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Fort Hill Farm owners Paul Bucciaglia and Rebecca Batchie, and son, with Dan Carr.

Berkshire Ag Ventures nurtures farms into next generation

By Sadie Leite

GREAT BARRINGTON — With the right support, local farmers can turn a challenging season into a successful harvest.

Neil Chrisman and Joel Millonzi founded the nonprofit Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV) in 2017 to help local farmers in the Berkshire-Taconic area (Berkshire County, Massachusetts; Columbia and Dutchess Counties, New York;

and Litchfield County, Connecticut).

In BAV's sunny office overlooking downtown Great Barrington, Executive Director Rebecca Busansky recalled the origins of BAV. "Joel told me a story about him and Neil," she said. "They'd just get in the car and drive around, talking to farmers about their needs, where the gaps were, and how to fill them."

Seven years later, the group has assisted over 150 local businesses.

BAV's "core services" are grants, loans, and technical assistance. They've provided \$2.1 million in low interest loans, \$1.5 million in grants, and 2,000 plus hours in technical assistance.

Busansky stressed BAV's focus on low interest, flexible loans. They lend at 0 to 3%. Typical nonprofits will charge closer to a 7 to 8% interest rate for cost of capital, to pay

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Housatonic Railroad sprays herbicide days before new regs take effect

By Riley Klein

The Housatonic Railroad Co. (HRRRC) sprayed herbicide along tracks between New Milford and North Canaan days before new state laws took effect on July 1 requiring notification of spraying times and locations, local officials said Tuesday, July 2.

"They snuck it in just before they had to follow all the regulations that is in bill number 5219," said Kent Tree Warden Bruce Bennett. "Just showed how really uninformed they are in the environmental care."

Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said he was not notified by HRRRC and only learned of the spraying after getting calls from witnesses.

"I did ask the railroad earlier for when they were spraying and they said they couldn't tell me for security reasons," Ridgway said.

After learning of the spraying, Ridgway contacted State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64). The spraying occurred several days before

the HB 5219 took effect, and it appears no action can be taken against HRRRC.

"It's clear why things were done when they were done," added Ridgway.

The new bill does not outlaw the use of herbicide, but it does require railroad companies to provide 21-days' notice to Department of Transportation and elected officials in affected towns.

Bennett inspected a length of track along Hatch Pond in Kent. He said the herbicide appeared to have

been sprayed about 10 feet beyond the rails of the track. The pond is within eight feet of the track in some parts.

"I called the DEEP and posted a complaint. The plants right along the edge of the water was killed, including the duckweed that was growing along in the water," said Bennett. "It's going to penetrate into the water table."

DEEP was unable to send a field tester out until the following

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Work zone safety a concern for town, state road crews

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — An agitated driver recently ignored commands from a member of the town's highway department to stop during a roadway construction project. Instead, the motorist maneuvered around the work zone.

"He got angry and drove off the road and popped two tires," said Casey Flanagan, Sharon's First Selectman. "I have heard stories that people are speeding through our work zones, or they get impatient or agitated because they need to stop," he said.

Just recently, Flanagan noted, a worker on the road crew reported that "somebody stuck their middle finger up at the guys" as they drove through the work zone. "It's really

"When a worker is killed by an impaired driver at 9 o'clock in the morning while picking up litter tossed out car windows, we have a much greater crisis on our hands."

— Garrett Eucalitto, state Department of Transportation (DOT) commissioner

unfair. They are just doing their job and they want to keep the traffic moving."

With road construction and paving projects in full swing and following the recent deaths of three workers on Connecticut roadways

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lights above Lime Rock

Rainy forecasts pushed the Independence Day firework display at Lime Rock Park to the evening of Sunday, July 7. Guests gathered in and around the track to take in the rockets' red glare.



PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Jennie Baird, middle, with her "winning" cake at The Edward in Sharon.

Sharon's sweetest summer fundraiser takes the cake

By Sava Marinkovic

SHARON — Rain could not stop a parade of cakes from being marched to the Sharon Historical Society in the evening of Friday, July 5.

All told, 27 cakes — along with some extras including cake decorating lessons, a bushel of apples, and an heirloom necklace

cake-topper — were sold for the benefit of the Historical Society as part of what Executive Director Karen DePauw called the SHS's most important fundraiser of the year.

At first, prospects for a breezy auction looked bleak as downpour rain and approach-

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Traffic concerns in Salisbury

The Board of Selectmen reviewed ways to address traffic concerns around town at a regular meeting. Full story at www.lakevillejournal.com

Dancing in Cornwall

Cornwall residents gathered in Town Hall for a traditional contra dance June 6. See the video on Instagram @lakevillejournal

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.

Collison near Stop & Shop

On Monday, July 1, at approximately 5:30 p.m., a 2013 Chevrolet Traverse was eastbound on Route 44 in North Canaan and had stopped to make a turn into the Stop & Shop. A 2012 Kia Forte also was eastbound on Route 44 and came to a stop behind the Chevrolet. A third vehicle, a 2008 Hyundai Sante Fe driven by Bethany Cornet, 21, of Danbury, approached eastbound and struck the Kia in the rear, which then struck the Chevrolet. There were no reported injuries and all vehicles were towed from the scene. Cornet was issued a fraction for following too close resulting in a collision and operating without a license.

Both claim green light

On Tuesday, July 2, at approximately 7:15 a.m., Archie Wildman, 58, of Canaan, was southbound at the intersection of Route 44 and Elm Street in North Canaan in a 2016 Jeep Wrangler as Flores Cristian Gomez, 41, of Canaan, was eastbound through the intersection in a 2014 Volkswagen Jetta. Both operators said they had green light signal. The Jeep struck the driver's side rear of the Jetta. Gomez and a passenger were transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Without witness testimony the accident was considered no fault. Gomez was issued an infraction for operating in violation of a limited license.

Truck hits utility pole

On Wednesday, July 3, at approximately 7:30 p.m. Troopers were dispatched to Gavel Cabin Road in Sharon for the report of a one-vehicle accident. A subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Dylan Hickey, 33, of Salisbury, on operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs. The 2019 Ford F250 ran off the road and collided with a utility pole. The truck sustained disabling damage.

Sexual assault arrest

On Thursday, July 4, Troopers served an arrest warrant to Mason Lynehan, 24, of North Canaan, following an investigation of an incident alleged to have occurred in June 2022 that was reported by two females in October 2022. The warrant charges sale of liquor to a minor, risk of injury to a minor and sexual assault, 2nd degree. Lynehan was released on a \$25,000 surety bond and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court.

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

First phase of 2024 hydrilla treatment underway at East Twin

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Targeted hotspots of the invasive aquatic plant hydrilla around the marina and in the northeast cove of East Twin Lake were treated on Monday with a controlled release herbicide known as Sonar One.

Subsequent dosing with the herbicide, used for the first time at Twin Lakes, will be repeated at intervals of about three weeks for the remainder of the summer and into the fall, according to Twin Lakes Association (TLA) officials.

"Sonar is the preferred herbicide for hydrilla," Russ Conklin, Vice President of Lake Management for the TLA, had reported during the lake association's recent membership meeting in June.

The TLA worked with scientific advisors from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), as well as the TLA's limnologist, George Knoecklein, founder and principal of Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR), regarding which herbicides have proven most effective in the management of hydrilla.

The group recommended Sonar One, a slow-release version of Sonar, which contains fluoridone as its active ingredient. Fluoridone is absorbed by hydrilla's roots and shoots and is then transported throughout the plant, disrupting photosynthesis and preventing the plant from producing pigments that protect it from sunlight, causing the plant to bleach and die over time.

The TLA, through its contracted herbicide applicator, The Pond and Lake Connection, has received a permit for treatment specifically with Sonar from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Patches of invasive hydrilla in the vicinity of the marina on East Twin Lake were treated on Monday with an herbicide known as Sonar One. The state-approved application is the first of several doses to be administered at intervals of about three weeks for the remainder of summer into fall.

The first dosing of slow-release Sonar by The Pond and Lakes Connection took place Monday. Signs of plant damage may appear within seven to 10 days of application, but it may take 30 to 90 days of continuous application to kill hydrilla.

Sonar has no labeled restrictions on swimming, wading or fishing when used as directed, according to TLA officials. The herbicide was approved for use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1986 and has been widely used since then.

"From the literature we have reviewed including product label, and based upon the recommendation by our scientific experts, and

given the decades of wide use in the United States including on lakes that are battling hydrilla, we believe this is the appropriate choice for our lakes at this time," said TLA president Grant Bogle.

NEAR, the firm hired by the TLA to conduct water quality testing and aquatic plant surveys, recently conducted an aquatic plant survey of the entire Twin Lakes system and, as expected, found numerous beds of hydrilla around O'Hara's Landing Marina.

Last fall a four-acre area was spot-treated with a different herbicide, Procercor, just before the hydrilla started to naturally die back and overwinter, but the nox-

ious weed resprouted this summer.

"Last fall's treatment did not occur until mid-September and, as such, was late," Bogle explained. "You want to catch hydrilla as it is emerging and in the growth phase. That said, Procercor did have an impact on the standing crop but did not appear to kill the plant to the roots. We fully expected it to come up again this spring."

One stray patch of hydrilla, identified north of the marina, was not targeted for treatment last year, or this year, because a state-listed protected native species, water marigold, grows in the area. The patch is currently blocked off with barriers to keep unsuspecting boaters from chopping off hydrilla fragments, which can then contaminate other areas of the lake.

East Twin was identified late last June as the first lake in Connecticut infected with the non-native plant, even though TLA's Conklin said he believes it may have gone unnoticed in East Twin for several years. Since then, the strain has also been discovered in six additional lakes in the state.

"We know it's on the move, so it's very concerning," said Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist with CAES and scientific advisor to the TLA in its battle against hydrilla. Bugbee and other environmentalists said there are still a lot of "unknowns" surrounding the non-native weed and the effectiveness of treatment efforts to date.

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Our Towns

Ryan Funeral Home restarts family tradition

By Robin Roraback

LAKEVILLE — Ryan Funeral Home is back in Lakeville after a two-decade hiatus.

The Lakeville branch of their business, Ryan Funeral Home, is located at 255 Main Street at the corner of Lincoln City Road.

"We are happy to be part of the community and continue caring for the community as has been for over ninety years," the Ryans said. "We are here for personal service, and we take pride in that."

The big brick house on Main Street was built almost 90 years ago in 1935 and was the location of the Burdick Funeral home. In 1945 G. Roger Newkirk bought the business and it became Newkirk Funeral Home.

Newkirk operated it until 1973 when Frances Gomez bought the business, operating it from 1973-1990, still under the name of Newkirk Funeral Home. Besides Lakeville, there was also a branch in Canaan.

Patti Gomez Majesky, daughter of Frances Gomez and his wife, Patricia, described what life was like in that 1973-1990 period when the family lived with the business.

Majesky said her mother got tired of having to move furniture around whenever the house was needed for a

funeral. She recalled putting up a Christmas tree only to have to take it down the next day for a service. She said, "We got really good at moving furniture around." It was a relief to just have the house as a family house when her father sold the business.

In 1990 Gomez sold the Canaan part of the business to Robert Palmer (Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home) while retaining the house in Lakeville as residential space for his family.

The most recent incarnation of the Ryan Funeral Home dates to the reopening of 255 Main Street at the end of 2023. It had been closed as a funeral home for more than 20 years and the father and son team are happy to reopen with services to the Lakeville/Salisbury area.

With this reopening, the business has stayed in the family. Patti's son, Jonathan Ryan, is the grandson of Frances Gomez. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer as is his father. His father, Christopher, worked for Gomez from 1987-1989.

Christopher graduated from Mortuary school in 1986 and has been practicing ever since. Mortuary school involves two years and earns an associate's degree.

A one-year apprenticeship is required after graduation.

The Ryans have a branch in Torrington; Gleeson-Ryan



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Jonathan Ryan, left, and his father Christopher Ryan, of Ryan Funeral Home, are pleased to offer their services to the Lakeville/Salisbury area. They have reopened 255 Main St as a funeral home after it was closed for twenty years and used as a family residence.

Funeral Home. Jonathan is mostly based there. Before Christopher Ryan bought it in 2007, it was in the same family for four generations and was known as Gleeson Mortuary. Christopher said that some of the original family still helps out at funerals.

"Funeral homes tend to stay as family businesses," he said.

The Ryans pointed out that many people are pre-planning their funerals.

They said it can be a tremendous help to children and other relatives who may not know just what was wanted by their loved ones. In most cases money for a pre-paid funeral is held in trust and the funds are released when a death certificate is confirmed.

Christopher Ryan said of

the future of funeral directors and embalmers, "There is going to be a shortage over the next 20 years. Not enough candidates are coming in to replace the current funeral directors." At the same time, "with baby boomers aging, the death rate will be rising in the next 20 years."

Jon and Christopher Ryan carry the main load of the business between them. They hire part-time staff as needed. "Mostly retired gentlemen" who are looking for extra work. He added, it is "not always easy to find people available" because they can't predict when deaths may occur and can't promise regular dates. Jon's mother, Patti, still helps out when needed.

The Ryans said they are there to guide people through what can be one of the most difficult times in their lives. They are proud to "Provide personal service, meet with families directly, and take care of them."

They offer cremations, funerals, burials, and celebrations of life. Jonathan Ryan said people "don't necessarily need to come to the funeral home." He said he and his father are happy to come to your home or meet with you online by Zoom. They are "bringing the business into the new century while maintaining their personal touch," said Jonathan.

Ryan Funeral Home can be reached at (860) 435-2700, by cell at (203) 231-4677, or online at www.ryanfhct.com.

Patriotic proclamation on Independence Day 2024

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The traditional Fourth of July celebration at the town Grove on Lake Wononscopomuc went off without a hitch Thursday, July 4.

The rain held off until well after the main event, and even then it didn't amount to much.

Sponsored by the Salisbury Association, the event features Lou Bucci, dressed as Heman Allen, receiving the brand-new Declaration of Independence and reading it aloud.

Allen, er, Bucci said he has been reading the Declaration on July 4 at the Grove every year since 2002.

"Except for weather and COVID."

This took about 15 minutes and apparently made people hungry, as the line for hot dogs from EXTRAS (the childcare program at Salisbury Central School) was exponentially longer post-Declaration than pre-Declaration.

The Salisbury Band, led

North Canaan building inspector takes new job

NORTH CANAAN — Jeffrey Rondini stepped down as building inspector July 11. He will become the building official in New Milford, his hometown.

First Selectman Brian Ohler described Rondini's tenure as one of partnership, education and constant awareness.

A search to replace Rondini will be conducted by Town Hall. In the interim, Salisbury Building Official Mike Carbone will fill the position to ensure that inspections and permit processing continue in North Canaan.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lou Bucci dressed as Heman Allen, July 4.

by Brian Viets, played its traditional mix of marches and popular tunes.

Before things got started Tracie Shannon of Lakeville was walked by her energetic dog Jasper to the main office at the beach to say hello

to Grove manager Stacey Dodge.

Jasper, a small, white woolly type of dog, was all for this and displayed an astonishing ability to leap several feet in the air with no apparent effort.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0252 by Architect Christene Gray for a detached accessory apartment at 272 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Map 18, Lot 09 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 15, 2024 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
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF KENT

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and the Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2023 is due and payable July 1, 2024. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2023 will become delinquent on Friday, August 2, 2024.

As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the

rate of 1.5% per month from July 1, 2024 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed and paid online by going to the Tax Collector's page on the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentct.org.

There are two options for online payment: credit card or electronic check.

The Tax Collector's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is a red drop box next to the front door of the Town Hall for payments.

Payments are also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

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COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9:05am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a replacement retaining wall at 63 Millerton Rd, Lakeville, CT, 06069. This Public Hearing will be a Hybrid Meeting with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone and in person at Town Hall. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9:05am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness New Addition Connected with Breezeway to Existing House; Driveway; and Refurbishment of Existing Windows at 264 Taconic Rd, Salisbury, CT, 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Hybrid Meeting with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone and in person at Town Hall. The Meeting Link

will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us.

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 9:05am to act on two Applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of roof and siding at 84 Main St, Salisbury, CT, 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Hybrid Meeting with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone and in person at Town Hall. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: www.salisburyct.us
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Eloise Marcella Cecchinato Koneazny

CANAAN — Eloise Marcella Cecchinato Koneazny, 93, of New Marlborough, Massachusetts and Pica-yune, Mississippi, entered eternal rest on July 2, at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, after a brief illness.

Born in Torrington on July 30, 1930, to immigrant parents, Nichola and Margherita Cecchinato, Eloise grew up in a close-knit Italian family that was not only dedicated to hard work but to assimilating into the American way of life. Yet she and her family never lost their values as Italian-Americans and honored such timeworn traditions as hosting gnocchi parties featuring accordion playing and dancing. Eloise was also a bit of a non-conformist. When in grade school, she refused to get off the “big kids” bus because her older brothers were on it, and she didn’t want to walk 3 miles in the cold. Her first sit-in. This was perhaps a precursor to her participation in the pro-life rescue movement in the late 1980’s where she joined countless others in blocking abortion clinics with her husband and 4 children.

During her high school years, Eloise was active in the local softball team, archery and bowling league. After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1948, Eloise’s secretarial skills were so exceptional that she was recommended by her teacher for the position of secretary to the President of Canaan National Bank and had the distinction of being the first Italian-American to be employed there.

She met her future husband, William C. Koneazny, at a minstrel show he was performing in at the Colonial Theater in Canaan. He was also the host of a radio show, “The Bill Wicki Hour” which she found obnoxious and would plan her vacuuming around. When she met him at the show, she still thought he was a smart aleck, but she was intrigued and started inquiring around to see who he was dating. When everyone asked named a different girl, she decided to enter the mix. On Oct. 2, 1954, she married Bill at St. Joseph Church in Canaan, and went on to raise four children. Besides working as the first secretary for the founder of Jenifer House, she managed the day-to-day operations for her husband’s tree business, Peerless Tree Company, for over 40 years. As a couple, they also worked together in the pest-control division of their company until they were nearly 60 years old, spraying against the infestation of the Gypsy Moth which was very prevalent at the time.

Eloise was a woman of many talents. Not only was she a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, but she was also an excellent cook (her spaghetti & chicken dinners are known and loved by all family and friends) and baker. As a self-taught wedding cake specialist, she made unique and beautiful cakes over the years. Along with her husband, she oper-

ated Candlelight Catering. The food they produced was far from ordinary, and their reputation as caterers was known throughout Eastern Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. The couple also ran “Pearly Gates Saloon”, the legendary nightclub and restaurant in Sheffield.

Eloise and Bill traveled extensively throughout Europe, Mexico and the Holy Land visiting many of the great Catholic pilgrimage sites including Fatima, Lourdes, Compostela, and Rome. She always kept a prayer list with her and remembered the countless intentions presented to her by family and friends. For a number of years she and her husband worked with missionary priests in the mountains of Mexico, spearheading an operation to provide funds to build simple houses for some of the country’s poorest.

Eloise was a very active lady with boundless energy and was known for her wit, charm and graciousness. Whether she was hosting a party for 100 people in Canaan Valley or an intimate dinner for 4, she was the epitome of the perfect hostess. She had a special way of making you feel that you were the one person she wanted to see or hear from. Old friends will remember her sweet rendition of her signature song, “I’m Waiting For a Letter From My Baby” at some of these gatherings.

Well known for her sense of fashion, it was not uncommon to find Eloise in high heels painting window trim at her house or mowing the lawn. She was one of the few people who could wear a leopard-patterned outfit to weed her garden and not look out of place.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, her son Joseph, her siblings Nicholas, Anthony, and Louis Cecchinato, and her daughter-in-law Sharon (né Smithwick) Koneazny. She is survived by her four children; Jean (Patrick) Pollock, Joan (Wayne) Lempka, Jenifer (Mark) Clarke and James Koneazny; 28 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren; her dear sister, Clementine “Bunny” McGuire, and numerous nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind an entourage of dedicated friends both at home and in Mississippi.

Calling hours will take place on Friday, July 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Birches-Roy Funeral Home, 33 South Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The rosary will be recited at 7:45. A Traditional Latin funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 am at the funeral home. Burial will be immediately following the Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, Canaan, CT.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting Traditional Latin Masses be offered for the repose of her soul by sending free-will donations to either Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 422 Fairview Avenue, Hudson, NY, 12534 or Christ The King Church, 209 Tackora Trail, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

Charles Richard Dickey

WEST CORNWALL — Charles Richard Dickey, 88, of West Cornwall, passed away peacefully on June 23, 2024, after a short illness. He leaves behind Janine Selendy, his loving partner of 24 years. A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Washington, DC.

Charles, known throughout his life as “Chick,” was a lover of classical music, horseback riding, and French cuisine. Possessed of a lively intelligence and sharp wit, he was an avid reader with a particular interest in World War II and early American history.

He was born in Colon, Panama, on Sept. 4, 1935, the son of then-Lieutenant Joseph Kingsley Dickey and Virginia Marlatt Dickey. As the son of an active-duty army officer of the era, he quickly moved around from Panama to Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, Tokyo, and San Francisco in the years before World War II. After that, he moved to Edina, Minnesota, Paris and finally Washington, DC, where he graduated from the St. Albans School. After completing his BA at Yale University, he served as an officer in the Marine Corps. He graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1964 with a JD and practiced as an attorney at several law firms, including Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Whar-

ton & Garrison and Gold, Farrell and Marks and served as General Counsel of Madison Square Garden, in New York City. A longtime resident of North Salem, New York, he moved to West Cornwall, in 2021 with Janine and their two West Highland White Terriers, Bramble and Thistle.

Chick is survived by his brother, his five children, their spouses and his eight grandchildren; James Dickey and Chris Bart, Leslie and Sanjay Patel and their daughters, Alisha and India Patel, Keith and Alison Dickey and their daughter Claire Dickey, Kim Dickey and Kirk Ambrose and their children Frederick and Helen Ambrose, Scott and Ilia Dickey and their sons Charles and Alexander Dickey, and Jean and Donald Quaintance and their daughter Keala Quaintance. He is also survived by Janine and her family, Philippe and Bela Selendy and their wives and children. Chick is also survived by his former spouses, Catherine M. F. Randolph and Page Dickey Schell.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to The 30 Birds Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to safeguarding the future of a group of 450 Afghans, predominantly schoolgirls, who they have evacuated from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

Martin F. Palmer Jr.

NORTH CANAAN — Martin F. Palmer Jr. was born April 17, 1942, and died July 7, 2024.

Martin, otherwise known as Marty or Butch, was preceded in death by his mother Blanche, father Martin Sr., son Jimmy, and daughter Laura. He is survived by his partner of 35 years Susan, his children: Russell, Ginger, Douglas, his stepchildren; Vicki, Jason, and Jesse. As well as many family and friends.

Marty lost his battle with cancer after being diagnosed this February. He left this world surrounded by his family and classic country music being played in the background.

In life Marty was a hard worker, working for years in Hartford in appliances. He worked for 16 years at Hamilton Booksellers until he retired. Even after retiring Marty could not stay still and worked part-time delivering pizzas at Pizza Hut. Marty was also a caring father, grandfather, and friend. He would always have a pot of coffee

and an entertaining story for guests. You may have already heard the story before but he would tell them with such enthusiasm you would gladly listen again.

On a perfect afternoon Marty and Sue would take a long drive through the countryside enjoying nature and pointing out birds and animals with a cup of coffee. His favorite pastime was fishing. Every year he would work on his boat getting it ready to launch on the water. Nothing made him happier than to spend the day on his boat with a thermos of coffee and a fishing pole in his hand.

Marty will be dearly missed by his family and friends. His kindness and humor will stay with us for the rest of our lives. We can’t accept that he is really gone, so we will just say he’s gone fishin’.

Per Marty’s wishes a private burial will be held for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry PO Box 306, Canaan CT 06018.



Shelly Marie Klippel

MILLERTON — Shelly Marie (Bishop) Klippel, 56, passed away unexpectedly June 23, 2024. She was the loving wife of Robert L. Klippel (Bobo).

Shelly was born on Feb. 13, 1968, in Plattsburgh, New York to the late Robert J. Bishop and Linda (Maulding) Bishop. She was well known for her unique sense of humor while working at On The Run in Lakeville for over 10 years. The last decade Shelly was the property manager, alongside her husband Bob, for Frank and Maureen Bateman’s properties in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Shelly will always be remembered for her quick wit, huge smile, and generous heart. She loved her family and friends, especially her grandchildren, who she doted on.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, moth-

er, Linda, daughter, Alicia Hapeman (Joshua); sons Mathew Powers (Kayla), Robert J. Klippel (Lindsay), and Bryan Klippel (Elizabeth); brother Robert Bishop (Stacie); nephew, Hunter Bishop (Sierra); mother and father-in-law Herbert and Elizabeth Klippel, sister-in-

law Pamela Klippel, brother-in-law William Klippel (Karen); her 7 grandchildren (Noah, Nikolas, Davin, Payton, Chloe, Olivia, and Christopher), her granddog Shiloh, and several nieces and nephews.

Shelly was predeceased by her father, Robert, brother, Lonny Bishop, and close friend, Thomas Stone.

There will be no traditional services, however, there will be a Celebration of Life on Aug. 10, time to be determined, at the Millerton Firehouse.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Norfolk concert honors Charles Ives

By Kayla Jacquier

NORFOLK — To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Connecticut composer Charles Ives’ birth, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival presented a concert inspired by the late musician’s work on July 5.

Ives, a native of Danbury, led a life of incredible success as he began his musical career at the age of 13. He attended Yale University and pioneered the use of polytonality, polyrhythm and tone clusters. He died in 1954 and won a Grammy Award posthumously in 1965 for Best Classical Contemporary Composition.

The show’s title, “Charles Ives ‘likes and dislikes,’” referred to the style preferences of Ives as a musical creator. The setlist demonstrated his passionate admiration of Beethoven and Franck, and his disagreement with

Varèse’s composition.

The concert, put on in collaboration with Yale Summer Music School and performed by a collection of professional musicians, evoked a sense of nostalgia for Ives’ 1890’s American traditional music.

Opening the show was a rendition of “Halloween” by Ives played in the style of piano quintet.

Beethoven’s “Duo No. 1 in C Major” and “Sonata in D Major” were followed by a rendition of Edgard Varèse’s “Octandre.”

Last but in no way least, César Franck’s “Piano Quintet in F Minor” closed the show.

The numerous artists played to receptive crowds in Norfolk’s Music Shed. The chamber festival will continue with shows through Aug. 17. For full schedule and tickets visit music.yale.edu/concerts-events-norfolk



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OBITUARIES

Etienne Delessert

LAKEVILLE — Etienne Delessert passed away at his home in Lakeville on April 22, 2024, after suffering complications from a stroke in 2022.



Born in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1941, Delessert was a self-taught artist and author whose wild imagination illuminated more than 80 children's books, many posters, and the pages of publications such as the New York Times, the Atlantic, and Le Monde. His animation studio in Lausanne created films for Sesame Street and for French and Swiss television channels. Today, his imaginary characters continue to roam the earth, fascinating children and adults across the continents, who may encounter his books in over 14 different languages. Delessert worked with many noted authors, including playwright Eugene Ionesco, Swiss psychologist Jean Piaget, and singer-songwriter Gordon Lightfoot. The illustrations for his most recently published children's book, "Nonsense!" accompany text written in 1846 by Edward Lear.

Throughout his career Delessert's work won international acclaim. In 1975 a one-man retrospective was held at the Musée des Arts Décoratifs in the Louvre, followed in 1991 by another retrospective in Rome at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni. This exhibition traveled to Switzerland, France, Canada, and eight American cities before being shown at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. In 2020 he exhibited for six months at the Tsinghua University Art Museum in Beijing. There is a forthcoming retrospective planned in Lausanne's Musée Arlaud for March 2025. Locally, he exhibited at the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, and at Lakeville's Hotchkiss School Tremaine Gallery and Argazzi Gallery.

In 2017, Delessert created the Maitres de l'Imaginaire Foundation. The collection, archived at the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire in Geneva, holds a vast number of original children's book illustrations created by some of the most outstanding international illustrators, including two local artists, R. O. Blechman and Seymour Chwast. Selected pieces have been exhibited in Geneva, Paris, and Bologna, and there are plans for a future show in Abu Dhabi. Delessert's body of work was awarded the Swiss Office of Culture's highest honor, Le Grand Prix Suisse, in 2023.

In 1981, Delessert met his wife Rita Marshall, an art director at Tracy Locke in Denver, Colorado. She hired him to illustrate an advertising campaign for Mountain Bell and flew to Lausanne to work with him. Luckily, his animation studio was able to finish the seven pieces of art on time while Etienne and Rita visited Paris, flew over the Swiss Alps in a private plane, and took long walks together in the forests of Château-d'Oex. Two weeks after Rita delivered the job to her creative director, she moved to Switzerland. Etienne helped her land a job with the TBWA agency in Zurich, and she eventually branched out on her own, art directing and designing children's books long-distance for The Creative Company in Minnesota.

The couple relocated to Lakeville in 1985. Rita could have lived in Switzerland forever, but Etienne loved the American lifestyle which he had experienced while living and working in New York in the late 1960s. He especially loved American politics and enjoyed displaying his political preferences on large painted panels in their front yard. Delessert actually became a U.S. citizen so he could vote.

Those long walks in the Swiss Alps soon translated to long walks up and down Main Street in Lakeville. You might have seen the two of them with their dogs, and their young son—walking to the post office almost every day in every kind of weather. When their son outgrew them, they just kept walking, for another 30 years. Working with Winsted attorney Christine Lavoie, with some help from Ralph Nader, Delessert campaigned to save the Lakeville Post Office in 2012. And along with Robert Riva he was influential in persuading the Connecticut DOT to install a traffic light at the school crossing on Route 44 and to add a sidewalk along Lincoln City Road.

Delessert is survived by his wife Rita Marshall and their son Adrien (Elizabeth) Delessert, of Brooklyn, as well as many cousins in Canada, France, and Switzerland. The family wishes to thank his exceptional caretakers, Eleanor Scavotto and Alison Tripp; his therapists, Rob Messina, Chrissy Befanis, Katja Schultz, and Jennifer Druan; the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of Litchfield County; the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service; and especially their very kind and generous neighbors. They also extend special thanks to Delessert's long-time publisher at The Creative Company, Tom Peterson, who endured Etienne's somewhat mercurial character, but always honored his intelligence, his imagination, and his passion.

Contributions may be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

NORTH CANAAN — Susan Jayne (Fracaro) Clayton was a valiant warrior against breast cancer for close to forty years. However, rather than letting her cancer define her, she treated that challenge with respect. With all of her formidable 5'1" strength, she determined that it was to remain merely one aspect of her awe-inspiring life. While surrounded by her family at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, Connecticut, she was finally blessed with a well-deserved rest on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

Born on July 12, 1953, in Sharon, to John Fracaro and Margaret (Allyn) Fracaro, she knew how to make an entrance from the beginning, noting how her mother saw the taillights of Susie's father's car as she was born in a hospital hallway. Though she had a penchant for embellishment, such a story fit Susie's personality. She was raised in North Canaan, coming of age at her father's much-loved and well-patronized establishment, Johnny's Restaurant, where she followed her older sisters' tradition of waitressing.

After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1971, Susie attended Bay Path Junior College - now Bay Path University - in Longmeadow, Massachusetts where she earned an Associates Degree in Business Management in 1973. Post-graduation, she worked for many years at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington as an assistant office manager, and later, at other local businesses providing office administration services. Eventually, her career pivoted to sales & marketing, working at WQQQ (103.3 FM) in Lakeville, WHDD (91.9 FM) in Sharon, and Berkshire Style Magazine. The epitome of an extrovert, this career change was fitting as it allowed her to interact and create connections within the tri-state region.

Susie was admirably devoted to her community and had a deep love for North Canaan. Her tenure in public service began with her decades-long involvement with the North Canaan Democratic Town Committee. As the years progressed, she served multiple roles elsewhere, including North Canaan Probate Clerk, North Canaan School Board Vice Chair, and was a member of the Northwest Chamber Economic Development Board of Directors. Most notably, she was a Selectman on the North Canaan Board of Selectman for nearly fifteen years. Many of the accomplishments she was proud of included assisting with the implementation of the Downtown Streetscape Project and its construction of a new municipal parking lot, the implementation of the first phase of the Ca-

naan Union Depot Project, and establishing a working relationship with the Housatonic Railroad Company with a dream to restore passenger rail service to the town. Never one to back down from opposition, she stood up for what she believed was right for North Canaan and its citizens. She will undoubtedly be remembered for the multiple contributions she made to her beloved hometown.

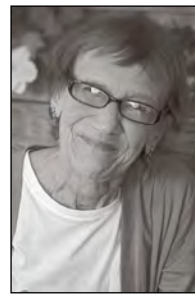
Her love for politics extended beyond the Northwest Corner, where she supported various progressive causes at regional and national levels. She had the distinct honor of being Senator Chris Murphy's guest at President Obama's State of the Union address in 2015, as she was a vocal supporter of a platform he championed: the Affordable Care Act.

Susie had long provided support to others dealing with breast cancer, being well-versed after battling multiple recurrences since 1986. Susie was so proud to provide to many women in the Northwest Corner an empathetic ear and sound guidance, knowing firsthand how scary battling such a disease can be. She also was vocal in encouraging women to get their yearly mammograms.

She remained hopeful throughout her many treatments that her legacy would reverberate at a universal level. In 2022, she joined a national clinical trial to research patients diagnosed with Hormone Receptor Positive Her2 Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer. Though she knew she would pass on before the completion of this trial, Susie believed these data she provided would help produce better future outcomes for others. She was honored to be a participant.

Susie was an ardent music lover, a passionate Motown fan in particular. Always one to blast her favorite songs at full volume while driving, her Subaru housed various CDs from Al Jarreau to Norah Jones, from Stevie Wonder to Amy Winehouse. She was hooked on MSNBC, occasionally switching over to an escapist Hallmark Channel movie, an episode of "Jeopardy" to exercise her brain, or an episode of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" for a chuckle to satisfy her often naughty sense of humor. She loved crossword puzzles and completing a few daily games of solitaire. Her collection of hats that she became known for could only be described as "Uniquely Susie". Her love for UConn Huskies basketball and the New York Yankees ran deep; her appreciation for Giancarlo Stanton's physique ran even deeper. She also loved simply taking car rides and hikes with

her husband to spot eagles and interpret intricate cloud patterns. Though she was brought up in a restaurant, she did not discover the true joy of cooking until she entered her 60s. That being said, she could whip up a plate of bacon & eggs like no other!



She is survived by J. Stewart Clayton of North Canaan, her unconditionally loving husband of 47 years & partner of 52 years, and her daughter Allison Clayton of New York, New York, the apple of her eye for 39 years. She was blessed to have four wonderful and supportive sisters, Margaret Fracaro of North Canaan & New York, New York, Jill (Fracaro) Hoben of Lakeville, Kim Fracaro-Hamilton of Rising Sun, Maryland, and Amy Fracaro-Choate of Burlington, Vermont. Throughout the country, Susie was support-

ed by many connections with cousins, nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be announced at a later date. Please follow www.mykeeper.com/SusanFracaroClayton for updates or reach out to sjc.celebration.of.life@gmail.com for more information.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Jane Lloyd Fund: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257 - Please note "Jane Lloyd Fund" in your check's memo line. You may also donate online at www.thejanelloydfund.org. This organization undoubtedly made the last few years of Susie's life easier by helping cover her monthly financial obligations, allowing Susie and her family the time to enjoy the bright life she had remaining.

Long live the memory of Pocket Mom!



Worship Services

Week of July 14, 2024

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! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2422</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>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 The Revs. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p> <p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are welcome</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>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p> <p>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush</p> <p>Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors CTeen YJP</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The 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>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</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>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</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 Gangware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
<p>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>	

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CT needs to be friendlier to small businesses

Connecticut, ranked as one of the least favorable states to start a small business, presents unique challenges to entrepreneurs.

Nearly half of all workers in the state are employed by small businesses, which not only serve as the backbone of Connecticut's economy but also play a critical role in shaping the community's social structure.

As someone who grew up in a family that owns a small ice cream business in Torrington, I have seen firsthand how these businesses boost community spirit and inclusivity through their unique products and services. However, the high cost of living and strict regulatory environment in Connecticut pose significant challenges.

For instance, our family business has struggled with the increasing costs of ingredients and labor, which have been made worse by rising minimum wage rates and high taxation. Customers then blame us for price increases without taking into account factors out of our control. These economic pressures significantly stunt our ability to operate effectively and remain competitive.

The economic impact of small businesses in Connecticut is profound. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, small enterprises, defined as those with fewer than 500 employees, were responsible for 85.3% of the net job gains in the state. Yet, despite their significance, small businesses encounter numerous obstacles. The high cost of utilities, rent, and wages due to Connecticut's high cost of living makes it difficult for small businesses like ours to remain financially viable.

Additionally, the tax burden in Connecticut is considerable. Property taxes and corporate income taxes significantly strain our business finances, leaving little room for growth or expansion. The lack of targeted support from the state worsens these challenges, making it harder for small businesses

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to thrive.

Our experience during the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted these challenges. As we navigated the complexities of state laws and sought relief through loans, the process was inconvenient and the aid insufficient. This situation highlights the need for more support systems for small businesses in Connecticut.

Addressing the challenges faced by small businesses like ours requires targeted solutions that directly address the specific issues we encounter daily. For instance, simplifying the tax code and reducing bureaucratic hurdles could significantly ease the operational burdens on small businesses.

Creating incentives for local sourcing could help reduce our ingredient costs, which are a major expense for our ice cream business. Tailored financial programs that offer low-interest loans or grants to small businesses could help us manage the high operational costs that come with running a business in a high-cost state like Connecticut. Also the state could foster a more inclusive community by encouraging collaboration between small businesses, universities, research institutions, and government agencies.

In conclusion, the state of Connecticut must recognize and address the specific needs of small businesses to foster a more inclusive and prosperous economic environment. By implementing targeted programs and initiatives aimed at alleviating the challenges faced by small businesses, Connecticut can enhance its position as a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, ensuring the sustainability and growth of its economic backbone.

Marissa Peterson of Harwinton is a student at Central Connecticut State University.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Democrats' richly deserved dilemma

The Democrats have quite a dilemma. If Biden stays in the race, they lose. If Harris takes over, they still lose. They really need a whole new ticket, but time is running out.

On top of that, the Biden administration's partisan allies, including the mainstream press, are now deserting Joe like rats jumping ship. It couldn't happen to a more deserving bunch of fanatics.

For years, Democrats and liberal media lied to the American people to cover up Biden's physical and mental decline. Just weeks ago, they were still blaming it on "right-wing disinformation" and "cheap-fake videos."

But now with the first presidential debate exposing just how frail and befuddled Biden really is, suddenly those same Dems and liberal journalists say they've known

about Joe's deterioration all along.

Talk about threats to democracy — the left tried to keep Joe's condition under wraps because they didn't want to hurt their hold on power. That's quite a gamble to take with America's security. The left was even trying to push that gamble for another four years until the debate exposed their con.

Biden's turncoat allies really don't care about protecting Joe or about lying to the American people. They don't even care about supposedly "saving democracy from Trump" because that too is a lie: Trump couldn't destroy democracy if he wanted to, and he doesn't want to.

The Dems care only about holding onto power and advancing their extreme agenda.

And you know their agen-

da: pushing widespread gender transitions, even for children; insisting on biological males in women's sports; demanding virtual loyalty oaths to their DEI strictures; open borders; claiming that the country is permeated with systemic racism and white supremacy which only they can fix. Yeah, right.

The real threats to democracy come not from Trump but from leftists who would keep Trump off state ballots without due process; from everyone who cheers trumped-up prosecutions of their political rival; from a mainstream press openly rooting for Trump convictions before Election Day; from 51 intel officials who lied about Hunter Biden's laptop to sway the 2020 election; from Hillary Clinton's Russia collusion scam to sway the 2016 election.

Trump is not the threat to democracy — he's the victim. Another leftist lie is that

Trump is going to be "a dictator on day one." He isn't. He's just going to sign a few executive orders on the first day of his new term — just like Biden did.

The only thing Trump threatens is the left's socialist utopia dreams. So they brand him as another of their endless "existential threats."

Will the panicking Democrats now implode into cannibalism and circular firing squads? Their August convention in Chicago could make their riotous 1968 convention there look like a girl scout jamboree. Get your popcorn ready.

To be sure, the GOP still has time to implode as well, but right now it looks like Trump could have a successful second term and save democracy from the Democrats.

Someone has to do it.

Mark Godburn

Norfolk

Grateful for July 4th success at the Grove

Thanks to everyone who attended the July 4th celebration at the Grove, sponsored by the Salisbury Association. The huge crowd enjoyed Heman Allen (a.k.a Lou Bucci in costume) reading the Declaration of Independence, followed by the Salisbury Band's delightful concert of patriotic and popular tunes. Lines formed at the EXTRAS tent to purchase hot dogs and refreshments. The Salisbury Association handed out bookmarks, brochures about Lakeville's

history, and maps of its local hiking trails. Historic photos and flags decorated the area.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the celebration so festive and memorable—the Salisbury Band, EXTRAS, Staff at Town Grove, and the Salisbury Association Community Events Committee. We are fortunate to be a part of this wonderful and supportive community.

Jeanette Weber
President,
Salisbury Association

Praise for coverage of affordable housing

The Lakeville Journal's lead story this week, its long length, and your editorial mark a real high point for reporting on affordable housing efforts in our region.

This June 27 issue is a keeper for me and provides a much needed base of understanding what our area towns are doing to meet this long-term need. Those volunteers working to expand

affordable housing opportunities contributing their three and five and nine year efforts to go from dream to occupancy benefit from your coverage.

Thank you also to intern Sadie Leite and surely to Jocelyn Ayer for her knowledge and leadership in our area.

Bill Bachrach

Kent



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Knee high, and then some

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – July 1924
Miss Marion Eggleston of Salisbury left on Saturday to commence her new duties at the Connecticut Agricultural College.

“Billy” VanDeusen, William Matheson and mother, Mrs. Matheson motored to Hartford on Tuesday. John Matheson returned Monday to New York after spending the week-end at his home.

ORE HILL – M.L. Rowe was home for a night.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Schroder motored to North Adams to see his people.

FOR SALE – Tuska Radio Set complete. \$70 takes it. Come quick. J. Parker Sylvanale. Phone 126-3.

Dr. C.K. Peterson is improving his residence by giving its exterior a coat of stucco.

Mrs. Lorin Hunter of Lime Rock has a large abscess on her left arm.

50 years ago – July 1974
The entire Northwest Corner and Tri-State region are now for the first time linked closely together with major urban areas by the comprehensive routes of five separate bus lines. Many consider the lines a needed addition in the recently dwindling transportation connections caused by the discontinuation of Harlem Valley train service above Dover Plains. The announcement by the Kelly Transit Company last week of the creation of a new route through Lakeville and Salisbury that meets buses to and from New York City has made the network complete.

Construction of a \$492,000 new off-street

shopping area in Salisbury is expected to start by Aug. 15 if necessary funds can be obtained. That was the prospect presented Tuesday afternoon to members of the Salisbury Village Improvement Society, who okayed the creation of possibly two new subsidiary corporations to raise capital funds for the Society's commercial and residential housing ventures. The most immediate need is to move three houses from the site of the shopping area between Main and West Railroad streets in Salisbury to make possible the start on the commercial project. These houses will become the nucleus of the residential area east of East Railroad Street.

“To say we were a little embarrassed is a little like asking Dick Nixon if he's heard of Watergate,” Lime Rock Race Track Manager Jim Haynes commented Tuesday in explaining how the track had temporarily lost \$12,000 being transported to the bank after the races Saturday. Haynes declined to tell fellow members of the Salisbury Rotary Club, who kidded him just how much had been lost, contending only that it was “a significant amount of money.” Sixteen-year-old Brian Bergdahl, who found the bag lying on Route 112 near his home, which is next to the track, said on Wednesday that he had received a call from Mr. Haynes the day before, thanking him for returning the money and promising him a reward. Brian did not know, however, how much the reward would be.

Canaan will salute Richard A. Snyder, renovator of the Canaan Union Depot, on the first day of Old Railroad Days this year. A short ceremony proclaiming July 25 as

“Richard A. Snyder Day” has been planned for 10 a.m. at the Depot. A bell off an old locomotive will announce the start of the ceremony and the beginning of the 10-day Railroad Days celebration. Mr. Snyder will be presented with proclamations from both the town and the Chamber of Commerce. Snyder purchased the old depot in February of 1973 and started a long series of renovations which have turned it into a thriving business center for the town.

25 years ago – July 1999

KENT – Seth MacFarlane, who grew up here, became a millionaire overnight when he signed a contract with Fox for his animated series, “The Family Guy.” Seven of the first 15 episodes made have aired so far. His success isn't being taken lightly by the Rev. Richardson Schell, who finds the program offensive. Using the name Proud Sponsors USA, the Kent School headmaster wrote to several Fox sponsors, asking them to take a closer look at the show and to pull their advertising, according to a June 30 story in The Los Angeles Times.

The Sharon Audubon Center is just steps away from acquiring a 23-acre parcel of land adjacent to its property that is threatened by development. Earlier this year the Audubon began with the goal of raising \$300,000 to cover the cost of purchasing the Osborne property. Now, a number of residents have donated money toward that goal, with one anonymous donor offering to match all funds up to \$150,000.

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

OBITUARIES

Sarah Cooke Picton

SALISBURY — Sarah (Cooke) Picton, age 76, of Salisbury, died June 17, 2024, at Geer Nursing and Rehab Center in Canaan of complications from Alzheimer's Disease. Sarah and her loving husband, Jim Picton, had fourteen golden years together.



Sarah Herritage Cooke (she dropped “Herritage” when she married, and yes, they did spell it with two ‘r’s) was born in Richmond, Virginia, on Oct. 2, 1947, the youngest of four siblings to the late Richard Caswell Cooke and Caroline Myers, both of Richmond. She was predeceased by her oldest sibling, Caroline, and Caroline's husband, William Dinsmore Holland, both of Cookeville, Tennessee. She is survived by her brother, Richard Caswell (“Caswell”) Cooke, Jr., and his wife, Mary Davis Cooke, both of Lawrenceville, New Jersey; also her sister Anne Gordon Cooke of Richmond. Anne's husband, Rev. Charles Daniel Curran, Jr., predeceased her. Sarah also leaves many devoted nieces and nephews, one of whom, Lawrence Curran, predeceased her. Sarah had no children of her own, but two loving godsons, Peter Boyd of Charles City, Virginia, the son of Sarah's longtime friends Julie and Randy Boyd, and Gordon Cooke of Derry, New Hampshire, the youngest son of brother Caswell. It should also be said here that there was not a better-loved pair of cousins either side of the Mason-Dixon Line than Willson Craigie (yes, two ‘L’s) and his wife, Susan Craigie, both of Richmond, whose friendship with Sarah and husband Jim figured prominently in their lives and grew

deeper over the years.

In fact, as children, Sarah, Willson, and sister Anne would spend part of each summer together at Cricket Hill, the rural cabin, pond, and stream retreat father Dick fashioned for the family. Many stories emanate from that time, which must have made a deep impression on Sarah who, when she finally began to loosen her grip on reality, would often tell visitors that she lived at Cricket Hill still — which, in a way, must have been true. On Sundays when it didn't rain (it never did, in the lore), Dick would conduct outdoor services under the weeping cedar, mostly consisting of hymns sung a capella.

Although not religious in later life, Sarah grew up attending Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal, a church her great-grandfather helped to found in the 19th century. She attended St. Catherine's, an Episcopal Diocesan school beginning in 6th grade, graduating 12th grade in 1965. Hollins College followed, a female-only school at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, where Sarah thrived (she and her schoolmates were known as “Hollie Collie Dollies”), earning a bachelor's degree in art history with a minor in math.

At this point, work at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts was available, and although Sarah eventually took a job there, the urge to travel and see more of this country was overwhelming. Sarah struck out for the West. A series of visits over the next few years led her to jobs on a dude ranch in Wyoming, a sojourn in California (think: camping next to an avocado plantation), bartending in Denver, and a job with the Denver Art Museum, organizing fundraising shows and concerts in Larimer Square. She took credit for, among other things, introducing Bluegrass to the country music fans there when she organized a concert with Hot Rize, a group still heard on the radio today.

Though she loved the clear skies and surrounding natural beauty of Colo-

rado and Wyoming, Sarah yearned to be closer to the New York art world, and so moved to New York, taking an apartment next to an old school friend in a third floor walk-up in Hell's Kitchen (as she liked to remind us). Sarah was an artist, working in pencil, ink, and watercolor. She sketched every day, drawing from photographs and from life. In New York, she designed a line of greeting cards and sold them to Caspari, Inc. Many years later, after retirement, Sarah re-started her card business, marketing her work to local shops. But in New York, the card business didn't cover all the bills, so Sarah found work at the Betty Parsons Gallery. After working at the Parsons gallery, Sarah was offered, and quickly took, a job as office manager and general jobber for Jasper Johns.

The relationship with her employer and the artists and “buzz” surrounding him was so successful that Sarah settled into Manhattan for good, moving to Connecticut only after Johns did. They were both fond of each other; Sarah stayed on for about 28 years, retiring finally to spend more time with husband Jim who, as one of the contractors who took care of the Johns campus, had to answer to Sarah's ironclad rule before proceeding with any work, and fell in love with the boss in the process. Three years after first husband Bill's death, Sarah allowed Jim into her life. They were subsequently married, in 2014. Visits to Cape Cod and to Maine, and a trip to Ireland to celebrate Sarah's seventieth birthday, were among the pleasures of retirement, before Alzheimer's became evident.

A memorial gathering and simple service will be held for Sarah in Salisbury and also Richmond, after summer. Notice will be published so that all who wish may attend these remembrances. Those who wish to make a charitable contribution in Sarah's memory may consider the Housatonic Valley Association, a local conservation organization Sarah liked to support: Housatonic Valley Association, 150 Kent Road, PO Box 28, Cornwall Bridge, CT 06754.

For more obituaries, see pages A4-5

Over there? Or right here

As any soldier would tell you, “over there” suddenly becomes right here, right now, part of the fight for America. A false notion of distance of “over there” fosters the luxury of waiting until we are forced to join either through economic necessity or a culmination of guilt over the fate of our neighbors. In WWII we waited beyond Czechoslovakia and Poland, past the invasion of France and Dunkirk, beyond the slaughter in Nanking, overlooking Kristallnacht and, not least, the Blitz. It took an act of aggression against us in Hawaii for us to finally enter the WWII fray.

Actually, this notion of disconnected-ness with events over the horizon is lazy and dangerous. We think if we wait long enough, maybe the problem will resolve itself. But in this age of communication, we no longer have the argument of ignorance of horrible events. The truth of the concentration camps was written in the Daily Telegraph in 1938, yet our media largely ignored it and America slumbered on. All the evidence of 9/11 was there for us to see; propaganda and desire laid out by our enemy who relied on our inability to want to comprehend the real world in which we all live.

Wake up America. We all live here on this planet, we are all connected and, therefore, interact. There are no Pakistanis or North Koreans who do not affect

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE
PETER RIVA

your lives. There are no Malays or Argentinians who cannot ripple the surface of your existence. There are no Colombians or Chinese who cannot seek to alter our way of living, good or bad.

We cannot expect someone “over there” to be so far out of sight to be out of our mind. Simply, they are not. They connect to us by the products they manufacture, the goods they consume, the media we broadcast, our religions we share or are in conflict with, the culture they adopt or reject from us, and, not least, their socio-political systems that must interface with ours. Further, on our side, we cannot expect to develop any worthwhile point of view of who they are, unless we go “over there” and experience, learn and share their culture, needs, political systems and lifestyle.

Can anyone imagine a current war with England or Italy or France? Why not? Because we understand them, even if, at times, we do not agree. But when we were ignorant of them, when we considered them to be “over there,” we were perfectly capable of thinking of them as the enemy, as foreign, as untrustworthy. Tourism, post-WWII travel, has changed all that centuries-old mistrust into respect, even if we don't

always see eye to eye.

People looking at the Palestinian and Israeli conflict tend to see it as people wearing either white or black hats, either side seemingly swapping off from age to age. After WWI the protectorate of Palestine was formed. After WWII, with no home of their own, the displaced Jews of Europe turned to their biblical homeland and became terrorists against the British, killing and maiming hundreds of innocent civilians in the process of securing the State of Israel. In turn, the Palestinians now want their land back, so they wreak their havoc on the Israelis in a tit-for-tat reckoning of Draconian proportions.

Why do we need to hear about all that violence, and what does it mean to us anyway? Isn't it “way over there?”

It is not. It is on our doorstep. It is in every box of Kellogg's you buy, the gas you put in your car, the books you buy your kids, the air you breathe, the security you enjoy. We just need to wake up and learn not to repeat the errors we made in 1914 and 1939 as we turned our back on allies and friends, fellow humans. What goes on “over there” can simply travel around the globe and settle into rural America with devastating results.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Armenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.

Status Report

SALISBURY — After the July 4 performance by the Salisbury Band at Town Grove, a euphonium went missing. Anyone with information on the roaming instrument that looks like a tuba, please call (860) 307-7107.

NORTH CANAAN — A heavily pregnant heifer got loose from her farm on Sodom Road last week. Animal Control Officer Lindsay Burr was on the case and saw the cow returned home safely July 3.

The deadline to register for the Railroad Days Bed Race is July 13. Visit the town website www.northcanaan.org to enter a team of up to five people for the July 20 race on Peace Street in North Canaan.

Ted Murphy of E.J. Murphy Realty in Litchfield was recognized for his contributions to the local business community in late June. The Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce presented him the 2024 Business Leader Award.

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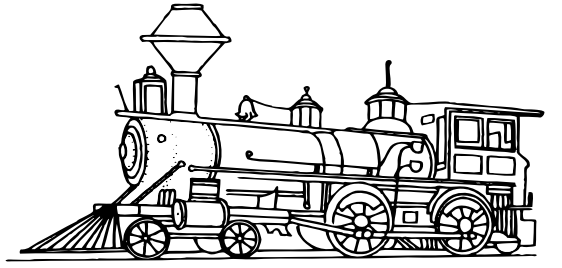


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12:00 to 4:00 pm
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MONDAY, JULY 8

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5:45 - 7:00 pm
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TAROT TUESDAY \$

12:00 - 5:00 pm
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6:00 to 8:00 pm
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4:30 - 6:00 pm
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5:00 - 7:00pm
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5:00 - 7:00 pm
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6:00 pm
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9:00 am

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TUESDAY, JULY 16

TAROT TUESDAY \$

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SIDEWALK SALE \$

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6:00 - 10:00 pm
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THURSDAY, JULY 18

A DAY OF HEALING

12:00 - 5:00 pm
3 Crows | 62 W. Main St.

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5:00 - 7:00 pm
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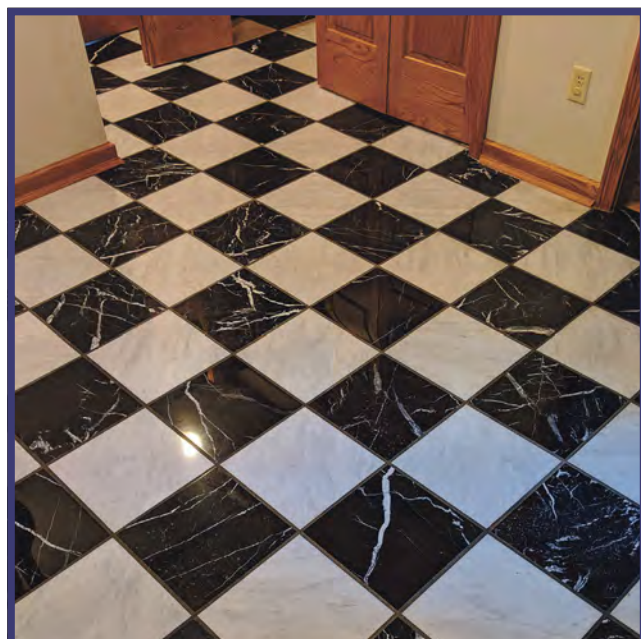


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ROAD SAFETY

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in the past two months, state and local officials are pleading with drivers to slow down and pay attention when approaching work zones. Poor driving habits like speeding, inattentiveness and operating a motor vehicle while impaired are not only dangerous, they noted, but they can have deadly consequences to both the worker and the driver.

On Wednesday, July 3, there was a close call on Route 8 in Litchfield when a motorist in the northbound lane veered off the road and crashed into an unmanned state Department of Transportation (DOT) vehicle as workers were out mowing. The driver sustained minor injuries and was issued an infraction for failure to maintain proper lane, according to Connecticut State Police.

The accident occurred less than 24 hours after Gov. Ned Lamont and state DOT Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto gave a press conference on work zone safety, and two weeks after a state DOT worker was fatally struck by a suspected impaired driver while picking up litter along an on ramp in Wallingford.

According to state public safety officials, there were 14 strikes on work zone crews by vehicles during June, and 71 strikes on crews to date this year as of July 2. In 2023, DOT reported 141 crashes into work trucks, despite enhanced signage and warnings.

From 2020 to 2022, there were more than 2,500 crashes and 10 fatalities in work zones, according to state officials.

"This crisis needs everyone's attention," Eucalitto said. "When a worker is killed by an impaired driver at 9 o'clock in the morning while picking up litter tossed out car windows, we have a much greater crisis on our hands."

To combat speeding through work zones, from April to December 2023, DOT ran a Work Zone Speed Camera pilot program. During that period, 541,920 vehicles were found speeding in work zones, according to DOT spokesperson Samaia Hernandez. Written warnings were issued by mail to 24,875 drivers, and citations for repeat violations were issued to 724 drivers.

The program, said Lamont during the press conference, will become permanent at work zones around the state. "We will see how fast you are going into that



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Road crew safety has been cause for concern since the death of an on-duty DOT worker in Wallingford.

work site and see what you are doing on the way out. We will take a picture of your license plate and you will be held accountable."

Speed on rural roads a major concern

Work zone dangers are not lost on town highway crews in the rural Northwest Corner.

Speed is their biggest concern, followed by distracted driving and aggressive behavior, according to highway department workers.

"We definitely see a lot of speeding," and drivers on their cell phones, reported Russell Hoage, crew chief for the Salisbury Highway Department. "They just don't slow down." Most roads have a 30 to 35 posted speed limit, he said, and it's not unusual to see drivers whizzing by work zones at 40 to 45 miles per hour.

To help buffer road crews from oncoming traffic, the town highway department often uses dump trucks as protective crash barriers, the road crew chief noted.

Hoage said he is at a loss as to why some drivers fail to see the danger they are posing to themselves and to highway personnel. "I don't know if people are just not aware of the danger, or if they just don't care."

Road foreman Rick Osborne, who has been with the Kent Highway Department for 27 years, said electric cars often catch road crews by surprise. "You can't hear them coming, so they quickly sneak right up on you. And depending on the equipment being operated, it's sometimes hard to hear oncoming traffic."

He also noted that the suspensions on newer cars could be making higher speeds less noticeable to drivers.

Osborne said the department has enhanced its safety measures, including posting warning signs and reflective

cones as far out as possible, especially where there are curves in the roads leading to work zones.

"If the cleaning crew is out, we park a truck between them and the approaching traffic, and never work behind the truck" to avoid a worker from being pinned between the vehicles, the Kent road foreman explained.

Then there are the drivers who are just plain rude. "Just the other day one of our guys waved to a driver to slow down," Osborne recalled. "The driver stopped and said, 'You can't tell me to slow down or not to slow down!'"

'Always expect the unexpected'

At the North Canaan Public Works Department, Stanley Morby said he's seen drivers go to great lengths to get through a construction zone. "We recently had North Elm closed, and had drivers go right by the barriers, thinking there may only be a tree down or something,

HERBICIDE

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week. So Bennett acquired a kit from Torrington Area Health and took a sample of the site himself.

Depending on the findings of the test, DEEP could potentially fine HRRC. But Bennett said he is more concerned about the environment than retaliation.

"I don't want them to be sued or anything, I just want them to understand there are sensitive areas that need to be treated with caution."

Bennett added that the new legislation is due to be renegotiated with the railroad companies and could be amended.

Cornwall Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Anna Timmel noted the

and they had to turn around and go back."

His words of advice to drivers are to "slow down and pay attention to your surroundings, no different than if you see a couple of kids walking down the side of the road. Always expect the unexpected."

Sharon's first selectman said the heightened dangers facing road crews will spur future conversations about what the town can do to enhance worker safety.

"It's unsafe for motorists as well," Flanagan noted. "Sometimes there's tree work being done, with limbs falling from a 50-foot height and somebody will run through the stop sign from the guys directing traffic. Someone can get really seriously hurt. We need patience from people."

Flanagan suggested that drivers allow a little extra time if they are heading to work or to an appointment and expect to be traveling through a work zone. "Unfortunately," he noted, "a lot of the work we do is between working hours when people are commuting."

Lamont had this message for drivers: "We have thousands of people working along the sides of roads right now. I need folks to look out for each other. I need you to say to somebody who is driving a car that shouldn't be driving a car to pull over. I need you to say if somebody is busy texting and not paying attention, stop it. We're doing everything we can as a state to take the lead on this, but the rest really is up to you."



PHOTO BY BRUCE BENNETT

HRRC is operating on a vegetation management plan from February 2024 that will remain in effect through February 2025.

Timmel said that beyond notifying necessary officials, the new legislation will not

BAV

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staff etc.

Busansky said, "We rely on our mix of grants and donors to step up. We subsidize our loan program."

Other funds come from state and federal grants, foundations, and private donors. BAV is a USDA micro-lender. They have a system called the Resilience Grant Fund where they can provide up to \$5,000 "catalyzing" grants. Busansky said, "The idea with this is to get a farmer over the finish line."

BAV hires grant writers to consult with farmers. Since the pandemic, farmers have seen more grant opportunities; yet without certain knowledge, there's "not an equal playing field." Busansky explained, "By pairing farmers with a consultant, we can really make a difference."

BAV's specific programs include Local Meat Processing Support, Climate Smart Agriculture, and Market Match Fund.

The Market Match Fund is an initiative in its third year, working towards food access and economic development. It provides a funding stream, based on BAV fundraising, to match SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) dollars at Berkshire farmers' markets. Customers can match up to \$30 in eligible products, including meat, dairy, and even baked goods.

Ciana Barnaba, Community Relations & Resource Development Manager, brought the fund to life, with her experience managing farmers' markets in New York City. There was a disconnect between farm-

ers' markets when it came to SNAP, creating a burden for those in charge.

Busansky said, "Market Match is a triple win piece. BAV helps farmers' market managers, the low income community, and farmers."

Ben Crockett, Climate Smart Agriculture Program Manager, explained his work, "The Programming for Climate Smart Ag is this huge umbrella of different practices of farm management looking at how farmers adapt to a changing climate."

Drought ravished 2022. There were extreme floods in 2023. The climate is volatile.

Crockett explained a case he worked on last year. BAV did a risk assessment for Kelley Babbin at Howling Flats Farm LLC. Essentially, Crockett spoke with Babbin about her "biggest risks."

First, her farm was below sea level, and second her farm suffered unexpected changes from towns shifting water discharge to fields. Impacted by severe flooding, Babbin couldn't graze.

Crockett said, "We built a plan to amend her soils," invested in Silvopasture, and paired her with a grant writer. Ultimately those systems improved drainage and reduced flooding consequences.

BAV also focuses on exploring issues across the broader food system. For instance, how can a farmer use all of a slaughtered animal for products, to reduce environmental consequences and increase economic benefits for food demand?

Bone broth, meatballs, and roving butchers are a part of the answer.

The Local Meat Program started four years ago with a report from Kitchen Table Consultants which found the major barrier for livestock farmers was access to meat processors. Busansky said, "If farmers can't get appointments to process their animals, they can't get products out to market."

BAV developed long-term technical assistance engagements with meat processors, a livestock working group, The Meat Up (a newsletter and Listserv), and a HACCP hotline with Nicole Day of AgriForaging Food Safety for health and safety issues.

Considering new projects, Busansky said, "One area we're looking at now is this real need to get the next generation of farmers onto farmland."

CAKES

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ing thunder had attendees corralled inside the historic Gay-Hoyt House by order of the Fire Marshal. Still, spirits remained undampened as sweet-toothed visitors browsed the cakes on display, auction paddles tucked into pockets and under arms as they weighed this year's prospects.

"We had a great response from bakers this year," said SHS Project Coordinator & Registrar Myra Plescia, "and some incredible first-time bakers." Her own contribution, however, was a bit unorthodox. "I like to call myself a nonconformist," smiled Plescia, showing off her rustic pumpkin seed bread, "but really I'm just better at bread."

Before long, the rain abated and the crowd was released in priority waves that, naturally, saw the bartenders as the first returned to their critical stations in the auction tent. Organizers followed, then visitors.

Finally, Cake #1, Peggy McEnroe and Mo Dore's "Chocolate Whimsey," arrived on the block.

"You all have to stay focused," called SHS President and acting auctioneer Chris Robinson, stoking the crowd as the cake was placed, "we expect a record this evening."

The lot's first paddle went up for a cry of \$40 — the final for over \$400. From there, it was a torrent of cakes.

Amid rising bid calls, murmurs, oohs, and aahs, Sharon baker Jennie Baird explained her take on the auction. "Of course it's a competition," she said, grinning, "but I'm not just trying to beat everyone else, I'm trying to beat myself." She hoped her Magic Mushroom Cake—an elaborately decorated vanilla cake advertising chocolate buttercream frosting, custard filling, homemade marzipan, and the promise of a "psychedelic surprise inside"—would outperform her previous

take at a garden-themed carrot cake. Paddles shot up throughout the tent for Baird's kaleidoscopic cake from \$50, \$100, \$200; quickly to \$1,000 and the outbreak of cheers. Eventually came the cry of "Sold!" for \$1,800 — if this were a competition, good enough for the win.

In celebration, Baird unveiled a second copy of the prize cake to share with friends and family. "It's really a shame," she said, doling out slices peaked with marzipan mushrooms, "that more people don't like carrot cake."

Currently on exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society & Museum is "Creating an Oasis at Wethersfield: Mrs. Poehler and Mr. Stillman," a partnership with Wethersfield Estate and Garden that tracks the career and influence of Sharon landscape architect Evelyn Poehler. Cocktails at the Wethersfield, in Amenia, New York, will be hosted by the SHS on Aug. 3.



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Our Towns

Audubon's efforts give injured animals new hope

By Mia Barnes

SHARON — The Sharon Audubon Center located just off of Cornwall Bridge Road is made up of 1,149 acres of mostly woodland habitat and has helped countless animals return to the wild.

The refuge acts as a temporary home for injured and orphaned songbirds, birds of prey, small mammals and reptiles. Nationally it serves as one of two Audubon centers with an animal rehab clinic and, as stated by Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation Sunny Kellner, "is always busy this time of year."

Kellner, who has been in the role since June 2015, grew up in the area and started working as a volunteer at age 13. It was at the Sharon Audubon that she discovered that helping animals could be both her career and lifestyle.

When asked about the rehabilitation process, she emphasized that every situation is unique and that there is "no one size fits all" for patient care. The process often starts with a report that an animal has been found either injured or orphaned and images are then taken of the animal to determine age, condition, and species.

Once brought in and a full examination is complete, patients are stabilized and treated for any life-threatening issues while also being slowly re-hydrated and fed. It is at this point that staff members and veterinarians will treat all other issues and administer any antibiotics. Continued care is provided up until the patient shows signs of self-reliance for two weeks (self-feed, weather-proofed feathers, ability to move freely).

The most common injuries seen in the clinic are derived from human impact, while toxicities and pathologies follow as other contributors. Examples of human impact injuries include motor vehicle/window strikes, attacks by house pets, and entrapment.

In the past few years, woodpeckers and nuthatches have been disproportionately affected by the sticky tape being wrapped around tree trunks. Put up in an effort to repel spongy moths, trunk space is now taken up by this plastic that is simultaneously trapping and killing bark-climbing birds.

The overarching goal of the clinic is to return the patients back to their natural environments as quickly as possible, but more importantly, in a viable state. For some patients this may mean



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Wildlife Rehab Volunteer Zoe Sheehan tube feeds a nestling Mourning Dove.

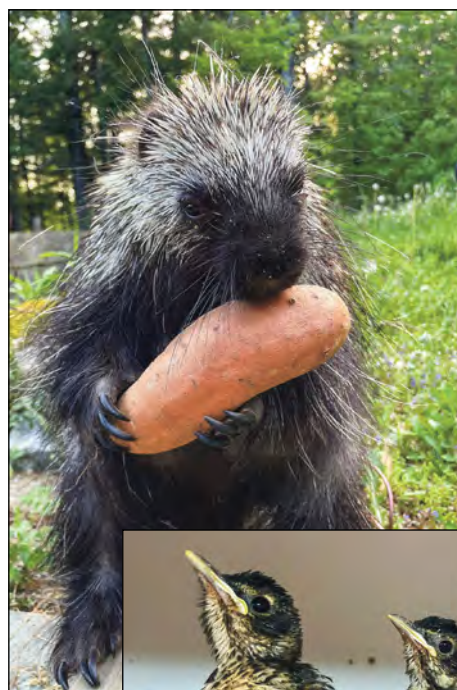
being in the clinic for a few days while others need to stay closer to a year. Of the small mammals that the Sharon Audubon does take in, porcupines are at the forefront.

Kellner, who specializes in porcupine rehab, explained that the babies typically stay over winter and are released in the spring. The release rate for all species falls between 40-43%.

Animals that are "non-releasable" due to human imprinting or permanent injury typically become residents.

Current resident animals include the reptiles on display in the Education Center and the raptors in the outdoor aviaries.

Though the clinic is animal-centered, it is human-dominated. The amount of help and the speed at which animals receive it, is dependent on the number of people ready to jump in. The summer months, commonly referred to as "baby season", are especially busy. Volunteers and staff work around the clock feeding and caring for baby birds of all species,



Left, a North American Porcupine rehabilitated at the Sharon Audubon Center. Below, three fledgling American Robins getting ready to move into an outdoor aviary.



but specifically Chimney Swifts.

"They need to be fed about every 20 minutes for at least 14 hours," stated Kellner.

Volunteers learn just about everything - how to feed, handle, identify, and care for patients. They are welcomed year-round with no prior experience required, just the desire to help.

The sprawling property is home to 11 miles of trails, two ponds, raptor aviaries, the Pollinator Garden and a working sugarhouse. In addition to animal rehabilitation, it functions as a community nature center where people of all ages have the opportunity to engage and educate themselves on local wildlife.

The Sharon Audubon has plans to extend their premises in the coming years, providing a larger space for wildlife rehab. Though still in the works, the goal is to have waiting, triage, and isolation rooms, as well as more aviaries and storage areas. It is anticipated that this building will be separate from the public areas, allowing more privacy for patients. The planning of this project comes at a "great time" as pressing illnesses and more regulations are being brought up.

New Drew book grounds Great Barrington in aviation history

By Ruby Citrin

GREAT BARRINGTON — Far from any commercial airport, travel can be an ordeal for residents of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. But this little town has historically been a hub for aviation.

Before airplanes, there were balloons. The first recorded balloon flight in Southern Berkshire County took off from Park Square in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on June 14, 1859. In two hours, the balloon traveled 35 miles before landing in Otis, Massachusetts, about 12 miles from Great Barrington.

With advancements in technology, new innovators entered the scene. In November 1910, Elson Barnum, Merritt Ives Wheeler, and Emmon Sutton (ages 15, 16, and 17 respectively) built the town's first real airplane. Wheeler flew the plane a quarter of a mile, landing at Lake Mansfield.

As airplanes became more popular, landing strips materialized in Great Barrington. Free of surrounding mountains, a farm owned by Jacob Rossi was soon recognized as the best location for touchdown. Though locals knew where to find these landing strips, they were poorly marked and somewhat inaccessible to visitors. In February 1929, the Great Barrington Chamber of Commerce publicized plans to buy 80 acres from Rossi and establish a permanent airfield.

The airport's grand opening came in late summer of 1931. Over three days, thousands of people congregated to spectate an array of flying competitions.

While numerous nearby towns - including North Canaan, Connecticut - already had their own airports, most did not withstand the test of time. Great Barrington's airfield, however, has served the community for almost a century.

Bernard A. Drew, an

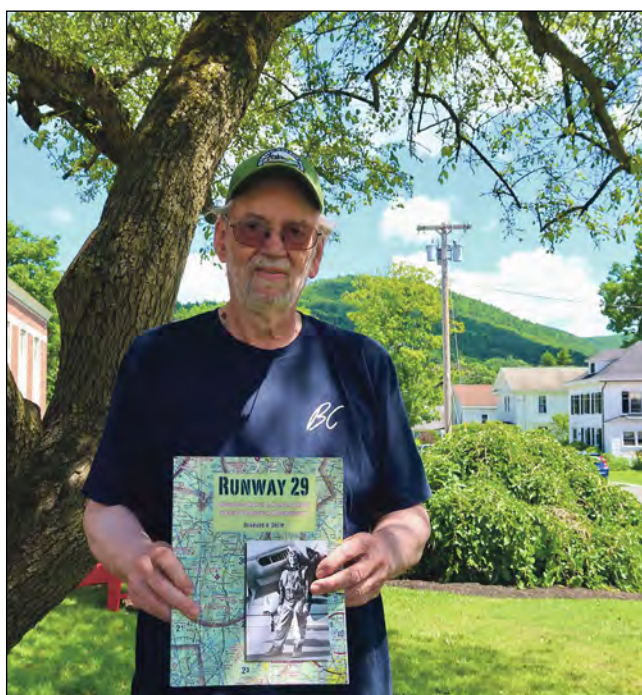


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Bernard A. Drew with his new book, Runway 29: A History of Walter J. Koladza Airport in Great Barrington, Mass.

author based in Great Barrington, recently published a complete history of the airport titled, "Runway 29: A History of Walter J. Koladza Airport in Great Barrington, Massachusetts." Announced June 22, the project originated at the suggestion of Great Barrington Historical Society Archivist Gary T. Leveille. Drew, impressed by the wealth of available information, agreed to take it on.

He began his research by combing through old photos, digging up articles and conducting interviews to assemble a detailed timeline of sources and stories. When Drew sits down to write, his work as an editor and columnist at The Berkshire Courier, The Lakeville Journal, and The Berkshire Eagle enables him to churn out volumes in as little as six months.

Drew's 58 books include

numerous histories of Berkshire County. He moved to Great Barrington in 1978, and over four decades later, almost every business in town has changed ownership. "New people come in and have no sense of place or what went on before," he said. He documents local history to connect newcomers to the past and root them in their environment.

All proceeds from sales of "Runway 29" will support Walter J. Koladza Airport's scholarship fund for student pilots and the Great Barrington Historical Society. Copies can be found at the airport, Wheeler House, The Bookloft, and Shaker Mill Books. Keep an eye out for future publications.

Though allegedly retired, Drew already has two more books in the works.

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Aron Ladanyi awarded '24 Prindle scholarship

By Robin Roraback

LAKEVILLE — Aron Ladanyi has been named as the winner of the 2024 Warren Prindle Visual Arts Scholarship.

Ladanyi, who lives in Lakeville and graduated this year from Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS), will use the \$80,000 scholarship to attend Pratt Institute in New York where he plans to major in film.

The scholarship is disbursed in annual amounts of \$20,000 over four years to the college or university of the student's choice.

The scholarship was formerly known as the Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship and was renamed in this, its twentieth year, in honor of Warren Prindle, an art teacher at HVRHS who retired this year after twenty-one years of teaching and mentoring students.

"A teacher who has really stood out to me as a mentor in the arts is Mr. Prindle, who since my freshman year of high school has supported me and pushed me to become a better artist. Without his advice and skill, I don't think I could have gone this far in my creative career, let alone receive this scholarship," said Ladanyi.

Aron's interest in art began at three when "I made my first ever work of art, that being a crudely drawn giraffe with an unreasonable amount of legs. Since then, I have always liked drawing, and once I discovered there was more to it than orange markers and printer paper, I really began to create and explore all sorts of art."

He counts among his influence's artists such as Matisse, Richard Misrach, Robert Bereny, William Klein, and Egon Schiele and



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"Untitled," a work by Aron Ladanyi, 2024 winner of the Warren Prindle Visual Arts Scholarship and recent Housatonic Valley Regional High School graduate, who will major in Film at Pratt Institute in New York.

"many more." He added, "I am often inspired by music and my surroundings."

Aron has a collection of old cameras which he uses in his work. Film is no longer made for them, so he spends time at flea markets looking through old boxes of cameras searching for film. "You can't predict what will come out," he said, "because the film is so old and may be damaged."

"I am honored to have been selected as the recipient of the Warren Prindle Visual Arts Scholarship and am grateful to the foundation for choosing me out of all the applicants. The generosity of the scholarship is incredible, and it will help me astronomically in my time studying at the Pratt Institute and in my future career."

The Foundation for Contemporary Arts, a nonprofit organization founded in 1963 by artist Jasper Johns,



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Aron Ladanyi

sponsors the scholarship. The scholarship winner is selected on the basis of talent and financial need and is awarded each year to a graduating HVRHS student.

Sculptor shares journey behind Washington D.C. monument

By Gavin Marr

KENT — Greeted by the skirl of bagpipes, eager veterans and townspeople gathered to hear Sabin Howard, the sculptor commissioned to create a new WWI monument in Washington D.C., speak about his creative process at the Kent Community Center Saturday, July 6.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Roger Sherman Chapter provided food for the event and served beverages courtesy of Kent Wine and Spirit. Members of the Kent American Legion also assisted the operation.

Brent Kallstrom, manager of the Kent American legion drew the focus of the crowd to the front of the room to commence the presentation.

"We couldn't do this without the Kent Art Association as well as the Kent Historical Society for putting together all of this great information," said Kallstrom regarding artifacts accompanied by text about their historical significance placed around the perimeter room.

Kallstrom called upon descendants of WWI veterans to stand and be recognized. After applause rang through the building, Kallstrom regained attention from the crowd and Sabin Howard was introduced, "We're honored tonight to host this extraordinary master sculptor,



PHOTO BY GAVIN MARR

A full house at Kent Community Center, July 6, heard from WWI monument sculptor Sabin Howard.

Americans, I give you Sabin Howard."

Howard began by talking about his roots in both New York City and Italy. He explained how his multicultural background had profound implications on his artistic process during the project. He delved into his approach to sculpting the monument, drawing not only inspiration but cultural knowledge from his Italian identity.

"I have been in a battle in the fight against modernism since day one, I just didn't know it," Howard said, while speaking expressively about his relationship with the modernist path the art world and the world itself has been set on.

"This is the sculpture itself and is sixty feet long, weighs 25 tons and has 38 fingers in it. But those are just the facts. The important revolutionary

thing here is a visual narrative that tells a story, and it's a story about human beings," said Howard, distilling the complexity of the project into a bite-sized summary.

Keeping the human element in artistic endeavors was a common theme throughout the presentation. His use of veterans as models for the monument captures the physical effects of war.

Following the end of the presentation, Howard invited audience members to ask him questions. Dozens of visibly elated attendees obliged and met him in the front of the room.

When asked about how spending years examining and replicating the horrors of war has changed him fundamentally, Howard said that he has become, "Very untrusting of bureaucracy and government."



PHOTO PROVIDED

The cast poses for a photo after dress rehearsal for "As You Like It."

Teen cast to play 'As You Like It'

By Mia Barnes

SHARON — The Sharon Playhouse will host Shakespeare in the Country with the upcoming musical comedy "As You Like It" on Friday, July 12, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 13, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. at The Equus Effect in Sharon.

The cast is made up of 15 teenagers, most of whom are local, and the show will be directed by Salisbury native Michael Baldwin. With a runtime of 75 minutes, this one-act production is "just enough time to tell the story, while also allowing the community to enjoy the outdoor environment" according to Baldwin.

"As You Like It" is a dream-like tale that encapsulates all that comes with being a friend, family member, and lover. Forced to leave their homes, the three main characters, Orlando, Rosalind, and Celia, flee to the Forest of Arden. There, they are welcomed and embraced, finding both community and acceptance under the stars.

The actors will be accompanied by live bluegrass music composed by Music Director Jeff Raab and played by a small band of local musicians.

Unlike most Sharon Playhouse productions, "As You Like It," will be performed outside the theater. The Equus Effect, run by Sharon resident Jane Strong, works to "provide veterans, first responders and others who live and work in high stress environments with practical tools to build healthy, authentic relationships through purposeful engagement with horses."

The choice for the show to run at Equus was a simple one after Baldwin's breath was taken away upon visiting the farm last year. As he explained, the round pen provides the perfect pastoral setting for the whimsical plot that is "As You Like It."

Having grown up through the Playhouse as an actor, intern, and now director, Baldwin emphasized the importance of this community space. He exclaimed that this show will be "truly magical" from the talent of the actors to the original bluegrass score, all while set on sprawling farm property.

Tickets are \$25 each and are on sale now at www.sharonplayhouse.org. A portion of all ticket sales will benefit the work done by The Equus Effect.

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Sports



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With no subs, the HVRHS lineup played the Shepaug from start to finish, July 5.

Housy girls play Shepaug

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Shepaug Valley High School girls basketball defeated Housatonic Valley Regional High School 33-16 in a Torrington Summer Basketball League match Friday, July 5.

HVRHS got out to a hot start and led for the majority of the first half. The sweltering humidity took its toll and with no available subs, HVRHS ran out of gas in the second half.

The holiday weekend made for a sparse HVRHS roster. Unable to field a starting-five, the little sisters of two varsity players filled in. Kylie Leonard's 13-year-old sister Taylin played wing for the Mountaineers and Ari Gold's sister Lily filled in at guard.

Daniela Brennan ran point for HVRHS and looked confident in the leading role. She ran an effective give-and-go with Kylie Leonard that



13-year-old Taylin Leonard filled in for HVRHS, July 5.

Shepaug did not have an answer for early on. The duo gave their team a 7-0 lead to start the game.

Shepaug shifted its defen-

sive strategy to double the varsity players and leave the rookies open on the perimeter. This proved effective at stopping HVRHS's momentum and Shepaug took an 8-7 lead at the half.

With the thermostat showing 83 degrees and the humidity at about 190%, HVRHS began to feel the lack of reserve players. The second half was a slog and Shepaug pulled ahead.

The game ended 33-16 in favor of Shepaug. HVRHS's record moved to 1-2 this summer and Shepaug evened up at 2-2.

After the game, Coach Jake Plitt commended his team for playing through to the end without any substitutes.

"We're missing a lot of players tonight but it's good just to get the girls out there and play. We win, we lose, it's all good experience," he said.

TSBL games will continue each weeknight in the Torrington Armory through the first week of August.

Annual summer softball game returns to Mt. Riga

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The summer residents of Salisbury's Mt Riga held the annual July 4 pickup softball game Saturday, July 6.

The field is somewhat tilted, and better suited to horses or goats. The outfield is notoriously bumpy and difficult to traverse.

None of this matters.

Teams were chosen by having the participants line up according to age. The range was early 60s to tyke.

Then the players counted off "One, two, one, two," and the teams were formed. The Ones took the field and the Twos batted. Or perhaps the other way around.

No balls or strikes are called in this game. However, a batter can strike out. (This is very rare.)

When the youngest players are batting or running, the infielders traditionally drop the ball a lot, forget how



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

First baseman Ben Fay just couldn't react quickly enough when faced with the blazing speed of a young competitor, July 6.

to throw it, or trip over their own feet, thus allowing the children to scamper merrily around the bases.

This reporter, a Riga resident, regularly played in this

game until about 20 years ago, when he managed to beat out a slow roller for an infield hit, felt something go "pop" in his right knee, and promptly retired.

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A bowler pitches to a batter in the Salisbury Cricket Club game at Community Field.

Classic cricket comes to Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Cricket Club played a charity match at Community Field in Lakeville Saturday, June 29. The match was a fundraiser for the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Club founder David Shillingford said most of the players are expatriates of the British Commonwealth, with two Americans included.

He also provided a handy explanation of what was happening: "It's just like baseball, except there are two bases, not four, and there is no foul territory."

This succinct statement doubled this reporter's knowledge of the sport.

The players were decked out in mostly white, and there were perhaps 50 spectators on hand, including Michael Kahler, resplendent in the colors of the Union Jack.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Michael Kahler sits on the sideline for live cricket in Lakeville, June 29.

"You understand this game?" he was asked.

"I played it as a kid," Kahler said.



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■ JULY 12

Friday Morning Yoga and Meditation with Kathy Voldstad

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

Beginning July 12, at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings in July and August, wind down your week with a 50-minute session of restorative yoga and meditation led by Kathy Voldstad. Bring a mat or beach towel. Beginners welcome. To register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12560789

■ JULY 13

Discover the Essentials of Pilates!

Near the flagpole at Community Field, Lakeville, Conn.

On July 13 and July 27 at 8 a.m., join Suzanne Oliver, owner of Lakeville Pilates, for an energizing outdoor Pilates mat class. Suitable for beginners and experienced practitioners, this class covers foundational Pilates exercises.

Reserve your spot: Email lakevillepilates@gmail.com (spaces are limited).

Mineral and Fossil Sale

The Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science, 31 Kent-Cornwall Road, Kent, Conn.

The Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science's annual mineral and fossil sale will take place on July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the museum.

Thousands of minerals and fossils from Connecticut, New England and worldwide are to be sold.

Summer Children's Series

Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. thestissingcenter.org

On Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at the Stissing Center, join us for our popular Summer Children's Series featuring "Greece Lightning." Meet fascinating characters from Greek history, mythology, and legends. Encounter Zeus, Poseidon, Hercules, and more in this fast-paced, fun-filled event!

Thanks to our generous donors, everyone can attend regardless of financial ability. Reserve your free tickets online. Enjoy free juice boxes, muffins, and iced coffee!

Lessons from the Climate Change Anxiety Booth

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

On Saturday, July 13, author Kate Schapira will be stationed at the David M. Hunt Library to talk with you about climate, emotion, and how to live in our present moment. Kate's new book, *Lessons from the Climate Anxiety Counseling Booth: How to Live with Care and Purpose in an Endangered World*, chronicles her ten years listening to people's climate anxieties at a homemade, Lucy-from-Peanuts-inspired booth, which she'll set

up on the library lawn 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in to have your story heard and your emotions honored, and join Kate again at 1 p.m. for a reading from the book, where she'll share some models and methods for transforming our 'climate emotions' into community conversation and collective action. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

Hunt Library Tag Sale at The Center on Main

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

On Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Friends of David M. Hunt Library will host their annual Giant Tag Sale at the Center on Main on Saturday, July 13 and on Sunday, July 14, the day of the Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show. Quality items may be donated and dropped off at the Center on Main at 103 Main Street in Falls Village on Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 from noon to 6PM. Items that cannot be accepted include clothing, books, and electronics, almost anything else is welcome. Contact Gail Allyn at andreaallyn@gmail.com for more information and with questions.

Boondocks Film Society Screening

New Marlborough Mass.

Pop-up film event series Boondocks Film Society will be screening Martin Scorsese's dark comedy AFTER HOURS! Join us at our favorite mysterious outpost in New Marlborough, Mass., the SoHo of the Berkshires, where getting home can often be an adventure! Our signature pre-film happy hour will feature soundtrack-inspired music from Hudson, N.Y. indie duo Babehoven as well as some delicious film-inspired food specials from Gedney Kitchen and Food Network's own Chef Michele Ragussis, and some imaginative movie-themed craft cocktails. Get your tickets today, this one may well sell out! Info and tickets at boondocksfilmsociety.org

July Fest

Cornwall Village Green, 24 Pine St. Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Park and Recreation's 2024 July Fest will take place on the Village Green from 4 to 6 p.m. on July 13. Music by Too Blue will be accompanied with food from Nibbles n' Noms, Crepe Royale, Hot Z's, Peter Doda's Ice Cream, and Great Cape Baking Co. Fun and games for kids will be provided.

■ JULY 14

Explore Welles Preserve with Will Berry

Welles Preserve, 43 Town St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwallconservationtrust.org

Will Berry will guide us through the Welles Preserve starting at 43 Town St. This hike travels through old fields, oak forest and bog ecosystems and culminates at a spectacular view of the valley. Trees are marked for identification.

■ JULY 19

Comedy Night

Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. thestissingcenter.org

On Friday, July 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be a comedy night at the Stissing Center with Chris Monty and Buddy Fitzpatrick. \$25/\$35 Reserved Seating.

Summer Book Group for Young Adults

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

Join Julia Hobart on Friday, July 19, at 4 p.m. for a conversation around the novel *Yellowface*, by R.F. Kuang. In this satirical thriller, a writer steals her dead friend's manuscript and publishes it as her own. Scandal, intrigue, and revelations unfold. For young adults. To register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Dorianne Laux's new collection of poetry, *Life on Earth*. No poetry training is needed, just read the poems and be ready to discuss. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

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■ JULY 20

New Work, Abstract Watercolor Paintings by Ken MacLean

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

New Work, abstract watercolor paintings by Ken MacLean, will be on display at The Cornwall Library from July 20 through Aug. 22.

The Opening Reception is July 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Registration for the artist's reception is at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Bioblitz! with Bethany Sheffer

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

Wildlife count and exploration. For all ages. July 20 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Register at www.scovillelibrary.org

Art Exhibition, Artist Talk, Workshop: Sarah Martinez & Ali Gibbons: Serial Works on Paper & Ceramics

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

Opening with a reception on Saturday, July 20, 5 to 7 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host an exhibition of small paintings and ceramics by local artists Sarah Martinez and Ali Gibbons. In addition, there will be an artist's talk with Ali Gibbons at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25 and an art workshop with Sarah Martinez on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m.. Those wishing to attend the art workshop should RSVP at 860-824-7424 or write

to dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com. The exhibition will be on display through Friday, August 16. All events are at the library at 63 Main Street in Falls Village, CT.

Cornwall Trees

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

On Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m., join us at the Library where the Cornwall Conservation Trust and the Cornwall Conservation Commission will be presenting *Cornwall Trees*. Bruce Bennett will walk the Village to discuss Tree Management.

Annual Rummage Sale

Four locations in Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Woman's Society will hold its

annual fundraising event, the Rummage Sale, from July 20 to 22. The four locations will be Mohawk Ski Center, UCC Parish House, St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Cornwall Town Hall. Shopping hours are as follows: Saturday, July 20 open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 21 (Half-Price Day) open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, July 22 (Fill a Bag and Bargain Day) open 9 a.m. to noon. The majority of the funds support Cornwall's high school graduates who plan to continue their education. Support is also given to local organizations that serve education, health/nutrition, social services and emergency needs.

Airfield Fly-in

Triumph Airfield, 547 West Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

EAA Chapter 1097 will host the second annual Fly-in at Triumph Airfield Saturday, July 20. Pilots flying in are advised to monitor 122.90. Locals are welcome. Breakfast will be served by VFW Couch-Pipa Post 6851 for a \$10 donation from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Barnstormers Gourmet Burgers will serve lunch from noon to 3 p.m. Rain date July 21.

Party on the Plaza

Norfolk Plaza, Norfolk, Conn.

Norfolk's FREE "Party on the Plaza" returns July 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. with local Americana band the Joint Chiefs. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music outdoors on our historic downtown plaza.

Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the Word of the Week.

- Gadget store Sharper ____.
- Toothpaste fresh.
- Standing joke teller.
- Shy, reserved.
- Muggy weather this week.

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Book size
- Indonesian Island
- "The Sopranos" character
- Plants often found in stems
- Stern
- Atomic #52
- Often seen after a company name
- Silk garments
- Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- Type of beer
- Margarine
- Throw lightly
- Explains again
- Raccoon-like animal
- Sneaker parts
- Platforms
- Scored perfectly
- One's essence
- Strikes with a firm blow
- Makes tractors
- Music term
- Lack of energy
- Vestments
- ___ and feathers
- Total
- Gobbler
- One with Japanese immigrant parents
- Type of braking system (abbr.)
- Home of Rudy Flyer
- Manageable
- Lugged
- Irritated
- Sea eagles
- Warm seasons

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- String instrument (slang)
- Mister
- Fine, light linen fabric
- Absence of bacteria
- Discounts
- Area units
- A description of one's life
- Gazelles
- Plumbing fixture
- Makes especially happy
- One side of something many-sided
- Frosts
- Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- Female animal species
- School terms
- Written law
- Unpleasant aroma
- Nuclear weapon
- One who challenges
- Opposite of first
- Able to be utilized
- Less interesting
- Implants
- Canister
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- Cash machine
- The Volunteer State

July 4 Solution

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July 4 Solution

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Our Towns

Cornwall rejects firetruck proposal

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — After receiving only one bid back for a custom-designed firetruck, the Board of Selectman have opted to go back to square one.

The proposal from Alexis Fire Equipment Company in Illinois came in about \$120,000 over budget and included potential surcharges.

Several other manufacturers responded to the bid request stating they were unable to meet the specifications set forth by the truck committee.

"It's disappointing but I think we're sort of in a situation that we don't have

much choice at this point," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway at a meeting of the BOS June 2. "It's back to the fire department at this point to try to wrestle with their priorities."

"I think we should put this back out to bid after revising the spec. Alexis tends to be one of the most expensive vendors in this arena," said Selectman Rocco Botto, adding that the surcharges would likely put the cost even higher over budget.

Ridgway reported there is about \$640,000 in the town truck fund. It is the hope of BOS that a revised spec list will bring in more qualified bidders.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Land trust lion

Kent Land Trust field has a new pair of watchful eyes. This lion, painted in the first week of July, is the latest example of the decorative faces that have called KLT field home.

Undermountain housing heads to vote

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission closed the public hearing on the Undermountain Road affordable housing application Monday, July 1.

The commission settled on a version of the plan from the Salisbury Housing Trust which has the two houses, a larger amount of open space in the rear of the parcel than previous versions and eliminates the informal parking lot.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens and Land Use Director Abby Conroy will create a draft resolution for the full commission to vote on at either the July 29 meeting or the first meeting in August. The commissioners were

polled by Klemens. Secretary Marty Whalen recused himself as he was not caught up with the previous meeting's discussion.

Klemens, Vice Chair Cathy Shyer and Bob Riva indicated they would vote for the plan. Allen Cockerline reiterated his belief that the various proposals were all "asking too much" of the physical limits of the property and would be a "no" vote.

Once the application for a special permit is formally approved, the next step is a town meeting, which is necessary because the parcel is owned by the town.

Klemens asked the public to refrain from discussing the application with commissioners between now and the vote.

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FALLS VILLAGE, CT
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