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

Teen brings nationwide special needs tennis program to Hotchkiss

By Debra A. Aleksinas

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School is launching a new tennis club in early September, introducing a five-week course at its Mars Athletic Center that provides specialized therapeutic tennis instruction for participants ages 5 to 18 with autism spectrum disorders.

The program, initiated by 17-year-old Eleni Kontokosta, a rising senior and stand-out tennis player, is a collaboration between the school and an accredited national nonprofit, ACEing Autism.

According to its mission statement, the organization's goal is to "help children with autism to grow, develop and benefit from social connections and fitness through



PHOTO PROVIDED

Eleni Kontokosta, 17, is starting an ACEing Autism program at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, where she will enter her senior year in the fall.

Since its founding in 2008, the organization has evolved into a volunteer-driven program which from 2022 to 2023 held 131 programs and saw 3,578 registrations throughout 27 states that have an ACEing Autism location. Lakeville is the fourth established program location in Connecticut, joining Ellington, North Haven and the

affordable tennis programming, uniquely meeting individual needs while filling a national void for this growing and underserved population."

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Black bear sightings and encounters have increased throughout Connecticut in 2024. The Northwest Corner in particular has seen a steep rise in bear population.

Weighing waste solutions for the Northwest Corner

By Jennifer Almquist

Towns across the state have until June 30, 2027, to come up with a plan to either secure alternative waste management services or transition to a regional waste authority.

Connecticut residents produce 3.5 million tons of trash annually, yet the state only has capacity for

2.7 million tons, according to Jennifer Heaton-Jones, director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA). Heaton-Jones said it takes 125,000 truck trips to move our 3.5 million tons of waste to existing facilities and 29,000 more trucks to move the excess out-of-state.

Since the closure of the trash-to-energy plant in Hartford,

the extra garbage, 860,000 tons worth, is shipped out-of-state annually to landfills in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Trash that is currently received by the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) Torrington transfer station is consolidated onto transfer trailers and de-

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Annual clambake combines good times with good cause

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Jane Lloyd Fund annual clambake went off smoothly Saturday, July 27.

Some 30 volunteers showed up the evening before to set up the tents and tables.

The clambake professionals from Turners Falls Schuetzen Verein in Gill, Massachusetts, led by the towering Ray Zukowski, were a little behind schedule on getting the fire lit, so a reporter whiled away the time by wandering around and learning things such as:



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Ray Zukowski, left, and one of the clambake professionals prepare the seafood for cooking at the Jane Lloyd Fund annual clambake Saturday, July 27.

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Bear encounters reach new high as population booms

By Nathan Miller

Overtaken trash cans, ransacked birdfeeders and injured dogs have become an all-too-common occurrence in the Northwest Corner as the local bear population continues to grow rapidly.

Black bears in Connecticut have made a comeback. Prior to the late '80s they had completely disappeared in the state. In the '90s and into the 2000s, sightings became more common as the population re-established itself. Now, DEEP Wildlife Director Jenny Dickson

says the black bear population is reaching record highs.

While Connecticut's bear population is still significantly smaller than Massachusetts or New York, bears in the state are about three times more likely to have negative encounters with people or be struck by cars on roads, according to DEEP's 2024 annual report.

Black bears are thriving in Connecticut broadly, and in the Northwest Corner specifically, for several reasons. First, Dickson says,

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Salisbury P&Z OKs plan for two affordable homes

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Salisbury Housing Trust's application to build two affordable homes at 26 and 28 Undermountain Road at a special meeting Thursday, July 11.

The vote was 4-1, with Chair Michael Klemens, Vice Chair Cathy Shyer, Bob Riva, and alternate Danella Schiffer voting yes and

Allen Cockerline voting no.

The approval specifies that what became known as "Option 2" during the public hearing is what the commission approved. Option 2 has two houses, open space at the rear of the parcel, and eliminates the informal public parking at the front of the parcel.

The next step is a town meeting to approve the transfer of the town-owned property to the Housing Trust.

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Falls Village approves school repairs

Voters accepted an appropriation of up to \$82,900 for repairs to part of the roof at the Lee H. Kellogg School at town meeting Tuesday, July 9. 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.

Failure to obey Stop sign

On Monday, July 22, at approximately 10 a.m. Robert Marks, 54, of Sharon was eastbound on Route 44 in North Canaan in a 1999 Volkswagen Passat. Patrice Onaitis, 72, of Canton was eastbound on West Main Street approaching a Stop sign in a 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe and failed to stop. The Hyundai struck the Volkswagen. Both vehicles received damage but were driven from the scene. Onaitis was issued a written warning for failure to obey a Stop sign.

Failure to appear cases

On Tuesday, July 23, three individuals were in custody for failure to appear in court, 2nd degree. Rebecca Ackerman, 30, of North Adams, Massachusetts, was taken into custody on Daisy Hill Road in North Canaan without incident.

First Friday music in Salisbury

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Aug. 2 at noon. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m.

This month's program will feature soprano Jennifer Marshall Baranowski and mezzo soprano Emily Levin singing a selection of favorite opera duets. Music Director David Baranowski will accompany on piano. The event is free.

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Taking home double honors

Hailey Platt, 14, of Southbury, poses with Paris, her winter Holstein calf that was overall all-breed champion on Sunday, July 28 at the Jack Brown Fair in East Canaan. Paris also was the overall winner in the Holstein breed category.

Fire devastates Kemmerer Farm

By Josie Duggan

STANFORDVILLE — A fire destroyed two hay barns and all the farming equipment at Kemmerer Farm here on Thursday, July 18.

Fire companies from Stanfordville, Millbrook and other neighboring towns fought hard to contain the fire, but they couldn't stop it from devastating the property. Investigators have not released the cause.

John Kemmerer owns the 100-year-old farm which is foundational to the area's agricultural history and setting. It was named one of two Century Farms at the New York State Agricultural Soci-



PHOTO BY JOSIE DUGGAN

Kemmerer farm lost two barns and all equipment.

ety's annual meeting in 2023. A GoFundMe has been set up to benefit the Kemmerers. Wendy Burton, supervisor of the Town of Stanford, calls upon the community for support for the Kemmerers during this challenging time.

In a message to the community she wrote: "Now is the moment we can come together as a community and give back to this remarkable family. Together we can ease the burden of this terrible event for the Kemmerers."

Registration open for WEDC job fair

By Debra A. Aleksinas

WINSTED — Organizers of a fall job fair, open to all business sectors in the region, are currently accepting registrations for the event.

The Sept. 26 job fair, sponsored by the Winchester Economic Development Commission (WEDC) and its partner sponsors, will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. at the American Mural Project, 90 Whiting Street in Winsted, where a 120-foot long, five-story high mural stands as a tribute to American workers.

Registration to reserve a table, at \$50 per company, is required by Friday, Sept. 20. Set up is 2 p.m. and tables and chairs will be provided. Space is limited and early registration guarantees

position and promotion of companies' participation.

Partnering with the WEDC, in addition to the American Mural Project, are the Connecticut Department of Labor, Connecticut State Community College-Northwestern, Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce and the town of Winchester.

Businesses can reserve space at bit.ly/EDCJobFair2024. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Winchester, with "Job Fair" on the memo line and mailed to Terry Hall, Town of Winchester, 338 Main St., Winsted, CT 06098. For more information, contact Alan Colavecchio at 860-379-9893 or email alancolavecchio@gmail.com.



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Tangled Lines: Behind the scenes

The fishing column comes to life in film. Learn how the lines get tangled by watching the Tangled Lines video on Instagram @lakevillejournal

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Academy Building bat population going strong

By Sava Marinkovic

SALISBURY — Devaughn Fraser loves bats, and she wants you to love them, too.

Fraser, a mammalian biologist with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), vowed to “change some minds” about the oft and unfairly maligned flying mammals at the third annual Bat Talk and Count on Thursday, July 25, in Salisbury.

“Bats aren’t flying rats, they don’t want to drink your blood, and they don’t get stuck in your hair,” Fraser informed the audience gathered at Salisbury’s Scoville Memorial Library, eager to dispel myths surrounding her favorite animal. “If one does swoop close to your head, it was probably saving you from that mosquito that was about to land on you.” In fact, all of Connecticut’s nine bat species eat only insects, and bats’ nationwide contribution to pest control is estimated to have an “eco-



Fraser during the lecture, pointing to the big brown bat, the species being observed.

PHOTOS BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

nomomic value in the billions.”

However, nearly 50% of bat species are at risk of serious population decline within the next fifteen years, according to Fraser. A ma-

nor contributing factor to this decline is the stateside appearance of white-nose syndrome, a deadly fungal disease, in 2006. “New York was ground zero for white-

nose,” said Fraser. The disease was first attested in Connecticut in 2008, and only recently in Fraser’s native California.

On the west coast, management of emergent white-nose syndrome could involve preventive measures such as vaccines. In Connecticut, by contrast, the long-afflicted bat population already seems to be showing signs of adaptation, making habitat protection, technical assistance — by way of public education, land trusts, etc. — and population monitoring the preferred methods of mitigation.

To that end, and as the sun was nearly setting, the



Academy Building at night as bats are emerging.

flock of newly-conscripted bat sympathizers was armed with flashlights and clickers and led from the library to Salisbury’s Academy Building.

The Academy Building’s attic is the summer home of a colony of big brown bats — Connecticut’s most common cave bat species — and since 2022 Fraser has led local volunteers in an annual count of the colony’s population.

It’s possible, according to Fraser, that the colony roosting there represents an unbroken lineage of mothers and daughters stretching back to the attic’s very first inhabitants. “Some bat species can live up to forty years,” said Fraser, “and they return to the same roosts every sum-

mer.” Loyal to their origins, female offspring will then summer in the roosts of their mothers for generations.

As bats emerged, tumbling and diving, from beneath the Academy Building’s eaves to begin their nocturnal forage, volunteers tallied sightings and jogged the building premises seeking hotspots of activity. All-clicked, the population count came to 28, representing a relatively stable population based on prior counts.

Affording the rare opportunity to explore a winter bat cave, DEEP will be holding Bat Appreciation Day at Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine in East Granby, Connecticut, on Sunday, Sept. 15.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Grandview Farm at 234 Gay Street is situated on 28 acres with expansive western views and sunsets. Built as a barn in the 1920’s it has been recently restored and a salt water pool added. In June the property sold for \$2,042,500.

June real estate sales in Sharon

By Christine Bates

SHARON — There were only four sales in Sharon recorded by the town clerk in the month of June ranging in price from \$295,000 for a condo on Upper Main Street to \$2,042,500 for Grand View Farm. There were 23 single family homes available for sale during June 2024, higher than in 2023 or 2022, but far fewer than the 36 listed in June of 2021. Only transactions with a monetary value are included below while transfers without consideration are excluded. Recorded sales dates typical-

ly lag actual closing dates by several days.

Transactions

474-478 Route 7 — Two residential buildings on 29 acres with water front were transferred in a family sale by Michael W. Jones to Samuel W. Jones for \$700,000.

4 Upper Main Street, Unit 3 — 2 bedroom/2bath condo sold by Martal Woodhead Trustee to Sandra G. and Peter K. Oliver Trustees for \$295,000.

9 Vanishing Brook Lane — 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 4.56 acres sold by Danforth and Elizabeth Newcomb to Garrett W. Thel-

ander for \$980,000.

234 Gay Street — 3 bedroom/2 bath restored barn sold by Ana Maria Pimentel and Roderick Hood to Anthony Antonucci and Joanne Mackenzie for \$2,042,500.

* Town of Sharon real estate sales recorded as sold between June 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024 provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Kent expands town food bank

By Sadie Leite

KENT — At the Kent Board of Selectmen meeting on July 24, the selectmen were enthusiastic about the Social Services Quarterly Report from Director of Social Services Samantha Hasenflue.

BOS highlighted The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), which is a new federal program organized by CT Foodshare. Kent Food Bank can now receive a wider variety of goods and give them to more people.

Hasenflue explained, “When somebody comes and they’re not from the town of Kent but they still need food we can offer them TEFAP food, instead of turning them away.”

Swift House

There was tension around Swift House, despite recent progress.

The Swift House Committee has not met since their last meeting on June 26. Selectman Glenn Sanchez explained that he is thankful for Swift House progress after the

July 1 BOS meeting in which the board members decided to pursue a \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for renovations.

Sanchez wondered what was next for the Task Force, besides an intended report due Aug. 15 for the BOS which will outline focus groups looking to use the space.

Lindenmayer said, “My view is that the Swift house task force has served its purpose at that point.”

Part of the grant proposal includes relocating the Kent Food Bank from the Community House to the Swift House.

Task Force Chair Zanne Charity talked about several concerns outlined in a letter sent to the BOS. For instance, she said equipment stored by the food pantry would cause excess wear to the historic building’s features. She suggested it be moved to the ambulance garage instead.

Lindenmayer could not accept her letter because she signed it as chair without meeting with the Task Force beforehand. She offered it as an interested citizen instead.

Fire Marshal

Lindenmayer made a motion to appoint Stanley Macmillan Jr. as the new fire marshal. It passed with all in favor.



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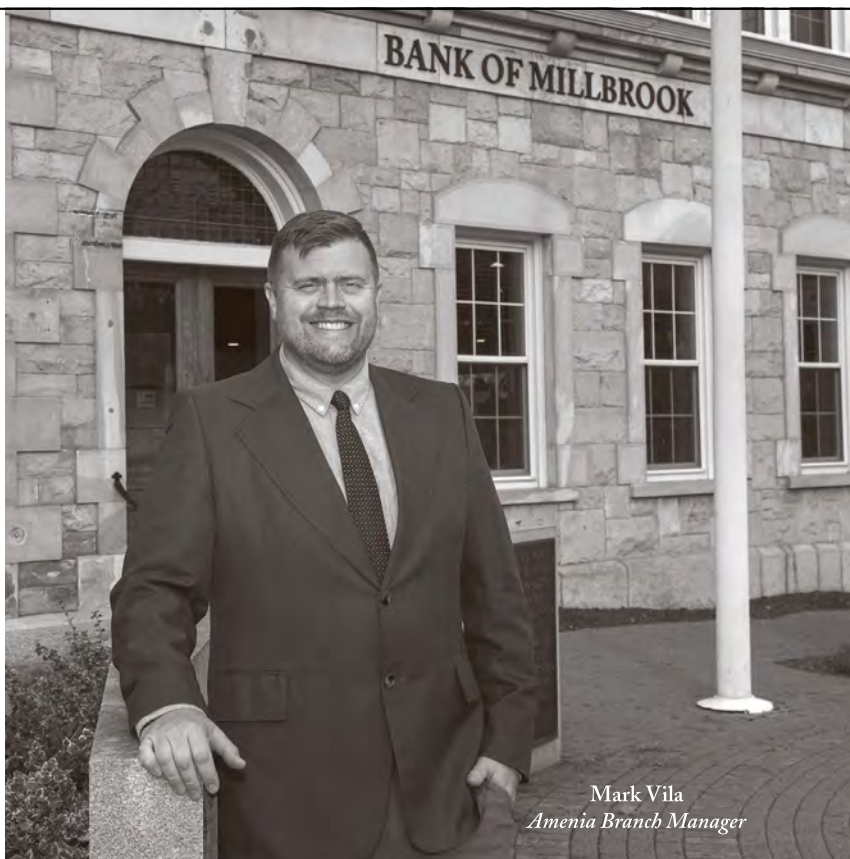


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Making memories at EXTRAS summer camp

By Mia Barnes

SALISBURY — At Salisbury's Town Grove, backpacks are scattered across the ground as campers from the EXTRAS program arrive eager for their afternoon activities.

EXTRAS, which stands for Extended Time for Recreational Activities in Salisbury, is a state-licensed child care program run out of Salisbury Central School. The non-profit offers full year care, creating programming for students after school and during school breaks.

The program is run by Director Alex Baker and Assistant Director Sheila DePaola. DePaola, originally from Rochester, New York, was working in Amenia through Americorps when she met Baker. The two focused a lot of their efforts at the North East Community Center in Millerton before moving on to AHA camp in Canaan, and now EXTRAS. This is Baker's third year and DePaola's second.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Above, campers kayak in the Twin Lakes. Right, a group session unites the camp.

The camp, which runs for seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., is completely full for the summer. This year, they are hosting campers from three states and close to 10 towns. Campers range in grade from K-6 or 5-12 years old and there are about 45 campers per day.

The mornings are spent at SCS before moving over to the town ballfields and then the Grove. At the ballfields,

teen helpers run games for the campers, ranging from soccer and basketball to water balloon fights and chalk drawing competitions.

In an effort to engage more with the community, EXTRAS has partnered with the Recreational Department. With the help of Lisa McAuliffe and Stacy Dodge, campers receive free swim lessons and access to boating activities, most of which are

a new experience to the kids. "It is really special to watch campers try something they've never done before," Baker said.

When asked about the decision for the program to run year round, Baker said "It allows single parents and working families to keep their employment." DePaola agreed, adding that "it is also one of the most affordable child care options



in the area."

EXTRAS receives funding from various grants and donations, but largely from fundraising. Most recently they sold hotdogs at the Town Grove Fourth of July event. In late August they will be partnering with the Great Falls Brewery for trivia night. A portion of the money that is raised will go directly toward the program.

Though in its 36th year of operation, "it doesn't feel like it's changed a lot," Baker said. "But I think that's a nice thing." He was an intern for the program in 1997 and prides himself on directing a program that is so community oriented.

"This is about the community," Baker remarked, "we are all helping to raise these kids together."

'Skyhunters' swoop into Cornwall for live bird presentation

By Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — Master falconers Brian and Teddy Bradley brought their "Skyhunters in Flight" program to the Cornwall Library Friday, July 26.

This was the second of two summer camp sessions offered by the library for kids in grades one through four. The Bradleys have more than 30 years of experience raising and training predatory birds and brought a varied group of nocturnal and daytime hunters.

They started with two nocturnal hunters, a Great Horned Owl and a Barn owl.

"Birds are a most important part of nature ... they protect the environment and maintain balance by control of other species numbers," Mr. Bradley told the kids. "They eat sick animals helping stop disease that would effect a species of land animals ... and control numbers of creatures that might over-populate."

Birds circulated among the kids, giving them an up-close and fascinating look at the aviators.

Nocturnal hunters operate by their hearing more than sight and the Great Horned Owl had been trained that the sound of a clicker meant a nice treat. Brian made the "click" and the owl immediately flew to him for a meaty treat. A Harris's Hawk even responded to its name, "Rip," and when the kids shouted "Rip" in unison the hawk flew from Teddy to Brian in a dash.

The presentation was informative, educational, and thoroughly enjoyable.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Above, one of Brian Bradley's owls swoops to his hand. Top right, a hawk in flight. Below, an owl rests on his handler's arm at the bird demonstration at Cornwall Library, July 26.



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of Salisbury, Connecticut on July 22, 2024:
 Approved with Conditions - Application 2024-IW-012 by Allied Engineering Assoc., INC. to construct an outdoor sports court, two sheds, and a fenced in area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 68 as lot 06 and is known as 42 Slater Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Tara and Edward Frischling.
 Approved with Conditions - Application 2024-IW-016 by Hotchkiss School to dredge an area with significant sediment deposits. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 06 as lot 08 and is known as 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville.
 Exempt - Application 2024-IW-026 by Brian Neff for a septic system replacement. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 09 as lot 28 and is known as 202 Belgo Road, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Carla Aranda and Pablo Novoa.
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Come to The Journal's third annual Street Fair Aug. 10 in Salisbury

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News will host our third annual Street Fair on Academy Street in Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This community celebration features more than 30 area nonprofits, live music, food, children's face painting and more.

Danny Tieger will perform a special musical set for children at noon and Northwest Passage will perform afterward. Mortal Beasts & Deities will show off their stilt-walking prowess throughout the event.

The Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary will sell burgers and dogs. Other food vendors include Cousins Maine Lobster, Great Cape Baking and Crepe Royale.

In addition, Salisbury merchants will host their annual Tent Sale in downtown Salisbury from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit Honeychurch Home, Johnnycake Books, Karen LeSage Fine Art, Rosemary Rose Finery and Salisbury General Store for discounts, clearance and discontinued items.

The Salisbury Association will be open all day with their latest exhibit on The Corner Food Pantry which provides food to individuals and families in the tri-state area. The Association will also distribute information on volunteering in our community.

Academy Street will be closed beginning at 10 a.m. for the duration of the Street Fair. Parking for Labonne's will be accessible via Library Street.

Thanks to our sponsors — NBT Bank, Harney & Sons Fine Teas and Sharon Lawn & Landscape.

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Connecticut must fix its housing crisis

Amidst an overwhelming affordable housing crisis, Connecticut is ranked the worst place in the nation for renters.

As housing costs rise more quickly than incomes, the state has a shortage of over 92,000 homes affordable to low-income individuals and families, while over half of the state's renters pay more than 30% of their monthly income on rent.

From our state's aging housing stock to the housing vacancy rate of 3.5%, Connecticut is at a critical housing crisis point. While this past legislative session state leaders made progress on some incremental policy changes, families across our state still need and demand immediate and long-term solutions.

Organizations like ours have the responsibility to deepen our commitment to ensuring our neighbors can live in safe and stable housing. By combining our expertise, capacity, and resources, our organizations are focusing on regional housing solutions and working alongside groups that are directly impacted by our unhealthy housing system.

No county in Connecticut has enough affordable homes to meet the needs of its very-low income households. One-third of all subsidized housing in Connecticut needs to be accessible to residents who have a disability, especially seniors and others living with physical, ambulatory, and cognitive disabilities. Our communities need housing options that provide stability and safety to ensure stronger outcomes for children, families and individuals.

Together as partners in the Centers for Housing Opportunity (CHO), Local Initiatives Support Corporation Connecticut (LISC CT), Partnership for Strong Communities (The Partnership) and the Housing Collective support regionally responsive housing solutions with the technical expertise to see them implemented. Together with local community

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foundations and our regional partners in Fairfield County, Litchfield County and Eastern Connecticut, CHO is driving solutions to the housing crisis.

For the past several years the Housing Collective and the Partnership have been collaborating under the umbrella of CHO to engage regional stakeholders in the collaborative development and implementation of housing solutions to help meet each region's specific housing challenges. Our two founding organizations are thrilled that LISC CT has now joined the team bringing expertise and capacity in lending and investment to bring housing projects to fruition.

Collectively we bridge the gap between locally responsive regional solutions and statewide policy to increase production, preservation, and protection of affordable housing statewide. Just recently, we kicked off a new acquisition loan fund that allows community-based organizations focused on housing in Litchfield County to find and acquire land or buildings to increase housing options.

In the coming months we will directly connect local projects to additional regional capital pools of seed funding; provide responsive technical assistance to towns to implement plans that aim to create more housing; facilitate peer learning networks across municipalities to encourage best practices and capacity building; and support resident leaders to engage in and lead their town's housing discussions.

Jim Horan leads LISC Connecticut's work. David Rich is the President and CEO of the Housing Collective. Chelsea Ross is the Executive Director of the Partnership for Strong Communities.



LETTERS

Appreciating 'Turning Back the Pages'

"Turning Back the Pages" is a favorite regular column. I love the tidbits that conjure up life as it has evolved over the life of The Lakeville Journal. As this paper has celebrated its 125th birthday, I wonder if there's enough room to continue to reach back into the first 25 years of its publication. I really miss the notes about life just before and around the advent of the automobile—straying cattle, barn building, travel by horse cart or carriage. Can the Journal make room to showcase the full scope of its history in the area?

I do hope so!
Sincerely,

Estie Dallett
Salisbury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking community for its support of NECC

On behalf of the whole North East Community Center, its staff, volunteers, and board of directors, I would like to personally thank our local community for the incredible support we have received over this past weekend. Our 2024 Chef and Farmer Brunch at Mountain View in Pine Plains was a huge success thanks to those who gathered to celebrate our work and the vital programming we provide.

NECC would like to extend a heartfelt thank you

to those who attended this year's event as well as those who chose to support us in other ways. We are humbled by our community's generosity and by the difference this community's sustaining support makes in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Though donations are still being counted, we are beyond gratified to report that thus far, our community has helped us raise over \$500,000 for our essential programs and services! These contributions are a testament to the

area's resolve for community betterment and the trust our supporters have in NECC's work.

We would especially like to thank the volunteers and local businesses who participated in this critical fundraiser. Without the support of individuals, vendors, sponsors, chefs, farmers, and artisans we would not have been able to celebrate in such style! We encourage our neighbors to remember the businesses that reinvest in their community when-

ever shopping locally. Visit our website to see a list of sponsors and photos of this incredible event: neccmillerton.org/chef-farmer-brunch.

Thank you all for helping us celebrate the work of our vital programs! As always, we are moved by your generosity and dedication to making our community a better place for all to live.

Christine Sergent,
Executive Director of
North East Community
Center

Millerton

Jane Lloyd Fund benefit success

A sunny, high-spirited day was had by all at the 17th annual Jane Lloyd Fund Clambake sponsored by NBT Bank.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gathered at last weekend's 17th annual clambake benefiting the Jane Lloyd Fund! The day was sunny and the hearts and stomachs were full!! It was a wonderful day of good comradery, friendship, family and caring for the Jane Lloyd Fund mission!

The hundreds of people who gathered for this event that together knowing that their time, energy, spirit, and donations are united in the mission of the Jane Lloyd Fund: to ease the financial burden cancer can cause. We are especially grateful for the generosity of the local businesses and their sponsorship,

which allows us to give 100% of the clambake proceeds to our community in need. (Please see the ad and patronize these businesses.)

For 17 years, SWSA has graciously turned their winter wonderland of ski jumping into a summer community gathering place to benefit others. We are grateful for all their hard work and many years of dedication to help the Jane Lloyd Fund.

We are also indebted to our many volunteers who, each and every year, bring their energy, passion, and commitment to making this clambake such a success! Their dedication and support is unwavering. We all work hard, we all laugh hard, for one common cause: to help those in need!

And to the hundreds of people who attended this

event, we are grateful to you for helping bring hope, help, and comfort to those needing financial assistance. The Jane Lloyd Fund was founded on compassion and caring, and all this support continues the "circle of generosity and goodwill," which helps the Jane Lloyd Fund's mission of "helping cancer patients day-to-day."

Once again, thank you to all the clambake volunteers, donors, sponsors, and guests for bringing hope and help to those in our community! With Gratitude,

Tanya Tedder, Donna
Lloyd Stoetznier
and Scott Davis

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Inflation hits seniors; Democrats to blame

Inflation is hitting seniors incredibly hard. As if struggling through Covid was not enough. Now we have to struggle more than other generations with regards to inflation.

Inflation is squeezing seniors and we have no one to blame other than Democrats whose policies helped create and exacerbate the mess in the wake of Covid.

I will never forgive Democrats like Jahana Hayes for voting to expand government spending under the guise of "inflation reduction," which led to the increased cost of

goods and living that I am experiencing first-hand right now.

I cannot afford basic necessities without feeling the pain. Our last Social Security increase of 3.2% doesn't begin to keep up with inflation. I feel blessed to be born in the United States, however right now I feel like the unluckiest generation. We can't catch a break anywhere and it's really hurting seniors' everyday way of life.

Janet Lynn
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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – July 1924
Wm. Bowns lost a horse last week owing to its falling through the barn floor.

LIME ROCK – Mrs. Mary Dunn and son Edward are at her father's on Sharon mountain.

Considering that we had rain on St. Swithin's Day, the weather has been unusually fair and pleasant. So much for one old superstition.

Arthur M. Everts of Ore Hill has still a few seek no further apples which he has kept in his cellar since last fall. They are still very tasty.

Mr. and Mrs. William Raynsford, Mr. Anderson and Miss Gladys Osborn motored to New York last Sunday to witness the base ball game between the Giants and St. Louis teams.

Up to date the supposed wild cat at Lincoln City and Davis Ore Bed has not been disposed of.

Vincent Stuart is enjoying his vacation from his duties at the Journal office this week, and is doing some fishing, base ball playing and other pleasurable things to pass away the time.

One of the boys at Camp Harlem got home sick last week and alarmed the camp by disappearing. The state police soon located him a few miles away, where he was attempting to get back to New York by walking and securing auto rides.

A dog belonging to Charles Dubois apparently went mad in Judd's barber shop on Tuesday morning, and it was judged best to shoot the dog at once, which was done by Mr. Judd. There is no evidence that the dog had previously been suffering from any disease, and so far as known had not bitten any other dog.

Messrs. Jack Tompkins, Edward Carter, "Hop" Rudd, Harlan Taylor and Vincent Stuart are enjoying life in camp on Mt. Riga. We want the general public to be prepared to listen to some real fish stories when the boys return.

50 years ago – July 1974
It's not easy to go to sleep while a war is going on around you. It's no fun to have to lie on the floor as bullets and shells whiz past your head. But for Daphne Becket, the 11-year-old

granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Campbell Becket of Lakeville, the horror of war became reality just over two weeks ago. She and her older sister Sandra were vacationing in the Cyprus city of Kyrenia when 600 Greek soldiers commandeered the National Guard to carry out a coup. After a dramatic escape and a stop at her home in Geneva, Switzerland, Daphne is now spending what remains of her vacation in Lakeville with her grandparents.

A new public walking trail has been established in Falls Village. Unsurprisingly, it is called the River Trail, as it follows the east bank of the Housatonic River south of the HELCO power installations. It is an attractive trail on level ground, nine-tenths of a mile long, passing through white pine woods that boast some massive and magnificent specimens. The trail is marked with light blue blazes and each end of it is indicated with a sign.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Roraback law offices on Main Street in Canaan. The venerable building with its wooden facade was raised early in the summer in 1874 by Alberto T. Roraback, the first of three generations of lawyers to serve the community. The family tradition is now carried on by Catherine Roraback.

Fourteen-year-old Billy Segalla received congratulations from his instructor from the Nutmeg Soaring Association after he soloed in a soaring plane on Sunday, July 21, his birthday. Billy had been up in the soaring plane a number of times, and has flown with his father, but could not solo until he turned 14. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Segalla.

FALLS VILLAGE – Charlotte Kester, who has served as librarian at the David M. Hunt Library for the past 17 years, has submitted her resignation. Mrs. Kester is only the third librarian in the 83-year history of the library.

25 years ago – July 1999
Late Tuesday night, firefighters from more than a dozen fire companies in New York State and Connecticut began battling a brush fire at Macedonia Brook State Park that was expected to consume between 20 and 30 acres of forest. The fire came in at 8:07 p.m. Tuesday, and by Wednesday morning firefighters were just be-

ginning to get the situation under control. Because the fire may have been burning a long time before a passer-by called 911, "by no stretch of the imagination will the fire be out in a short period of time," to Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection forester Don Smith said.

Canaan volunteer emergency workers were kept busy late last week with a series of four intense calls within a 20-hour period. In the midst of preparing for fund-raising activities planned for the final weekend of Railroad Days, Canaan Fire Company and North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps members responded to a calcium fire, an electrical fire, a head-on collision and a truck that ripped down overhead wires and snapped a utility pole.

In his fourth run in Canaan, Winsted's Bob Dwyer beat the heat, the defending champion and the rest of the field to win the 1999 Canaan Road Race last Sunday in a time of 28 minutes, 6 seconds. The record time is 27:41 set by John Barry in 1996.

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

Strong men. Strong nations?

What is a strong leader? What current nation leaders are models of leader greatness — for what qualities? What is/would be a strong leader for the U.S. — what qualities, what behaviors, what actions?

Big questions, quandaries in the 2024 Presidential election year as political debates formal and informal have transitioned from policy choices of years past: abortion, guns, taxes, voting rights to choices about the country's fundamentals, its foundation: democracy, freedom to worship/a secular state, no one above the law. Leadership is more than one man's belief narrative, it is a man and a raft of supporters, advocates, exponents of power and influence. Leadership, presidential leadership, U.S. presidential leadership is daily being defined and wielded for voter persuasion in 2024.

Frequently over the past eight plus years, Strong Man leadership has been enviously trumpeted by a set of politicians, pundits, think tanks, at rallies, in speeches, in select media, in Project 2025, as best fitting the United States President. Strong Men are the shot callers, they solo make decisions, execute major actions, they delineate who has access, they distribute wealth. If possible, they build, direct and regally display their military. Any nation without them at the helm is stupid.

Trump spices his rally rhetoric with his interpretation of leadership being best exemplified by Strong Men leaders particularly Putin of Russia and Orban of Hungary.

Of Putin, the Republican Presidential nominee said at the time of the invasion of Ukraine: "I'd say that's pretty smart. He's taking over a country — really a vast, vast location, a great piece of land with a lot of people, and just walking right in."

With a nod to Orban's autocratic regime, this same

Our Town, Our Future

Voices from our Salisbury community about the housing we need for a healthy, economically vibrant future

"I love, love, love it!" says Amy Hosier about living in an affordable apartment at Sharon Ridge. "The place is great. The apartments are beautiful."

Amy and her husband Lloyd are longtime residents of the Northwest Corner. Amy's journey took her from the Sharon Pharmacy to working at local hospitals as a certified phlebotomist. However, an injury forced her into early retirement, leaving her dependent on Social Security disability benefits.

Lloyd grew up in Sharon and worked as a custodian at Region 1 schools until his retirement at the age of 70. Several years ago the State dropped his pension plan and gave him a lump sum instead. The money soon ran out so he is now dependent upon Social Security and a small union pension.

For the Hosiers, as for many seniors, retirement has brought a double whammy: dwindling financial resources and skyrocketing housing costs. When a rent hike threatened to upend their lives, Sharon Ridge's affordable housing offered a lifeline.

They were fortunate to apply in 2017 since today there are 161 people on the waitlist.

For just over \$600 a month, Amy and Lloyd enjoy a comfortable two-bed-



PHOTO BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

Amy and Lloyd Hosier

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

room apartment, complete with nearby laundry facilities and a sense of community they never expected to find.

They say, "We have really good neighbors. We're a community. We like that it's a diverse neighborhood with people of different ages and people with young children.

It's nice to have little kids playing outside." They know a number of their neighbors and say they would be

there for them in a second if they needed anything. Their neighbors include a teacher, nurse, maintenance man, country club employee, retiree, and a young working couple. "We feel very safe here," Amy says. "There are no problems, no issues with behavior or the police."

The Hosiers are part of a growing trend. Approximately 50% of local affordable housing residents are retirees. As Amy and Lloyd's story illustrates, affordable housing is more than just a roof — it's a chance to age in place with dignity and remain part of the fabric of the community that has been their home for a lifetime.

OPEN SPACE
KATHY-HERALD MARLOWE

Republican Presidential nominee praised "There's nobody that's better, smarter or a better leader than Viktor Orban." He continued that Orban is controversial because Orban says: "This is the way it's going to be, and that's the end of it. Right? He's the boss. No, he's a great leader." Since 2010, Orban has dismantled democracy in Hungary establishing a one-party illiberal state. Media, banking, and energy sectors are now owned and run by the state and select businessmen.

Strong Men are the shot callers, they solo make decisions, execute major actions, they delineate who has access, they distribute wealth.

Neither Russia nor Hungary demonstrates high global ratings for their economy, life expectancy, standard of living.

— Russia is #1 in land and water mass in the world — twice that of Canada #2, U.S. #3 and China #4. Russia is reliant on massive natural resources: oil, gas, coal, metals, wheat.

— Russia, worldwide, is 9th in population at 144M vs U.S. # 3 with 340M after India and China each with over a billion. Both Hungary and Russia are experiencing unwanted population decline. Russian life expectancy is 7 years lower than that of other developed countries.

— Russia, worldwide, is ranked 11th for GDP, the measure of market value for all final goods and services.

The U.S. is ranked #1. Hungary is ranked 53rd.

— Russia for GDP per capita (GDP divided by population) a measure of standard of living, places 65th in global ratings. The U.S. is ranked 6th. Hungary is 48th. Luxembourg is #1.

Trump and others admire leadership of Strong Men for their personal, unrestricted power, command, self-determined authority. Rarely if ever in lauding a Strong Man do admirers, including Trump, mention exemplary contributions of the Strong Man's leadership to his people — their well-being, standard of living. When have we heard Putin himself extoll the betterment, the excellence of Russia as demonstrated by wide spread populous prosperity, employment of its well-educated work force, Russians living a longer life. Where are examples of Putin praising Russia's innovative leadership in industries, new industries beyond the natural resources gifted in the land.

Strong refers to the power of the authoritarian to proclaim, control not references to the strength of his country's standard of living. No Strong Man countries of the past including Mussolini's Italy, Franco's Spain or of the present Hungary, Russia,

Philippines, North Korea sit at the apex of performance — economic, educational, health. Top positions in these arenas are taken by the world's democracies. Strong Man nations do hold 4 out of the top 10 rated slots for military strength: Russia is ranked #2 to the U.S. at #1, China is #3. As a Strong Man, speak loud, wield a large stick.

In contrast to Strong Man leaders, democratic leaders recognize leadership as demonstrated by getting things done for the country and its citizens, for global security and health, for humanitarian values.

"For we are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power, and it is to serve people."
— George W. Bush

"We cannot build our own future without helping others to build theirs."
— Bill Clinton

"You must obey the law, always, not only when they grab you by your special place."
— Vladimir Putin

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

Status Report

MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton has put out a warning of rattlesnakes prevalent on the Rail Trail. The cold-blooded reptiles have been seen sunbathing on rocks. If bitten, medical attention is required. Remain calm until help arrives and remove any jewelry that may be affected by swelling.

Spongy moths have returned in droves this summer. Dead oak trees are being salvaged by Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) foresters

in hundreds of acres of Housatonic State Forest and nearby woodlands. The timber is then sold to fund maintenance of state parks.

Sam Eaton, a news correspondent and resident of Lakeville with his wife Meredith Kovach and daughter June, 16, since 2017, received news that he has been nominated for an Emmy in the Outstanding Science and Technology Coverage category for his documentary entitled "Voices of Nature" for news outfit Scripps News.

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Wood vaulting is one of the newer innovations to combat climate change by helping to limit the release of greenhouse gases, which contributes to the warming of the atmosphere. The concept is simple: burying excess wood from logging and clearing in a pit and covering it with soil. This concept is being tested out west by the US Forest Service with the hope that it will offer a new option for carbon sequestration. For more information on this process, please visit: grist.org/solutions/wood-vaulting-carbon-storage-solution/



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Sarah Martinez demonstrated her technique at an art workshop at the Hunt Library Saturday, July 27.

Artist shares self-taught knowledge

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Sarah Martinez showed a group of 10 participants how she created the series of watercolor faces currently on display at the David M. Hunt Library at a workshop Saturday, July 27. The work tables were set up right next to the Art Wall,

so there was no shortage of examples.

Martinez said that while she has been a full-time artist for years, teaching is new to her.

"I'm also self-taught, so I don't have a technical background in any way."

She encouraged the group to "play."

"Reach for a color that lights you up."

She demonstrated as the group crowded around a smaller table, pouring a small amount of paint on a piece of paper while standing over it, which she finds to be the best position.

Then she moved the paint around using pieces of cut-up postcard, which works

until it gets soggy.

As she manipulated the materials she explained her actions.

Martinez kept it loose and playful. "It's easy to make marks you wish you didn't make," she said as another face started to emerge on the paper.

"So see what happens if you pull some of it up."

Leaks to be repaired in Cornwall buildings

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Water damage to the Town Hall and Cornwall Bridge firehouse has prompted the selectman to take action.

With \$150,000 in the budget for building repairs, the Board of Selectman approved expenses for repairs to the firehouse and developed a plan to address Town Hall's roof at a regular meeting July 16.

Newly elected Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department President Richard Sears reviewed the damages at Cornwall Bridge Firehouse. The required work includes mold remediation, plumbing, dry-wall removal, exterior repairs and waterproofing.

Some of the work has already been done by professionals and volunteers. Service Master removed mold from the interior and firefighters stepped up with new stucco and plumbing

work.

"[The firehouse] is the first public building people see when they come to the Town of Cornwall from the south, and so the firemen have been aware of that," said Sears. "The fire company is really dedicated to making the place more presentable, more useful, more safe."

The total cost of repairs at the firehouse is estimated less than \$20,000.

Town Hall's roof has sprung a leak, which has caused water damage inside. The shingles were put on in 1989 after the tornado ripped through town.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted the in-seam gutters have been problematic as well, resulting in damage to the unique features in the eaves.

Ridgway motioned to confer with Building Official Peter Russ before going out to bid for the work.

The motion passed.

Funding available for Canaan Child Care Center applicants

NORTH CANAAN — The Canaan Child Care Center announced that it is accepting applications for children two years and nine months old in September and up to five years of age, not yet attending Kindergarten, to apply for a School Readiness slot.

The Office of Early Childhood is dedicated to maximizing the number of

Connecticut children and families that can benefit from being enrolled in a school Readiness Program. The School Readiness grant provides funds to assist families with the cost of childcare, programing supplies, and teacher education.

Contact Fran Chapell, Director, at 860 824-0597 or canaanchildcarecenter@gmail.com



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Going 'locally raised'

Katie Stoddard's Ford Farm Weiners set up shop on Route 44 in East Canaan offering locally raised pork hot dogs and bratwurst. Peter Jacquier of East Canaan stops by on Saturday, July 27.

Sharon solar panel proposal 'in a hesitant place'

By Sadie Leite

SHARON — On July 23, Sharon Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting to review issues with the solar array project at the Sharon Center School.

The Sharon Energy and Environment Commission has already established that the school's equipment does not match the required technology in the solar array. There needs to be major updates to the school's systems.

To mitigate these issues, the solar array could be decreased in size, or the 1200-amp service could be replaced with a 1600-amp option.

Still, BOS decided the project is in a hesitant place. Attorney Randall DiBella read a letter he drafted commenting on the faults of the Green Bank in their review of the school's electrical service. The letter asks the CT

Green Bank if it wishes to continue with the current Power Purchase Agreement or withdraw.

Selectman John Brett made a motion for the selectmen to sign and send the letter. It passed with all in favor.

Bridge update

A survey completed by Cardinal Engineering evaluated bridges spanning six to 20 feet in Sharon, finding a bridge on West Cornwall Road over Swamp Brook to be critical.

Luckily, the town received a CT DOT Bridge Grant for \$724,500. It is a 50-50 matching grant, so the town would have to raise the above value to see the grant money come in. A motion passed to accept the grant.

The town must now submit a supplemental cost analysis and work with the Board of Finance to draft an infrastructure funding plan.

Kent Sidewalk Sale

Thursday, August 1 - Sunday, August 4
10:00 am to 6:00 pm • Rain Or Shine!

Catch more than just one good bargain during the Kent Sidewalk Sale Days.

Shoppers will delight in fabulous sales at merchants. The long weekend will also feature the St. Andrews Annual Tag Sale. The Kent Memorial Library will continue its Outdoor Book Sale Thursday through Sunday, and other family friendly events. PLUS the Library will have raffle tickets for purchase to win a 2021 Jeep Compass Limited!

There will be food &

drinks available at the many eateries in Kent.

The Golden Falcon Lot (on North Main Street) will feature non-profits with information about their organizations. Discover more about these dedicated volunteer groups including the Kent Historical Society, Kent Land Trust, Kent Affordable Housing, Northwest CT Land Conservancy, Project SAGE and the Kent Quilters.

Stop by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department booth on the Golden Falcon Lot for a Hot Dog or

Sesame Noodles with a side of Asian Slaw. Learn how you can get involved with KVFD.

Parking is available throughout town. The Kent Welcome Center (directly

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Sports

Sharon Hospital orthopedic surgeon heads to world squash championships in Amsterdam

By Copey Rollins

SHARON — On a warm Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Marty Clark, an orthopedic surgeon living in Sharon, moves thoughtfully and carefully as he hits a calculated forehand to win a rally.

The Lakeville Journal caught up with Clark as he played a friendly yet competitive squash match against his friend and training partner, Sandeep Ramachandran, a professional squash player from India. Clark is preparing for his biggest squash match in almost 30 years: World Masters Championships in Amsterdam, where he hopes to place first in his age group (50 and up).

Clark has played squash since the age of nine. His mother was a squash player, and he fell in love with the sport early.

“I was the top junior player in the United States,” he said. “And when I went to Harvard I was always one of

the top intercollegiate squash players.”

He got second place in the Intercollegiate Championships his senior year, and then, upon graduation, he decided to go pro.

Clark’s first pro season started off slowly; playing on the professional tour had a learning curve. By his second season he had won the National Championship. Realizing his potential to really climb the ranks as a pro squash player, Clark chose to defer from medical school for a year to continue the tour.

During medical school at Columbia, Clark continued to compete in many big tournaments like the Pan-American games and the USA National Championships—which he won three out of the four years he was in medical school.

At age 28, Clark decided to hang up his racket and focus on being a doctor, a job that he sees as service.



PHOTO BY COPEY ROLLINS

Dr. Marty Clark practices medicine at Sharon Hospital and practices squash in The Hotchkiss School’s athletic center. He will head to the world championships in the 50 and up age group.

and be a more healthy version of yourself.”

In the months following the national championship, Clark geared up for Amsterdam by competing in two big tournaments: one in New York City and one in Columbia, Maryland. He realized that exhaustion has played a big role in the results of those tournaments.

“It’s hard balancing four kids and operating on people, especially when I’m operating the night before a tournament.”

The Masters World Championships are held in Amsterdam every two years, and the age groups are divided at five year intervals. Clark will be competing from Aug. 15 to 22 in the 50-and-up age group and he will be seeded somewhere between 17th and 32nd.

For this tournament, his daughter Pippa will be taking on the coaching role. And Clark is aiming to take home the trophy. “My goal is to win the tournament,” he said. “I wouldn’t have wanted to train without thinking that that was a possibility.”

get top 20 in the world or top 30 but I wanted to be a doctor and serve people in my community.”

More than 20 years later Clark has a thriving practice at Sharon Hospital and four daughters, two of whom are very invested in squash. It was those girls, 14-year-old Pippa and 11-year-old Astrid, who inspired him to start training again.

Clark said, “I train a lot with them and something just told me that I had some unfinished business left on the court.”

Starting off his new squash career at the U.S. National Championships in Philadelphia this April, Clark learned that he was “tons slower,” so he has had to learn to “be much more strategic, tactical, and hit the ball into the front court in order to win rallies faster.” Nevertheless, he was able to place second after losing a tight final to an old colleague and competitor.

To help him with his training, Clark is being coached by many people whose experience he values. Alexia Clonda, a squash coach at Vassar and once a World Junior Squash Champion herself has helped Clark with the mental side of the sport along with some strategy. Bobby Burns and Sand-

deep Ramachandran from The Hotchkiss School’s squash program have both helped train him. Along with this extremely qualified group, his two daughters Astrid and Pippa have, as he put it, “flipped the script” and helped give their father coaching advice just as he gives them.

One of the driving forces behind his desire to compete in the world championship is Clark’s work as an orthopedic surgeon. Clark said that he often tells patients to try and be active, and he feels “more authentic now that I am doing more,” he said. He might tell patients, “I’m 52 and you are only 42, so I know you can do this. I know you can fight to be in shape



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Housy Hoops falls to club team

Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s summer team in the Torrington Summer Basketball League lost 73-32 to Ketchumifyoucan club team, July 19. Above, Mason O’Niel battles against the strong defense. Below, Anthony Labbadia plays center.



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TENNIS

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Farmington Valley.

Although the organization has about 20 community programs currently running in schools across the country, including North Carolina, Michigan, New Jersey and about 10 in Southern California, “the Hotchkiss School is unique because it is the first boarding school that will be running a program for us,” said Richard Spurling, the organization’s founder and executive director.

“We are excited the school has recognized our program as an official club and we have several faculty overseeing the program,” he explained, noting that Kontokosta has been tapped as its program director.

The rising senior said a combination of her love of tennis, which she has been playing since she was able to swing a racquet as a toddler, and the quest to bring the sport to children on the autism spectrum, spurred the idea to start an ACEing Autism program locally.

She is hoping to provide a fun environment that would allow participants to engage socially as they learn something new while enjoying a healthy dose of exercise and improve coordination, focus and concentration.

The five-week program at the Mars Athletic Center is scheduled to begin on Sept. 8 and end Oct. 6. The one-hour sessions will take place on Sundays from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$120, and a \$30 discount is available for registering by Aug. 8.

Kontokosta said participants of any ability and on any level of the spectrum are invited to attend, no prior tennis experience is necessary, and each child is paired with a volunteer based on his or her individual needs. Parents are encouraged to relax during the sessions as their children develop new friends and have fun.

“We’re hoping to launch with between six and 10 attendees, and scholarships are also available if any fam-

ily needs financial help,” the program director explained. “This really is an introduction to the sport,” and the benefits go beyond skill by enhancing participants’ eye/hand coordination and motor skills.

“It’s good for focusing, social skills, fitness and exercise,” noted Kontokosta.

Last year, research by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control found that nearly one-third of children with autism are severely overweight, compared to 13 percent of typically developing children.

ACEing Autism requires that every location has at least two leaders to provide the best support possible, and all high school program directors are required to have at least one adult as a co-leader on and off the court.

The co-leader at Hotchkiss is Maja Clark, the varsity girls tennis coach, said Kontokosta, who has played on the varsity team since her freshman year and will be a two-year captain starting her senior year.

“I’ve been prepping with a bunch of members from ACEing Autism this summer, getting me ready for all the different things I will have to do,” including spreading word about the new program and reaching out to families of children with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder). She said she is also contacting local school districts and youth organizations hoping to attract participants to the September program.

ACEing Autism provides all the equipment, including racquets, mini nets, balls, hoppers, shirts and medals, as well as liability insurance and on-court support as needed.

“I feel very excited to be able to take this opportunity to teach kids — who may have less access to tennis resources — how to play the sport. I’ve been fortunate to have a lot of tennis resources growing up, so I hope I’m able to use my 14 years of experience to put it to good use.”

In the meantime, her

quest to recruit volunteers and draw participants is in full swing. She credits school administration and faculty for their support and encouragement.

Looking to the future, Kontokosta said she is optimistic the ACEing Autism club will become a permanent fixture at Hotchkiss.

“I’m not sure that I am going to play tennis in college, but this is something I want to do to make sure tennis has a really big purpose in my life. Even when I leave Hotchkiss, it’s something that can be passed down.”

For more information or to volunteer, contact lakeville@aceingautism.org.

BEARS

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is Connecticut’s habitat.

“There’s plenty of habitat available for them, there’s plenty of good habitat for them to continue to expand into,” Dickson says. “And our bears have also benefited from human sourced food. They’re doing very well supplementing their diet with things found in and around our homes.”

Good habitat and accessible diet have allowed the bear population to explode in recent years. This boom has made bear encounters more frequent. According to DEEP’s annual “State of the Bears” report, sightings of bear sows with cubs have nearly quadrupled since 2015, and the number of municipalities where sightings were reported almost doubled.

Cornwall resident and business owner Will Schenke has had a lot of trouble. His business, a restaurant called the Cornwall Market, has a dumpster outside that bears have ransacked three times now. “I probably see a bear twice a week,” Schenke said.

Schenke has tried “bear proof” dumpsters that are basically just regular dumpsters with harder plastic lids and chains securing them, but Dickson says “chains won’t cut it” for bear-proofing. Neither will chemicals like Pine-Sol or the spicy things people put in birdseed to deter squirrels. “It doesn’t bother the bears,” Dickson said. “They’re not that picky when it comes to eating things.”

There are a number of steps that Connecticut residents can take to mitigate the bear problem.

“One of the simplest things to do is make sure you don’t put your trash out until it’s collection day,” Dickson said. “Another part of that, in areas where people have regular bear activity, it’s important not to feed the birds during summertime. This time of year they have a lot of natural food, and it’s actually better for the birds to rely on that natural food.” One way Connecticut residents can eliminate their birdfeeders and still enjoy birds in their yard is to rely

on natural landscaping that attracts them without attracting bears.

Dickson also points business owners to a variety of bear-proof dumpsters available in the Northwest Corner. Bearicuda, based out of Litchfield, sells bear resistant and bear proof cans for residences and commercial-sized dumpsters. It also has a series of informative videos online. USA Waste & Recycling offers bear resistant roll-carts for its residential customers.

Bear-proof trash cans, removing birdfeeders and making any tasty food inaccessible to bears will make them less likely to infiltrate neighborhoods and backyards in the future, Dickson said. “Every time they can get that food reward for doing something they shouldn’t do, we’ve just positively reinforced that bad behavior,” Dickson said. “So with the bear proof cans, they’re not getting that reward. Even if they knock it around, they don’t get that reward. They pretty suddenly sort of go ‘I’m not getting anything out of this, so what’s the point?’”

DEEP started its “Be Bear Aware” campaign in Fall 2023 in an attempt to increase awareness about bear management strategies. The department publishes educational content on ct.gov/bears for Connecticut residents to learn what they can do to reduce human-bear interactions. That website contains FAQs, a map of bear sightings, the 2024 annual report and lots of educational materials about living with bears and what does and does not work.

“We’re trying to encourage people to think beyond what their personal experience with a bear is,” Dickson said. “Maybe it doesn’t matter to you if the bear tips over your garbage can and you have to pick up the trash, or if the bear raids your bird feeder and you’ve got to replace it, or you’ve got to fill it up with seed again. It’s not just about how that impacts us individually. We have to think about how that impacts our neighbors, our community, and the bears themselves.”

WASTE

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livered to a privately owned sanitary landfill in Pennsylvania. Recyclables are sent to privately owned processing facilities in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Trucks haul the garbage to the distant 714 acre Keystone landfill in Ardmore, Pennsylvania which receives a total of 1.8 million tons of waste annually. While Keystone projects its closing date to be in 2062, the landfill has faced numerous court cases, causing uncertainty in its future. The Northwest Corner also sends its trash by train car to Tunnel Hill Reclamation landfill in Lexington, Ohio.

Curtis Rand, first selectman of Salisbury has had his finger on the pulse of this issue for decades. Rand said recently that he and fifty people worked for twenty years to raise funds to build a state-of-the-art transfer station for Sharon and Salisbury.

It cost \$5 million, and the money was raised through bonds, fundraising and a 40-year USDA loan. Foresight, communication, and cash were necessary elements for their success, yet all their solid waste is still ultimately shipped out-of-state.

Looking to the future, Rand said, “There are some tough issues coming up with how we manage our solid waste.” Rand expressed full confidence in State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) who is on the Connecticut Environment Committee. “Maria and commissioner Katie Dykes from Connecticut’s [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection] DEEP, are hip to the situation and really want to help us.”

Horn shared her concerns, “We face a serious issue in how our towns will deal with solid waste moving forward as our regional waste processing plant, known as MIRA, closed. The plant is now trucking waste to other places for disposal as it searches for other solutions, which should include both waste reduction strategies and investment in alternative strategies such as anaerobic digestion.”

Mayor Todd Arcelaschi of Winchester added, “I do not believe that shipping our trash out-of-state is sustainable. There is only so much time before the landfills become full, get shut down

or the residents and or state decide they have accepted enough trash. There are reasons why Connecticut has gone away from their landfills, so when will that happen in other states?”

One possible site that could expand its use to accommodate the volume of trash is the 4.7-acre existing MIRA Torrington transfer station at 118 Vista Drive. Its accessibility to Route 8 and its proximity to the other towns is a benefit. Whether the facility can be expanded enough to meet future needs for recycling, composting, sorting, and shipping out the area’s garbage is an open question.

Rand believes it is premature to talk about the Torrington solution. He and the COG member towns recently discussed joining the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) based in Brookfield. HRRRA is a regional public waste management and recycling authority serving western Connecticut.

Brian Bartram, administrator of the Sharon Salisbury transfer station said, “I would hope that Torrington, or a similar location is going to remain available and publicly owned. Since the Torrington facility handled the existing, and other former MIRA members, it should be able to handle regionalization.” When asked how the closing of MIRA affected his town, Bartram responded, “The garbage still moves - but now to a Pennsylvania landfill. No impact on our disposal ability - just now it’s all going to a landfill in someone else’s backyard.”

bags of corn. Wet, heavy tarps are pulled across the whole thing, and everybody grabs a refreshing beverage and waits.

The Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station had receptacles on hand at the clambake to separate food scraps from the regular garbage.

Transfer station manager Brian Bartram reported that “422.4 pounds of lobster and clam shells, corn cobs, etc. were collected and diverted from the garbage,” adding “the volume of the diverted food waste was about 160 gallons, or almost 0.8 cubic yards.”

Bartram thanked everyone for cooperating and in particular Barbara Bettigole, Karen Lundeen and Tanya Tedder for heading up the effort

The clambake is an annual tradition, now in its 17th year.

Jane Lloyd of Salisbury died of cancer in 2005. The Jane Lloyd Fund was established by her family to help families who are struggling financially with the costs of cancer treatment. It is an endowed fund within the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

CLAMBAKE

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This year the potatoes were cooked at the Lakeville Hose Company firehouse kitchen.

The secret of shucking corn that is going to be cooked in the husk (as opposed to boiled) is to get rid of the cornsilk and the first couple of layers of husk, but no more.

Ed Thorney has a harmonica for every musical key except F-sharp major.

There is apparently no such thing as too much butter in clam chowder.

The band got started with Dave Mason’s “Feelin’ Alright?” and Ken Barker applied the flame to the carefully constructed structure of 4 x 6 inch lengths of wood with flat boards inside to hold rocks. Shredded cardboard boxes are the kindling. The boards burn and leave a pile of hot granite rocks inside the remains of the structure.

Once the fire burns down, the smoking 4 x 6s are dragged away, and the food phase begins. The first layer over the hot rocks is wet corn husks, followed by big clumps of seaweed. Wood crates containing lobsters and clams are added, along with wet burlap



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THEATER: MATTHEW KRETA

Sharon Playhouse presents 'The Prom' to audience cheers

The Sharon Playhouse held its opening night of "The Prom" on Friday, July 26. This is the second mainstage production of the season, following "Rock of Ages." "The Prom" follows a group of narcissistic Broadway actors trying to get good press by aggressively shoving themselves into the lives of a small community in Indiana, most specifically the life of a young lesbian girl named Emma who has thrown her school into chaos by asking another girl to prom.

"The Prom" is primarily a comedy but brushes against occasional serious and heartbreaking topics such as high school bullying, rocky relationships with parents and most especially the struggles of LGBTQ youth.

While "The Prom" is high energy and the characters of the Broadway actors most especially are always over the top and exaggerated, it is not flippant about these issues. The



The cast features two-time Tony Award nominee Kate Baldwin plus scene-stealing favorites John Scherer and Danny Drewes.

writing and actors strike a favorable balance of gut-busting humor while still maintaining a mostly believable plot.

The show makes consistent use of strong language that may make some shy away, but it is often used for some of the funniest lines in the show. Perhaps the best

way to sing the production's praises is simply through the audience. Throughout the night, the audience was cheering, laughing, gasping and saying "aw" every few lines, not just after every song. The cast and crew bring a lot to love, and the audience received it palpably.

The crew of the production have much to be proud of. The music was performed live by a crew of ten local musicians, there were no significant tech issues and the lighting of the show was nearly perfect. The crew should be more than satisfied with an experience that never took the audience out of the moment.

The cast brought obvious joy everyone from the leads to the ensemble has for this show, their characters and for theater as a whole. The

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Eric Schnall

BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

An evening with Eric Schnall at White Hart Inn

On Aug. 9, the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Connecticut will continue their speaker series with a celebration of Eric Schnall's debut novel, "I Make Envy on Your Disco."

Just released in May, Schnall's novel has already earned praise for its poignant observations and lyrical prose. "Disco" is the second winner of the Barbara DiBernard Prize in Fiction, an annual prize for books published by Zero Street Fiction, part of University of Nebraska Press, committed to LGBTQ+ literary writers with commercial potential. "They publish books very successfully and thoughtfully," said Schnall. "It's been a balance to embrace the box while not wanting the box to be exclusive, if that makes sense," he added in reference to his novel being labeled or branded as a "gay" book. "I'm getting incredible notes from people," said Schnall.

"Some are from gay men who are seeing a version of themselves through this character but, you know, the book has resonated with women as much as men

which is really interesting and amazing."

Set in 2003, the novel follows Sam Singer, a 37-year-old art advisor who leaves a boyfriend and dog back in New York to travel to Berlin, a city with its own identity crisis. Amidst graffiti-stained streets and techno clubs, Sam's isolation transforms into deep connections with Jeremy, a lonely wannabe DJ; Kaspar, an East Berlin artist; and Magda, the enigmatic hotel manager. It's a story of longing, connection, and self-discovery, capturing the spirit of Berlin and the essence of midlife transformation.

Schnall began writing the novel 20 years ago after a trip to Berlin with his partner, Architectural Digest Executive Editor, Shax Riegler. Since then, the journey to publication has been long and at times, emotionally taxing, but Schnall believes, "the moment for it is really now." His narrative captures the pulse of Berlin with a steady backbeat of nostalgia and longing. "My feeling as a reader, and I read constantly, is we all project onto

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When friends Marci Grady and Sonja Koppenwallner asked Sherie Berk if she would like to join them for a week-long swim in the Dalmatian Islands, she agreed without a second thought. With an itinerary mapped out by STREL Swimming Adventures, from June 15 to 21, they swam for up to five hours each day.

Berk learned to swim during childhood summers in Sharon, Connecticut, but did not take up the sport competitively until age 55. She went on to become a United States Masters Swimmer with four world rankings, 16 top ten rankings, and an All-American Honor. For Berk, swimming is a total release of tension. "It's like meditation," she said.

Her weekly training – three or four sessions at the YMCA in Canaan, Connecticut – did not change in anticipation of the island swim and Berk worried that she had not adequately prepared.

Regardless, she board-



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Clear skies over the Dalmatian Islands in Adriatic Sea, off the coast of Croatia.

ed a plane to Split, Croatia, consoling herself that it was not a race.

The Dalmatian Islands are located off the coast of Croatia, in the Adriatic Sea. The crisp, blue waters are some of the cleanest in the Mediterranean. "I can't even begin to describe how beautiful this place is," said Berk.

Her days in Dalmatia commenced with breakfast spreads of fresh

fruit, eggs, and European pastries. After fueling up, Berk, Grady, Koppenwallner, and twelve or so others boarded boats for rides to their morning starting points. They set off swimming around 10 am, boats following to provide water and rest if necessary.

At noon, they stopped for lunch, usually on the boat, with gorgeous buffets assembled by a private chef. Once,

the midday interlude included a hike (just in case they cared for some additional exercise). Then back into the water for a few more hours of paddling, to cover a daily distance of approximately four kilometers.

Active travel allowed Berk to fully immerse in her environment. Instead of admiring the glittering sea from afar, she felt the salt soak into her skin. By four pm they returned to the hotel, utterly exhausted, but



Sherie Berk

drenched in awe.

Evenings were time to unwind, dining at restaurants along the water and marveling at the expanse of rocky coastline. A meal of fresh fish and a few glasses of wine repeatedly revived the swimmers and readied them for another day.

Over the course of a week, a multi-generational community formed through mutual struggle and appreciation of natural beauty. The oldest in the group, 70-year-old Berk is not slowing down. She has her eye on an island hop in Greece next year.

... 'The Prom'

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show's more eccentric cast mates. Finally, the ensemble of this production not only were responsible for the most difficult choreography, but always brought a believable and fun cohesion to every scene they were in.

Musically, "The Prom" relies heavily on modern stylings. There are not a broad amount of ensemble or chorus numbers outside of the finales of both acts, and when they do appear there is a lot of unison singing. What harmony is there, however, is very tight and after coming out

of unison really makes a statement with full sound. "Just Breathe", "It's Not About Me", "Barry is Going to Prom" and "Unruly Heart" are standouts, though the most impressive song is the finale of act one, "Tonight Belongs to You". Moving from chorus, to nervous solo, excited duet, depressed refrain and back to chorus with a vastly different viewing lens, this song left the most lasting impression that will be difficult to forget. The band was perfect, and every singer in the show is a distinctly impressive

singer in their own right. It would be remiss not to give particular credit to Kate Baldwin, Danny Drewes and Hannah Jane Moore. The sound quality in the voice of these singers was crystal clear and demanded the audience's attention with every note.

Ultimately, "The Prom" asks the audience to laugh and the cast and crew of Sharon Playhouse have made it easy to sit back and acquiesce.

Find out more and purchase tickets at www.sharonplayhouse.org.



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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Eric Forstmann at Eckert

Eric Forstmann's new show "Perambulate" will open at Eckert Fine Art in Washington Depot, Connecticut on August 10 with a reception from 2 to 6 p.m. The title, derived from the habit of leisurely exploring and observing one's environment, encapsulates the essence of Forstmann's work.

"I have had the good fortune to have spent 40 years doing just that. Along the route, I have been able to translate my findings into more than one thousand paintings. And the search continues..." Forstmann stated.

Forstmann, who studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston under Barnett Rubenstein and Henry Schwartz, has been celebrated in solo exhibitions at prestigious institutions such as The Butler Institute of American Art, The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, The Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, the Mat-tatuck Museum and Brenau Galleries. He has also participated in significant exhibitions, including at the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Naples Museum of Art. Forstmann's art has been featured in prom-



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"Four Tommys" and more art by Eric Forstmann.

inent publications such as Architectural Digest, ARTnews, and New England Home. "Perambulate" will showcase Forstmann's dedication to his craft and his profound connection to his surroundings with a balanced mix of landscapes and still lifes.

The artist spoke of his gratitude for his occupation, stating, "I really am very fortunate to love what I do." It is because of this love and good fortune that he said, "There's something about the work process and the respect for space, respect for place that I really feel in plain air even though it's probably not as accurate as a lot of people who use photos." He went on to describe some of those photo realist images.

"You're like, 'Wow, that's amazing. You've gotten every leaf!' And it is incredible, but I get more out of being there and kind of getting stung by bees and having to run from the weather and all that stuff," he said with a laugh.

Forstmann refers to himself as "a confirmed 'thingest,'" a term he invented. "I'm not really a hoarder but I'm really fascinated with the things that we've come up with as objects of desire in our world and in my world."

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Word of the Week

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

1. Midday meal.
2. Flat dish, usually a circle.
3. An animal in a wild state.
4. Extreme rock.
5. Olympic gold.

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

...Schnall

a novel. I like the idea of that. There is a lot of specificity to the story and to Sam, but I wanted to leave what I call 'empty space' so that readers can project onto it."

Readers will indeed project onto it, exploring the cobblestoned alleys and streets of Berlin before social media and cell phones, when around every corner was a new universe. Born and raised in New York City, there is a grit to the Berlin of 2003 that spoke to Schnall. "It's not easy, if you grow up in New York, to have a city surprise you and also confound you. There is just something about it." Schnall also has deep ties to this area — his parents bought a home in Salisbury in the '80's and Schnall and his partner bought their home around the corner ten years ago. Both of Schnall's parents passed away recently; his mother in April 2023 and his father in February, 2024. So, while there has been a lot of excitement and momentum around the book, Schnall is taking it slowly. "I've been really trying to pace myself,"

he said. "Also, I've been following the book. It's had a nice life so far and it's really resonating with readers, and to me that's just thrilling."

The launch event at The White Hart will feature a conversation between Schnall and Jenny Jackson, author of the acclaimed novel "Pineapple Street" and VP executive editor at Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. Their meeting through a mutual friend at The White Hart Inn exactly a year ago sparked a friendship, making this event a full-circle moment of literary camaraderie.

Eric Schnall has had a multifaceted career in theater that spans over 25 years. His first job on Broadway was as an assistant to the producers of "Rent." He then went on to work as producer and marketing director on such megahits as "The Vagina Monologues," "Fleabag," and "Hedwig and The Angry Inch," for which he won a Tony Award as co-producer of the Broadway revival. "When your first shows are "Rent" and "The Vagina Mono-

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logues," you realize Broadway is a business," Schnall explained. "I was excited by culturally and politically interesting work that was also commercially successful." Broadway's intense demands made it hard to find time to write, however, so Schnall had to learn to do both simultaneously, often writing in hotel lobbies or kitchen tables at 4 or 5 a.m.

"I'm a morning person, so I wrote most of the book in the wee hours," Schnall said.

Schnall has a few projects that he's currently developing but said, "There's a lot of good work being produced on Broadway right now, but financially, it's challenging. So, for now, I'm glad I also have the book to concentrate on."

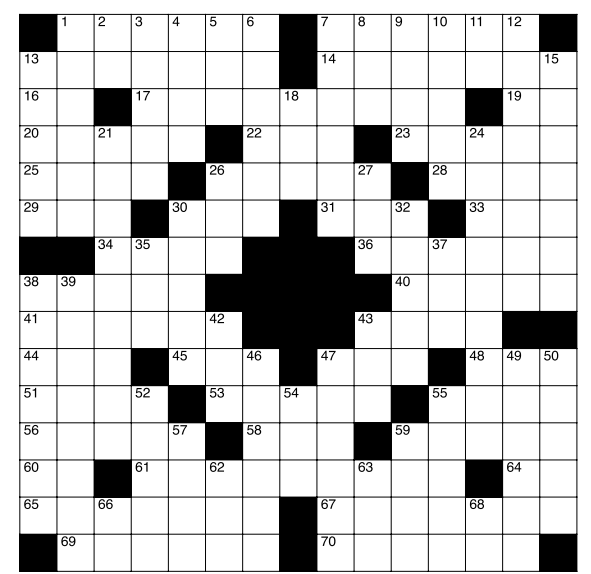
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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. A solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood group
17. A way to compare
19. Gov't lawyer
20. Actor Ciaran
22. Calendar month
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex Machina
26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. A situation you can be in
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
48. Belgian composer
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer
55. Musical or vocal sound
56. Yankees' great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Atomic #79
65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit



9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

July 25 Solution

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July 25 Solution

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8	3	1	6	4	5	2	7	9
6	5	7	9	2	1	8	4	3

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AUGUST 1

Short Story Discussion: The Choc-Ice Woman by Mary Costello

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

On Thursday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host a discussion of Mary Costello's short story "The Choc-Ice Woman" with Dathalinn O'Dea. Costello's second book and first novel, Academy Street, won the Irish Novel of the Year award. Copies of the story are available online (www.newyorker.com/magazine/2023/10/16/the-choc-ice-woman-fiction-mary-costello) or at the library. O'Dea, who lives in Falls Village, teaches English at Marist College with a specialty in modern Irish literature.

AUGUST 2

Sharon Summer Book Signing

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon is hosting a multi-author book signing on Aug. 2. Early Admission, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. is \$75.00, while General Admission is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is \$50.00. There will also be a ticketed author dinner. Author dinner seats are not guaranteed. Author dinner seats include Early Admission to the Book Signing. Tickets: hotchkisslibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/hotchkisslibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=15&

Forest Festival

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A three-day Forest Festival, celebrating the beauty and diversity of our remarkable local and regional forests begins with a forest kitchening day facilitated by Kyra Kristof, culminating in a feast that showcases nourishing food from our bioregion and the forest. Please register at www.wellspringcommons.org.

Book Signing

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org

The 26th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing event returns to Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Aug. 2 from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. Dozens of authors will be in attendance to discuss their work and sign books. For more information visit hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/book-signing-2024/

AUGUST 3

Artist Reception

The Wish House, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall, Conn.

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House will be hosting an Artist Reception Saturday Aug. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. for Suzan Scott, Nature is a State of Mind. The exhibit runs through Sept. 29.

Grumbling Gryphons "The Snow Queen"

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

Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater camp will perform a dramatic adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen" at Scoville Memorial Library on Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. Cornwall campers and children from the region will be performing, free to the public. For more info and to register, contact Leslie Elias at grumblinggryphons@gmail.com or (860) 672-0286.

Mt. Washington Church Fair

Church of Christ Mt. Washington, 428 East St., Mount Washington, Mass.

Offering more prize-winning possibilities, shopping opportunities, and family fun than ever before, the Mt. Washington Church Fair kicks off its 91st consecutive year, as always on the first Saturday in August. Admission is free and includes a ticket for the door-prize drawings, including some for kids only this year. The Fair will take place on August 3, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the intersection of Plantain Pond Rd. and East St. in Mt. Washington, MA. Pets are not permitted.

Scenic Sips Fest

Roeliff Jansen Park, NY-22, Hilltop Barn, Hillsdale, N.Y.

Scenic Sips Fest is coming to Hillsdale, N.Y. on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 4), showcasing local craft beverages, specialty food, and crafts. Over 15 Columbia County producers of beer, wine, spirits, and cider will be present, with live music from Curt Buchan, Rounders Revival, and more. Diverse food options include: Ukrainian, Italian, soul food, and sweet treats

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Open Mic at A Weekend in Norfolk

Robertson Plaza, Norfolk, Conn.

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AUGUST 4

Music by Mozart

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

Violinists Marla Rathbun and Rachel Evans, with organist Jon Lafleur will perform four Mozart Church/Epistle Sonatas at Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Sunday, Aug. 4 at the 9 a.m. Service. The young Mozart composed 17 church

sonatas when employed by the Archbishop of Salzburg in the 1770s. The public is invited to enjoy the service whose theme is "When In Our Music God is Glorified."

AUGUST 8

Simple Supper from the Garden

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

On Thursday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m., join Tracy Hayhurst of Undermountain Pantry for a garden tour and cooking session on Beavertides Farm. Harvest vegetables and create tartines with Tracy's sourdough bread. Free and open to the public. Limited to 10 participants. Register by emailing dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com or calling (860) 824-7424.

AUGUST 9

Rose Algrant Show

Cornwall Consolidated School, 5 Cream Hill Road, West Cornwall, Conn.

The 65th Annual Rose Algrant Art Show, a beloved tradition in Cornwall, is set to enchant art enthusiasts from August 9th to 11th at the Cornwall Consolidated School. This esteemed exhibition will feature a diverse collection of artworks from talented artists residing in Cornwall. Attendees will enjoy an array of media, including paintings, photography, drawings, ceramics, handmade shoes, textiles, prints, furniture, and sculptures.

Film Screening

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass. thetriplex.org

The Triplex Cinema announces a special screening of "How to Come Alive with Norman Mailer," a documentary film which looks at Mailer's legacy as a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, speaker, filmmaker and cultural icon. Following the Aug. 9 screening will be a talkback with Mailer's daughter Maggie, who lives in Lenox, Massachusetts, and Lenox bookstore owner Matt Tannenbaum. Tickets are available at the Triplex Cinema website.

AUGUST 10

Taste of Cornwall

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

Taste of Cornwall returns Aug. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Music by Grain Thief will pair with local food in the farm-to-table tasting tents with food prepared by Park and Rec Commission (\$5). Vendors selling baked goods, artisan crafts, and community service groups will line the green.

Sons of the American Legion Roast Beef Dinner

Post 178, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m., the Sons of the American

Legion will host a Roast Beef Dinner at Post 178 in Millerton, N.Y. Cost is \$18. Eat in or takeout. Meal includes: roast beef, baked potato, corn, and roll. Call 518-789-4755.

AUGUST 11

Augustfest in the Village: A Benefit for the David M. Hunt Library

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

Come to Augustfest in the Village: A Benefit for the David M. Hunt Library on Sunday, August 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$30; \$5 children under 12 - Call 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org/augustfest



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Ready for Mozart Aug. 4

Guest violinists Marla Rathbun, right, and Rachel Evans met on Monday, July 29, for a rehearsal with organist Jon Lafleur in preparation for their special performance of four Mozart church sonatas during the regular 9 a.m. service at Sharon's Christ Church Episcopal on Sunday, August 4. Appropriately, the theme of the service is "When in Our Music God is Glorified."



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Concert rocks Hunt Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Vance Cannon and “friends and family” played an evening concert on the lawn at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, July 27.

Cannon, on guitar and vocals, was joined by his brother Hal Cannon on guitar, Steve Roys on harmonica and concertina, and Melanie Cullerton on vocals.

“This is going to be kind of loose,” said Cannon before starting. “I hope you don’t mind.”

“We’ll be happy to refund your money.” (The show was free.)

The library will host the third concert of the summer Saturday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., with a community talent and open-mic show.



Vance Cannon (left) and Steve Roys at the Hunt Library Saturday evening, July 27.

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KCSSF awards over \$100,000 in scholarships

The Kent Center School Scholarship Fund announced Thursday, July 25 awards of 34 scholarships totalling \$115,400 to Kent Center School graduates.

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over 1,000 scholarships in the 63 years of its existence. Students are eligible to receive up to five awards each to partially fund higher education.

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scholarship fund over the past three years has broken records.

Those wishing to donate to the fund can mail their donations to KCSSF, P.O. Box 794, Kent, CT 06757.

Hotchkiss Library summer reading ends with a summer picnic Aug. 10

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon is wrapping up their summer reading season with a summer picnic Aug. 10.

Families are invited to bring a blanket and a picnic lunch to the library lawn where there will be ice cream, outdoor games, and the Read to Grow Book Mobile.

The book mobile has books for all kids. Children can choose a free book from the selection to keep and

read.

Tickets will be drawn for the Summer reading prize raffle. There are still two weeks left to enter the drawing.

Picnic activities start at 11:30 a.m. and go to 1 p.m. For more information visit www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org or call the library at (860) 364-5041.

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