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Regional leaders explore membership in waste management coalition

By Riley Klein and Gavin Marr

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) has put municipal solid waste management solutions on the front burner.

State contracts for refuse hauling are due to expire in 2027, by which time Connecticut towns need to have alternative providers in place. Some COG towns have signed contracts with USA Waste & Recycling, but 11 have not.

A subcommittee of the COG has been exploring options throughout 2024. Creating a regional waste authority and purchasing Torrington Transfer Station to be used as a central hub has been proposed as an option. A permanent destination for the solid waste is still up in the air.

At the July 11 monthly COG meeting, Jennifer Heaton-Jones, executive director of Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority, shared information on the regional model used for the group's 14 member towns.

HRRA covers towns from Kent to Ridgefield and has created a model that allows municipalities to continue normal operations at no additional cost. Local transfer stations collect waste as they always have, the waste gets short-hauled to a central hub (ie. Torrington Transfer Station), and then HRRA picks it up for processing.

Most garbage gets sent to the waste-to-energy facility in Bridgeport for burning. Bulky waste and construction debris is railed from Danbury to out-of-state landfills. Recyclables are processed at Oak Ridge Material Recovery Facility in Shelton, Connecticut. Scrap metal and other large recyclables are repurposed in-state.



Eager eyes watch as regional leaders discuss municipal solid waste See COG, Page A10 solutions for the Northwest Corner.

Project SAGE names Van Ginhoven director

By Natalia Zukerman

LAKEVILLE — In June 2024, Kristen van Ginhoven stepped into the role of executive director of Project SAGE, a community-focused organization dedicated to supporting, advocating, guiding and educating victims of relationship violence through a range of services and outreach programs in Lakeville, Connecticut.

A dual citizen of Canada and the U.S. with a background in theater, van Ginhoven stands at the cross-

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Habitat completes construction of second North Canaan house

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut has finished a new affordable home in North Canaan.

The house at 324 Salisbury Road (Route 44) shares a driveway with another, older Habitat house at 320. Habitat plans to build a third home



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The Harneys are champions of

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services throughout the region.

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News will honor the Harney family at a Jubilee Country Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 6. From left, Elyse Harney Morris, Elyse Harney and Jubilee Chair Matthew Patrick Smyth.

Harney family to receive Estabrook Community Leadership Award

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News will present the inaugural Robert & Mary Lou Estabrook Community Leadership Award, with gratitude and appreciation, to the Harney family at a Jubilee Country Luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Salisbury Town Grove.



on the site as well, according to executive director Evan Cooper, who was on site with project manager Ken Wall and Rich Herrington of Ed Herrington's, Inc.

Herrington's donated much of the building materials for the home, Cooper said. He thanked

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

From left, Evan Cooper of Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut, Ken Wall, project manager, and Rich Herrington of Herrington's.

Legislators react to herbicide use along Housatonic Railroad track

By Alec Linden

Community leaders maintain that recent herbicide spraying conducted by the Housatonic Railroad Co. (HRRC), done just days before new regulations took effect, is part of a broader pattern of regulatory gaming demonstrated by the railroad. On May 21, Governor Lamont signed Connecticut House Bill 5219, which had been unanimously passed by the state legislature. The bill, which went into action July 1, requires railroads to notify the Department of Transportation and town officials 21 days prior to any herbicide application, as well as to submit a yearly operational plan

detailing their vegetation management programs.

In the last week of June HRRC sprayed herbicide along tracks between New Milford and North Canaan without any announcement to the affected municipalities. The abruptness of the spraying has re-

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Online This Week

Selectmen appoint Heinz to HRC

Falls Village accepted the resignation of Matt Gallagher from the Housatonic River Commission. Full story at www.lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Collision on Route 7

On Sunday, July 7, at approximately 2 p.m., Karen Miller, 78, of Bethlehem, was southbound on Route 7 in Kent in a 2015 Toyota Sienna. Luciano Barbosa-Rodriquez, 25, of Fall River, Masssachusetts, also was southbound on Route 7 in a 2009 Ford F150 and failed to stop for the Tovota that had slowed for traffic. Barbosa-Rodriquez's truck struck the Toyota causing disabling damage. Barbosa-Rodriquez was issued a written warning for failure to travel at a safe distance, resulting in a crash.

Down an embankment

On Monday, July 8, at approximately 8 p.m. Lauren DeDominici, 33, of Sharon was westbound on Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon in a 2021 Kia Sportage when the vehicle left the road and collided with a wire-rope guardrail and subsequently came to rest down an embankment. The Kia was towed from the scene and DeDominici was issued a written warning for failure to maintain proper lane.

Turn into driveway crash

On Tuesday, July 9, at approximately 8 a.m., Erika Vondwingelo, 29, of Canaan, was eastbound on Route 44 in the area of Conklin Street in Salisbury in a 2015 GMC Terrain. Adilio Rodriguez, of Columbus, Ohio, was westbound in a 2009 Mitsubishi and turned left into a driveway colliding with the GMC. Rodriquez was issued an infraction for operating without insurance and making an illegal turn. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

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



Two Subarus collided on Route 41 in Salisbury.

Driver rescues two after head-on collision

By Nathan Miller

SALISBURY — Two people are hospitalized after a two-car crash on Route 41 north of Hosier Road.

According to the accident report obtained from Troop B, Benjamin Schawinsky, 85, was driving north on Route 41 when he crossed into the southbound lane, striking 77-year-old Robert Snyder's vehicle in a head-on collision on Friday, July 12 just after 4 p.m.

Both were alone in their vehicles and taken to Sharon hospital by EMS.

Cory Murphy was on his way to pick up his son from school when the collision happened. "There was a flash of light out of the corner of my eye and then I looked through at the driver in front of me through his back windows and saw another car coming right at him," Murphy said. "It was a huge crash."

Murphy then pulled off

the road, jumped out of his vehicle and started to assist the drivers before EMS could make it to the scene. "I checked all his windows and doors and they were all locked," Murphy said of Snyder's vehicle. So Murphy reached through the shattered passenger window, unlocked the car and dragged Snyder onto the bank on the side of the road.

A fire had erupted in Snyder's vehicle just after the crash. Murphy said just after he pulled the two drivers from their cars, the fire grew and exploded. "I just did what I had to do," Murphy said.

Murphy waited for emergency responders and state police to show up to assist and give information. "Then I went and picked my son up and got him some ice cream," Murphy said.

Schawinsky has been transferred to an acute care facility. Snyder is still hospitalized at Sharon Hospital.

United Way appoints Ferris new director

TORRINGTON — The United Way of Northwest Connecticut board of directors has named Lisa Ferris its executive director. Following a period of reorganization, the United Way board launched a search process that resulted in selecting Ferris to head up the agency.

Since April 2017, Ferris has been dental program manager and director of community relations at The Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial in Torrington. She has been an active United Way volunteer for 10 years.

Ferris is a founding member of Stock the Shelves, a nonprofit startup organization addressing food insecurity. She is currently vice president of the board of Prime Time House and a board member of Northwest Hills Credit Union, Litchfield Area Business Association, and the Women and Girls Fund.

After a disruption in campaigning caused by the pandemic and other factors, the United Way has been working to restructure and renew itself. The board of directors hosted a meeting with executive directors of United Way agencies; added new directors to the board and an experienced advisory committee; updated by-laws; completed the financial audit for 2022; contacted other United Ways in the region

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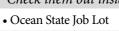




PHOTO PROVIDED Lisa Ferris

to explore best practices and operational efficiencies; and reestablished communication and collaboration with United Way of Connecticut.

The agency has new office space in the New Opportunities office suites at 62 Commercial Boulevard in Torrington.

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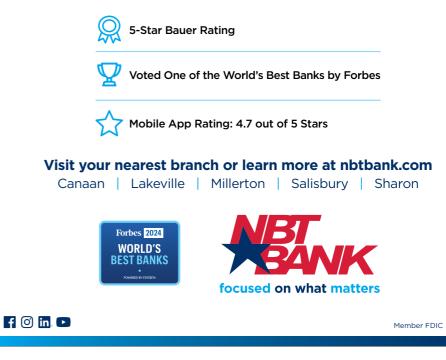






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"Young people will become our volunteers, donors,

board members; our future,"

said Weber, pointing out that

recent global developments

- such as the COVID-19

pandemic and the trend toward remote work — have

seen young people settling

in rural Connecticut in sur-

prising numbers. "They come

to our communities and want

to get involved, but they don't

backs the HUB by providing

sponsorship and promotion

for its events. Indirectly, it

supports the HUB's objec-

tives by advancing affordable

housing initiatives - one of

many efforts to make the

region as accessible as it is

attractive to prospective res-

idents. "Young people keep

our businesses thriving and

our schools open," said We-

ber, who hopes that expand-

ed options for housing will

continue to draw in younger

ects include holiday parties

and pop-up events for chil-

dren. Eventually, Tunyan

hopes, the group aspires to

grow into a regular sched-

ule and permanent location.

Salisbury HUB events and

meetups are posted on the

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always know how."



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

346 Main Street, formerly known as the Borden Building, was transformed into a single-family residence and after 242 days on the market sold for \$900,000, 10% below its original listing price, according to CT MLS.

Salisbury June Real Estate Sales

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — There were seven residential sales recorded in June in Salisbury. Five of these sales sold for less than the listing price indicating either a softening market or over pricing by owners. Currently there are 20 houses listed on the MLS with 13 over a million dollars, and five over \$4 million. For the 12 months ending in June the median price of a single family residence was \$865,000.

Transactions

25 Walton Street: 4 bedroom/3 bath home sold by Evan Cooper and EJ Advisors LLC to Sullivan Family Revocable Trust for \$700,000.

362 Lime Rock Road: 2-unit residence sold by Emmet Hussey to Kurt Krotz Jr. for \$435,000.

346 Main Street: newlyChristinerenovated 4 bedroom/3.5Salespersonbath home sold by JamesSotheby's Irand Velda Demmert to 346Licensed inLakeville LLC for \$900,000.New York.

253 Indian Mountain Road: 5 bedroom/4 bath home on 19.1 acres sold by 1 Little Peanut Gan LLC to Sarah and Trevor Rees for \$2.2 million.

87 Canaan Road, 3F: Lion's Head 2 bedroom/2.5 bath condo sold by Peter and Theresa Armour to Alden Y. Warner III Revocable Trust for \$539,000. Private sale.

16 Covered Bridge Road: 3 bedroom/3 bath home sold by Gail A. Dow-Goldberg and Steven P. Goldberg to John Hamilton for \$949,000.

293 Twin Lakes Road: 5 bedroom/3.5 bath home sold by Peter Hunt to John and Sia Stovall for \$1.35 million.

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between June 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024 provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Salisbury HUB celebrates community at Grove gathering

By Sava Marinkovic

SALISBURY — Children ran the lawn and clambered on Columbia's statue as parents and other patrons sipped courtesy cocktails outside Salisbury's White Hart Inn on Wednesday, July 10.

The gathering, arranged by the newly-formed Salisbury HUB and sponsored by the Salisbury Association, was planned to further the primary goal of the HUB—to bring together young people and families from local communities.

Founded in 2023, the HUB began as a group of youthful newcomers to Salisbury who expressed a desire to better integrate town residents in their common phase of life.

"For people who are new to the area, it can be difficult to find and meet other young families," said Elina Tunyan, HUB organizer and operator of Hudson, New York's Play Pop.

Many simply stumble across each other, meeting by coincidence when strolling their towns' sidewalks and greens. The HUB, however, aims to promote a more robust sense of community by providing organized venues to foster such meetings. Events are scheduled at times and locations that are convenient for working people and families with children.

According to Salisbury Association President Jeanette Weber, the HUB is doing work that is critical to the success of surrounding



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Mariah Marinkovic and son (left) with friends Julianna Bennett and daughter (right) at the Salisbury HUB's gathering, July 10.



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Mountaineer Experience brings classmates together

By Mia Barnes

FALLS VILLAGE Housatonic Valley Regional High School's halls are still occupied with students, despite summer vacation.

The Summer Mountaineer Experience is a free two week long camp for rising 6th through 9th graders in Region One. Running for the first time in 2021, it was designed to re-establish a sense of self and community through outdoor activities.

The goal of the camp is to give back what the COVID-19 pandemic took from students and create a space for children from all 6 towns to meet before the upcoming school year.

The Summer Mountaineer Experience is co-directed by Barbara Hockstader, Anne Macneil and Jill Pace, each of whom bring in a unique skill set.

Hockstader works in education technology, creating software that directly impacts teachers and school administrators. At the forefront of her work is promoting social and emotional learning. Macneil works as the athletic director at HVRHS and Jill Pace as the library and media



PHOTOS PROVIDED Campers paddle out on the Twin Lakes in Salisbury.

specialist at Sharon Center School.

Instructing each group of campers are five high school students as well as Rea Tarsi, a school counselor at Kent Center and Cornwall Consolidated Schools. As "one big team," they create daily programming that emphasizes learning by doing, specifically in the outdoors.

Every morning campers participate in an outdoor activity off-campus. Campers can choose from a high ropes course at Indian Mountain School, paddle boarding and canoing on Twin Lakes, or various local hikes. The high ropes course was run by Eliza Statile, the Director of Outdoor Adventure and Education at IMS. Campers worked together to put on harnesses, hold the ladder and ropes, and cheer each other on. Both the catwalk and high multi-vine elements were open for them to climb. Those at Twin Lakes were instructed by Adam Mayer, Salisbury school teacher and owner of GO Paddleboard CT.

In the afternoons, campers engage in week-long intensive activities, all of which

Soaking up stormwater solutions

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Wild weather in recent years has come with a price tag and put the squeeze on small towns.

Cornwall spent hundreds of thousands repairing culverts, roads and retaining walls after a summer of heavy rain in 2023. The expenses took a toll on the town's undesignated funds balance and prompted the addition of \$100,000 to a newly created storm damage line item in the 2024-25 budget.

To address the impact of a turbulent climate and better plan for the future, Cornwall Planning and Zoning Commission hosted Trinkaus aged, runoff can cause water quality issues, habitat loss, and damage to infrastructure. Erosion, flooding and landslides can occur as a result of mismanaged stormwater.

Cornwall experienced this last year with considerable erosion to a retaining wall on River Road, flooding on Jewell Street, and a landslide on Essex Hill Road.

Trinkaus cited impervious surfaces as the prime enemy of runoff. Aside from disrupting watercourses, unnatural environments lead to contaminated runoff that can severely harm organisms.

"The major issue we're trying to address is pollutants and non-point source runoff," said Trinkaus, citing solids, trash, oils, and metals as contaminants. "The fish and other wildlife are left to deal with this." Densely vegetated habitats soak up rainwater at much higher rates compared to environments cleared of vegetation. Deep-rooted plants enable water to penetrate down beneath the soil and minimize runoff. The ideal time to address stormwater management is at the start of a new project. Trinkaus suggested the best designs are ones that maximize retention of the natural environment.

"The goal really is to have a site ... that acts like a forest or a meadow, which is what it was before you put a shovel in the ground," said Trinkaus.

Controlling water at the source is the most reliable way to prevent excess runoff. Trinkaus suggested utilizing rain barrels, water gardens, and detention ponds to trap water where it falls.

New advancements like permeable pavement and porous concrete can help address the issue, but costs of these materials remain high. Trinkaus praised the new technology while noting the old fashioned way is tried and true.



Overcoming ropes courses at Indian Mountain School builds confidence.

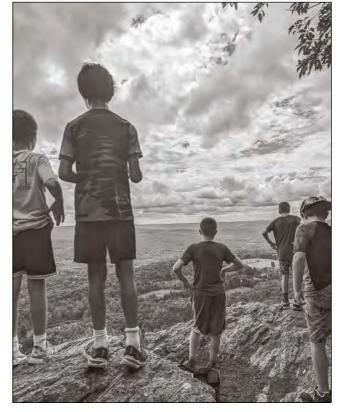
are based at the high school. The options include Art Garage, agriculture education, backyard games, super powers, and flying cloud.

This past week, campers in the ag-ed class learned about solar energy, went berry picking, and made whipped cream. These individual activities led up to the final day where campers baked homemade blueberry cobblers.

The flying cloud group investigated electronegativity and the ways it is used in everyday life. To further conceptualize this idea, each camper made a speaker for their phones using wood, paper, wires, and magnets.

Super powers, run by Mary O'Neill, is a program for rising 9th graders to process the change that comes with switching schools. Before going home, campers were led through various reflective exercises.

Hockstader emphasized that all activities incorporate the four goals of the camp which are, "to have fun, make new friends, enjoy the "Mother Nature does a outdoors together, and do to let kids have a space to



At the end of a hike, campers enjoy the view atop the Northwest Corner.

grow socially and emotionally through activities that they think are fun," she said.

The camp is funded by a Berkshire Taconic grant and a Summer Mental Health

Bus Company is responsible for transporting campers to and from the high school. Hockstader said that the bus drivers "bend over back-

Engineering's Steven D. Trinkaus for an info session at Cornwall Library July 10.

"Rainfall patterns are changing," said Trinkaus. "What we are getting are these short duration, high intensity rainfall events. Storms that drop three inches in two hours or less."

Trinkaus's presentation offered advice on "low impact sustainable development" methods that are designed to mimic nature. He has shared this information internationally with many trips to Korea and China, as well as throughout Connecticut and the United States.

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Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 8, 2024:

Approved with Conditions—Application 2024-IW-014 by Pat Hacket for septic system repair. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 60 as lot 10 and is known as 116 South Shore Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Mary C Hedman.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to

the Connecticut Superior Courtinaccordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

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OUR TOWNS

Support nonprofits through Northwest **Corner Gives**

By Riley Klein

Northwest Corner Community Foundation's matching grant program has selected 32 nonprofits to support this summer.

Among the groups is Sharon Hospital, Little Guild animal shelter, Salisbury's SOAR enrichment program, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater, and Housatonic Child Care Center.

The matching campaign, known as Northwest Corner Gives, set varied goal amounts for each organization. NCCF will match donations up to the set amount

Fundraiser for local youngster

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA - Four Brothers Drive-in in Amenia is planning a fun-filled event to celebrate the bravery of Sharon Center School student Wyatt VanKeuren, 8, and to raise funds for ongoing medical treatment.

Scheduled for Thursday, July 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the event will be followed by a movie at 8:50 p.m. Fun activities, including a bounce house, are included in the planning.

For much of his life, Wyatt has battled health issues, undergoing open heart surgery at the age of 5.

Since March of this year, Wyatt has been undergoing weekly chemotherapy treatments, working toward shrinking a complex brain tumor.

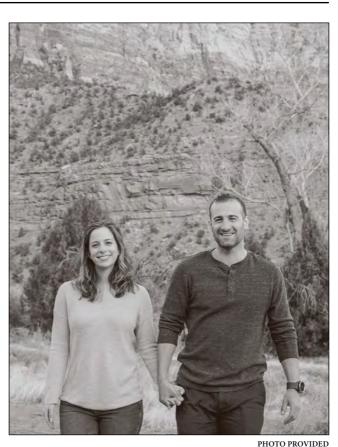
All of Wyatt's friends, schoolmates and their families, along with other good citizens are invited to attend

through July 28.

Grumbling Gryphons was selected for a \$10,000 campaign, meaning the first \$5,000 will be matched. Artistic Director Leslie Elias said the funding helps with operational support and will be used for year-round theatrical programming, such as the upcoming Aug. 3 performance of "The Snow Queen" at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

Sharon Hospital seeks to raise \$25,000 to support its Senior Meals program. Offering individuals aged 65 and older a nutritious meal-including entrée, two sides, soup or salad, dessert and a beverage-for just \$5, the program provides meals during Hospital café hours but can expand with additional staffing.

To learn more and support local nonprofits, visit northwestcornergives.org



Wedding announcement

Doug and Melissa Landau of Sharon are thrilled to announce the marriage of their son, Zachary Wagner Landau, to Alisha Stanlee Cerel, daughter of Lori Cerel of Walpole, and Mark Cerel of Medway, Massachusetts. The wedding took place July 9, 2022. Landau's parents, Melissa & Doug, announced their wedding in The Lakeville Journal in 1984, as did Landau's three sisters.



July Fest in Cornwall

Music, games and food filled Cornwall Village Green Saturday, July 13, for July Fest. Hosted by Cornwall Park and Recreation, the summertime celebration featured bluegrass band Too Blue plus a wide selection of food trucks to choose from. Lawn games entertained youngsters on the hot summer day. At about 88 degrees, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department made a welcomed appearance and opened up the hoses to beat the heat.

OBITUARIES

Memorial Service

Harvey W. Hayden

Dr. Harvey Hayden's memorial service will be held Saturday, July 20, 2024, 10:00 a.m., at Sharon Congregational Church, 25 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut. The family welcomes everyone to attend a reception in the church hall following the service.

Chef and Farmer brunch July 21

North East Community Center's (NECC) 2024 Chef and Farmer Brunch is planned for Sunday, July 21, and the last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, July 17.

The fundraising event will take place at Mountain View, Mountain View, 7685 NY-82 in

Pine Plains.

The event, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. celebrates the generosity of NECC's neighbors and friends, as well as the delicious handiwork of local chefs and farmers. The Chef and Farmer Brunch supports NECC's programs in Dutchess County.



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Millbrook's Hitchcock estate listed for sale at \$65M

By Christine Bates

MILLBROOK — The famous Hitchcock estate was listed for sale on June 25th by Heather Croner Real Estate, Sotheby's International.

The property was assembled beginning in 1889, by German-born acetylene gas mogul Charles F. Dieterich, a founder of Union Carbide, who named the complex Daheim, German for "home."

The property includes over 2,000 acres of farmland, forest and lakes as well as the storied 1889 10 bedroom, 6 bathroom main house of 14,000 square feet and 10,000 square foot guest house designed by Addison Mizner of Palm Beach fame in 1912. Also on the grounds are a tennis court, inground pool, gatehouse, original barns, Victorian bowling alley, carriage house, 3 bedroom cottage, and two farmhouses.

The large rectangular property has frontage on four roads and is unencumbered by conservation easements. Currently the full market assessment according to

Correction

In an article in the July 11 issue about the Ryan Funeral Home, the name of Francis Gomez was misspelled.

Dutchess Parcel Access is \$29 million. If sold for the asking price it will be the highest priced residential sale in the history of Dutchess County.

The estate, which has been owned by Peggy Hitchcock and her brothers for over 60 years, was described as "ground zero of psychedelic awakening" in the 1960's when the owners, inheritors of the Mellon banking fortune, invited Timothy Leary of LSD fame to the property in 1963. Reportedly Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and Aldous Huxley all stopped by to participate in the goings on. After raids by Dutchess County Assistant DA Gordon Liddy, the Hitchcocks asked Leary and his followers to leave in 1968. The mansion later fell into disrepair but has recently been renovated.



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Behind this stone Bavarian gatehouse at the entrance to Millbrook is the 2,079 acre Hitchcock estate with a listing price of \$65 million.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Guess who's best for CT's Fifth District

What do these organizations have in common: Morris Affordable Housing, Goshen Affordable Housing Drinking Water System, Danbury Transit Center, Brookfield Emergency Radio System, and Meriden Senior Center? Each got the attention and substantial funds they deserve with help from Congresswoman Jahana Hayes.

What do these places have in common? Fundraising stops at the Republican Town Committee in Thomaston, the "Battle Station" in Farmington, and the Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport? Answer: Hayes' opponent, Aquarion's George Logan, who dropped by for a photo op, a backslap, and big bucks.

Which kind of representative do you want to elect: an experienced legislator who delivers constituent services and responds to community needs or Logan the lobbyist, who tries to explain why his employer failed to deal with contaminants and then poses for pictures at high-priced fundraisers?

Only once has George Logan avoided the cameras. After telling one audience to shut down their phones and cameras, he admitted he voted for Donald Trump twice and plans to vote for the Republican nominee again in November.

George Logan was a newcomer to the Fifth District when he ran 2 years ago. He's still a guest in our district, scared to stand by his party's presidential candidate in public. Let's show him 5th District hospitality, but not by electing him to the US Congress. I want someone who knows this district and its needs because she grew up here and never left. That's Congresswoman Jahana Hayes.

> Molly Fitzmaurice Sharon

The scourge of antisemitism

Shortly after the barbaric Hamas attack of Oct. 7, Alan Friedman, Mike Abrams and I formed a bipartisan, interfaith committee that held a "Vigil for Israel, The Hostages and Peace" at the Congregational Church in Salisbury. By the time the vigil occurred in mid-November, episodes of antisemitism had begun to emerge across the country and so the vigil expanded to cover this development.

Since the vigil, antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment have grown far beyond what any of us on the committee could have imagined. There have been appalling attacks on Jewish students cal supporter of Israel since his days in the Connecticut Senate. George appeared in person at our November vigil and spoke eloquently on the need to combat antisemitism and support Israel in its fight against those who wish to see the State extinguished.

Mr. Logan's opponent, incumbent Jahana Hayes, has been lukewarm in condemning antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment. Her public statements, like her Congressional votes, have been a mixed bag. While she was quick to condemn Israel when it mistakenly struck a convoy of aid workers — a tragedy for sure, but hardly an unheard of event in the midst of a war — she refused to join with other Congressmen in a letter asking Secretary Blinken to call for the PA to halt it's "Pay for Slay" program, and she met with the Connecticut chapter of CAIR after the national organization had praised Hamas' October 7th massacre. The rise of antisemitism in our country is — to use a much overused word an existential threat to our values as Americans. The country needs leaders who will speak out forthrightly and unequivocally on this issue. George Logan, a son of immigrants from Jamaica and Guatemala, understands the need to stamp out prejudice against any ethnic or religious group and offers a strong, steady voice against the scourge of antisemitism.



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

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Setting record straight on herbicide spraying

I find it somewhat ironic to find myself defending the railroad against the claims made in Riley Klein's frontpage article of July 11. Why ironic? Because I was the member of the Housatonic Herbicide Working Group that provided oral testimony at the Environment Committee's public hearing supporting the proposed new bill regulating the use of herbicides by the railroad.

That bill was passed and was signed into law by the governor on May 21. It went into effect on July 1 but the changes that are required by the law will not be put into motion until next February when the new so-called "Vegetation Management Plan" is required.

After that, there are also new reporting requirements that will also need to be put into effect in the spring and early summer of 2025.

The most profound impact of the new law requires all railroads to map the geography they pass through in order to identify sensitive wetland areas, rivers, lakes, and public wells... essentially anything that is wet.

Then they have to have a special plan to better protect those particular areas from herbicides that have a risk of getting into water and killing aquatic life from microscopic life at the bottom of the food chain on up to fish.

This is not something that will be easy for the railroad to accomplish, it will take time and will undoubtedly feel like a burden to the railroads. They are going to have a steep learning curve.

It would be nice if the railroad owners could start seeing themselves as the environmental champions they are in providing the lowest carbon-release form of mass transportation we have.

Being an environmental champion as a railroad ought to include understanding that keeping the railbed safe, as is required by federal law, can still be accomplished while minimizing the cost to local agriculture and our precious water.

To wit: the Housatonic Railroad Corporation did nothing this summer that wasn't business as usual, there was no "sneaking" and the citizens who complained were not fully informed about when to expect changes in the railroad's procedures.

Cornwall

Anna Timell

In appreciation of Etienne Delessert

Perhaps once or maybe twice, if lucky enough, you are given the opportunity to meet someone truly inspiring who makes an indelible mark on your life. Etienne Delessert, who passed away this past April, was just such a person for me. With his boundless creativity and innovation, he, along with his friends and contemporaries like Maurice Sendak, Milton Glaser, and Eric Carle helped lead the field of illustration for decades. I have never met another person with such dedication drive and talent He was also a thoughtful and warm person who freely offered me his support, advice and friendship over the years. I will miss our long chats about art, literature, politics and a host of other topics, many times accompanied by our wives on warm summer evenings at The Grove.

Etienne has left us a legacy of hundreds of beautiful pieces of art, and even more importantly, his lust for life. He will be missed.

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Christopher Pouler Lakeville

on college campuses, attacks on Jewish-owned businesses, random attacks on Jews walking or congregating in our cities, and a vicious attack on Jews in Los Angeles as they attended services at their local synagogue. Recent weeks have witnessed a demonstrator in Union Square shouting that he wished Hitler "were still here", red paint thrown against the home of the Jewish Director of the Brooklyn Museum and the ransacking of Jewish Representative Brad Schneider's office in the nation's capitol. All of this is frighteningly reminiscent of Europe in the 1930's and poses the gravest threat to our values since World War II.

It is imperative that our political leaders speak out strongly against this growing antisemitism. George Logan, the Republican candidate for Congress for the 5th District, has long stood up for Israel and against antisemitism. This is not a new stance, George has been a vo-

Tom Morrison Chair, Salisbury Republican Town Committee

Supreme Court got it right on Chevron rule

The recently concluded U.S. Supreme Court session handled some profound decisions. They got it right. Apart from the presidential immunity covering official duties and waiving obstruction of justice offenses without having some direct correlation on an event (think Jan. 6 certification of election results) perhaps the most far reaching decision involved discarding the Chevron Rule.

This 40-year old doctrine allowed deference to governing agencies from court challenges on ambiguous matters. State attorneys general, upon filing complaints, would be successfully challenged by an unelected federal bureaucracy.

Reigning in federal power has long been overdue. One does not have to look very far for specific examples of overreach.

Environmental agencies — they have proposed EV mandates despite insufficient technology. Their attacks on energy production have been constant. A recent local example being the hysteria surrounding the Cricket Valley energy plant. Groups had even set up air monitoring sites at various locations downwind.

Energy department—a rewrite of Title IX protections to include new interpretations of gender and it's accompanying protections.

And finally-the Department of Justice using it's bureaucracy to harass de scribing concerned parent attending school board meet ings as "domestic terrorists See the infamous Merricl Garland memorandum that was sent to national teach ers organization for proof Now with the abandonmer of the Chevron Doctrin these extreme ideas can b challenged judicially. No more unfettered power b way of these big governmer bureaucrats.

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago - July 1924

An automobile accident in which three cars were concerned occurred at Barrack Matiff last Sunday evening. A Buick car owned by State Senator Brooks of Torrington collided with a Maxwell owned by residents of Pawling, New York. William Whitbeck of Salisbury, who was driving by in his Ford, was sideswiped at the same time and thrown to the side of the road. All cars were quite badly damaged and one lady in one of the larger cars was quite badly injured. The accident appears to be the result of too many cars trying to negotiate the curve at the same moment, and accounts of the accident differ somewhat. State Policeman Ringrose was on hand shortly afterward and took charge of affairs. The cars were later towed to garages. A hearing will be held within a few days and responsibility for the accident will be more clearly established. It is very strange and also very fortunate that none of the cars went down the steep embankment at that point.

Dr. John Calvin Goddard is understood to be writing an ecclesiastical history of Connecticut for the forthcoming work on "The Commonwealth" edited by Col. Norris G. Osborne of the New Haven Journal Courier.

Tuesday was St. Swithin's Day and marked the beginning of dog days.

At the fifth annual women's swimming meet held in New York this week, Mrs. Richmond W. Landon is acting as starter. Mrs. Landon, who before her marriage was Miss Alice Lord, represented the United States at the Olympic Games as captain of the famous Women's Swimming Association at the time of the event in Belgium.

ORE HILL — Roy Gaines and family of Canaan are

40 a night. It is evident that some sort of animal is at work and there is considerable suspicion that it may be the work of a wild cat that earlier in season was reported in that section. Some of the poultry owners have been sitting up all night with a shot gun ready for business, but as yet have failed to see the creature that is causing the damage.

Cheer up — Cherries are ripe and there's lots of them.

The season of the year to read the returns of drownings, due to the fool who attempts to change seats in the boat is here.

Foss Webb has taken over the Harness business formerly conducted by his brother Edward, at C.H. Osborn's furniture hospital, formerly the Stuart building.

LIME ROCK — Dr. and Mrs. F.S. Skiff are visiting their many friends here.

The employees of the Housatonic Division of the Connecticut Power Co. enjoyed a picnic at Highland Lake, Winsted, yesterday.

An aeroplane bound north passed over the village on Tuesday morning. The machine was flying quite low.

50 years ago - July 1974

Nearly 1300 homes in Connecticut's Northwest Corner and nearby New York State were without electricity for up to 11 hours Monday night after thunderstorms and mini-twisters felled trees across power lines. Some 700 of the affected homes were in Lakeville, where an apparent small tornado dropped four large trees across U.S. Route 44 just north of Lakeville Precision Molding. Other trees falling on Farnam Road cut another source of power.

Lark Industries of Torrington, a sheltered workworkshop to help perpetuate its activities.

Sean Gilpatric, six-yearold son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Zinke of Ashley Falls Road, Canaan, is recovering in Sharon Hospital from a lawn mower accident that badly cut his foot last Thursday. The boy was rushed to the hospital in a police car. State Trooper Dean Hammon said he was carried to the police barracks from his parents' home across the street. "The foot was so badly cut and bleeding so profusely, that we didn't wait for an ambulance," he said. "We just put him in a car and shot him over to Sharon." Mrs. Zinke said Wednesday that her son is reported to be doing well.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Carlson and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Carlson of Canaan Valley staged a carnival for muscular dystrophy research on Saturday. The carnival was held at the home of Larry Carlson, who was staging his second carnival to raise funds to combat the disease.

25 years ago - July 1999

LAKEVILLE — Dan Kruger has some definite thoughts about education, thoughts that will be shared around the state. The 17-year-old incoming senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School has been named one of two non-voting members of the Connecticut Board of Education for the next year. The essay which he wrote as part of the requirements for board membership dealt with the concept of diversity and of unequal education.

Joe Loverro, playing the role of Julius Caesar, was at the National Iron Bank in Salisbury Wednesday to help promote some of that facility's programs. Mr. Loverro, advertising director at radio station WQQQ, was aided in the activity by Heather Golden of the bank, who dressed up as Cleopatra.

Witness to bombing my city

YIV, Ukraine — Russian airstrikes on the Ukrainian capital city of Kyiv resumed Monday, July 8.

Approximately 12 explosions in the capital followed an air raid alert at approximately 10 a.m. Dozens of Russian missiles targeted civilian neighborhoods and critical infrastructure.

During a two-hour attack on the capital, 129 buildings were damaged including a clinic, a business center, residential buildings, and a children's hospital. The strike on Adonis Medical Center killed nine people, five of them medical workers. A maternity clinic in the same building was severely damaged.

In the Solomyanskyi neighborhood two floors of an office building were destroyed during an attack, leaving seven people dead. On a residential block in the Shevchenkivskyi neighborhood an entire unit collapsed, killing 14 people. In the same neighborhood, Russia targeted Ohmatdyt the largest children's hospital in Ukraine and one of the largest in Europe. A missile struck a toxicology building where children underwent dialysis, killing two people. Five medical units, including surgical, intensive care, oncology, and radiology, were severely damaged.

"Our unit doesn't exist anymore," said a physician of the Ohmatdyt Trauma Center in an interview with Kyiv24. "There are no walls. Everything is covered in blood. The worst part is that the missile struck the units of the hospital that were filled with children and medical workers."

At the moment of the attack, over 600 children were treated in Ohmatdyt. Hundreds of patients were

Status Report



PHOTO BY IRA BUCH

Russian air strikes on Kyiv July 8 targeted a medical center and maternity clinic and an entire entrance (center above) in a residential building, killing 14 people.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK Ira Buch

evacuated from their hospital wards with intravenous drips and chemo ports; some of them were moved to other medical centers in Ukraine. A nearby Center for Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery was damaged by shockwaves from the explosions. Children undergoing surgeries during the attack suffered glass injuries and were transferred to other medical centers.

Businesses, volunteer groups and individuals around the city organized in response to the destruction. Citizens from around Kyiv came to the damaged sites with food and water supplies. Hundreds of people came to the attacked medical facilities and residential buildings to rake up the debris. Volunteers organized "live circuits," where chains of people transported the supplies to the victims and evacuated patients and medical workers.

Following the attack, Tuesday, July 9, was pronounced a day of mourning by the Kyiv government. The emergency rescue operations were concluded on Wednesday, July 10, with 33 people, including five children, killed and more than 125 people injured in the capital.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy met with President Joe Biden on Thursday, July 11, at the NATO summit. Biden announced a new aid package and promised that the U.S. will continue to support Ukraine "every single step of the way."

Ira Buch is a rising senior at The Hotchkiss School who has returned home to Ukraine for the summer. She continues to write for The Lakeville Journal as an intern.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

guests of Morris Dennis at Pine Cone Camp.

A number of residents in the vicinity of Davis Ore Bed have been losing young chickens at the rate of 30 or shop for the handicapped, will benefit from this year's Old Railroad Days Celebration in Canaan. Proceeds from the railroad handcar rides and a benefit softball game will be given to the

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CORNWALL — July 10 marked the 35th anniversary of the destructive tornado that ripped through Cornwall Village and Mohawk Mountain in 1989. It resulted in more than \$2 million in damages and debris was carried as far as Bantam.

The annual Tour of the Litchfield Hills will take place Sunday, Aug. 4 for a day of bicycle racing. The longest distance competition, 100 miles, will start the day at 7 a.m. Races for 75, 55, 30 and 12 miles will begin at staggered times throughout the morning. All races start and end at Coe Memorial Park in Torrington. The deadline to register is Aug. 1 on www.tourofthelitchfieldhills.com

NORTH CANAAN - The Stop & Shop location on East Main Street was spared from a recent series of store closures in Connecticut. In total, 32 Stop & Shop locations across the state were shut down, including the one on Migeon Avenue in Torrington. While some were anxious the North Canaan store would be closed, it is believed to have stayed open because of the lack of nearby competition.

Need for gun safety and toned-down rhetoric

The attempted assassination of Trump, and the death of at least one innocent victim, again puts the need for robust common sense, gun safety laws in the mandatory-to-accomplish category. Yes, we need to tone down political rhetoric, but for sure that alone will not stop the use of guns for killing.

The facts speak for themselves: As of June 30 of this year alone, a total of 390 people have been killed and 1,216 people wounded in 302 shootings! Gun violence is already the leading cause of death in children. The availability of firearms is an also a significant factor in suicides. We are unique among nations for tolerating this sort of bloodshed.

Senator Chris Murphy has led the way. Last year Senate Democrats, with the help of 15 Republican Senators, passed the strongest gun safety legislation since the 1990s. It was a critical step but not enough.

Maybe, just maybe, the awareness that this country needs even stronger legislation will now occuracross the political spectrum and be passed into law. Clearly, none of us is immune.

Barbara Maltby Salisbury

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A clear call for unity In crucial things, unity. In

important things, diversity. In ALL things, generosity. George H. W. Bush

nity of spirit, of respect is being called for by both political parties and their leaders to handle the sobering reality of an assassination attempt on a campaigning Presidential candidate. A long period of distain, distrust, and disregard for the opinions/ believes of others has dominated the US. Rather than a nation of red, white, and blue, we have divided into Red states and Blue states. Animosity for "the other" has metastasized. A nation of diversity, the U.S. need not be a nation of citizens doing harm to one another, where fisticuffs and more are the means for meeting the strong opinions of others.

Trump and his campaign are stressing the need for the nation to unite. Biden made unity the foundation of his Sunday Oval Office address. Neither candidate is calling for Americans to disavow their strong notions of what

Open Space By Kathy-Herald Marlowe

and how the nation ought be, ought be governed. Rather they are calling for the expression of these differences to be tempered with civility, without violence or soupedup distain.

Americans of differing persuasions root for the same sports team, are inspired by the same performances and achievements — human genome, Caitlin Clark, touchscreen glass, online streaming. Today 97% of Americans have cellphones and TVs, 94% eat pizza on a regular basis, surprisingly only 25%

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Our Towns



Crowds meander through downtown Falls Village for a glimpse at classic cars.



A 1940 Plymouth PT-105 belonging to Debbie Hanlon of Sharon.

Falls Village roars with horsepower and heritage

By Patrick L. Sullivan and Kayla Jacquier

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show had a perfect summer day Sunday, July 14. Everywhere a car could

be parked, there was a car. Even at 10 a.m., down-

town was packed with show cars and spectators. Tom Janovitz of West

Chester, Pennsylvania, was explaining the operation of what appeared to be the world's oldest electric bike.

Built from scratch on an old H.B. Higgins frame, the machine operates as a traditional bicycle, but also has an electric motor.

Asked if the battery can be recharged by pedaling, Janovitz said no.

"It's not that sophisticated.

Walking up Main Street to the David M. Hunt Library, a visitor could stop and recharge with a bottle of ice-cold water from the Scouts and observe a woman dancing to "Sugar Sugar" by the Archies.

Given the single came out in 1969, it is a good bet that nobody has danced in public to "Sugar Sugar" in decades. At least not in Falls Village.

At the library, Jody Bron-

years. When Donaldson graduated high school in 1966 his grandfather, Windram "Win" Donaldson Jr., bought him a 1964 Oldsmobile 442 convertible as a graduation gift. The car was a sign it was time to "go steady" with his then-girlfriend, now wife, Kathy.

Elsewhere the following interesting vehicles were spotted:

A 1929 Model A Ford, with a "desert bag" holding an emergency water supply. On the information sheet under "special features" was the word "rust."

A 1940 Plymouth PT-105 pickup truck belonging to Debbie Hanlon of Sharon. The truck would be noteworthy for being in such wonderful condition, but it also bore the legend of Miller's Luncheonette in Findlay, Ohio. Findlay, Ohio is in turn notable for its annual Buzzard Day celebration every March 15.

And a 1959 Chevy Canopy Express, decked out for the weighing and selling of produce.

At 11:30 a.m. there were about 515 vehicles registered. The annual Car and Mo-

torcycle show hosted by the Jacobs family, owners of Jacobs Garage, always has an incredible turnout with many vehicles, motorcycles, and spectators. Volunteers from the Housatonic Valley FFA program help to direct traffic, shuttle visitors, and help the event run smoothly and efficiently. Proceeds from the event benefit the agricultural education program at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in turn for the support the FFA brings. Not only is the show about the vehicles, it allows the community to gather around one another with the ability to listen to a band, enjoy snacks from food trucks, and have friendly competitions between the vehicles.



Tom Janovitz explains the operation of what appeared to be the world's oldest electric bike.



son was sitting in the shade on the corner of Beebe Hill Road and Main Street.

His 1959 Willys Jeep wagon, complete with chainsaws and axes and other handy items, was occupying the prime real estate.

Bronson said when he arrived car show personnel tried to direct him further down Main Street but he resisted.

"I said I'm a local, I've done every one of these shows, and I just paid my taxes."

Owner Windram "Win" Donaldson IV from New Fairfield has been attending the Car Show for many



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A desert bag, to be used for emergency water supply, rests on the hood emblem of a 1929 Model A Ford. The information sheet for this antique automobile lists "rust" under the category of "special features."

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Jess Davis placed fourth in the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

Sports From Berkshire League to Team USA



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Lisa Duntz, left, presented a check for \$5,019.94 to Peter Gilbert at Satre Hill Tuesday, July 9.

Murphy Open funds go to new ski jump

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Tri-State Chamber of Commerce presented the Salisbury Winter Sports Association with a check for \$5,019.94 on Tuesday, July 9, at a decidedly non-wintry Satre Hill in Salisbury.

Behind Tri-State president Lisa Duntz and SWSA's Peter Gilbert were the ski jumps. SWSA is raising \$425,000 to rebuild the middle, 36-meter jump to line up with the big jump and the smallest jump.

That way, Gilbert said, SWSA will be able to better accommodate all ski jumpers.

SWSA is also installing a synthetic surface so ski jump instruction can be held yearround.

The group has raised

about \$200,000 thus far. The progress can be noted on the thermometer sign outside the Academy Building on Main Street.

The donated money is the proceeds from the Chamber's annual golf tournament, the Murphy Open.

The next SWSA fundraiser is comedian Ronnie Reed's "Friends from Work: 10 Years of Comedy" on Friday, July 26 at the Belted Cow at the Canaan Country Club. The show begins at 7 p.m., preceded by a one-hour open bar. Headlining the night of adult humor will be Jerrold Benford, joined by veteran comedians Anthony Zenhauser, Dan Geurin, Ronnie Reed and Corey Chapman.

For more information call the Canaan Country Club at 860-824-7683

By Riley Klein

BETHLEHEM — Nonnewaug High School alum Jess Davis is heading to the 2024 Olympic Games to represent Team USA in the modern pentathlon.

Davis hails from Bethlehem and punched her ticket to Paris after placing fourth in the modern pentathlon at the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile. She graduated from Nonnewaug in 2010 as a track and field star before attending Central Connecticut State University. While still a student, Da-

vis competed in pole vault for her high school and college track and field teams. She still holds the indoor record at CCSU with a cleared height of 2.90 meters, set in 2011.

and an elite equestrian mother, Davis continued to pursue athletic achievement as a graduate. She prioritized triathlon training before

been part of the Olympics since 1912.

There are five disciplines in the modern pentathlon: fencing, freestyle swimming, equestrian show jumping, pistol shooting, and cross country running. The combination event is designed to mimic the skills needed by a soldier.

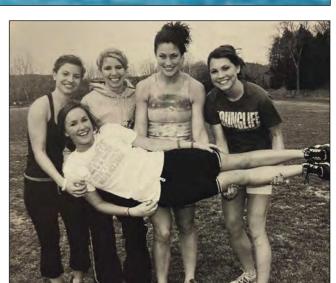
Davis will begin her Olympic career when the pentathlon's fencing round starts Aug. 8. The modern

pentathlon will conclude with a medal ceremony Aug. 11 on the final day of the Paris Games.

The 2024 Olympics will be the last time the modern pentathlon is included in its current form.

Controversy over the event erupted during the 2021 Tokyo Olympics when a German coach struck a horse that was not cooperating. The German coach was thrown out of the games, and so was show jumping.

The Olympic Committee is still reviewing acceptable alternatives to replace the equestrian portion of the event for 2028.



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PHOTO FROM 2010 NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL YEAR BOOK Jess Davis, mid-left, stands with fellow track and field athletes from Nonnewaug High School in 2010.

More swinging for SWSA Aug. 11

The Salisbury Winter Sports Association 17th Annual Golf Tournament and Pig Roast will be held Sunday, Aug. 11 at the Undermountain Golf Course, 274 Under Mountain Road, Copake, New York (rain date is Sunday, Sept. 15).

The 18 hole, two-person scramble event is open to

men's and mixed categories and is limited to 50 teams.

There will be two shotgun starts: one at 9 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. Players are encouraged to arrive early enough before tee time to sign in and buy raffle tickets. The entry fee is \$110 per

person and includes green fees, cart, on-course beverag-

es, lunch, on-course contests, awards and a pig roast dinner provided by the Sunday in the Country Food Drive.

Register and pay in advance by calling Trish at the Undermountain Golf Course at (518) 329-4444.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit SWSA youth skiing programs.

Above she is pictured in the fencing round, below in the 200m swim. With a triathlete father

gravitating to equine events. Combining her talents, Davis began competing as a modern pentathlete. The unique athletic event has

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roads of arts and activism with her feet firmly planted in both worlds.

"It's all very new," she mused, "but just this morning, going through my notes, I realized how much I've already learned, how much I've already done. I'm settling in, slowly but surely."

The shift for van Ginhoven might seem fast, but her path to activism is etched in her lineage. "I am the granddaughter of social justice warriors," she reflected, recounting stories of her grandparents who resisted during World War II.

This legacy, coupled with a personal awakening sparked by reading "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl Wu-Dunn, fueled her commitment to social justice. Of the book, van Ginhoven said, "That was, I would say, the beginning of my awakening of really owning my identity as an activist. And then that's just grown over the last 15,



PHOTO BY MICHAEL NANCOLLAS Kristen van Ginhoven is the new executive director of Project SAGE.

16 years."

Van Ginhoven began her career as an actor and then became a teacher. "And when I was a teacher, well, you do everything," she said. "So, I started directing and realized how much I loved it...and when I read the book, I was inspired to become a founder which led me to being a producing artistic director. I wear a lot of different hats in the art world."

Van Ginhoven co-founded the WAM Theatre in

HERBICIDE

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ignited concerns of residents and local leaders alike.

"The railroad's actions prior to July 1 were an example of the necessity to pass this legislation," said State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30).

Harding maintained that communicating with the HRRC has been a challenge since he assumed office. "This legislation became necessary because it became obvious to both Rep. Horn and myself that our constituents' voices and concerns were being completely ignored by the railroad," he explained, referencing State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), who pushed the bill forward with him.

After years of work to build a dialogue, Horn expressed disappointment that HRRC sprayed without prior notice.

"That's not part of the ingredients for good conversation," said Horn.

[the railroad was] taking in Connecticut were certainly not being done in Massachusetts."

Railroads are required by the Federal Railroad Safety Act to manage vegetation in track right-of-ways to mitigate fire risk, visual impairment for drivers, and both passenger and employee injury.

Spokesperson for the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Michael Cortez said that as it stands, herbicides are "the best and most efficient way of spraying via hirail vehicle" due to railroads' need to cover both their track beds and "adjacent right-ofways."

Cortez also noted that global warming has augmented the need for herbicide use on railways, since increased precipitation in recent years has accelerated vegetation growth. Locals also worry about the type of herbicides used by the railroads. According to Cortez, the MTA uses a mixture of five herbicides in its application program, including a chemical known as Method 240. The HRRC has not confirmed the specific composition of their herbicide mixture (as of July 16, there has been no response to several attempts to contact the railroad).

2010, a company dedicated to gender equity. Under her guidance, WAM blossomed, donating \$100,000 to 25 organizations fighting for girls' education, teen pregnancy prevention, and awareness of sexual trafficking, among others. The theater is having its 15th anniversary celebration on Aug. 18, a milestone van Ginhoven is very proud of. "I have so much faith in this new artistic team. They're energetic and really excited about the next chapter of WAM, so they're bringing the fresh energy there that I'm bringing to Project SAGE."

With the support of the staff and board, van Ginhoven's vision for Project SAGE is both ambitious and grounded. The next phase of growth will add a community space to the group's Lakeville building: a sanctuary for those in need complete with a kitchen, a living room, and a play area for children.

"The building is just so beautiful," said van Ginhoven. "And I've seen the plans for phase two. It's going to have more offices because we're kind of busting out of the seams here."

There will be a room dedicated to organizing Trade Secrets, the annual fundraiser for Project SAGE. There will also be several new positions for hire beginning in the fall, a shift that van Ginhoven is

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ney shared these thoughts: "To receive the Estabrook Community Leadership Award from The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News is a profound honor for my family. Having known Bob and Mary Lou and their dedicated devotion to this community and to making dependable news service a part of the community, we hope this will offer encouragement to all residents to continue this level of excellence. We still depend on volunteers for essential services: fire, ambulance, nurs-

COG

committed to, ensuring that

no one burns out and every-

one is equitably compensat-

"So, it's a few years away,"

she said of the phase two

completion, adding that one

of the reasons she was select-

ed for the role was to provide

a vision for the path ahead.

"I do think that my theater

skills will come in handy with

that. I used to tell women's

stories and now I'm a part of

women's stories. It feels dif-

ferent in a deeply meaningful

from her sun-filled office,

she paused to reflect on the

importance of one's environ-

ment. "I respond a lot to na-

ture, and beauty, and light,"

she said. Her new commute

from Lenox, Massachusetts,

is not a burden but a journey

through the landscape she

cherishes. "It's such a beau-

tiful drive," she said. "I'm

just really glad I didn't have

to move from this area that

I love so much to have a job

that is really meaningful and

utilizes the skills that I have,

and that will also challenge

is not just leading Project

SAGE; she is weaving her

story into its fabric, bring-

Kristen van Ginhoven

me in all the best ways."

Speaking to van Ginhoven

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"Our members do not pay a fee to be part of this authority. There is no financial obligation." Heaton-Jones said. "Our revenue essentially comes from our hauler registration fees, our permits, and our program fees."

Heaton-Jones offered a way for the 11 COG towns without a solution in place to join the HRRA. Those towns are Barkhamsted, Canaan/ Falls Village, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Winsted.

She said the growth would put a strain on HRRA's small team in the transition. The group would need to hire more staff, so a \$250 per town, per year fee, plus \$2 per ton of MSW and \$5 per ton of recycling, would likely need to be implemented on the new towns.

Heaton-Jones said these fees would end once the registration and permit revenues catch up to costs: "When the HRRA started in the late 80s, we had membership fees. That went away once the program fees were put in place and solid."

COG seemed receptive to the suggestion and entered a private executive session to review the proposal. No action was taken in the session and the idea will be discussed further in the August meeting.

America's 250th

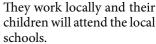
Connecticut is gearing up for numerous events in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Rachel Gonzalez, the Ad-

HABITAT

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Herrington and other donors, including Torrington Savings Bank, the Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, the Northwest Community Bank Foundation, and all the local individuals and businesses that contributed.



In the Habitat model, the organization retains the title to the home and the mortgage is zero interest. That means 100% of the homeowner's mortgage payment goes to paying off the loan

The toppling of King George III's statue will be the topic a CT250 event.

ministrative Assistant of CT Humanities informed the COG on community programming surrounding the occasion.

CT Humanities is coordinating activities and providing grants for 250th-related projects. They've awarded nearly \$160,000 for 13 projects and over \$2 million for capital improvements through their Good to Great fund.

Local communities are encouraged to form their own planning committees and submit events to include on the official CT 250 website calendar. "We do hope that organizations will work to tell inclusive stories that will enable Connecticut residents and visitors to see themselves in the nation's narrative. Hopefully trying to broaden the view of the story of the Declaration of Independence," said Gonzalez.

The commission is striving to create a celebration that reflects the nation's founding ideals. It has outlined four key themes: telling inclusive stories, considering the power of place, encouraging civic engagement, and "Doing History" or grounding events in an accurate historical context.

and New York their home,

my first contact here was Elyse Harney. Through Elyse and her family, I was welcomed and quickly felt connected to the community. I observed firsthand how the Harneys contribute and give back to this area with unwavering kindness,

commitment, and support. I invite you all to join The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News in celebrating their contributions." James Clark, the publisher

of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, said: "In creating the award, we honor the community spirit of Mary Lou and Robert Estabrook. During their tenure, the newspapers flourished, but they knew that independent, quality news was not the only way to serve the community. We continue today in the standard they set for community leadership." For more information, contact jubilee@lakeville-

ing light, joy, and a fresh perspective. "I'm a spiritual person," she shared. "I think there's something looking out for me."

Horn noted the new legislation was designed to match the regulations followed by HRRC in Massachusetts, which are based on federal **Environmental Protection** Agency guidelines of how and where herbicide can be used.

"These regulations were designed to improve quality of life," she said.

Kent Tree Warden Bruce Bennett, who co-founded the Housatonic Herbicide Working Group (HHWG) alongside Anna Timmel, Heidi Cunnick, and Woods Sinclair, said that the railroad ignored their complaints and attempts at contact until after bill 5219 was passed. Harding agreed, saying that it was only after he and Rep. Horn proposed the bill that the railroad "came to the table."

In addition to the new requirement of advanced notice for pesticide application alongside the implementation of yearly operational plans and broader vegetation management plans, the bill also follows Massachusetts regulations by limiting spraying near sensitive areas. This aspect of the legislations includes strict restrictions in proximity to water sources, wells, and agricultural land.

"The border should not dictate which environment and ecology gets damaged and which does not," explained Harding. The disparity in law between Connecticut and Massachusetts was a major impetus behind the bill he said, noting that "the indiscriminate measures

Complaints levied against the railroad's herbicide spraying go back at least as far as 1991, as illustrated by a New York Times article detailing the railroad's aspirations to bring passenger rail service back to the Northwest Corner. Bennett, however, maintained that the problem is not with the chemicals themselves, but with how they are used.

HRRC's unannounced herbicide spraying was legal, but it has reinforced a negative view of the railroad's willingness to cooperate.

When asked about potential renegotiations with the railroad and legislators, Harding replied, "for now it's the law." Moving forward, he plans to follow the guidance of the HHWG and his concerned constituents over anyone else.

Horn stated there could be a need to revisit the language of the bill to ensure the legislation is enforceable.

"We may need some more regulatory procedures to make this work," she said. "We want it to be clear and easy to follow."

ing, library and schools to name just a few. I have seen these and many other organizations that make life here so special grow through the time and talent our volunteers are able to offer. We welcome our new residents and urge them to share the joy of helping neighbors."

Jubilee chair, Matthew Patrick Smyth, added: "Like many of us who have made this corner of Connecticut

The house has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, and is roughly 1,150 square feet. The project took about 16 months, Wall said, starting with clearing the heavily wooded lot.

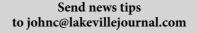
The site is connected to town water but has its own septic system.

A family on the affordable housing waitlist has been chosen to live in the home.

principal, which in turn means the monthly payments are considerably less than standard mortgages.

Every Habitat homeowner puts in at least 400 hours of labor on the home and related activities.

Habitat's next project is in Torrington. Once that is completed the crew will return to the Salisbury Road site and build the third home.



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Thru hikers linked by life on the Appalachian Trail

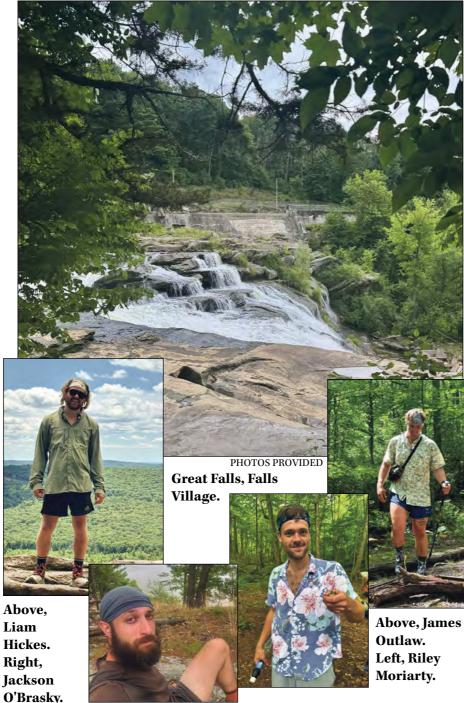
f thousands who attempt to walk the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, only one in four make it.

The AT, completed in 1937, runs over roughly 2,200 miles, from Springer Mountain in Georgia's Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest to Mount Katahdin in Baxter State Park of Maine.

While a thru hike often begins as a solitary pursuit, hikers weave into one another's lives on the journey. Hikers Liam Hickes, James Outlaw, Jackson O'Brasky, and Riley Moriarty -Hero, Outlaw, Rabbi, and White Claw as they are known on the trail - were strangers back in March but have now traveled together for months.

Before the trail, Moriarty - originally from Columbia, South Carolina - worked as a carpenter and lived in a yurt in Asheville, North Carolina. He went on a weekend long camping trip with friends and dreamed of a longer excursion in the woods.

Outlaw too craved adventure. Growing up in Atlanta, Georgia, he had hiked sections of the AT with his dad and always wanted to do the full trek. While working at a food truck in Boone, North Carolina, he decided to commit to the challenge. Hickes is also from Atlanta and had no idea the AT started in Georgia until reading author Andy M. Davidson's book "When Sunday Smiled." Inspired by the story of a retired Navy officer, he began to plan his own journey. Following service in the Marine Corps, he got on the trail as early as possible, hoping to be surrounded by fellow hikers. O'Brasky spent much of his life among crowds in the cities of Hartford and New York City and sought the wilderness as an escape. A painter by trade, he applied for the Elizabeth Greenshields Grant with a proposal to hike the AT. After losing his job, O'Brasky received the grant and embarked on this sixmonth quest. Life on the trail can be monotonous. "People romanticize thru hiking, but it's important to remember that it's just walking," said Outlaw. A night of burgers, beer,



and civilization is sure to lift spirits and remedy the backcountry blues. But mostly the hikers enjoy settling into the steady rhythm of a slower, quieter existence: taking siestas on hot days, letting thoughts wander, and gradually moving forward. "I get bored very easily, and I really have not been bored often out here," said O'Brasky. Throughout the journey, these individuals have confronted wildlife, weather, and rugged terrain: praying not to flip while rafting down the Shenandoah River, laughing in delirium through a North Carolina snowstorm, befriending wild ponies, and soaking up stories of strange characters they meet.

independently, deciding when to push and when to rest, but they camp together almost every night. Comradery makes the undertaking less daunting and memories more meaningful. "Being around others who want the same thing I want enhances everything," said Hickes. Chipping away at this objective bestows a rewarding sense of accomplishment. "It's always a big deal," said Moriarty, "30 miles was a big deal. 100 miles was a big deal. I was really impressed with myself. Now it's 1500, but it's the same kind of feeling."

As they approach Katahdin, minds wander to life post-trail. Hickes plans to start school in Louisiana with friends, while O'Brasky is unsure whether he will stay in New York City. Moriarty is considering joining the Coast Guard (though first he must figure out exactly what they do) and Outlaw is looking forward to a potential move to Colorado. While they will put down their packs — at least temporarily these men will carry willingness to be uncomfortable and determination to persevere wherever they go.



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The clambake returns to SWSA's Satre Hill July 27 to support the Jane Lloyd Fund.

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

17th Annual New England Clambake: a community feast for a cause

he 17th Annual **Traditional New** England Clambake, sponsored by NBT Bank and benefiting the Jane Lloyd Fund, is set for Saturday, July 27, transforming the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's Satre Hill into a cornucopia of mouthwatering food, live music, and community spirit.

The Jane Lloyd Fund, now in its 19th year, is administered by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and helps families battling cancer with day-to-day living expenses. Tanya Tedder, who serves on the fund's small advisory board, was instrumental in the forming of the organization. After Jane Lloyd passed away in 2005 after an eight-year battle with cancer, the family asked Tedder to help start the foundation. "I was struggling myself with some loss," said Tedder. "You know, you get in that spot, and you don't know what to do with yourself. Someone once said to me, 'Grief is just love with no place to go.' I was absolutely thrilled to be asked and thrilled to jump into a mission that was so meaningful for the community."

Disbursements from the fund are made upon the written recommendation of a social service agent, town social worker, hospice care provider, visiting nurse, counselor, or pastor. These funds must be used for dayto-day expenses such as mortgage, rent, insurance, utilities, heating oil, car payments, and transportation to and from doctor appointments or cancer treatment appointments. "We've never turned anyone away," said Tedder. "We have had to ask people to wait a little bit, but we have never said no, which in 19 years is amazing." Behind the scenes of the clambake, a team of 75 dedicated volunteers help make the event happen. Even getting the seafood from Fitchburg, Mass., to Salisbury is a journey all its own. "We meet up at the Mass Pike and do the switch," Tedder explained. "We clean the clams and

When the trail tests their resilience, they manage to sustain a gentle hum of optimism. A moment of sunshine can erase all recollection of the storm that soaked their belongings.

With everything they need in their packs tents, sleeping bags, three days' worth of food - they are not tied to societal expectations or any physical place. Each roams freely and

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his installment of The Ungardener was to be about soil health but I will save that topic as I am compelled to tell you about a book I finished exactly three minutes before writing this sentence. It is called "The Light Eaters." Written by Zoe Schlanger, a journalist by background, the book relays both the cutting edge of plant science and the outdated norms that surround this science. I promise that, in reading this book, you will be fascinated by what scientists are discovering about plants which extends far beyond the notions of plant communication and commerce — the wood wide web - that soaked into our consciousnesses several years ago. You might even find, as I did, some evidence for the empathetic, heart-expanding sentiment one feels in nature.

A staff writer for the Atlantic who left her full-time job to write this book, Schlanger has travelled around the world to bring us stories from scientists and researchers that evidence sophisticated plant behavior. These findings suggest a kind of plant 'agency' and perhaps even a consciousness; controversial notions that some in the scientific community have not been willing or able to distill into the prevailing human-centric conceptions of intelligence.

Plants exhibit behaviors that appear as variations of our own: they communicate, but using chemicals that are expelled through the air or soil. They have perceptual abilities that can be correlated, with



Dee Salomon

varying degrees, to our sound, feeling and sight, in some cases using the same or similar mechanisms as we do. The human body uses electrical currents, powered by electrolytes, to enable just about every bodily action — touch, movement, thought etc. Plants use this method as well.

We learn about a slug that from birth is programmed to find and eat a specific plankton. When it does, its color changes from its original brown to green and the slug is then able to photosynthesize, after which it never has to eat food for the rest of its life (is it now a plant or still an animal?) A vine whose leaves change shape to resemble those of the plant or plants it climbs on (can it 'see' and, if not, how does it know what to transform into?)

In researching and relaying these and other science-backed revelations, Schlanger calls into question the line drawn between the categories of animal and plant. We know that we exist in this world only because of plants, they create the air we breathe, they are the nutrients we eat. We are learning that our bodies contain a microbiome made up of bacteria, fungi and viruses that control much of our functioning. Yet hu manity seeks to control plants in ways that are often at cross purposes to our very existence. While retaining a journalistic dispassion,

she makes the case for science to surmount the hurdle that language poses in the pursuit of expressing new findings and posits a worldview that does not put humans at the center. Currently, the institutions surrounding science are

Cover of "The Light Eaters" by Zoe Schlanger.

researchers whose discoveries are at odds with prevailing findings are at risk of losing credibility, funding and even their

careers, often to find themselves (if they are still alive) proven correct decades later. Which calls into question the

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reliability of science's erstwhile indelibility and makes a case for systemic changes to the institutions that power the scientific community.

"Biological life is a spiraling diffusion of possibilities, fractal in its profusion."

Schlanger's observations and hypotheses can themselves appear as fractals of her revelatory reporting of plant discoveries. Like the shape-shifting entities she writes about she finds that she too has changed.

Perhaps you can relate. Plants can change us, and not just when we eat them. Looking at them, from both far and from close, they provoke awe and wonder. Time spent in the woods begets a sense of oneness and interconnectedness and has been proven to improve our well-being. Schlanger's book asks us to consider working with plants, to learn more about them and be open to the lessons they may have for us. After all, plants were here well before humans and have had more time to evolve. They may well be here after we are not. Who's to say they aren't really the ones running the show?

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.

designed to be circum spect in their effort to ensure that findings are not just correct but indelibly reliable; a base to be built on by other scientists. Scientists and

...Clambake

bag them...all with volunteers from the community." Because of the generous sponsors and volunteers, all the money raised is donated. "Like the lady who does the flowers for the event," said Tedder. "She decorates the tables and the tents, and she goes to Salisbury Garden Center, and they say, 'Take what you need and bring it back when you're done.' It's wonderful that everyone knows what we do and why we're doing what we're doing — it's for such a good cause and there's such a big need."

The clambake meal tickets are your golden key to this feast, but fear not if seafood isn't your thing. There will be a variety of options, including hamburgers,

hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, clam chowder, and vegetarian options. And let's not forget the dessert table of community-contributed delights, and an ice cream experience that promises to satisfy any sweet tooth. There will also be live music at The Music Circle with Eliot Osborn and Friends of The Joint Chiefs.

The actual clambake is quite the spectacle. Said Tedder, "The guys build a kiln out of wood with river rocks in the middle. They light it on fire until the rocks get really, really hot. Then they pull away the wood, cover the hot rocks with seaweed, and put bags of corn, clams, potatoes, and lobsters on top. It's covered with large wet tarps and steams for

about 40 minutes. After that, we have four teams of servers who serve 350 people."

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Tedder shared that her favorite part of the event is getting up to thank everyone. "It's nerve-wracking, but it comes from my heart," she said. "The most meaningful thing is that I get to read notes from people that have written in to say thank you and what it's meant to them. It's heart-wrenching in such a positive way because they say things like, 'I wasn't going to live and the Jane Lloyd Fund gave me hope, it gave me a reason to live. It's incredible how deeply we touch someone's life."

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HISTORY: EMMA BENARDETE

Freedom rings at Eric Sloane Museum

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ommunity members gathered Saturday, July 6 for the Eric Sloane Museum's annual bell-ringing ceremony in observance of Independence Day.

The Eric Sloane Museum in Kent celebrates the work of the late Eric Sloane, a Connecticut artist and author. In addition to his works, the museum also displays a series of tools which Sloane collected. According to the museum's page on the State of Connecticut's official website, "Sloane himself arranged and labeled his extensive collection, telling a fascinating story about bygone times and the great American heritage of craftsmanship."

Museum Curator and Administrator Andrew Rowand began the ceremony by introducing the history of bell-ringing as an American tradition. He explained that Sloane, along with **Connecticut** author Eric Hatch, wanted to revive an old American tradition of ringing bells on Independence Day to commemorate the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

"They wanted to get back to the idea that bells were a sound of peace rather than fireworks, which were construed as a sign of war and a sign of violence," Rowand said.

Sloane and Hatch campaigned to garner official recognition for the tradition. On June 26, 1963, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution en



PHOTOS BY EMMA BENARDETE

Margaret Gankofskie, the daughter of the late governor John Dempsey, was the first to ring the bell at the ceremony.

ing of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence ... Now, therefore be it Resolved ... that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o'clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th day of July..." the resolution reads. According to Rowand, the

museum held a virtual bell-ringing ceremony on July 4 in addition to the one on July 6.

In 1964, Sloane and Hatch continued to display their enthusiasm for bells by publishing a book titled "The Little Book of Bells." In 1968, Sloane published another bell book titled "The Sound of Bells."

During the July 6 ceremony, after giving his introduction, Rowand read the preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Visitors then took turns ringing the bell outside the museum. The first to ring it was

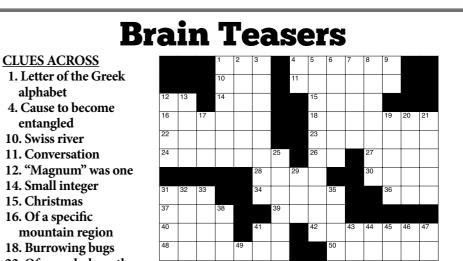
Margaret Gankofskie, the daughter of the late Connecticut governor John Dempsey, who served

from 1961 until 1971. In addition to attending the ceremony, Gankofskie donated a bell which she inherited from her parents to the museum. The bell was gifted to Dempsey by Sloane and Hatch in 1963, and is engraved with the phrase "Let Freedom Ring," as well as the governor's name, the year and "From the two Erics."

Hatch.

Gankofskie donated a bell gifted to her father by Eric Sloane and Eric The museum has more special programming planned for the remainder of the summer, including a blacksmithing workshop July 28 and a spoon-carving workshop Aug. 10. The museum will

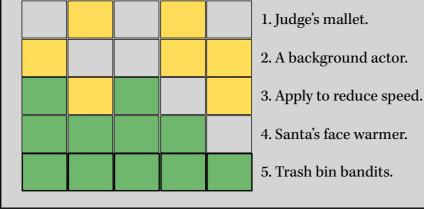
also host two TradesUp youth programs for participants 10-17, including a plumbing-based workshop and a painting and drywall workshop.



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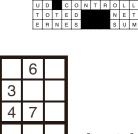


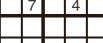
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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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JULY 19

Family Movie Night! The One and Only Ivan

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon (On the Green), 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Join us "after-hours" at the library for a special Family Movie Night! Wear your pj's, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and watch The One and Only Ivan with us on our big main floor projection screen. Movie snacks will be provided. Registration Required! hotchkisslibrary.libcal. com/event/12575667

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 is 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

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. Who is to take care of what and how do you do it so we can maintain our town's iconic beauty. Bruce has been the tree warden for Kent for 36 years, founded and operated Kent Greenhouse for 40 years and has been the Assistant Cornwall Tree Warden for 2 years. He wants people to have the opportunity to learn best practices and how to get it done.

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.

Pizza Party

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 against the backdrop of Haystack Mountain. Food and drinks available for purchase or bring your own snacks. Come hike, bike and explore Norfolk's local attractions then relax and party on the Plaza!

JULY 23

Start Writing Your College Application Essay!

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org There will be an essay

JULY 25

Annual Bat Talk & Count

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Join Devaughn Fraser, a CT DEEP wildlife biologist and a specialist in bats, to learn more about bats on Thursday, July 25. The event, sponsored by the Salisbury Association Land Trust and the Scoville Memorial

Library (SML), will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants should bring lawn chairs, bug spray, and flashlights. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Wardell Room at the SML and will not include a bat count. Registration is appreciated. For more information and to register, please contact

www.scovillelibrary.org.

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Songwriting with Natalia

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Join us on Thursdays July 25 and August 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., to write your own song with singer songwriter Natalia Zukerman. Natalia will guide us through the songwriting process as we brainstorm to write lyrics, create our own melodies by listening to the natural pitch and rhythm of speech, and develop song parts including verse, chorus, and bridge. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/12718645

JULY 27

Free Outdoor Pilates Mat Classes

Near the flagpole at Community Field, Lakeville, Conn.

Discover the Essentials of Pilates! On July 27, at 8 a.m., join Suzanne Oliver, owner of Lakeville Pilates at 350 Main St., for an energizing Pilates mat class in the great outdoors. Perfect for beginners and experienced practitioners, this class will cover the foundational exercises of Pilates.

Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot by sending an email to lakevillepilates@gmail. com



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Transfer Station mural

North Canaan artist Cheri Johnson completed a colorful recycling-inspired mural at North Canaan Transfer Station last week. Johnson began the project in April to transform the old yellow shipping container. The new mural welcomes visitors by highlighting the benefits of recycling.

ART: COLLEEN FLYNN

Upstate Art Weekend at the Wassaic Project

WASSAIC — On Saturday, July 20, the Wassaic Project will participate in the Upstate temporary exhibits and other creative projects. From noon until midnight on Saturday, Peck. "Rainbow Trout invites viewers to engage in an arm-wrestling challenge, with the oppor-

ready to discuss. To learn more and to register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/12343566

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

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 writing workshop with Liz Stucke and Karen Vrotsos at the Scoville Memorial Library on July 23 and 30 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Register at www. scovillelibrary.org

JULY 24

Watercolor on Location with Peter Cusack

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

On 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from July to August, 10 a.m. to noon, sketch outdoors or indoors with guidance from Peter Cusack.

Register at www. scovillelibrary.org Art Weekend (UPAW).

UPAW takes place in ten different counties in the Catskills and Hudson Valley from Thursday, July 18-Sunday, July 21. This year the event has expanded to over 145 participants, including local art organizations, galleries, museums, people of all ages can visit the Wassaic Project and see all of the participating artists. Maxon Mills, Gridley Chapel lawn, Luther Barn and The Lantern will be hosting art pieces.

At Maxon Mills visitors can "Arm Wrestle 4 A Popsicle" with Katie tunity to win a playfully flavored trout-inspired popsicle if defeated," the Wassaic Project's website says.

There will be a schedule of times on https:// www.wassaicproject. org/ to see and reserve space for certain activities.



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Our Towns

Kent P&Z reviews unlicensed motor business, cannabis regulations

By Sadie Leite

KENT — On July 11, Kent Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting to discuss the illegal business status of a current applicant seeking an extension to a lot on Bridge Street. The applicant, Guy Mauri and Jason Doornick with Motoriot, failed to achieve certain permits from the Sewer Commission and the Fire Department.

Mortoriot is a vintage car company that sells historical vehicles. For the Bridge Street site, the owners expect to have 15 to 20 cars at a time. There have been issues with plans for the parking lot, in that the amount of spaces for cars is inconsistent across applications to P&Z.

Tai Kern, Land Use Clerk said, "Every month it seems like there's such great hope that they're gonna just come in and wrap it up that you'd hate to shut them down."

Kern said she made it clear to them that after next month, the nature of site plan approvals would leave the applicant with no more room for delay. They will be denied for "lack of information."

Motoriot has also run into issues with the Sewer Commission. Concerns over the content of the company's waste is of interest due to the nature of a motor vehicle business.

Currently, the applicant's business is operating without a state license in Kent. Motoriot has locations in other towns. The Sharon location is also unlicensed.

P&Z member Sarah Chase expressed the commission's pro-business stance while acknowledging that Motoriot has had a hard time getting approvals.

Kern said she would send the applicant a letter with the commission's concern, warning a "cease and dismiss order" if the permits are not sorted out. Thus, a motion passed for the extension approval, and the Commision will return to the application next month, Aug. 8.

Kern advised P&Z to reconsider its definition of new cannabis regulations effective July 1, 2024.

The current "very light" definition only addresses retail licenses. Kern suggested expanding the regulations to include manufacturing and farming. She also suggested creating clear distinctions between THC and CBD.

The change will help the commission better regulate the new industry as businesses apply for licensure.



State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), pictured in dunk tank, got dunked at 45 On Main's birthday party.

45 On Main turns one

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On a sunny Saturday, July 13, 45 On Main - Coffee Chocolate & Creamery in Kent celebrated its first birthday.

Music, Games, and entertainment brought in friends and customers of all ages.

By far, the main attraction was the dunk tank with the opportunity to dunk a variety of well-known locals.

Kent Library's Sarah Marshall was the first dunkee, followed by State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), and then First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer. All were happily dunked and cheered the delighted "dunkers."

All funds from the event went to support the Kent Food Bank.

suggested changes.

Further public hearings raised additional concerns,

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SALISBURY — "Let's al drinks and pizza will be Dance for Housing" is a dance party that will happen Thursday, Aug. 1, at the White Hart Inn from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. The event will benefit homeownership in Salisbury through the Salisbury Housing Trust, which since 2002 has provided 16 homes in Salisbury for families who live, work or volunteer in town. Four more homes are slated to be made available soon.

DJ Dave Leonard, who started WKZE years ago, will return to town to provide music from Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones, Beatles and more. The first drink is on the Trust, and any addition-

Subdivision application withdrawn for second time

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN -The application to subdivide land along the Housatonic River has been withdrawn for the second time.

The River Woods project, also known as the Honey Hill project, was originally submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2023. The initial proposal to create 20 lots suitable for building was withdrawn after three public hearings and then resubmitted in 2024 with

prompting a change in the plan to create a cul-de-sac as opposed to a two-entry road. North Canaan regulations limit the number of lots on a dead-end road to 10. In order to create 20 lots, the applicant (Allied Engineering on behalf of owner Bruce McEver) applied for a text change to the town regulations.

A public hearing was held for the text change in Town Hall May 30. P&Z discussed the requested change at a regular meeting June 10 and decided to do more research.

Before P&Z could revisit the topic, Allied Engineering withdrew the application.





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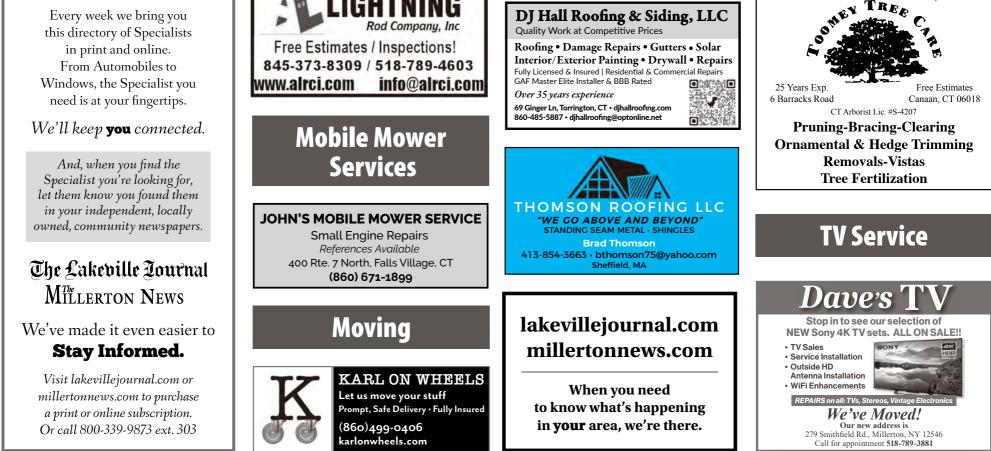
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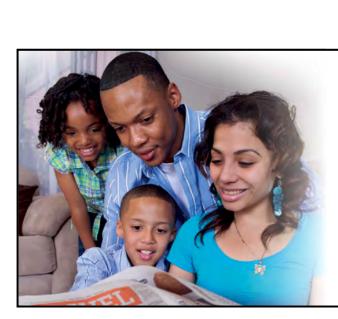
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