a range of all-American contests including horseback riding, goat wrangling, barrel racing, monster trucks, quad racing, demolition derbies, live music, carnival rides, fried delicacies and of course, bull riding. Kids even got in the rodeo action with a sheep riding competition.

Pointy boots, ten-gallon hats and handheld fried or frozen foods met the eye at every turn. Guests moved through walkways lined with enticing games and vibrant vendors, all leading to the main attractions.

The Cowgirl Triathlon, held Sunday, June 9, showcased unique skills on horseback. Competitors began by lassoing a calf, moved seamlessly into the barrel race, and concluded by dismounting to wrangle a goat.

"The richest cowgirl triathlon east of the Mississippi" paid out \$705 to winner, Shyla O'Neil, who completed the three stages of the timed event with no errors in 30.28 seconds.

Cars wrecked in the demolition derby were lined up in the straight track to become part of the monster truck event. Customized pick-up trucks with massive wheels roared down the straight as crash-hungry spectators looked on with excitement in the stands.

An orange truck named "Terrordactyl" was fixed with 10 seats in the bed, offering monster truck rides to guests. A nine-step ladder brought riders from the ground up to their seats.

Stanley McGrath, renowned onion ring maker, has been attending the fair since it began in 2006. He said "it's the people" that keep him coming back.

Litchfield County Axe House set up an axe-throwing booth just beside the rodeo ring. Owner Joseph Kucia said his company has been attending the Stampede for the past five years.

"Litchfield County is super nostalgic," said Kucia, noting the connection people in the area feel to the weekend's events. "They can kind of vibe off that... I think it's a comfort."



Step one of the Cowgirl Triathlon required competitors to lasso a calf. Step two was barrel racing.



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Our Towns

Great Country Mutt Show thrives in year five

By Natalia Zukerman

SALISBURY — The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show, held Sunday, June 9, was a resounding success, drawing dog lovers and their furry friends for an entertaining day of fun and festivities. This was the 5th annual event of this "Westminster-style" dog show which celebrates all breeds and the humans who love and care for them.

From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Lime Rock Park was alive with the sound of barking, laughter, and live music. Dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds competed in a variety of charming categories under the big tent including Junior (for humans under 12), Most Unidentifiable Mix, Sweetest Pair of Dogs, Best Ears, Best Trick, Best Lap Dog Over 40 Lbs., Best Senior, Best Kisser, and Waggiest Tail. The event culminated in the much-antic-

ipated Best in Show Parade, where every participating dog had the chance to strut their stuff.

Bill Berloni, renowned animal behaviorist and trainer, served as the Chief Judge. Berloni, who has trained many animals for stage and screen, brought his expertise and warmth to the event. Nicole Nalepa, anchor of Connecticut's top morning newscast "Eyewitness News This Morning," added a touch of celebrity as the Mistress of Ceremonies, engaging the crowd with lively commentary.

Jenny Langendoerfer, executive director of The Little Guild, emphasized the importance of the Mutt Show for the community: "This event is free and open to the public. It's all about reaching out to the community and thanking them for the support they give us." She also highlighted The Little Guild's mission, stating, "We are a



Participants at The Great Country Mutt Show in the category of "Dog That Looks Most Like its Owner" took the competition quite seriously.

no-kill shelter with one of the highest save rates in the nation, over 99% this year."

Langendoerfer shared news about the future of The Little Guild and the construction of a new facility in West Cornwall. "In one year, we'll be up and running," she explained. "We were in a renovated home for the last 35 years. There's a lot of wear and tear, so this isn't a much bigger shelter, it's just a better shelter."

Outside the competition ring, attendees enjoyed live music from the Joint Chiefs, delicious offerings from local food trucks, and a raffle.

Tito's Handmade Vodka, a sponsor of the event, added to the festivities with a specialty drink tent and activities for both dogs and their owners.

More than just a dog show; the Great Country Mutt Show is a testament to the bond between pets and people and a celebration of community spirit.

Langendoerfer expressed her gratitude, saying, "The support from our community is overwhelming, and events like these help us continue our mission of rescuing, healing, and nurturing homeless dogs and cats."



PHOTOS BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Winner in the "Best Senior" category needed a nap during his competition.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Purchased "as is" by McBride Builders for \$378,730 at the end of May this 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on 331 Calkinstown Road is already undergoing renovation.

Sharon recorded real estate transfers in May 2024

By Christine Bates

SHARON — There were seven property sales in Sharon recorded by the town clerk in the month of May and all were under \$500,000. Only transactions with a monetary value are included below while transfers without consideration are excluded. Recorded sales dates typically lag actual closing dates by several days.

100 Cornwall Bridge Road – sold by the Estate of Mary Kirby to Gregory Kantrowitz and Kathryn Vansycle for \$498,750.

Cedar Road 30/18 – sold by Birch Hill Associates of Sharon LLC to Penelope Hartz and George Hertag for \$15,000.

12 Minneluta Trail – sold by the Estate of John Decker to Ofer Aronsking for \$230,000

128 Sharon Valley Road

– 1,258 square foot home sold by John A. Lamb to Kate Lascar TR Tronquois for \$342,500.

10 Guinea Road – 2.41 acres of vacant land sold by Kenneth and Jennifer Craig to Douglas and Cynthia Seiler for \$125,000.

Guinea Road – 9 acres of vacant land sold by Shaun McAvoy to Forest Farms LLC for \$125,000.

331 Calkinstown Road – sold by the Estate of Mary P Lamb to McBride Builders LLC for \$378,730.

Town of Sharon real estate sales recorded as sold between May 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024 provided by the Town Clerk. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Salisbury Housing Trust proposes two affordable homes

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the application from the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) on Monday, June 3. The hearing was continued to Monday, June 17.

SHT's plans propose building two affordable housing single family 3-bedroom homes at 26 and 28 Undermountain Road.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens began by saying that the commission had discussed concepts with the housing trust, but that concepts are not the same as plans in an application for a special permit.

He said that when the P&Z did an "8-24 review" to determine if the SHT's concept was consistent with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development, the commission found that building two homes at the site was consistent. Preserving the existing park is also consistent with the POCD, Klemens added.

Jennifer Kronholm Clark gave the presentation for the SHT.

She said consultant Pat Hackett had prepared two options. Option one keeps the informal parking lot in the front of the property, adds two houses, and has a small open space in the rear.

Option two removes the parking area off Undermountain Road and puts the first house there, with the second house and a larger open space in the rear.

She said the housing trust prefers the second option.

Public comment was

mixed. Robin Roraback, who lives near the site, said the parking lot is used regularly by White Hart employees and during events such as the recent Salisbury Handmade artisans sale.

She said the housing would make the neighborhood more crowded and noisy. She also mentioned a pair of 300-year-old oak trees on the property.

Other neighbors were okay with the housing but concerned about the oak trees.

Another neighbor, Holly Leibrock, preferred "Option three: Neither."

She said the parking is also used by the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service and the existing park should be expanded, not reduced.

Other residents expressed their belief that affordable housing is important to the town and favored the idea.

Klemens sent a memo to the housing trust with a list of additional information for the next session of the hearing. The list includes: an arborists assessment of the health of the two old oak trees, confirmation that the two lots that make up the site have been legally merged and that there are no deed restrictions, an A2 survey, complete engineering details, 14 aspects of the site plan that need to be completed, a clarification on the special permit application, and a request to address the question of whether the existing parking area is impervious by compaction.

All of these materials are on the town's website under Planning and Zoning Meeting Documents.



Summer party at Kent's fire station

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department held the annual Fireman's Ball on Saturday, June 8, at the firehouse, where attendees danced the night away to music from the live band, had the rare photo opportunity to take pictures with Kent's fire trucks, and helped support KVFD at its major summer fundraising event by bidding on gifted items from local businesses and residents at the silent auction.



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

North Canaan allocates remaining ARPA funds

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — American Rescue Plan money is due to sunset July 1. With \$21,000 remaining in the fund, North Canaan's selectmen assigned uses for the money at a regular meeting June 3.

The list includes: \$4,000 for repair of front steps at Town Hall, \$3,500 for new LED local road signs in select locations, \$2,500 to Fishes and Loaves food pantry, \$2,500 for town laptops and printers, \$2,500 for new flooring in Town Hall, \$1,500 for repairs and renovations in town buildings, \$1,500 for consultant Janell Mullen to update the Planning and Zoning regulations, \$1,000 to enclose the data station at Town Hall, \$1,000 to purchase tools for the Town Garage, and \$1,000 for town issues cell phones.

The allocations were unanimously approved by the board.

Union Station Fund

First Selectman Brian Ohler noted the debt on the Union Station Fund is due to be paid in full this July.

The loan, taken out during the Humes administration to pay contractors, has a re-

maining balance of \$208,000. The money was borrowed by the town with the expectation of state funding to pay it off in the future.

The state money has come through to the tune of \$205,000. North Canaan will hold a town meeting on June 20 in Town Hall at 7 p.m. to seek approval for the remaining \$3,000 to pay off the loan.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The steps at North Canaan Town Hall.

Sharon Land Trust names new director

SHARON — At the start of May the Sharon Land Trust welcomed Carolyn Klockner in the new role of executive director under the leadership of the President of the Board, Jennifer Dillion.

Dillion noted in a press release from the Land Trust that the organization's rapid growth, especially after its 40th anniversary, necessitated a full-time director. Klockner, an environmental scientist with a background in education, outreach, and grant management, has over 20 years of experience, including roles at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Millbrook and the Housatonic Valley Association.

The Land Trust recently completed significant projects, including new trails,

land conservation, invasive plant management, and educational initiatives with local students. The nonprofit protects over 3,000 acres in Sharon dedicated to preserving nature for the community.



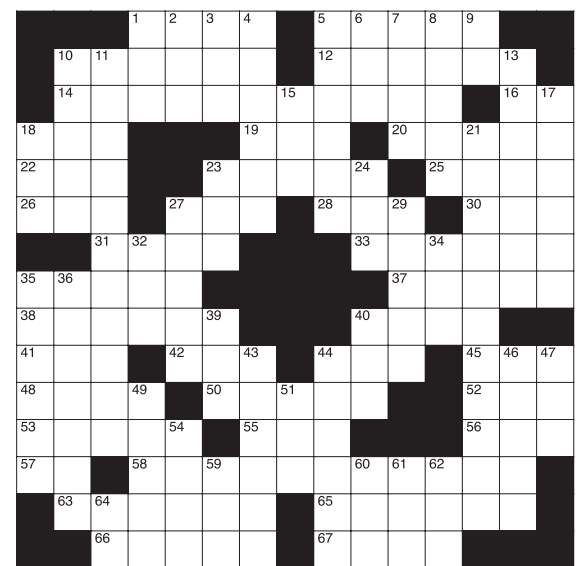
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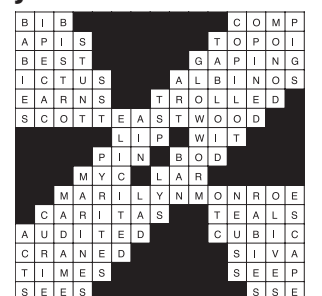
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20. Plates on a turtle's shell
22. University of Utah athlete
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26. Former Yankee great
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30. Anger
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38. Type of gasoline
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42. One's mother
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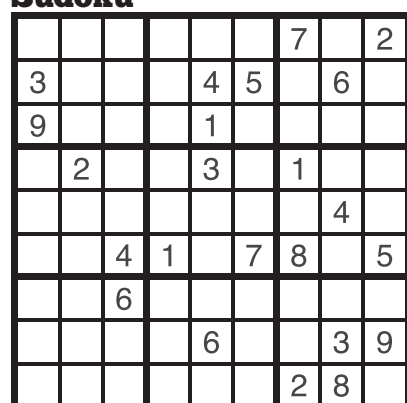


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23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India
32. Furniture
34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
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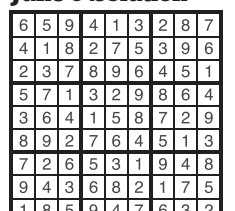
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Our Unique Habitat

A quarterly letter from the Salisbury Conservation Commission

Welcome to the Salisbury Conservation Commission's quarterly missive. The SCC is a new town committee formed to advise and support, but not make policy on, the many wonderful environmental resources we have in town. It's a win-win commission!

One of its goals is education; educating SCC members and fellow Salisburyans on the unique natural habitats specific to our beautiful and fascinating town and how to preserve them.

In these quarterly missives, the SCC will take shallow dives into topics germane to an environmentally engaged community and that celebrate our town's unique ecological features. In the future, please look for articles on vernal pools, upland habitats, core forests, tax breaks, etc.

We would like to be interactive, so please send topic suggestions and comments to leepotter@salsiburyct.gov.

All The Light They Can See: Micro Sextants or Like Moths to a Flame

Is it a well-known fact that moths have micro sextants in their brains? We don't know, but like mariners who used the sextant and stars to navigate, so do moths.

Do you know when you leave a light on outside all night, in the morning you find quite a few dead moths around it? Let's focus on the moths, the significance of those carcasses, and what we can do to help these night flyers.

Moths are not as sexy as their Lepidoptera cousin, the butterfly, but they are perhaps wiser having been around about 100 million years longer. Today, we are going with brains over beauty. The New Canaan Land Trust says this about moths: In addition to their role as pollinators, moths fill an important link in our natural food webs. Their caterpillars feed the animal kingdom. Songbirds raise their young principally on caterpillars. Frogs, toads, and salamanders prey on them, as do chipmunks, squirrels, foxes, and most other mammals living in our

New England habitats. www.newcanaalandtrust.org/moths-butterflies-un-

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CORNER

sung-cousins/ Needless to say, moths are vital to our Salisbury habitats.

In most cases, our moths are nocturnal, and their aids for navigation are fascinating. In January 2024, "The Guardian" wrote about new science regarding moths: According to Sam Fabian, an entomologist at Imperial College London, moths and many other insects that fly at night evolved to tilt their back to wherever is brightest. For hundreds of millions of years, this was the sky rather than the ground. The trick told insects which way was up and ensured they flew level. www.theguardian.com/science/2024/jan/30/why-are-moths-attracted-to-lights-science-answer

When ALAN, or artificial light at night, is present, moths and other nocturnal insects, are relying on it to inform their imbedded navigation systems. These systems have not yet evolved to understand artificial light. ALAN causes confusion and exhaustion as the moths continue to circle a lighted bulb believing that this illumination is directing it to shelter the way the moon and stars would.

A wonderful resource about ALAN is DarkSky.org. They say: The best way to protect moths from light pollution is to turn off exterior lights when possible, and to shade windows in lighted rooms at night. If you must use outdoor lighting, consider dim low-voltage lighting, lights that are motion activated, or LED lights with a warm color temperature, as these are all less attractive to moths and other insects.

And while it is true that some people don't like moths eating their sweaters, even Tim's Pest Control in Norwalk, says dim the lights. Lights attract adult moths, so it is extremely common for our home's exterior lights to attract them into our homes. And NO BUG ZAPPERS!

Salisbury Conservation Commission Contributors include: Tom Blagden, Steve Fitch (Alternate), Maria Grace, Lee Potter, Susan Rand, Zac Sadow, Sarah Webb



Relief

We know it is close to something lofty. Simply getting over being sick or finding lost property has in it the leap, the purge, the quick humility of witnessing a birth—how love seeps up and retakes the earth. There is a dreamy wading feeling to your walk inside the current of restored riches, clocks set back, disasters averted.

—Kay Ryan

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Father's Day tribute to 'my Papa'

In honor of Father's Day this coming Sunday, I'd like to tell you a little about my Papa. Some of you may have noticed him around town, in his signature pink trousers and red convertible with matching hat. Others may have seen him playing cards with me at local restaurants and wearing festive hats at Christmas time. He waves and say hello to passers by and always has a smile on his face. During Covid he

amused many with his funny face masks. Did you see him? Your parents may remember him from Stagecoach Hill Inn in Sheffield, which he started in the 50's and ran with my mother until the 70's. If you frequent the Town Grove, then it is likely your children know him as 'the toy fairy', leaving goodies for the kids to play with and take home. He has been active in the community volunteering with

Habitat for Humanity and The Democratic committee. He supports local causes and rarely misses a Noble Horizons fundraiser. He loves trivia, traveling and his family, but dislikes a certain orange man. In fact, he has been known to rant about him here in The Lakeville Journal. He attends his weekly luncheons with the R.O.M.E.O.S. and brings specialty pizza toppings to share with everyone. He has

lived around the world, tells great stories and has a terrific sense of humor. Whether you know my Papa or not, if you see him around, say hi. He is an amazing man and I am so lucky to call him my Daddy. Happy Father's Day to everyone. Please tell your Dad how much you love and appreciate him!

Sharon Kahler Lakeville

Jahana Hayes – Israel and antisemitism

A recent letter in The Lakeville Journal defends Congresswoman Jahana Hayes on issues of Israel and antisemitism. It states that Israel is acting contrary to Jewish values and interests. Absurd. Israel was brutally attacked on October 7, when Hamas invaded Israel and slaughtered young Israelis at a music festival, murdered and raped civilians and burned babies in front of their parents. 1200 murdered and 250 hostages. This act of barbarity started a terrible war between Israel and Hamas. Jewish values do not call for suicide. The Jewish people are not required to quietly die because of the horrible consequences of war – a war that Israel did not want nor start. A recent Harvard-Harris poll confirms that 80% of American voters support Israel's war against Hamas. Because terrorists in Gaza hide behind civilians, and in tunnels under residenc-

es, mosques, schools and hospitals, Israeli military actions inadvertently result in civilian casualties - as it does in all wars - in spite of the IDF's extreme measures to avoid them. These measures, according to US military officials, go beyond the requirements of the International Law of War and beyond measures taken by the US military. All civilian deaths are tragic, but clear-thinking Americans know the difference between deliberate slaughter and inadvertent casualties of war. And clear-thinking Americans also know that none of these inadvertent casualties would have happened had Hamas not barbarically broken the ceasefire on October 7. But Jahana Hayes did not join other congressmen calling for the defunding of UNWRA, whose 'teachers' participated in slaughtering Israelis, whose buildings shelter terrorists and weap-

ons, and whose textbooks teach hate to the next generation of Palestinians. She did not join 50 other congressmen - mostly Democrats - in a letter to Anthony Blinken last year to force the Palestinian Authority to stop its \$300 million "Pay for Slay" program, rewarding Palestinians convicted of terrorism against Israelis. She did not object to Hamas diverting billions of dollars of donations to build military tunnels, missile launching sites and weapons instead of building homes and infrastructure for Gazan civilians. But Jahana Hayes wants to stop funding the State of Israel, which is in a defensive war on multiple fronts, threatening its very existence and enduring daily rocket attacks. Hayes also voted against House Resolution 927 titled "Condemning antisemitism on university campuses and the testimony of Universi-

ty Presidents in the House Committee on Education and the Workforce". This bill reacts to the explosion of antisemitic activity at American universities and the lack of meaningful response by school administrations. This resolution passed with 84 Democratic Congressmen voting for it. Jahana Hayes is not being attacked, as alleged, because this is standard 'demagoguery' of the Republican party. One needs only to look at her record. The State of Connecticut deserves a congressman who will stand for safety of its students on campus and support its allies. George Logan, the son of proud immigrants from Jamaica and Guatemala, has shown by word and deed that he will support our American values in Congress and not fear the criticisms of extremists.

Alan Friedman Salisbury

Attacks on Hayes continue to repeat falsehoods

Attacks on Congresswoman Jahana Hayes from George Logan and his Republican backers continue to repeat false allegations of anti-Semitism along with a false tie to 'the Squad'. In fact, on April 20, Ms. Hayes voted with most other Democrats to pass the National Security Supplemental Legislation, which provided much needed aide to Israel and Ukraine. Most right wing, isolationist Republicans voted against it. Ms. Hayes also spoke against anti-Semitism in universities and elsewhere on April 22. "There is no place for discrimination in education. However, we have seen a rise in antisemitism, particularly on college campuses. This is unacceptable. To combat this alarming trend, I have supported increased funding for the Nonprofit Security

Grant Program to help protect houses of worship and to ensure Holocaust education is taught in our schools." Allegations about the Congresswoman's attachment to the Squad are disingenuous. The nine "Squad" members vote with their fellow Democrats often. As a result, some of Ms Hayes' votes will overlap with theirs. On the other hand, Mr. Logan wishes to join Republican House members whose attempts at most legislation have been derailed by the thirty-nine members of the Freedom Caucus, people like the egregious Margorie Taylor Greene. In the words of several House Republicans who have left Congress in mid-term, The Republican Party Is dysfunctional, gridlocked and has created an uncivil environment in the House.

What say you to that, Mr. Logan? Jahana Hayes, however, is a member of the can-do party that passed the fore-mentioned legislation and The Inflation Reduction Act, which modernizes infrastructure, lowers healthcare costs, addresses climate change and creates jobs. And remember, a bi-partisan bill on immigration was voted down by House Republicans. As to Mr. Friedman's opening accusations about the state of our nation: with the exception of a few cities, crime is actually down, police

continue to be backed, and we are still working closely with our allies, including Israel and Ukraine. In contrast, Trump, the presumed Republican candidate, had this to say about Ukraine: "This is genius. Putin declares a big portion of the Ukraine... Putin declares it as independent... oh, that's wonderful... How smart is that? And he's gonna go in and be a peacemaker." Again, what say you to that, Mr. Logan? Barbara Maltby Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — June 1924

Frank Pierotti of Lime Rock, driving a truck for Jos. Pellazari from Canaan between Falls Village and Lime Rock Sunday night, struck the hind wheel of the truck in some way against a railing and was precipitated into the midst of the Housatonic River. He was alone in the truck and escaped injury. Frank was under the age to obtain an operator's license and therefore took a chance. He was gathered in by State Policeman Meade and was found guilty by Justice Tuttle Monday afternoon of operating without a license. The fine and costs amounted to \$20.56 which was paid by "Big Jo."

LIME ROCK — George Lowe and sisters motored to Pittsfield Saturday.

Mrs. George R. Belcher, who for the past twelve years has been the Unitytype operator at the Journal Office has resigned her position and is to go to housekeeping at Lime Rock, where she and her husband have a cottage all newly furnished ready to "set the kettle on and all take tea." It is with much regret that we lose Mrs. Belcher from our force as she has been unfailingly efficient and helpful in the many trials that visit a printing establishment. The entire force of the Lakeville Journal extend their best wishes to Mrs. Belcher in her new home and she may rest assured that the Journal latch string is always hanging out for her.

FOUND — Between Ore Hill and Lakeville, a child's sweater. Owner can have same by calling at Post Office, and paying for this ad.

50 years ago — June 1974

A temperature of 100 degrees registered Monday afternoon in Lakeville tied the record-breaking temperature for June 10 reported in Hartford. It was the highest temperature yet marked on The Lakeville Journal's recording thermometer, the previous high being 93 last July 9. A

cool front accompanied by less humidity dropped temperatures Tuesday to a high of 87.

Experts from the Union Carbide Corporation Wednesday recommended a system of aeration for Lake Wononscopomuc to reduce obnoxious algae and retard eutrophication. Dr. Arlo Fast and Richard Miller, who visited Lakeville at the invitation of the Salisbury Association, made their recommendation after an inspection of Lake Wononscopomuc and Long Pond.

Charles Beaujon will be honored for his 50 years in the Canaan National Bank at an open house this Saturday, June 15. Mr. Beaujon joined the bank as a 16-year-old on June 15, 1924, just days after his graduation from the Canaan High School. When he joined the bank it was housed in the little office next to Fuller Hardware and had five employees and less than \$500,000 in assets. Today the bank is located in its own building on Main Street, has 15 employees and is nearing \$7 million in assets.

William Dunn, 64, of Belden Street in Falls Village, was hospitalized with a fractured pelvis Monday after being pinned under a riding lawn mower for 20 minutes. Sharon Hospital reported Mr. Dunn to be in good condition Monday night.

25 years ago — June 1999

LAKEVILLE — What began as a domestic dispute between a worker in The Hotchkiss School's kitchen and her boyfriend quickly escalated last week when the couple, plus one other man, were charged with forgery. The Immigration and Naturalization Service was called, and two companies found themselves issuing carefully worded statements explaining how they hired workers who were not legal immigrants.

Nearly half of Canaan's registered voters went to

the polls last Friday to make known their feelings on zoning within the town. The final tally was 502-217 in favor and the selectmen this week followed up that vote by appointing a Planning and Zoning Commission and a Zoning Board of Appeals.

CORNWALL — In one month's time, residents will have the opportunity to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tornado that ripped through Cornwall. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway told the Board of Selectmen at a meeting Monday a committee is in the process of organizing a two-day event scheduled for July 10 and 11. The main anniversary party on Saturday would include a short parade, the dedication of a tree on the Cornwall Green, an open mike for tornado tales, a pot-luck dinner and a band.

The Kent Board of Education will move \$10,000 from a fund created by Principal Edward Epstein from the collection of returnable bottles and cans to the Kent Center School scholarship fund. The board requested Mr. Epstein to ask the scholarship committee that money be given to a student with an interest in ecology or education to honor how the money was raised.

CANAAN — The town generously provides curbside brush pickup for residents, a tradition that sometimes gets abused. First Selectman Doug Humes made note of the service at Monday's board meeting, saying the town is glad to provide the service, "but it is not in the land clearing business," referring to some residents whose brush pile looks like they "cleared the back forty."

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

The Fed's role in populism

The Federal Reserve Bank is the most powerful central bank in the world. It has a long history of successes and at times, failures in steering the U.S. economy through ups and downs. This is a story of how a well-intentioned policy has resulted in one of the worst disasters in American history.

After the stock market crash on Oct. 19, 1987, just two months after Alan Greenspan assumed the chairmanship of the Federal Reserve bank, he fired off a one-sentence statement before the start of trading on October 20th, "The Federal Reserve, consistent with its responsibilities as the nation's central bank, affirmed today its readiness to serve as a source of liquidity to support the economic and financial system." It was enough to turn markets around and kick off an economic expansion that lasted for ten years.

The Fed soon realized that it might be able to smooth out the bumps in the business cycle and the economy by using monetary policy. They tried and succeeded in doing so in the early 1990s to combat a credit crunch, a Russian default on government securities, and the overheating of the U.S. labor market in 1994. As a result, the decade was marked by generally declining inflation and the longest peacetime economic expansion in our nation's history.

How exactly does the Fed work its magic? Think of monetary policy as a money spigot. When the Fed believes

THE RETIRED INVESTOR BILL SCHMICK

the economy is going to enter a slow patch, it turns on the money spigot. It turns the spigot off when it fears the economy is overheating, which could cause inflation. Simple, right?

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It was a wonderful discovery. The government, through the Fed's actions and its fiscal spending, could minimize unemployment and ensure price stability by controlling the money supply if the dollar maintained its status as the world's preeminent currency.

However, money is distributed into the economy in a certain way — through the banking system in the form of lower interest rates. Interest rates are the cost of money when borrowed. The lower the rate, the cheaper the money. Banks offer loans to borrowers and these loans flow from the top down. Therein lies the problem.

Take a guess who gets to borrow the lion's share of this easy money?

Corporations, of course, are followed by the wealthy who own them. The biggest,

most profitable companies get to borrow the most at the lowest rates. The same top-down mentality pervades our fiscal policy efforts. Who, for example, will receive the \$90 billion in new spending for Ukraine? It will be defense companies, arms suppliers, munition distributors, etc.

From the government's and the Fed's point of view, this is the most efficient means available to inject monetary stimulus into the economy. The Fed also realized that with their top-down efficient capital approach, monetary loosening was not by itself inflationary.

In this top-down situation, what happens to those who are at the bottom of the borrowing chain? Is this fair, and if so, how do they benefit?

Well, that is where Trickle-down Reaganomics is supposed to come in. Corporations and other wealthy borrowers, according to supply-side economists, would invest in new plants and equipment, which would bring new jobs and higher pay to the masses. Economists used the same arguments for tax cuts as well. It may have worked in the 1980s, although many have their doubts, but it didn't work in the 1990s, or any time since then. Why?

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Sunbathing in June

Post Mar-a-Lago, Mike Johnson seems a different person

In early April, facing a battle over retaining his Speakership, Mike Johnson went to visit former President Trump at his Florida estate to seek his support. It would appear that Trump gave his blessing to the Speaker in return for Johnson's more vociferous expression of unswerving loyalty to him. Johnson now seems almost like a different person.

While Speaker Johnson tended to stay in the background while getting accustomed to his new position, recently he has been asserting himself aggressively. Later in April, he came, uninvited, to Columbia University where he spoke out against student protesters and called for the National Guard to be brought in to put down the anti-semitic violence (there was none). Appearing at former President Trump's trial in NYC with a scrum of Republican officials (all nearly identically dressed), he gave a short speech denouncing the trial and misrepresenting the facts. Then, after the verdict was announced, without any supporting evidence he called the trial "a severe miscarriage of justice" and said the Supreme Court should

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER MAC GORDON

completely overrule the verdict. Did Johnson realize that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction in the matter even though he remarked that a couple of them were his personal friends?

Although elected Speaker by the House of Representatives last October, he remains little known by the American public or even most of his fellow members of Congress. Who is he and what can we expect from him?

In the running for Speaker, Mike Johnson was a "dark horse"; In his 8 months as Speaker, Johnson has shown considerable dexterity in working with his very fractious and uncooperative Republican majority, brushing away an attempt to remove him from his post yet shepherding through major bills providing military aid to Israel and Ukraine, a notable accomplishment.

A mild mannered 52 year old lawyer, Johnson grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana, where his father was a

fireman. He graduated from Louisiana State University (LSU) in 1995 and its Law School in 1999.

His record over the past four terms as a member of Congress has been consistently right of center. While nearly always voting with the majority of Republicans, he had never led a powerful committee or served in the top tier of House leadership.

Although elected Speaker in October, he remains little known by the American public or even most members of Congress.

However, last year, while serving on the House Armed Services Committee, he led 59 other Republicans in a vote against a 39 billion aid package for Ukraine, a move endorsed by former President Trump. In the past, Republicans have been very slow to back away from foreign commitments and this may represent a real change in GOP foreign policy.

A devout evangelical

Southern Baptist, the Speaker is known for his outspoken religiosity having spent much of his time over the past two decades extolling his faith through articles and lectures. Johnson's religious beliefs have strongly influenced his political views. A confirmed foe of abortion, he has been pushing for a total abortion ban with no permitted exceptions.

He has also spoken out sharply against homosexuality, calling it "inherently unnatural" and a "dangerous lifestyle" and linking it to bestiality, according to opinion essays and interviews. And he opposed legislation to mandate federal recognition for same-sex marriages — a bill that passed with strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

The Speaker has an environmental record even less favorable than most of his Republican colleagues. The League of Conservation Voters, the principal environmental group monitoring voting records of members of Congress has given Johnson a lifetime rating of 2% out of a possible 100% (the average score for a Member of Congress is 52%). But the American Energy Alliance,

which represents fossil fuel interests, gave him a score of 100% in 2022. Johnson called the energy components of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act "a thinly veiled attempt to implement the policies that would usher in a new socialist society in America".

Some observers think that Johnson is competing to be selected as Trump's running mate. John Nance Garner FDR's vice president from 1932-40, is re-

membered for saying that "the vice presidency is not worth a bucket of warm spit!" Trump may lose and the Republicans may lose the House but for now as long as he remains untroubled by his own shameless obsequiousness, Johnson remains in the catbird seat, the highest ranking Republican in government.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



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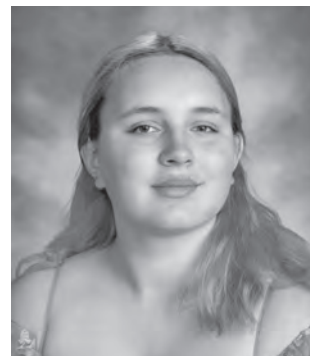
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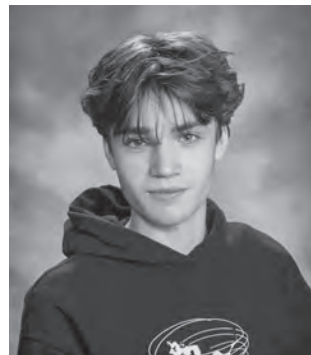
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POPE PROPERTY

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land design committee said it was the result of suggestions from affordable housing groups in town.

Asked about paving the Rail Trail, Elizabeth Slotnick of the land design committee said none of the concepts the committee considered called for paving the Rail Trail.

The concept also includes several recreation components, including pickleball courts. Lisa McAuliffe, the town's recreation director and the only person to serve on both Pope committees, said there are no plans for lights and that the sounds of pickleball being played can be mitigated with acoustic screening.

She pointed out that the nearest home is 200 yards from the location of the courts.

McGuire asked Peter Halle of the Salisbury Housing Committee, a private non-profit group that owns rental units in town, who the tenants are.

Halle said that most applicants have some connection to Salisbury.

McGuire referred to critics complaining that the land design committee has "evaded" regulatory bodies

such as the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Slotnick said the committee's charge from the selectmen was to come up with uses as defined by the original committee: affordable housing, recreation and conservation. She said all the committee's meetings are held in public, and that the purpose of the June 6 meeting was to start getting public input to improve on Concept 6.

Garfein said an actual plan, not a concept, is ready to go. The next step is to ask the P&Z for an "8-24 review," which is a determination if the concept is in line with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

The application then must go through the town's land use boards: Historic District Commission, Inland Wetlands, and P&Z. And then, because the Pope property is owned by the town, the final plan must go to town meeting.

Loch Johnson of the Salisbury Village Improvement Coalition, the group responsible for the "Save the Rail Trail" signs, said his group is not against affordable housing, but thinks

there are better locations.

Someone asked what the total population of 64 dwelling units would be. Barlow, the consultant, said between 120 and 150 people in a mix of one, two and three bedroom rentals and condominiums.

Someone asked how the Pope housing development would help the town meet its housing goals. Slotnick said the town's Affordable Housing Plan calls for creating 100 units, and the town is now at 57.

Getting to 100 units would represent roughly 5% of the town's housing stock, she continued. The state goal is 10%.

Michael Klemens, P&Z chair, said P&Z was given a "series of concepts" to look at and preferred Concept 6 to the others, but that does not constitute endorsement or approval.

He also said he had heard a lot about housing and recreation but very little about conservation, adding that there will certainly be a problem with the Wood turtle. He suggested having the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection conduct a study of the nearby wetlands.

CARTER

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served as Salisbury Central School Principal from 2011 to 2017, after teaching social studies at HVRHS for nine years, from 2002 to 2011.

The China Connection

Carter, who has two sons, was born in Georgia in 1956. "I lived there for 10 days. My father was in the service and was sent to France for 18 months. Today, at age 91, he still feels bad for missing the first 18 months of my life," she explained.

She and two younger brothers grew up Pittsburgh, and she eventually went off to college at Georgetown University, where she majored in Chinese and minored in business. Carter spent her junior year in Taiwan. "This was before you could go to Mainland China. It helped me with the fluency of the language," she recalled.

After graduation, she landed a job with the U.S. State Department. By that time, she noted, Mainland China opened up and people were being assigned there. Carter worked with a team that created curriculum used to train diplomats looking to relocate to Beijing.

"I had always thought I wanted to be in the diplomatic corps," she explained. So she attended a diplomatic language learning center in Arlington, Va., in preparation for her service exam. "I really wanted to go to Mainland China, which had been closed off to the rest of the world, and wanted to be one of the first people to see what it was like."

Carter recalled the disappointment of finding out that it was "highly unlikely" that she would be posted in China as a junior member of the Corps, as it was a "plum assignment" reserved for longer tenured staff.

The then 23-year-old received another disappointment upon learning that a

job as an office assistant with Dravo Corporation, where she was to assist with opening their office in Beijing, fell through when they did not get the contract.

For the next five years, Carter worked closely with the engineering teams on Union Oil Company in California. "The development was so rapid," she recalled. "The Chinese people are so friendly and so loving and it was really great to get to know them and see them come alive and open themselves up to industrialization. And I got one of my dreams."

After meeting her future husband, she moved to New York City, got married and had two sons, now ages 27 and 30. She was hired by real estate maven Barbara Corcoran, selling co-ops and condos. Referring to her new boss, "she was a pistol," noted Carter. "I liked the people in the business, but I did not like the business."

The family relocated from the Big Apple to Norfolk, where they had a "big circle of friends."

"I always wanted to be a teacher, but I didn't think the kids would like me. I was pretty serious as a young woman and didn't have a lot of confidence and belief in myself."

Prompted by teachers at the high school, she applied to Salisbury Central and HVRHS as a substitute teacher, hoping to get hired as a history teacher. She obtained her teacher certification and a year later was hired full time when a position opened up at the high school.

The ideal leader

during a volatile period

While at the high school, Carter opened the relationship with the Shandong Experimental School in Jinan, China, and introduced the Civic Life Project, a program that teaches civics through the production of short documentary films.

"I loved teaching there, and I had great colleagues," she noted. "We were always keeping track of current events and helping kids see the connections between

what came before and what's happening now."

In many ways, Carter's background shaped her success as a teacher and administrator.

HVRHS Principal Ian Strever put it this way: "Lisa's experience prior to becoming a teacher brought a worldly and innovative thinker to Region One. Her creative and flexible problem solving made her the ideal leader during what has been one of the most volatile periods in American education shepherding us through a pandemic, massive societal change, and a wave of legislation that has redefined the purpose of school."

In 2020, Carter had settled into her role as assistant superintendent, when the superintendent's job opened up.

"They chose me and believed in me in a very difficult time, supported by every single board member and a 50-person transition team," Carter recalled. The group met weekly and was tasked with "making decisions on how to open up the schools when very few schools were doing that. As stressful as that was, it was so much better for the students than to be at home and on the computer."

From nurses to bus drivers, paralegals and teachers, town and state health and education officials, as well as the Litchfield County superintendents' group, "everyone leaned in and every person touched my life and I touched theirs in a really meaningful collaboration."

Patricia Mechare, chair of the Region One Board and the Lee H. Kellogg Board of Education, praised Carter's leadership and flexibility during that tumultuous time. She described Carter as a "wonderful partner to all our schools and a very effective superintendent."

As for what comes next for Carter, she is looking forward to the next chapter in her career as Assistant Executive Director with EdAdvantage in Litchfield, which is a full-time position, "but will not demand as much of my time."

HVA

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Plains McDonald's, where owner and operator Victor Wong thanked HVA's Ten Mile River Watershed Manager, Claire Wegh, for explaining why the streams surrounding his business are vital, in part because the carry water from Dover to Long Island Sound.

Also at the site, HVA installed interpretive signs in both English and Spanish describing the ecological diversity and importance of Wells Brook as well as the function of rain gardens and how they benefit local wildlife and communities.

"Providing an opportunity for environmental education in a diverse rural community like Dover Plains, in a spot as heavily trafficked as a McDonald's, is an exciting example of what equitable environmental education can look like," Wagh explained to those in attendance.

The rain gardens, which are shallow depressions in the landscape and include native plants beneficial to pollinators, filter stormwater runoff from Route 22, as well as from the McDonald's parking lot and roof, before it reaches Wells Brook, ultimately reducing flooding and improving water quality by removing pollutants.

This type of runoff has been cited by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a major source of pollution to the nation's waterways.

The rain gardens, which are prime examples of green infrastructure, were designed and built by Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery of Woodbury, Conn., with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Long Island Sound Futures Fund and Iroquois Gas Transmission Systems, and in partnership with Mc-



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Housatonic Valley Association's Ten Mile River Watershed Manager, Claire Wegh, stands next to the newly installed rain gardens in Dover Plains.

Donald's and J.C. Wong Management.

During the unveiling ceremony, attendees were invited to tour the streambanks and learn how rain gardens protect rivers for the benefit of not only the environment, but also wildlife and humans.

The Dover Plains rain gardens are one of many projects HVA and its conservation partners are collaborating on across the Housatonic River watershed as part of its Clean, Cold and Connected Initiative. The program works to protect streams like Wells Brook, restore fish and wildlife habitat and provide opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the rich, natural heritage of the Housatonic River.

According to the University of Connecticut NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials) Program, which was created in the early 1990s to provide information, education and assistance to local land use board and commissions on how they can accommodate growth while protecting their natural resources and community character, building a rain garden at residences can also reduce the amount

of pollutants that leave yards and enter nearby lakes, streams and ponds.

The NEMO Program offers a rain garden app for designing, installing and maintaining rain gardens. To learn more, visit <https://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens>

For more information on the conservation and education projects underway at Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), the only conservation organization dedicated to the entire tri-state Housatonic Watershed which acts to protect the natural character and environmental health of the region from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound, visit www.hvatoday.org

DEANE

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He received an eagle statuette from First Selectman Brian Ohler and Selectman Craig Whiting, and written accolades from U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, U.S. Representative Jahana Hayes, and State Representative Maria Horn and State Senator Stephen Harding plus the entire General Assembly. U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal arranged to have an American flag flown over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to mark the occasion.

Deane was surrounded by family members, many of them Scouts, as he accepted the paraphernalia associated with Scouting's highest rank.

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Sports



Senior Anne Moran pitched for the varsity team June 1.



Brooks Belter, Class of '06, had words with sophomore Anthony Foley after stealing and tossing the glove of younger brother and future Mountaineer Brayden Foley.



Junior Daniela Brennan helped the varsity softball team beat the alumni.

Former Mountaineers suit up for alumni games

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletic teams ended the 2024 spring season with a series of alumni games.

Mountaineers of years past matched up against current varsity teams in early June. Aside from some achy muscles, the games produced a steady stream of laughs in the name of friendly competition.

Baseball and softball games were played simultaneously Saturday, June 1, beneath an azure sky. The double feature was complete with a hot dog vendor stationed between the two ball fields and the faint hum of roaring engines at Lime Rock Park.

"This is heaven," remarked HVRHS history teacher and former football coach Deron Bayer.

Baseball alums ranged in graduation year from 2001 to 2022. Just shy of a full roster, a couple freshman filled in for the alumni along with a future Mountaineer, 13-year-old Brayden Foley.

The alumni got out to a strong 3-0 start before the varsity team came back to a 4-3 lead. The initial lead slipped away when catcher Brooks Belter, class of 2006, strained his calf and let a series of wild pitches by Anthony Cattelan, class of 2017, create scoring opportunities for the varsity squad.

Cattelan remained optimistic, "It's super nostalgic to be here, I just wish we were winning."

The game continued to see-saw before settling at a 7-7 tie in the sixth inning.

Willie Yahn, class of 2014,



Current softball coach Kayleigh Selino played for the alumni.



Willie Yahn said it was "fun to see the next generation coming up" at HVRHS.

member of the Orioles program from 2017-2022, proceeded to take over and secure an 11-7 lead for the alumni. Yahn aced the varsity boys with nine straight strikes to close out the seventh inning.

Across the field, varsity softball represented the student body with a dominant performance over the alums. Powerful hits at the plate kept the outfielders busy.

Current coach Kayleigh Selino, situated in left field for the alumni, summed it

up during the top of the first: "I'm exhausted already and it's not even inning one."

The varsity team showed no mercy and piled on the runs to win 9-1 over the alums.

Lacrosse players had planned to meet at the HVRHS field June 9. Mother Nature had other plans and rained out the game.

Coach Laura Bushey described the 2024 season as "one of the best seasons we've ever had" and expressed pride in her team.



Former coach Bobby Chatfield started on the mound for the alumni.

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Tennis court reno begins

The new tennis courts at Housatonic Valley Regional High School were poured Monday morning, June 10. Workers from Classic Turf in Woodbury hustled around with implements smoothing the wet material as it came out of a large hose. The tennis courts are the part of a \$5.64 million dollar capital improvement and renovation project at HVRHS.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sports

Red Sox and Royals clash in Little League showdown

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — The Steve Blass Northwest Connecticut Red Sox dropped a nailbiter 10-9 loss to Torrington Royal at Major Besse Park June 5.

The penultimate game of the AAA Little League regular season came down to the wire with Torrington securing a walk-off victory in the final inning. The Red Sox, composed of players from the six Region One towns, played a disciplined game and shook hands with their heads held high after the loss.

It was a calm spring evening as the game got underway, about 78 degrees with the sun comfortably beneath the tree line. Supporters for both sides dotted the foul lines to cheer on their teams.

Torrington got out in front early with a 2-0 advantage after the first inning. The Red Sox responded with a comeback in the second. Teddy Kneeland, Lane Brooks, Quinn McNiff, Willa Lesch, and Henry Kneeland all reached home to bring the score to 5-2.

Torrington added another run, but the Red Sox tacked on two more in the third inning. Ben Young and



Teddy Kneeland rounded the bases.

Quinn McNiff scored another in the fourth inning and the Red Sox's lead peaked at 8-3.

Torrington caught fire in the bottom of the fourth with a whopping six runs. Torrington took a 9-8 lead going into the fifth and final inning.

Myles Shippa scored the tying run for the Red Sox, stealing home on a wild pitch. In the bottom of the fifth, Torrington mirrored the play and scored the go-ahead run in similar fashion. Torrington rejoiced in the infield after walking off with a 10-9 win.

Above, Kurt Hall takes a lead off first base. Below, Berkley Karcheski plays outfield.



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Teddy Kneeland braces for impact at home plate.

Housatonic Valley Regional announces 2024 athletic awards

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Department held its spring season and senior sports awards ceremony on June 5. The following student-athletes were honored at the ceremony:

Girls Tennis

Most Improved: Victoria Brooks
Sportsmanship: Yaritza Vega

Tyburski: Lydia Fleming
Most Valuable: Dana Saccardi

Baseball

Most Improved: Wesley Allyn
Sportsmanship: Hunter Conklin
Tyburski: Chris Race
Most Valuable: Owen Riemer and Anthony Foley
Boys Track & Field
Most Improved: Anthony Labbadia

Sportsmanship: Patrick Money

Most Valuable: Kyle McCarron

Tyburski: Finn Malone
Girls Track & Field

Most Improved: Gabriella Titone
Sportsmanship: Lola Moerschell
Tyburski: Adelyn Diorio
Most Valuable: Amelia Dodge

Boys Tennis

Most Improved: Leo Clayton
Sportsmanship: Evan Bockting and Spencer Jasmin
Tyburski: Gustavo Portillo
Most Valuable: Manasseh Matsudaira

Girls Lacrosse

Most Improved: Katie Crane
Sportsmanship: Neve Kline
Tyburski: Georgie Clayton
Most Valuable: Marissa Zinke

Softball

Most Improved: Abby White
Sportsmanship: Anne Moran and Abby Hogan
Tyburski: Hadley Casey
Most Valuable: Grace Riva
JV MIP: Madison Gulotta

Stevenson Award: Hayden Bachman

The Mountaineer Award
(new this year - given to a underclassmen who participated in three sports during the school year)

Wesley Allyn, Hayden Bachman, Wyatt Bayer, Zach Bezzara, Daniela Brennan, Olivia Brooks, Victoria Brooks, Hunter Conklin, Katie Crane, Arianna Danforth-Gold, Tessa Dekker, Adelyn Diorio, Amelia Dodge, Braeden Duncan, Lydia Fleming, Anna Gillete, Lou Haemmerle, Chloe Hill, Jonas Johnson, Madelyn Johnson, Anthony Labbadia, Naomi Lesamana, Manasseh Matsudaira, Khyra McClenon, Lola Moerschell, Meadow Moerschell, Chris Race, Owen Riemer, Tyler Roberts, and Abigail White.

Master of Sport
(A senior who is a member of a varsity team all three seasons during their senior year)

Anne Moran and Haley Leonard

Four Year Award

Haley Leonard (Softball), Anne Moran (Softball), Grace Riva (Softball), Spencer Jasmin (Boys Tennis), Dana Saccardi (Girls Tennis), Yaritza Vega (Girls Tennis), Logan Dean (Baseball), Marissa Zinke (Girls Lacrosse).

Athlete of the Year

Leo Clayton and Haley Leonard

CAS CIAC Scholar Athlete
Yaritza Vega and Logan Dean

Pinnacle Award
Anne Moran and Eason Zhang

Sharon athletic summer camps

SHARON — The Town of Sharon has three athletic camp opportunities for children at all sporting levels. Sharon Baseball Camp will run from Monday, June 17, to Wednesday, June 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Veterans' Field. James Smith will lead the staff in working with participants ages 8 to 14 in drills and activities.

Registration for Sharon Baseball Camp can be accessed online by going to www.sharonct.myrec.com or by calling 860-364-1400. The registration fee for three days is \$95.

Challenger Soccer Camp will be held at Veterans' Field in Sharon and run from Mon-

day, June 24, through Friday, June 28. Registration for both full and half days for young soccer players is available at www.challengersports.com.

For basketball players, Housy Hoops Summer Basketball Camp will be held at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village from Monday, July 8, through Friday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open to athletes in grades fifth through eighth, the camp will be staffed by the school's boys' and girls' varsity coaches and student players. Registration costs \$150 and can be completed at www.sharonct.myrec.com or by calling 860-364-1400.



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Cornwall weighs fire truck options

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — A detailed specification list developed by Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's truck committee for a new truck has brought in one qualified manufacturer to bid.

The sole bid was from Alexis Fire Equipment Company in Illinois, which set an all-in price tag around \$760,000 for the custom, stainless-steel truck sized to fit in the old firehouse.

"The town will have available on July 1st \$640,000 [in the truck fund]. So that leaves a bit of a gap," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway at a June 4 meeting of the board.

The price from Alexis will hold until July 15, by which time CVFD will either need to come up with about \$120,000 to move forward with the bid or start over with a revised spec list.

Fire Chief John LaPorta was in attendance and said the truck was designed specifically to meet Cornwall's needs. He believed the department's requests were not "extravagant" and the bid that came in would produce a truck for "the long term."

"To try to think about re-specing at this point would be a really big task," said LaPorta.

In order to move forward, CVFD would have to come up with the balance difference. The topic will be discussed at CVFD's monthly meeting Wednesday, June 26.



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Insect insight

Max Galdos-Shapiro, an ecologist and educator, talked about insects and climate change at the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, June 9. Galdos-Shapiro said that crane fly larvae are useful for determining the health of ecosystems and the effects of climate change because they live in larval form for five years in water and that water needs to be clean, cold and oxygenated.

Salisbury considers speed readers on state roads

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen Monday, June 3, First Selectman Curtis Rand raised options available through the Department of Transportation to catch speeders.

Rand said there is a possibility of getting one or two speed cameras for use on state roads in town.

Selectman Chris Williams was wary of the idea, noting that speed cameras, unlike state troopers, can't assess a situation and give a warning rather than a ticket.

Selectman Kitty Kiefer said the town should apply and in the process the public can weigh in.

On the subject of speeding, Rand said he thinks it's worth taking another run at the state Department of Transportation about discouraging speeding along Main Street (Route 44), ei-

ther with a lowered speed limit or a median island.

And on the subject of unmodified, loud brakes on tractor trailer, Rand said he and resident trooper Wil Veras have identified "four or five trucks, but we can't catch them."

"Will has caught some," he added. "The message to the public is we're working on it."

Rail Trail

Rand said people worried about paving the Rail Trail "are getting over their skis."

"There is no plan to pave the Rail Trail."

He emphasized that there are no approved plans for affordable housing at the Pope property on Salmon Kill Road, which includes a popular section of the Rail Trail.

"There are concepts."

He said in the future there will be additional plans and formal applications.

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