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

Sharon Hospital

Northwell commits to five years of labor & delivery

By Riley Klein

SHARON — Attorney General William Tong announced Monday, Aug. 26, that an agreement was reached with Northwell Health to maintain labor and delivery services (L&D) at Sharon Hospital for the next five years.

Northwell Health is set to become the new owner of Sharon Hospital pending a merger with NuVance Health. The recent agreement was reached as a solution to “resolving the antitrust investigation into the proposed affiliation between the two hospital systems,” stated the Aug. 26 press release from the attorney general’s office.

In the statement Tong was quoted, “Miles and minutes matter when it comes to labor and delivery, and I am pleased that Northwell has committed to preserving affordable, lifesaving care—especially maternity care—for Western Connecticut. This is a strong, enforceable agreement for healthcare access in Connecticut.”

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

First day of school

Class is back in session in Region One schools. Students arrived at Kent Center School on Tuesday, Aug. 27 for the first day of classes. Backpacks, books, lunch boxes and first-day outfits filled the hallways as students eagerly reunited with friends and met their new teachers.

Construction begins on protected farm ahead of Superior Court case

By Riley Klein

SHARON — Paley Farm’s new owners have begun to develop a multi-million-dollar home on the property despite pending resolution of an injunction request to block construction.

In March 2022, a couple from New York purchased 187.33 acres of protected farmland at 135 Millerton Rd. Since then, the owners, David and Liza Bainbridge of Rye, have received approvals to construct a residence on the historic farm.

The land known as Paley Farm was owned by the Paley family going back to 1939. In 1982, the Paleys moved to the location of the current Paley’s Farm Market and sold the original farm on Millerton Road.

In the early 1980s, farmland in the state was being swallowed up by developers. Morris Paley set out to protect his family’s farm with the help of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOA) and American Farmland Trusts.

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Sign of genius: Witty wordplay winners announced

By Robin Roraback

SALISBURY — Besides being known as a nursery that does garden maintenance and design and sells flowers, shrubs, and trees, Salisbury Garden Center is well known for its humorous and sometimes thought-provoking signs. Many look forward to the signs when driving on Route 44 on the way to or from Canaan.

The Garden Center’s owner, Eric Mendelsohn, decided to hold a contest this year and invited, through the signs, all who pass by to submit a saying for them. He got entries “in the double digits” and had plenty to choose from. Of all the entrees four were chosen, with more as possibilities for future signs. Since the sign can only hold sixty characters, length was part of the determination. He was happy to call the contest “a success.”

On Sunday, Aug. 25, the first two winners were announced. The winning entries were:

“If Jerry could, you can! Time to deadhead.” Submitted by Sally Spillane of Salisbury.

“A fall is a great time to plant, since you’re down there.” Submitted by Ariana Erickson, also of Salisbury.



PHOTOS BY ROBIN RORABACK

Henry Pincus of the Salisbury Garden Center stands by one of the winning entries in the garden center’s sign contest. Ariana Erickson of Salisbury submitted this entry.

The other two winners’ signs will be on display next Sunday, Sept. 1. At that time, their names will be announced.

The top four winners will receive

gift certificates from Salisbury Garden Center and their entries will be displayed for a week. Two winners

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Watershed summit addresses lake management strategy

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Lake Washing and Lake Washinee, Salisbury’s revered Twin Lakes, are a reflection of the waters flowing into them, which is why ongoing watershed management planning is vital.

That concept was front and center during a Zoom meeting inviting the public’s input, held by the

Cornwall Bridge-based Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) on Aug. 20 and attended by members of the community, the Twin Lakes Association and HVA staff.

About a dozen members of the public offered their views on the current condition and future management of the lake for the first comprehensive Twin lakes area watershed study in nearly four decades, which is just getting underway.

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Online This Week

Appointing vs. voting for tax collectors

Cornwall is considering taking tax collector off the ballot and making it an appointed position. Full story at 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.

Breach of peace charge

On Friday, Aug. 23, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Troopers were dispatched to the area of Miner Street in Canaan on a report of a woman walking around with knives, threatening to hurt herself. Following an investigation, Samantha Whaples, 20, was arrested and charged with breach of peace, 2nd degree, and disorderly conduct. Whaples posted a \$2,500 non-surety bond and was released and scheduled for an appearance in court.

Hits hanging wires

On Saturday, Aug. 24 at approximately 3:30 p.m., James Jacquier, 51, of East Canaan, was traveling north on Route 126 in Canaan when the trailer portion of the vehicle struck a low hanging utility wire, causing damage to the front portion of the trailer. The collision was determined to be no fault of the vehicle an no enforcement action was taken.

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

Youngsters bounce into new school year

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Veterans Field was a seething mass of children Friday afternoon, Aug. 23, as families took advantage of the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau's back-to-school bouncy house event.

There was also a 3K race, and a fun run in which children ran around the bases on the baseball diamond.

The youngsters could also get a "tattoo" and have their faces painted.

The latter was very popular. Ani Jenkins, the face-painting artist, told one mother and daughter that there were several clients ahead of them.

In case of the excitement of the several bouncy houses faded, there was an athletic contest involving a Vello-cro-covered soccer ball.

On one side of the attraction, the contestant kicks the ball at a large version of a dartboard. A reporter happened by just as one young



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Inflatable entertainment filled Veterans' Field in Sharon Aug. 23 for the back-to-school bouncy house event.

boy nailed the bullseye. He then vanished into the crowd, arms raised in triumph.

On the other side, one of the balls had gotten stuck. Two men, Bryant Nelson of

North Canaan, took it on themselves to un-stick the ball.

This was more difficult than it seemed at first. The long telescoping rod came disassembled, and it took

some fiddling, and passing the instrument to Nelson, the taller of the two, to get the ball down.

Matt Mette, the recreation director in Sharon, got the children assembled for the fun run around the baseball diamond. This was also difficult, as the younger children were inclined to wander off.

With the help of some no-nonsense mothers, the children were lined up, youngest to oldest, and ran off one at a time when Mette yelled "Go!"

A couple ran to third base instead of first, and another kept going into right field and had to be corralled.

But eventually the contestants made it around the diamond, with the older ones making the trip three times. Everybody got a medallion and posed for a group photo, an endeavor that proved almost as tricky as getting them lined up in the first place.

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Trailer crash

A camper collided with a trailer on Route 7 in Sharon Friday, Aug. 23. No injuries were reported.

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Our Towns

Municipalities upgrade to more secure 'gov' web addresses

By Alec Linden

This summer Sharon updated its municipal website domain to a ".gov" address, with several other Northwest Corner towns following closely behind.

Towns are making the move for cybersecurity and credibility reasons. North Canaan, Kent and Cornwall are all either approved to implement the new, government-approved domain, or are planning to do so if required. Salisbury, which holds a ".us" domain instead of the more common ".org" address among municipal websites, does not have active plans to update its website to a ".gov" domain at this time.

"Security is the most important reason the switch was made," explained Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan. His strategy to address this issue has been to strengthen the town's technological infrastructure against cyberattacks and to "build a network that would qualify the town for cybersecurity insurance." He believes that

switching to a ".gov" domain will help the town realize that goal.

To obtain a ".gov" domain, municipalities must apply to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the Department of Homeland Security. This requirement ensures that the ".gov" domain is only available to official U.S.-based government organizations. By contrast, Executive Assistant to the North Canaan Board of Selectman Paul Mattingly explained that maintaining a ".org" domain leaves the site vulnerable to impersonation.

With the upcoming election, Mattingly said that the assurance a ".gov" domain provides is especially timely. When searching for information, about where voter registration occurs or when polls are open, "you want to make sure you're going to a government website," Mattingly said. North Canaan has been approved to make the switch.

Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer also

confirmed his town has been approved for a ".gov" domain as part of a broader cybersecurity upgrade effort. "As a municipal agent of the town, I need to protect our people's data the best we can," Lindenmayer said, citing Kent's reliance on the internet for many of its municipal processes, like paying taxes, as a major driver for enhanced cybersecurity measures. "Attacks are incessant... even in a small town," he emphasized.

Currently, Cornwall's site, cornwallct.org, is run by volunteers. Jane Hall, administrative assistant to the Cornwall Board of Selectmen, said that if a new bill - Connecticut SB 227 - were to pass, the town would then be required to register a site

under a ".gov" domain.

The bill would obligate all Connecticut municipalities to register their websites under the ".gov" designation by July 1, 2026. Betsy Gara, Executive Director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST), said that the bill did not pass at the 2024 meeting of the Connecticut General Assembly, but is expected to be reintroduced in 2025. She added that the new domain comes free of charge to municipalities.

Both Lindenmayer and Flanagan emphasized the importance of preparedness in municipal cybersecurity. Lindenmayer said that four decades in government and the military have taught him that "when you don't plan it, it happens."



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry in Canaan has plenty of fresh produce from local farms at this time of year. Concerned that eligible people are not using the pantry, its director, Louise Riley, wants to get the word out about eligibility. The pantry welcomes eligible residents of Canaan, Falls Village and Norfolk.

Fresh veggies at Fishes and Loaves

By Robin Roraback

Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry in Canaan has an inviting array of fresh produce from area farms at this time of year, as well as their usual food staples.

The director of the pantry, Louise Riley, is concerned that people who could use the pantry are not. "We believe that many residents may not realize they qualify and would like to increase their awareness in order for Fishes and Loaves to assist more families," Riley said.

Their mission is to "feed those in need in Canaan, Falls Village, and Norfolk." The pantry is located at The Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Avenue in Canaan. Those who are eligible can come once a week and select food.

With notification the volunteers and staff can accommodate food allergies, vegetarian diets, and gluten free diets. Those with diabetic or low-sodium or other restricted diets are urged to come in to pick foods that suit their needs.

"We deliver to clients unable to come in person, due

to a physical disability or lack of transportation," Riley said.

"People can register by coming to the pantry during our distribution hours," she said. "They are required to provide their name, address, phone number and number of household members. They are shown the table of income limits and asked to verbally attest that their income falls within the guidelines - we do not require written documentation."

She explained the limits: "A household of one person can qualify for assistance if they make up to \$45,180 in annual gross income; a household of two with income up to \$61,320; those with three people with income up to \$77,460. The pattern, adding \$16,140 per additional person, continues; for example, a household of eight may have an income of up to \$158,160 per annum and qualify for assistance."

Fishes and Loaves is open on Tuesday from 4-6pm and Thursday from 12-2pm. Anyone with questions can call 860-824-7232 or email fishesandloavespantry@gmail.com.

Regional fundraising effort tops \$500K for local nonprofits

TORRINGTON - Northwest Corner Gives has come to a close, raising \$567,076 for community nonprofits.

The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation started NCG in 2020 to help local nonprofits raise funds for essential expenses.

Funds from this year's matching campaign benefited 32 organizations. Contributions ranged from \$1,180 to \$55,552.

For more information on the fund matching campaign, visit northwestcornergives.org or yournccf.org.

Wake Robin Inn proposal heads to public hearing

SALISBURY - The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:45 p.m. (on Zoom) on the application from the Wake Robin LLC and Serena Granbery for a special permit to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn on Sharon Road and Wells Hill Road in Lakeville.

The plans include: Renovations to the existing Inn with new building/rooms addition and associated walkway, driveway, and parking improvements, removal of existing detached motel buildings in favor of a new events barn and associated walkway, driveway, and parking improvements, 12 new guest cottages, renovation of one existing cottage, and associated access improvements, a new spa/gym building and associated amenities, walkways, parking, and landscaping and buffer enhancements, including removal and restoration of former inground pool, removal of the existing main structure at 53 Wells Hill Road in favor of a new pool house, inground pool, and associated patio,

landscaping, walkways, and parking improvements, renovation of one existing garage for storage (53 Wells Hill Rd) and one new storage garage/barn on the Inn property.

The application narrative anticipates that "most events will take place on Friday and Saturday evenings (4 p.m. to 2 a.m.) with occasional afternoon or midday events on the weekends (trade shows, art fairs, or corporate events as examples). Most events will end at midnight, but some events will run until 2 a.m. All doors and windows open to the outside elements will be closed at 9 p.m. to eliminate any sound outside.

Also in the plans are a "fast casual" restaurant and a "three-meal restaurant" and bar open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. "The bar outlets will operate from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. All outdoor activities will end at 9 p.m. and be moved indoors."

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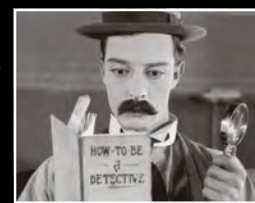
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Our Towns

Classic car 'consigners' bring new auto shop to Lime Rock

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LIME ROCK — Colter Rule III and Aiden Samuels have opened the Connecticut branch of their business, Autogalerie, at 438 Lime Rock Rd.

The two had a grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 24. The Lakeville Journal caught up with them the day before.

Rule said the word "consignment" is probably the best way to describe the main part of the business.

Autogalerie markets and sells classic, collectible, and/or rare vehicles on behalf of the owners.

Rule explained that while a regular used car will have a standard "Blue Book" value, "classic or enthusiast vehicles are a lot more difficult to liquidate."

The two men, who have been friends since their college days, started the business in Palm Beach, Florida and decided to open a second location across from Lime Rock Park.

In the last couple of years, Rule said they have moved



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Colter Rule III and Aiden Samuels are the owners of Lime Rock's newest auto business.

just under 100 vehicles with a combined value of \$4 million dollars.

Autogalerie also sells "automobilia," a term that can

mean anything from Hot Wheels toys to a "huge collection" of automobile-related posters purchased from a poster dealer in New York

City.

Rule said Autogalerie will be hosting events of interest to Lime Rock Park racing fans in the future.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Known as the Buckley House this antique home on Main Street dates to 1775 and was sold for \$2,500,000 in July. In March of 2020 it sold for \$865,000.

Salisbury real estate activity in July

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — July was an active real estate month in the Town of Salisbury with ten recorded transfers reflecting offers accepted during the spring selling season with six houses selling for over \$1 million and only two under \$500,000. Two land sales were negotiated off market. As of Aug. 23 there were 17 residences for sale with four under \$1,000,000 and four over \$5,000,000.

According to SmartMLS there were still ten furnished rentals available for the summer as of Aug. 23 suggesting it was a tough year to find a tenant. All of the remaining 11 rentals are furnished and listed for the academic year and winter season.

July 2024 Recorded Sales in Salisbury

49 Old Cne Road — 4 bedroom/4 bath Cape Cod home on 2.2 lakeside acres sold by Steven A. Cohen to Miriam Bender Birge Revocable Trust and Jon Birge Revocable trust for \$2,375,000.

24 Hemlock Lane — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 4.34 acres sold by Richard J. Jr. and Linda L. Cantele to Stephen E. Hessler for \$2,425,000.

84 Main Street — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath antique house sold by Robert Highsmith and Stefanie Brechbuehler to Howard A. Sobel and Ileen A. Smith for \$2.5 million.

200 Housatonic River Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home on two parcels of 4.52

acres on the Housatonic River sold by Eugene F. Green Estate to Donald Lombino and Joseph Costella for \$1,450,000.

99 Robin Hill Lane — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath house on 1.9 acres sold by Vini-cius Tour and Patricia Dias Artacho to Scott Morris and Brittany Elyse Sneed for \$1,175,000.

300 Between the Lakes Road — 1 bedroom/1 bath 1930 house with 250' lake frontage sold by Abigail Raymond Salaway to 280 BTLR LLC for \$750,000.

76 Bunker Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 3 acres sold by Gail Irene Hughes to Frances and David Morrison for \$1,877,000.

21 Bostwick Street — 4 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1927 sold by Paul C. Musulin and Julie L. Pribble to Richard S. and Mary S. Lanier for \$695,000.

25 Mount Riga Road — .57 acres of vacant land sold by Robert A. O'Brien to Barbara Barvoets and Robert Kaveny for \$120,000.

27 Mount Riga Road — 7 acres sold by Sarum Group LP to Barbara Barvoets and Robert Kaveny for \$170,000.

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between July 1, 2024, and July 31, 2024 provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0257 by ARADEV LLC for a Hotel at 104 & 106 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Map 47, Lot 113 per Section 213.5 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owner of the property is Wake Robin LLC. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
08-22-24
08-29-24

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0255 by Michael Trapp Inc. for an Accessory Apartment at 514 Wells Hill Road, Lakeville, Map 30, Lot 04 per Section 208.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owners of the property are Priscilla and Alan McCord. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
08-22-24
08-29-24

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 19, 2024:

Approved - Site Plan Application #2024-0256 by Raymond Nelson, to turn second floor into an attached accessory apartment in accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 49 as Lot 113 and is located at 54 Farnum Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Thomas McGlone.

Approved - Site Plan Application #2024-0259 by George Johannesen for site development activities in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 68 as Lot 06 and is located at 42 Slater Road, Salisbury. The owners of the property are Tara and Edward Frischling.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut

General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
08-29-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEGREENIA Late of West Cornwall (24-00277)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 15, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Allen Degreenia
PO Box 291
Lakeville, CT 06039
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
08-29-24

Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sept. 14, 2023, at St. Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from Noon to 1:30 PM. If attending, please bring a

couple of dollars to give to the Church's Food Pantry. If you have family in the Cemetery, we are always looking for new Board members. Also if you wish to donate to help support the Cemetery, you can send a check made out to Union Cemetery Association and mail it to Union Cemetery Association, % Gail Seymour, 16 Townsend Blvd., Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.

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The fiduciary is:
Jody Davies

c/o Louise F. Brown
Ackerly Brown LLP
5 Academy Street
P.O. Box 568
Salisbury, CT 06068

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF OWEN A. SIMMONS Late of North Cannan (24-00350)

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Editorial Summer's end

The summer began with an ending note. The long tenure of Region One School Superintendent Lisa Carter culminated with her retirement, though her next chapter has started at EdAdvance in Litchfield. The story of Lisa Carter's big contribution to Region One schools appeared in a June edition of The Lakeville Journal along with photographs of all the graduates in the Class of 2024 from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Graduation would follow the next week, marking an end to secondary education and a new beginning for all the graduates.

With the start of school again this week, it's time to say goodbye to summer and to welcome a new season. The pages of last week's Journal were filled with profiles of the new teachers at HVRHS that included photos and brief bios — compiled by one of HVRHS's own, Mia Barnes, a Class of 2022 alumna. Barnes, a rising junior at Skidmore College, was among The Journal's 2024 class of summer interns.

With school started again, The Journal last week also published school bus routes for all the towns for morning and afternoon trips.

Throughout the summer weeks, besides keeping a bead on education, The Journal has focused on what else matters in our community. Our reporters have written about the critical need for affordable housing in the Northwest Corner. Covering the environment, we have explained the potentially devastating impact of hydrilla on our lakes. On the health front, in July we profiled the new executive director of Project Sage, a community organization dedicated to supporting victims of relationship violence through a range of services and outreach programs. Before that, in May we told our readers about the state-of-the-art health care center in North Canaan that welcomed patients in June, commencing an era for health care described as critically needed and long overdue.

We have reported on the machinations of local government, covering routine committee meetings every week along with related public hearings so that our readers know what their elected representatives — and those much-appreciated committee volunteers — decide about matters that affect everyone in the community.

The Journal has expanded its coverage of local sports, because we recognize its importance to the community at-large and especially to the young athletes we capture in our stories and photographs. Steven Waldman, president of Rebuild Local News and co-founder of Report for America, has written that covering local sports — along with obituaries and local theater — can make communities stronger. We can't agree more. Every week, we aim to provide our readers with a Sports Page. Obituaries also are a mainstay of our publications. With Compass we expand our core coverage to Arts, Entertainment and Lifestyle to contribute to our community by showcasing what is going on beyond the government, education, health care, housing, environment and sports beats.

As citizens of the Northwest Corner, we are connected by a communal fabric that is rich in history, rich in human talent and full of aspiration for a better world. We know that people who follow local news generally feel more attachment to their community. Our news staff believes that no story is too small for The Lakeville Journal. We know that our readers are devoted to the Turning Back the Pages column that draws us back to our past. The same is true of the bus-routes listings, vital news for today's families.

With all the news that happens over the summer, it has not been a vacation time for our staff, yet we, too, feel the potential energy of a new season and look forward to giving you the best in community news coverage.

Potter: Keep families in the 30th District

I met a tall, young man with glasses at the craft fair on the Sharon Green. He turned out to be Justin Potter, the idealistic and enthusiastic candidate who is running for the State Senate in the 30th District. He is keen to make our district more friendly to young families so they would choose to live here and start small businesses, as he has done. Justin realizes that more affordable housing is the key to attracting and keeping younger families. If the state would lower utility rates and reduce the tax on gasoline, that also would be a strong incentive for young people to stay and work in Connecticut.

The legislature in Hartford passed a Childcare Trust Fund, but Justin, who has two young children, feels it needs to be fully funded to help young working families. Even with both parents working, childcare for young children is prohibitively expensive.

Justin attended Washington Primary, and his son is a student at public school in Kent. Justin feels the teachers at Kent Center School gave his son the special attention he needed to succeed. Justin would support giving more state money to education to attract young families and give equal opportunity for all of our public-school students.

Fourteen states offer free Community College, and Justin feels if we had it in Connecticut, that would join with the wonderful vocational schools we have, to prepare students for a strong start in their careers.

Justin feels if more young families want to stay and work here, their innovation and energy creating new businesses, would stimulate the state economy and offer an exciting future for the 30th District and our state.

Sharon

Lizabeth Piel



LETTERS

Thank you Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance

On July 28, I was having a wonderful day on the Twin Lakes with friends. After dinner I felt some discomfort and told my wife and guests that I think I am having a heart attack. They were surprised but called 911 anyway. Fortunately that phone call saved my life and possibly gave me a new one. My wife and I were taken by ambulance to Sharon Hospital and on the way there I died, and was revived by the incredible SVA staff. I was subsequently stabilized and transferred to Vassar Hospital where I had a 10 hour operation and am now on the mend, and will be celebrating my 83rd birthday on August 28. Thank you SVA.

Steve Klein

Taconic

Justin Potter for senate

Anytime I'm traveling, I try to get the local publications in my hands as soon as possible. I recently visited Litchfield County for the first time and picked up The Lakeville Journal. I was struck by Bill Bachrach's letter supporting Justin Potter for the state senate and was especially encouraged to hear about Mr. Potter's work in supporting and building affordable housing.

As a leader of Brooklyn Community Board 6, we've supported the City of Yes, the Gowanus Rezoning and other rezonings to build and increase the supply of both market and affordable housing. I mention this because I know it's not easy (to say the least) to get local support for affordable housing and because it's incredibly encouraging to see support for housing expanding from Kent to President Obama.

I've not met Justin Potter but I hope he's victorious in his election. Litchfield County is clearly a great place and more people should be able to call it home.

Michael Racioppo,
District Manager,
Brooklyn Community Board 6

Brooklyn, N.Y.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honoring our son and thanking our community for support in our loss

As most of you know, our son Owen passed away late in the night on June 17th. While it seemed as though time would stand still from that very moment, it didn't, and our new reality would be completely unbearable.

June the 18th began with a blue sky and birds singing. To us it proved to be our darkest day, as we began our first day without Owen in our life. What we would soon learn is that we were not alone in this journey. Within hours of daybreak countless people from our community came to our home. Bringing food, drinks, paper goods, utensils, tissues, flowers, hugs, shared tears and words of love, sym-

pathy and support. This immediate and genuine support was shown in messages both on our cell phones and social media, along with countless cards the arrived in the mail in the weeks that followed that fateful night. We quickly learned that the entire community, even people we do not know all that well, were here for us, making this journey and reality a little more bearable to handle.

People often say that small towns can be tricky. Well, we say with certainty, that our small-town community is what is helping us get through this most difficult time. The love and support that has been shown by everyone has not just felt

by Mike, Levi and I, but by our entire family. There are simply not enough words to say how thankful we truly are. While we have countless individuals that we still need to thank, we wanted to be sure to thank our community as a whole. We would not be doing as well as we are without all of you.

This heartfelt 'Thank You' comes from all of us with genuine sincerity,

From Mike, Kristine, Levi, Jeannette, Phil, Craig, Alicia, Eric, Kathy, Tucker & Ryan

On a side note, I would like to remind everyone that kindness is everything. We don't all have to see eye to eye, or agree on everything, but the way we treat each other should never be anything shy of kind and respectful. We as adults all need to set a better example for our children. My son Owen was the kindest of kind and this was a saying of his, "A little spark of kindness can make a sun shine in someone's heart."

Lets all remember this in honor of Owen's bright, beautiful and full-of-life personality.

Thank you.
Kristine Simmons
North Canaan

Support Barbara Breor for 64th District

Hello neighbors. For the past couple of years, I have been listening to, reading information about, and corresponding with our current Connecticut Congresswoman to the 64th District. Now I want to introduce you to a better choice, Barbara Breor who is running to represent you for the 64th District. For 28 years, she has served as the Goshen Town Clerk. In this capacity, she has been introduced to not only local town issues, but her district issues as well as Hartford politics and their impact on our communities.

Hartford advocates for electric vehicle mandates when our electric grid does not support everyday usage right now. She is for freedom of choice to buy gas, electric or hybrid. Hartford advocates for a statewide property tax which means all cities/towns would have the same mill rate. Barbara opposes this as it would result in a substantial property tax increase for those of us in the 64th District.

Hartford is working hard to mandate school regulations as well as zoning regulations across the state. Barbara is for local control. Further, she supports the protection of our lakes, riv-

ers and open spaces. People have moved into the 64th District for its low mill rates, expanse of natural accessible areas of recreation, a local governing board that governs and not Hartford governing us as to what we drive, how far we can drive, what we tax, how much we tax and what we should and where we should build affordable housing. The latter is a local issue which Connecticut towns are fervently addressing.

Her career in community service ranges from service on Goshen Land Trust, Goshen Fire and EMT, Goshen Agricultural Society, Goshen Historical Society, Litchfield County Fair Assoc., to the CT Assoc. of Agricultural Fairs.

Barbara Breor sees the major issues we face are control of electric rates; having our law enforcement respected; the time and money spent on early voting be revisited by legislatures as to number of early voting days as well as fiscal responsibility that supports small businesses. This November vote Barbara Breor to represent you for the 64th District Congresswoman in Hartford.

Marie Barnum
Salisbury

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – August 1924

A party of state engineers have been surveying the Undermountain road.

James R. Melvin has finished painting the Amesville School house.

The first arrest of a motorist for defective brakes was made by State Policeman Ringrose at Sharon last week, when Elmore Clore of that place was before the court and received a fine of \$1.00 and costs. Careless auto drivers would do well to look to the condition of their brakes, before they have to say “Good morning Judge.”

(Adv.) WANTED – A middle aged woman to care for two old people. No laundry. Good wages. Apply at Journal Office.

The former Parochial School building which is now used by several grades of the public schools has lately been connected with the water and sewer systems of the village.

The Chemical Co. was called this morning by an alarm from Lakeville Manor, the former convent. A forgotten pan of grease in the range oven created a smudge, but no damage resulted.

50 years ago – August 1974

Gasoline costs plenty any place you buy it these days. But an informal survey now shows a wide range – nearly 10 cents per gallon – in the prices charged by 48 area gas stations. Posted prices for “regular” gas ranged from 52.9 cents per gallon at one Amenia station to 60.9 cents at another New York dealership. For premium gas the

price range was also 8 cents per gallon – from 56.7 cents to 64.7. No-lead gasoline was posted at 54.9 cents at one station and 64.7 at another.

Lieut. Charles Rust, a veteran Connecticut State Police officer, took charge at Canaan Barracks this week as Troop B's fifth commander in less than four years.

Connecticut's Democratic senior senator, Abe Ribicoff, acted out his customary political ritual in Canaan Monday morning. Ribicoff says he has started each of his campaigns at the Service Pharmacy ever since his successful gubernatorial effort in 1954.

Pfizer Inc. of Canaan was recently issued two permits permitting the firm to discharge water used in cooling and scrubbing operations into the Blackberry River in Canaan. The permits were issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. Pfizer removes limestone from an open pit quarry on Lower Road and processes the stone at a plant on Daisy Hill. The two permits allow the firm to discharge 43,000 gallons of water a day from the cooling operation into the Blackberry and 500,000 gallons a day from the scrubbing operation.

Canaan will soon offer a new service to its residents. The town crew will begin a twice monthly collection of brush as of Sept. 9. The brush will be chipped on the spot and the chips transported to the landfill area. The service will be available free of charge.

The Falls Village Conservation Commission appeared on the verge this week

of granting its first permit under the town's new inland wetlands regulations. The applicant is the Hartford Electric Light Company, who wants to replace its entire vintage 1916 transmission line and all towers along the 20-mile right of way from Torrington to the Falls Village hydro plant.

25 years ago – August 1999

Nationally-known consumer advocate Ralph Nader wants to know what state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal has done about an inquiry into former Sharon Hospital CEO James Sok's \$500,000 severance payoff. Mr. Sok left Sharon Hospital in June 1998, and was reported to have been paid between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million in severance. His resignation from the hospital came after a vote of “no confidence” from the hospital's medical staff. While his severance was actually around the \$500,000 mark, to be paid off over several years, he was also given the 1995 Buick he had been using, up to \$2,500 in legal fees and \$10,000 a month for three months for him to be available for consultation.

The business section of Kent just became a little more pedestrian friendly, thanks to the Kent Garden Club. With the help of several volunteers, 12 park benches have been put in place up and down Main Street and by the Kent Green. By the week's end, four more benches will be in place and the remaining benches should arrive soon.

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

In message, Harris poses as change

As a matter of oratory, Kamala Harris' address to the Democratic National Convention accepting the presidential nomination Thursday Aug. 22, was excellent — clear, articulate, enthusiastic, empty of cackling — and it excited the crowd.

Content was something else.

The address was largely about fooling the country into thinking that she represents change, that she shares no responsibility for the disaster of the administration in which she has been President Biden's vice president.

“We're not going back,” Harris said, describing her candidacy as “a new way forward,” thereby implying that the way pursued by the Biden-Harris administration has not been the right way. Indeed, no delegates chanted “four more years,” as is traditional when a political party seeks another term in control of the executive branch.

For despite assurances from Harris and other speakers that under the Biden-Harris administration the country never had it so good, the country emphatically believes otherwise, and did so even before the president collapsed in senility during his debate in June with former President Donald Trump, the Republican nominee.

Harris made some perfectly valid criticisms of Trump — like the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol by the supporters he had summoned there, and his lack of seriousness about government. But she also spouted much nonsense, asserting that if they return to power in Washington the Republicans will outlaw abortion nationally and destroy Social Security and Medicare.

If the Democrats gain full control of the federal govern-

immigration.

Harris said “fundamental freedoms” are at stake in this election: “the freedom to live safe from gun violence” and “the freedom to love who you love, openly and with pride.”

For a moment it seemed as if the Democrats had forgotten that they were in Chicago, where there are dozens of gun-related murders every week, with the city and its state long having been under ruinous Democratic administration. Reflection on Chicago might lead to suspicion that gun violence is much less a problem of gun laws, the focus of the Democrats, than of the long failure to do much about poverty, especially among racial minorities, even as the Democrats claim that they should be kept in power because of their concern about poverty.

Their real concern often seems to be to keep people poor and thinking of themselves as victims forever dependent on government.

As for “the freedom to love,” if homosexuals were still oppressed, Democrats wouldn't constantly be calling attention to homosexuals being elected to public office. These days minority status is usually a positive in politics, but here too Democrats seem to want to perpetuate a sense of victimhood even as hardly anyone cares anymore about the sexual orientation of candidates.

Harris played both sides of the war between Israel and Gaza, but the essence of her administration's position is that it would keep the Hamas terrorist movement in power in Gaza, a mortal threat to Israel, even as it still holds U.S. citizens hostage.

Can Trump illuminate Harris' many contradictions and far-left positions? And would it matter much as long as he remains his truculent, blustering, insulting self?

Chris Powell has written about Connecticut government and politics for many years.

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ment they are far more likely to legalize late-stage and live-birth abortion nationally than the Republicans are to outlaw abortion. Indeed, most Democrats in Congress already support the proposed Women's Health Protection Act, which would eliminate all restrictions on abortion.

If they really believed that the Republicans would outlaw abortion and destroy Social Security and Medicare, the Democrats would not be so eager to repeal the Senate's filibuster rule, under which a minority can block legislation. If Republicans gain control of the Senate, the Democrats will use the filibuster rule as they have done many times over the years, just as the Republicans have.

'We're not going back,' Harris said, describing her candidacy as 'a new way forward,' thereby implying that the way pursued by the Biden-Harris administration has not been the right way.

Harris promised to secure the southern border, apparently assuming that people will forget her administration's disastrous open-borders policy, under which as many as 10 million people have entered the country illegally. She said Trump's influence with Republican congressmen had killed bipartisan border security legislation, but the legislation wouldn't have secured the border at all; it actually authorized much more illegal

Best way to rid fruits and vegetables of pesticides

Dear EarthTalk: What's the most effective way to remove pesticide residues from fruits and vegetables that I buy at the supermarket?

—R.L.J., Kansas City, KS

For many decades now, pesticides have been a vital tool for farmers to ensure that their harvests aren't overgrown by weeds or eaten by pests. As a result, pesticides remain prevalent today, in spite of the many health risks that pesticide residues still pose to people consuming fruits and vegetables. It's worth noting that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has placed limits on the amount of pesticide residue found on produce—

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called “tolerances”—to ensure that people will most likely not be impacted by harmful “persistent organic pollutants” (POPs) such as glyphosate and atrazine. However, it's still important to make individual efforts to clean produce to further protect your personal health and safety.

A recent report from the American Chemical Society analyzed data provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and found that 20 percent of 59 different produce catego-

ries posed significant health risks to consumers despite current pesticide limits. The researchers developed new methods for finding and removing traces of pesticides from produce, as they found that traditional methods of cleaning produce were insufficient. Most notably, the report posits that pesticides go beyond the produce's surface to leach into the food, meaning that washing may not be as effective. Further research is needed to determine the full risks and implications of current pesticide limits. Regardless, all produce should be cleaned thoroughly before consumption.

There are varied opinions on the best methods for removing pesticide residues from produce, and no meth-

od is 100 percent effective. Rinsing produce is somewhat helpful for cleaning off dirt and germs, but soaking their fruits and vegetables in warm vinegar or salt solutions may be better; however, some sources claim that exposure to these solutions may allow chemicals to form more complex, equally dangerous chemical compounds, so always follow soaking with thorough rinsing. Finally, peeling or boiling produce can be highly effective in removing residues, though you will suffer a loss of nutrients.

Of course, the only way to significantly reduce your exposure to food-borne synthetic chemicals is by buying organic, as organic foods are not grown with the assistance of hazardous pesticides. You might have to pay a little more, but isn't your health and peace of mind worth it?

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PHOTO BY OLIVIA VALENTINE

Hans Pederson, age 7, of Sharon, showed his Guernsey, Paisley, at the Dutchess County Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24. The calf was born Dec. 12, 2023, and is from Coon Brothers Farm in Amenia.

Status Report

LAKEVILLE — Chris Reynolds of Salisbury had a hole in one Aug. 18 on the fifth hole at The Hotchkiss School golf course. It happened during the weekly VFW golf league match and was witnessed by Jeff Bauman, David Bayersdorfer and Mike Mahoney. His ball landed a bit short of the putting green, but it bounced forward and made its way into the cup.

LAKEVILLE — NBT Bank announced that Amanda Lidstone has

been promoted to BSA Officer. Lidstone has more than 15 years of experience in compliance and BSA (Bank Secrecy Act). Active in her community, Lidstone is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Housatonic Child Care Center.

KENT — Foreign Cargo on Main Street is hosting a private collection of Ocumichu pottery. The well-preserved, colorful displays were made in the 1980s and depict lively scenes of life in Mexico.

Realtor® at Large

After paddling at dawn Sunday on Twin Lakes with the boys, it was easy to build up an appetite! After loading up our canoes at the State launch, we quickly made it over to Mary's Cafe at O'Hara's Landing. If you would like to get a sense of old Salisbury, this is the place, the aroma of coffee and the grill cooking breakfast greet you as well as the feeling of stepping back in time with the old photos of Twin Lakes and conversations of boating and fishing swirling around the room. As you are enjoying a wonderful meal, boats are launching and returning, a delightful sight, and no one is in a hurry! Additionally, you can rent boats at the Landing to enjoy the late Summer and early Fall out on the lake. For more info, Please visit: oharaslanding.com.



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Our Towns

Preparations gear up for travel club fundraiser

By Lia Wolgemuth

SALISBURY — The menu is planned, tickets are selling and students are ready to don their aprons – all in preparation for the sixth annual Wine Dinner and Auction, hosted by the White Hart Inn in Salisbury.

The event is on Friday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and raises money for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School International Travel Club's 2025 trips to Italy/Germany and to Thailand.

The evening accommodates 120 guests under a tent on the Green and includes a cocktail hour with a sparkling wine, a four-course dinner with three wines and both a live and a silent auction. Actor and local resident Sam Waterston will attend and speak to show his support for the program.

"We are so grateful to the White Hart for their continued support and generosity," said Laura Bushey, a board member for Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders, the fundraising branch of the travel club. "They donate a large portion of the food and wine as well as allow us to use their beautiful lawn."

Students work during the evening as waitstaff, greeters, decorators, cleanup crew and fundraisers. They have also spent the summer finding sponsors and items for the auction. Local businesses, artisans and organizations have donated fine art, gift baskets, gift certificates, tickets to tri-state events, golf packages and more. Items of special note include a one-week stay at a house in France, spring break at a timeshare in Myrtle Beach, S.C., two nights in Atlantic City and orchestra seats to a Broadway show of the winning bidder's choice.

"The money received by each student correlates directly to the time commitment they have made," said Bushey. "This system incentivizes each student and avoids everyone benefiting from the work of only a few individuals. Since the students become extremely



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER GILLETTE
Anna Gillette, an HVRHS student and member of the school's travel club, accepted a sponsorship for the club's annual Wine Dinner and Auction fundraiser from Rob Cooper, owner of Associated Lightning Rod Company in Millerton.

invested in their trips, they are very grateful for the special opportunity."

John Lizzi, HVRHS social studies teacher and club advisor, expressed thanks to the Region One community and the 21st Century Fund for the continued support of students.

"Without Region One's help, these tours would not be possible," he said. "Regrettably, the cost of international travel has never been higher, and the support we receive goes directly to support families who, without financial assistance, would not be able to afford these trips. "The past two years we've averaged \$50,000 at the dinner," he added. "That remains our goal this year."

Global citizens

Donations help pay for cultural experiences and excursions, airfare, hotel accommodations and the opportunity to earn high school and college credit.

"International travel provides students authentic learning experiences not possible in the classroom that

are truly life-changing," said Lizzi. "Students return from these trips as more mature, refined and empathetic global citizens."

Bushey, a parent of three HVRHS graduates, echoed this sentiment.

"My daughter, Catherine, was able to travel to Japan in April of 2022," she said. "The trip has definitely given her the 'travel bug' as well as a far less U.S.-centric approach in general. After seeing the growth that a travel experience like this can generate, I became very passionate about helping facilitate future trips. The hope is that students have a profoundly exciting learning experience that broadens their horizons and encourages continued travel throughout their lives."

HVRHS sophomore Jonas Johnson also has the travel bug after touring Iceland with the club this past July.

"As someone who is into nature, I thought it was great that we got to go to a different environment and see the differences from home," he said. "We saw famous water-

falls, thermal pools, geysers, humpback whales and volcanic environments, which were all so special."

Johnson plans to journey to Thailand next year and said he is most excited to volunteer at an elephant sanctuary. The anticipated itinerary will be the first service-learning trip with school-tour operators EF Tours.

Said Lizzi, "All of the trips we take include fantastic learning experiences for our students, but the Thailand trip promises to be the most hands-on and student-centered yet.

"As we get closer to the

2025 departure date, we will learn more about the specifics of the project," he explained. "Past examples from Thailand service-learning tours include helping to build a local school, planting trees, constructing dams to help with seasonal flooding, building mushroom houses outside local schools to create income for resources, and

maintaining elephant habitats that help with general sanctuary upkeep."

Tickets to the Wine Dinner and Auction are \$100 each. To buy tickets, become a sponsor or donate an item for the auction, visit winedinnerandauction.com, email nwcstudentswithoutborders@gmail.com or call/text Lia at (860) 248-0269.

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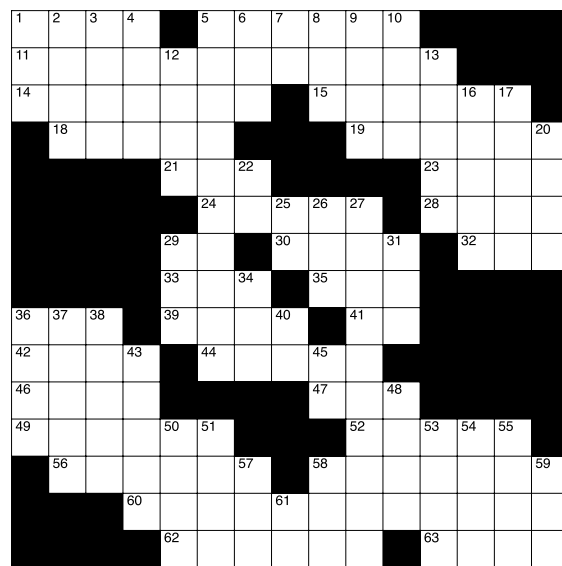
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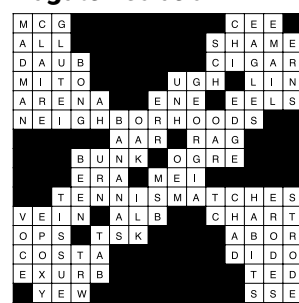
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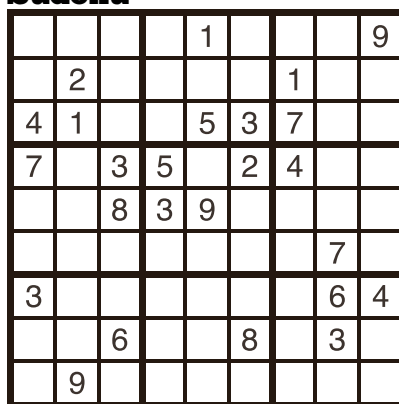
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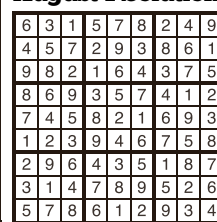
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Family members from Spirit Horse Farm in Kent setting up their picnic Aug. 22.

Kent's best picnic

There was an informal "picnic set-up" contest held during the Kent Concert Series show Aug. 22. Tablecloths, stemware, flowers and food ware were all part of the party with the ever-popular Wanda Houston. Everyone was a winner.



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Above, Wanda Houston performed at Kent Land Trust field Thursday, Aug. 22. Left, Karren Garrity and Darlene Brady at their well-dressed picnic table.



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Sports



Tessa Dekker will be a senior on the soccer field for HVRHS this fall.

HVRHS junior Owen Riemer plays kicker, wide receiver, and defensive back for GNH football.

Fall sports season begins at Housatonic Regional

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletics resume as the fall semester gets underway.

The Mountaineers are set to put forth teams in five sports this fall: football, volleyball, soccer, cross country and golf.

Boys golf will be the first HVRHS team to play this season. The golf team travels to Lakeview High School, the new Region 20 high school in Litchfield, for the opening match at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Cross country runners will get the season started with a multi-school meet at Thomaston High School Thursday, Aug. 29. Both boys and girls teams will compete in the opener, set to start at 4 p.m.

Girls soccer will begin with a scrimmage against Monument Mountain Re-

gional High School Friday, Aug. 30. The non-league match will be played in Great Barrington at 4 p.m.

Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football

starts the season with two away scrimmages. The first will be played at Avon High School on Saturday, Aug. 31, with a 3:15 p.m. kick off. HVRHS will host one GNH

football game this season on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. against Woodland Regional High School.

Boys soccer begins Wednesday, Sept. 4, at home

against Gilbert High School. Start time will be 3:45 p.m. on the field behind HVRHS.

Girls volleyball gets going on Thursday, Sept. 5, with a scrimmage against

East Granby High School. The away match will start at 5:45 p.m.

Complete schedules for all athletic teams can be found at ciac.fpsports.org

Trojans win fourth straight Tri-State championship

The Tri-Town Trojans defeated the Bethlehem Plowboys 3-1 in the final game of the Tri-State Baseball League World Series in Waterbury Tuesday, Aug. 20. The Trojans are the third team to “four-peat” in TSBL history, joining the Amenia Monarchs (1982-85) and the Torrington Rebels (1992-95). Pictured at right, HVRHS alumnus Willie Yahn, shortstop for the Trojans, rejoices with his team.




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WATERSHED

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The Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation has provided \$25,000 in seed funding to the Twin Lakes Association for the initial phase of the watershed study, to be conducted by HVA, and the lake association intends to apply for grant funding to complete the study once those funds are spent.

The last Twin Lakes Watershed study was completed in 1987 by limnologist George Knocklein and colleagues.

The intention of the 1987 study was to “evaluate the existing database for the lake and identify problematic components of the ecosystem and potentially effective management methods,” according to Julia Rogers, HVA’s Senior Land Protection Manager, who led the 90-minute Zoom meeting.

Although the TLA has continued to collect data on water quality and aquatic plants within the lakes, a comprehensive study of the inflows to the lakes has not been completed since the 1987 report, and many things have changed since, said Rogers.

“Some are likely positive in nature, like changes in agricultural practices and the upgrading of septic systems around the lake. But other stressors, like increased de-

velopment and more year-around homes have emerged. Coupled with climate change, the pressures on our natural systems are greater than ever, so understanding these systems is critical for making informed management decisions.”

“Voices of everyone” sought

Public participation is essential to the success of the Watershed Management Plan and the long-term health of the Twin Lakes, said Mike Jastremski, HVA’s Watershed Conservation Director, who gave an introduction to Watershed planning during the Zoom meeting.

“It is easier to keep something healthy than to wait for it to degrade and then fix it.”

— **Mike Jastremski, HVA’s Watershed Conservation Director**

“The Twin Lakes and their watershed are resources that provide benefit to lots of people, including residents, folks that visit for recreation, and downstream communities along Schenob Brook and the Housatonic River. It’s important for this planning process to incorporate the voices of everyone that has an interest in keeping Twin Lakes healthy in the face of threats like climate change, invasive species and storm-water pollution.”

Watershed management only works, he said, “if we all understand which values related to the twin lakes are most important for each

other, set management goals that we all agree on, and work together to make those goals happen.”

Rogers, along with Jastremski, Tim Abbott, HVA’s regional land conservation director and Rodrigo Pinto, Connecticut watershed manager, led small break-out sessions and 30 minutes later reported on the feedback.

“Overall, we have the sense that this is a fairly healthy lake,” said Abbott.

Jastremski noted that this is the right time to plan for water quality protection.

Potential pollution sources can include aging septic systems (nutrients, detergents, pharmaceuticals), lawns (nutrients and pesticides), roads (road sale, oil/gas, metals, sediment) and agricultural runoff (nutrients, pesticides).

Peter Neely said the lake’s status in terms of recreation is “overall positive.”

“The lake is 80 feet deep at its deepest point. Deep water and cold water makes it the ideal habitat for trout,” said Neely. “It’s a huge resource for the town,” in terms of recreational opportunities. Swimming, he noted, is a popular activity, both off boats and at the lake’s beach club.

Abbott cautioned that there are a “few things that could affect the lake...we don’t know the extent of some of them.”

Although one threat to the lake is the presence of an invasive aquatic plant, hydrilla, it was not part of the discussion during the Zoom

presentation.

Jackie Blombach said in the 40 years she has lived in the area, she has noticed how development has changed the character of the lake. Small cabins around the lake, which years ago were used seasonally, have been replaced by big houses, many of them used year-round.

Her biggest concern, she said, is that some property owners are unaware that the nutrients they are using on their lawns and gardens, even if labeled “organic,” are hurting the lakes.

“So what do we do?”

Eric Stoer, a newcomer to West Twin Lake, a TLA board member and member of the Twin Lakes Beach Club, said he is concerned that beach sand is eroding into the lake, as evidenced by large ruts after rains at the club.

“We bring in new sand and make it nice again. I imagine that over the past 10 or 15 years most of the sand we brought in is in the lake, so what do we do?”

Lee Greenhouse, who moved to the area four years ago, said he is “really thrilled” lake officials are taking a proactive approach to lake management.

“I have no historical perspective, but I have an understanding of the fragility of the ecosystem, and what strikes me as a new homeowner is that I’ve had a lot of choices to make,” like property maintenance and water runoff from his driveway.

“I have no idea if I’ve made good choices or bad choices,”

What is a watershed?

The watershed, which comprises all of the land and water areas that drain toward a lake or river, is also called the drain basin. A lake reflects the watershed’s size, land use, soil, fertility, erodibility, vegetation, topography and geology. Land use plays a key role on the quantity, as well as quality, of runoff entering a lake. Runoff from impervious surfaces like driveways, parking lots and roads often contain contaminants, and failing septic systems and fertilizers from property owners within the watershed also threaten a lake’s health.

admitted Greenhouse, who noted that he doesn’t use fertilizer and although his lawn is “brown and not pretty, I’m OK with that.”

He suggested helping other landowners through more aggressive public education so they can make informed decisions on how to become better stewards of the lake, even if it involves some aesthetic sacrifices like not using fertilizers, keeping native aquatic plants in place and periodically checking their septic systems and water runoff.

“Sometimes I feel there is a disconnect between the town and the lakes. I’m not saying we should over-regulate the lakes, but it seems like there are different levels of participation and a willingness to engage and actively sign on and be proactive. It’s such a patchwork and all over the place.”

Blombach credited the town’s Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission for being “pretty strict” with their regulations, “which is a

good thing.”

HVA’s Rogers said she was “thrilled” with the positive feedback from the meeting participants and she credited the lake association’s for its “foresight in recognizing the need for a comprehensive understanding of the watershed to inform plans to protect this incredible natural resource.”

A working group formed in March

The Twin Lakes Watershed Management Planning process began in March 2024 with the convening of a working group that included representatives from the Town of Salisbury, Salisbury Association and Land Trust, Sheffield Land Trust, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Salisbury School, The Nature Conservancy, TLA and HVA.

The working group is responsible for engaging the public and other stakeholders in the planning process, reviewing and summarizing existing research and drafting the Watershed Management Plan.

SIGNS

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a week will have their sayings posted, one on each side of the sign. Winners’ names and a photo of their sign will be posted on Instagram.

Henry Pincus, a major in Creative Writing at Oberlin College and a summer staff member, was put in charge of the entries. He said the staff voted on the ones they liked most to pick the winners. Pincus said of the signs, “It is deceptively difficult to make them both funny and snappy. It was interesting to get other people in on the process and see them experiment in that creative space.”

Eric Mendelsohn has been the owner of the garden center since 2004. He said that he first began having fun with the signs about ten years ago. He gets the ideas

from “a curating of signs the world has come up with.” He added, “There are no original ideas out there that someone hasn’t thought of.” And so, he will not claim the writings on any of the past signs as his own. During the spring and summer seasons, most signs are garden related.

He has had people who have been offended by some of the signs call or stop in to complain. Mendelsohn contributed that, “Funny gets close to the edge of that sometimes.”

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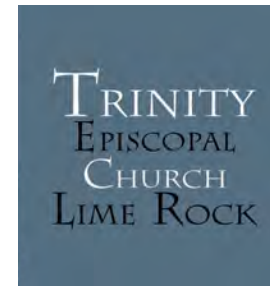
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PALEY FARM

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The team succeeded in conveying the development rights of three parcels totaling 187.33 acres to the DOA, thus conserving the land for farming. In total, the state paid more than \$300,000 for the conveyance. The New York Times reported on this effort under the headline, "Trust Acts to Save a Farm in Sharon."

With development rights now in the hands of the state, Paley sold the property to Timothy and Patricia Parry. The land changed hands twice more in the 1990s and made it to 2022 when the Bainbridges bought the farm in its protected state. Land sale records show the purchase price in 2022 was \$1,475,000.

The land is still used as a farm today, specifically for hay production. The hay grown at Paley Farm is harvested by a nearby dairy operation that requested anonymity.

After purchasing the plot, the Bainbridges applied to DOA for building approval in November 2022. The application proposed a two-story home with a two-car attached garage, pool, outdoor spa, septic system/leach field, well, electricity installation including buried utility lines and three utility vaults, back-up generator with transformer and wood-clad fence, driveway, driveway court, and garage court.

Sharon Land Trust (SLT) and a group of concerned citizens took steps to intervene in late 2022 and early 2023. When lobbying efforts to DOA, state legislators and the Council of Environmental Quality yielded no results, the group offered to buy the farm from the Bainbridges.

By summer of 2023 a verbal agreement to purchase the land had been reached at a cost of \$1.5 million, set to close on or before Aug. 31 of that year. On Aug. 17, 2023, DOA approved the Bainbridges' application to build, and the land sale agreement was abandoned.

In its decision, DOA stated, "the Department has determined that the proposed residence does not materially decrease the acreage and productivity of arable land for crops and that due consideration was given to the impact of any decrease in acreage or productivity of arable land upon the total farm operation."

The Bainbridges have continued to seek building permits in 2024. Most recently, on July 15, a building application was approved by Sharon Land Use Administrator Jamie Casey, who reported that the applicants met all planning and zoning requirements. The application was not put before the Planning and Zoning Commission since dwelling construction is considered a by-right activity of land-



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Development is underway at 135 Millerton Rd., Sharon. As seen from the Sharon Land Trust nature trail across the street, construction of a long, winding driveway on the farm has begun. Atop the hill, a large mound of moved earth is visible.

owners and does not require a special permit.

Permits were issued to the Bainbridges to construct a foundation, valued at \$371,000, and a wood-framed home valued above \$3 million. More than \$30,000 in permit fees were issued to the Town of Sharon by the Bainbridges.

Before the permit approval, on July 5 legal proceedings were filed by SLT and Carol Flaton, a concerned citizen, with Torrington Superior Court. SLT and Flaton are represented by Cohen & Wolf P.C. of Danbury and the Bainbridges are represented by Halloran & Sage LLP of Hartford.

The plaintiffs claim DOA "misconstrued the 1984 conveyance and applicable statutes" in its decision to approve construction.

The filing states the Connecticut regulatory definitions have changed over time and DOA must consider the language in place at the time of conservation (1984). A statute in the regulations allows for "other improvements" that are directly incidental to agricultural enterprise, but the language of this statute has been modified since the conveyance went into place.

"Thus, whether the residence materially decreases land for crops is irrelevant — the only relevant consideration is whether a proposed residence is 'directly incidental to farm operation,'" the filing states. "Neither Morris Paley nor the Department of Agriculture in 1984 intended to allow for large weekend homes in the middle of prime farmland."

SLT requested a court-ordered injunction take effect to prevent construction on the property while court proceedings are ongoing. On Aug. 9, Torrington Superior

Court requested accompanying documents for the injunction. The Bainbridges received a summons to appear in court Sept. 26 for an opportunity to dispute the injunction. The plaintiffs expect to learn if the group has standing to bring the case at the Sept. 26 hearing.

In the interim, Judge Walter A. Menjivar permitted the defendants to begin driveway construction. Development of Paley Farm began Aug. 12.

When contacted, David Bainbridge offered no comment. Ken Slater of Halloran & Sage LLP confirmed he was representing the Bainbridges but declined to comment on the ongoing case.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) described the situation as "very disappointing." She noted that the conveyance of development rights at Paley Farm was among the first such easements in the state. In conversations with DOA, she gathered that the department "felt like it didn't have the authority to enforce it the way they wanted to."

Sharon Land Trust Treasurer Allen Reiser worried about the precedent this sets. He said there are several other properties in Sharon protected by 1980s conveyances that could be developed if DOA allows.

"As a land trust obviously we'd love for as much land as possible to be preserved. But this is a property the State of Connecticut paid, in today's dollars, a million dollars to be conserved and they're not enforcing the easement properly," said Reiser. "It rubs me the wrong way as a taxpayer and it rubs me the wrong way as a Sharon Land Trust member. That being said, we recognize and support the ability of property owners to build and modify residences to whatever extent is allowed by local zoning rules."

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CHWC event raises funds for 'patient-centric' operations

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Barn at Stillwaters Farm in Salisbury was packed the evening of Friday, Aug. 23, for a fundraiser for Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC).

The non-profit organization recently opened a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) facility in North Canaan, to complement existing locations in Torrington and Winsted.

Attendees enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and several dinner options, plus magician Matt Szat and music from Johnny Irion.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Maria Horn addresses the crowd at Community Health and Wellness's Aug. 23 fundraiser.

On a more serious note, State Representative Maria

Horn (D-64) said she often speaks with health care workers who are unhappy with their working conditions.

This is not the case with CHWC employees, she said.

Joanne Borduas, the CHWC CEO, noted that CHWC is the only "comprehensive, independent" FQHC in Northwest Connecticut.

"We are the health care provider of choice in the northwest region," she continued, providing "affordable, accessible, high-quality health care."

"Not just accessible, but patient-centric."

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The agreement was reached following an investigation by the attorney general's offices of Connecticut and New York as to the anti-trust implications of Northwell becoming a competitor in Hudson Valley and western Connecticut.

In addition to Sharon Hospital, the agreement included the preservation of services and staffing at Putnam Hospital for one year after the merger is finalized. Northwell agreed to install a unified electronic records management system across its expanded hospital network and to permit contractors to work across state lines within the network.

Sharon Hospital released a statement Aug. 26: "We are pleased to partner with the Connecticut and New York Offices of the Attorney Generals in developing an Agreement of Assurances which identifies specific post-affiliation activities and commitments that will

benefit the communities currently served by Nuvance Health. Under the Affiliation Agreement, Northwell has made a commitment to provide Nuvance Health with capital, expertise, and support to achieve long-term fiscal stability and make critical growth investments."

State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) stated, "This has been a top concern in the Northwest corner: keeping the doors of Sharon Hospital's Maternity Ward open and operational. Our mutual goal is to maintain affordable access to rural health care in our region. I thank Attorney General Tong for his work on this."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) stated, "This community has made its commitment to preserving access to care, including labor and delivery, clear, and I am very heartened by the Attorney General's work with Northwell to ensure the continuation of those services

through this enforceable agreement. I'm grateful for the work of the Attorney General to ensure this result, and look forward to working with Northwell as a new partner in the effort to keep our community healthy."

Lydia Kruge Moore, president of Save Sharon Hospital organization, commented, "Expecting parents and the doctors, nurses and other medical staff who work at Sharon Hospital's maternity unit need to know that the new owners will be there for them. This agreement is a great first step. Save Sharon Hospital looks forward to working with Northwell as it fulfills its commitment to our community under this agreement."

A pending resolution remains before the Office of Health Strategy's Certificate of Need regulatory process, which will need to be resolved before the merger between Nuvance and Northwell can occur.

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ENTERTAINMENT: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

The circus is coming to town: CONTRArily

The circus is coming back to town, but not as one might expect. On Sept. 6 and 7, Sovereign Hilltop Farm in Millerton, New York, will host “CONTRArily,” a daring fusion of circus artistry and contra dance presented by The Chalk Gremlin Circus Company. Directed by Margaret Hopkins, this performance will reimagine the rhythms and structures of contra dance through the thrilling, unpredictable lens of contemporary circus.

Hopkins grew up on Local Farm in Cornwall, Conn., and found circus performing “by happy accident,” she explained. In 2017, she took a beginning circus class at Berkcirque in Great Barrington, Mass. “I had none of the relevant backgrounds that you would expect,” said Hopkins. “I wasn’t a dancer or a gymnast, I was just a farm girl...but it turns

out that milking cows and throwing hay translates shockingly well.”

The group’s first show was just last June, hosted in the hay loft of Hopkins’s family farm. “That was a really amazing thing to do but it is a very limited space for what we could do,” Hopkins explained. “We had a firm 60-person audience cap, we had to fit it in the time frame of when we’d used all of our hay from last winter and before our hay for this winter came in, because we did it up in the hay loft. That wasn’t going to work for this year, so we went looking for another space and got a very generous offer from Sovereign Hilltop to host us in their indoor riding arena.”

The idea for “CONTRArily” was born out of Hopkins’s own experience as a lifelong contra dancer and her relatively recent discov-

ery of circus arts. The two disciplines, though seemingly worlds apart, share a common spirit of inclusivity and community. For Hopkins, contra dance has always been a welcoming space, a place where strangers become partners, and intricate dances learned and performed in a matter of moments. In circus, she has found a similar ethos of mutual support and creative exploration. “There is a real feeling of taking care of each other, looking after your people. This is a community.”

“CONTRArily” is structured like a contra dance itself, with each section of the performance corresponding to a different part of the dance. It begins with the familiar call to “find a partner,” before transitioning through a series of aerial acts and acrobatic feats that push the boundaries of what contra dance can



PHOTOS PROVIDED
Chalk Gremlins Circus comes to Millerton Sept. 6.

“I’ve started to do my own projects and some of that just comes from the fact that there’s not a big circus school around here that I can go and be with a group of people who are interested and passionate about the same things that I am,” Hopkins said. “So, I kind of have to do it myself if I want it to exist.”

The show is being hosted this year by Sovereign Hilltop Farm (41 Barney Drive) in Millerton on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

No reservation required, but a suggested \$15-20 cash donation at the door is much appreciated. Some seating provided but bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

be. “There is such a cool identified set of rules, and shapes, and patterns and parameters,” said Hopkins of contra dance, “so it becomes really fun to mess with that.”

Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets, as seating will be limited. “It’s more like being outside than being in a theater,”

Hopkins noted, describing the sand floor and the casual, communal atmosphere she hopes to create.

With this show serving as the sole performance planned for the year, Hopkins shared the ease and stress-free approach she and her partners in Chalk Gremlins are going about finding their way.

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The impact of AI on live performance

Oscar and Emmy nominee and Screen Actors Guild and Golden Globe Award winner Steve Carell recently made his Broadway debut in the well-received production of Uncle Vanya. In an interview in advance of the opening, Carell commented: "I am a huge proponent of live concerts, [and] theatre. I kind of think it's the wave of the future, frankly. With AI and with everything you're seeing on a screen, who knows what's real and what's not. And when you go to see someone perform live, there's no hiding. It's exactly what you think it's going to be."

The use of video projections aside, that reflection does indeed resonate with those of us in the theater community.

Others have written or spoken about the value of live theater – as well other forms of live entertainment, such as concerts, poetry readings, and sports – as an antidote for artificial intelligence, or as writer Victor D. Infante put in a piece for Worcester (Massachusetts) Magazine, "live entertainment [is] an antidote to computer-generated cultural overload." Infante was reflecting in comments with GBH (Boston Public



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Radio) executive arts editor and host Jared Bowen on how live theater is "an opportunity – and antidote to overproduced, overly computer-generated entertainment."

Sharon's very own PBS radio station, Robin Hood Radio, concurs: "Live is everything! It's all about live. It's all about communication. Marshall Miles always said what people didn't realize about radio is the immediacy. That is key," commented Jill Goodman, co-founder with Marshall Miles of Robin Hood Radio, Sharon, in a live interview.

Perhaps this is not a new thought, or even an obvious observation. However, who cannot deny that people today are looking for something "real" or to use an overused word, "au-

thentic"? Both of these commentators shared that they yearn for "real acting, real singing and real comedy. It's hard not to see live entertainment as a sort of remedy to that virtual ailment."

As we know, in live entertainment anything can happen. Sometimes flubs or breaking character are part of the enjoyment of live entertainment, as it shows us that the performers are "real" people, as vulnerable to making mistakes as we are. Recently, on a live broadcast of Saturday Night Live, actor Heidi Gardner found a skit so funny that she broke into uncontrollable laughter. She was worried how her producers would react. But the audience and viewers LOVED it! Also, in live theater, there are no do-overs...

except for sometimes. Some years ago, when theater legend Nathan Lane was giving a Tony Award winning performance of the classic A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Forum, he accidentally slipped and plopped while making an entrance to a song. He picked himself up and said directly to the audience, "Let's try that again." The audience's applause lasted for several minutes.

Brisa Carleton, three-time Tony Award winning producer, also reflected: "While...AI [has the potential] to enhance the live theater experience, it is worth noting that human creativity and performance remains a key aspect of live entertainment. AI is likely to augment rather than replace human contributions in the industry. Theater is an opportunity to remember what it means to be connected to other people in an experience that will never happen quite the same way, ever again."

As you might expect, The Sharon Playhouse's

own Education & Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, feels the same: "Live theater and other forms of live entertainment offer a unique, irreplaceable experience that stands as a powerful antidote to the rise of artificial intelligence and computer-generated media. They foster genuine human connection, evoke real emotions, and remind us of our shared humanity in ways that technology simply cannot replicate."

Whatever the even-

tual role of AI is in the arts, one thing is certain. AI and computer-generated media can never replace the impact of live theater. Come and experience the impact and pleasures of live theater for yourself at The Sharon Playhouse. Visit www.sharonplayhouse.org to order tickets and for more information about our 2024 Season.

Lee A. Davies is a member of the Board of Directors of The Sharon Playhouse. You can reach him at leadavies4@gmail.com.

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The dirt on soil — it is a precious thing

As of this writing, I have seen far fewer Asian jumping worms on our property than over the past four years. My hands are in the soil every day so I would know. The leaf litter still looks mostly intact and the telltale coffee grounds signature are largely absent. I know it is still too early to be optimistic but I find it odd. I have written before about the infestation and about the damage the worms have done to the property over the past few years (<https://www.theungardener.com/articles/dont-look-down>). But where have they gone? One might think it correlates to the excessive rain but Peter Groffman from the Cary Institute explained that it is an entirely 'normal' process of integration. When the worms colonize an area their populations explode and then they settle in and populations reduce and spread—the food they have devoured is no longer there, also predators become familiar with them as a new food source. This is what is happening here.

One continuing effect of worm invasion is erosion. Over the past several years the worms have loosened the soil. This, compounded by the rain has caused extensive soil erosion, most notably on the sides of a ravine where the soil washed into a stream and then into the Housatonic, taking with it several trees. We felled a massive white pine that was about to topple and take with it a huge chunk of soil that would have then washed away. Dr. Jane Lucas, a soil and microbial ecologist from the Cary Institute is concerned about situations like this. "We are losing soil at a concerning clip—whether by heavy rain that causes topsoil to erode, by compaction from driving on dirt roads, and by leaving bare to dry out. Soil, created over many years, is a precious thing. It is alive, with a microbiome that, like our gut microbiome, contains many of the bacteria, fungus, and other organisms (like invertebrates and viruses) that are the basis for the health of trees and other plants."

Remembering that soil is alive will guide your actions to keep your soil from degrading. Dried out soil is unhealthy; so is water-logged soil. Soil should stay covered and better to keep soil covered with plants rather than mulch, but mulch is better than leaving it bare. Think twice (or thrice!) about using pesticides or herbicides as these have the unwanted effect of destroying the microbes and other liv-

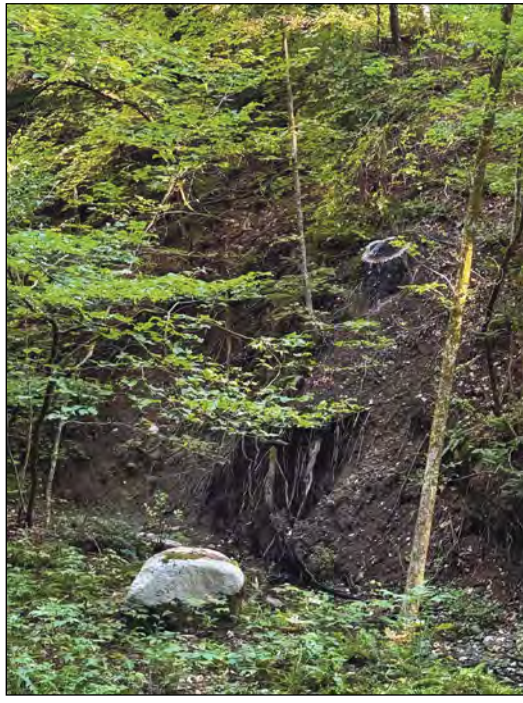


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A slope that is eroding. Roots of a white pine, removed as a result of the erosion, shown dangling below.

The Ungardener Dee Salomon

ing elements needed for healthy soil. Rather than fertilizing your plants, you want to feed your soil, specifically feeding the microbiome, to keep it healthy and your plants healthy. Compost should not be used in place of soil but can be

a useful amendment to soil as organic matter in the form of decaying plant material can help soil retain water and nutrients, reduce erosion, and attract beneficial organisms to the soil.

One person thinking a lot about soil health is Jeff Lynch, formerly grounds manager at Chanticleer who returned to his former hometown this spring to run the gardens at

Wethersfield. If you have visited Wethersfield you will recall the several variations of beech trees that have been a signature of the garden. Recently the clipped columns of weeping beech and the allée of beech had to be removed due to beech die-back. Jeff has prioritized soil health at Wethersfield to support trees, both the remaining yet vulnerable beech and other trees and plants. He mixes a custom formula himself which, for the average homeowner might not be practical, but there are products available that have a mixture of fish, kelp and humates similar to what Jeff mixes himself for Wethersfield. You can find a selection at Arbico.com

While healthy soil won't itself cure tree and plant diseases it will support trees in times of stress which can help keep a vulnerable tree alive. (On beech specifically, Jeff and many arborists have been using PolyPhosphite 30 or other phosphite products as a drench during the growing sea-

son. <https://web.uri.edu/ipm/2022/06/beech-leaf-disease-treatment/> is a helpful from University of Rhode Island) Given current issues with beech, hemlock and now sugar maples, which are losing leaves early either due to scorch or a fungal disease such as anthracnose, perhaps the best thing we can do now is to make and keep healthy soil.

A soil test is a good way to start. There are plenty of labs to choose from; Cornell College

of Agriculture offers several levels of testing. Jeff directed me to a new biological test that you can do yourself; it goes a step further than most soil tests to analyze microbes in the soil. The Microbiometer soil test kit measures the microbial biomass and the fungal to bacterial ratio. It is available on their website, www.microbiometer.com.

Dee Salomon 'ungardens' in Litchfield County.

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AUGUST 29

Sharon Historical Society to Host Community Meetings

Sharon, Conn.

The Sharon Historical Society and Museum (SHSM) invites all community members to a series of meetings in August and September, both online and in person. In-person meetings: Aug. 29: Hotchkiss Library, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sharon Valley Tavern, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7: Sharon Playhouse, 1 to 2 p.m. (before "Steel Magnolias").

AUGUST 30

Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale

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

The legendary Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale returns to The Cornwall Library for its sixth anniversary. The sale runs from Friday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 2, at 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. The event kicks off with a Cocktail Reception on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Sale Hours: Friday, August 30: 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, August 31: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, September 1: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, September 2: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AUGUST 31

Berkshire Woodworkers Guild Fine Woodwork Show & Silent Auction

Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge, Mass.

The Berkshire Woodworkers Guild Fine Woodwork Show & Silent Auction will take place on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is showcase of fine woodwork by artisans from the Berkshires and beyond. Includes a silent auction to support woodworking scholarships, live demonstrations, and local food vendors. Admission is \$5 or \$3 for Garden Members.

SEPTEMBER 3

First Tuesday at 7: Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth Talk

South Canaan Meeting House, 12 Route 63, Falls Village, Conn.

Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth was a personal friend of the Lincoln family and the first Union officer to lose his life in The Civil War. This talk, given by local art historian Louise Levy, was inspired by a lithograph of Colonel Ellsworth found in the collection of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, donated by a local family. The talk will take place on Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Call (860) 824-5607 for information.

SEPTEMBER 5

Bridge Class

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

Beginning September 5, bridge is back with Gary Steinkohl: An ongoing series every Thursday through December from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Cornwall Library. If you know basic bidding and play and want to improve your game these classes are for you. The fee is \$10 per class, payable to the instructor.

Birding 101 at Roe Jan Library

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

On Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Birding 101 event at the Roeliff Jansen Library in Copake, N.Y.

"Birding 101" is the perfect introduction. Chris Frank and Marian Sole of the Alan Devoe Bird Club will lead this informative presentation, where you'll learn the basics of birding, how to use binoculars effectively, and techniques for identifying different bird species.

Oldtone Roots Music Fest

Cool Whisper Farm, 1011 Co. Rt. 21, Ghent, N.Y.

The Oldtone Roots Music Festival, founded by Jim Wright, Kip Beacco, and Matt Downing in 2015, started as a one-day event in Wassaic, N.Y., and expanded into a full festival in North Hillsdale, N.Y., in 2016. After being canceled in 2020 due to the pandemic and limited attempts to reboot in 2021 and 2022, the festival was revived in 2023 as a nonprofit under Grass Fed Arts. Now co-produced by Jim Wright and Trevor Roush, the festival aims to sustainably promote great roots music as a not-for-profit arts organization. This year's Fest will be at Cool Whisper Farm in Ghent, N.Y. from Sept. 5 to 8.

SEPTEMBER 6

Banned Book Club

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

On Friday, September 6 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

SEPTEMBER 7

Housatonic Meadows State Park Outreach Event

Housatonic Meadows State Park, Sharon, Conn.

The Housatonic River Commission is hosting a celebratory outreach event at Housatonic Meadows State Park on Sept. 7, 2024 from 1 to 4 p.m. Along with its partners, including the Housatonic Valley Association, the National Parks Service, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, FirstLight Energy, and Housatonic Heritage, HRC is marking the designation of the 41-mile stretch of the Housatonic from North Canaan to New Milford as a Partnership Wild and Scenic River. This event will include music, light refreshments, and an opportunity to thank and greet all those who helped make this designation possible, including our elected officials. All river lovers are encouraged to attend!

Songs, Slapstick, and Sherlock: A 1920's Spectacular!

Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn.

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SEPTEMBER 8

Birding Walk

Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Center, 225 Cambridge Road, Copake, N.Y.

Following the Birding 101 event, put your newfound knowledge to the test with an early morning bird walk. Join Chris Frank, Marian Sole, and Gillian Duer, the seasonal outreach coordinator for the Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Center & Sanctuary, for a guided birding excursion.

SEPTEMBER 11

Opera Outing

Foote Field, Furnace Brook Road, Cornwall, Conn.

The Parks and Recreation departments of the Northwest Corner have joined together to host a trip to the opera Wednesday, Sept. 11. Meet at Foote Field on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall for a 9:45 a.m. departure. Arrive in East Haddam for lunch at Gelston House and then attend Goodspeed Opera House for the 2 p.m. performance of "Maggie." Tickets at \$100 and can be reserve by calling Matt at (860) 364-1400 or email sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net

SEPTEMBER 13

Healthy Aging Presentation

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. nemillertonlibrary.org

Sept. 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, you will learn how to keep your brain sharp,

reduce the risk of dementia or possibly slow down progress of dementia, learn about neurofeedback and its potential for strengthening our mental capacity. Speaker: Dr. Paul Gunser, Neuropsychologist, Former Attending Psychologist at St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers, N.Y.

SEPTEMBER 14

Charity Tennis Match

Sharon Country Club, 2 Golf Club Rd. Sharon, Conn. www.littleguild.org

The Little Guild's charity doubles tennis exhibition takes place Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. on the Sharon Country Club courts. Top players in the Northwest Corner will participate including Jeff Kivitz, John Lippert, Dustin Parente, and Guillermo Garcia Rincon. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Light refreshments will be served.

SEPTEMBER 15

Election Film Series

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

Triplex Cinema's election series kicks off on Sept. 15 with "Geraldine Ferraro: Paving the Way" a documentary about Geraldine Ferraro, directed and produced by Donna Zaccaro, Gerry's daughter. Donna will introduce the film and then following the film will participate in a talkback with Letty Cottin Pogrebin.

Last week's WotW.

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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. Empty page.
2. Heavy steel or fiber rope.
3. Animal in a wild state.
4. Team race.
5. End of summer vibe.

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Our Towns

Morgan's trivia trips on stockings

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — As any serious trivia player knows, sometimes it isn't pretty.

The trivia game at Morgan's, at the Interlaken Inn, on Thursday, Aug. 22 will go into the books, at least for some contestants, as "The Great Fishnet Controversy," or "Socks vs. Stockings."

Bruce Paddock of Berkshire Trivia runs the weekly game. The participants, including many regulars, arrive around 5:30 p.m., have a drink and order some dinner, and otherwise gird for battle, which commences at 6 p.m. Cell phones are not allowed, for obvious reasons. And woe to the newbie who blurts out an answer. Such transgressions are met with severe shushing. The questions get progres-



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Bruce Paddock asked a tricky trivia question.

sively more difficult, verging on downright sneaky.

So while everyone more or less sailed through the Dalmatian being the official dog of the National Fire Protection Association, and ibuprofen being the active

ingredient of Advil, the first bumps came during the half-time question, which was to name up to six cities with Disney theme parks.

There is a clear demarcation line between age groups when it comes to

Disney questions. The more seasoned players tend not to be au courant with the latest developments in the Magic Kingdom.

But the real stinker was the question about what a stocking with an open diamond weave pattern is called.

The crew that gave the answer "argyle" was focused, in error as it turned out, on the "diamond" part of the question.

They should have zeroed in on the word "stocking." (As opposed to "sock.")

The answer: Fishnets. The argyle crew challenged but lost.

And that was pretty much that. Despite holding their own on matters such as the historical role of the tarantula in dance, or Queen Elizabeth's mother's title, it just wasn't their night.



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The Berkshire Resilience Brass Band got the talent show started at David M. Hunt Library Saturday, Aug. 24. Left to right, Dathalinn O'Dea, Lev Sadeh, Shamu Sadeh, and Jaimie Sadeh.

Hunt Library marks summer's end with town talent show

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Hunt Library rang in the end of summer with a community talent show on the library grounds Saturday evening, Aug. 24.

"I want to suggest that everyone here has that thing," said emcee Adam Sher, referring to talent.

The Berkshire Resilience Brass Band kicked things off, with Shamu and Lev Sadeh on trumpet, Jaimie Sadeh on

percussion and Dathalinn O'Dea on alto sax.

Katelin Lopes, a rising senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School followed, singing and playing guitar.

About 40 people attended, many of whom also performed, and as a reporter was leaving for the next assignment about half an hour into the show, more people were coming in. It was a very pleasant way to mark the change of season.

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