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Hydrilla has choked the shallow water of the Mattabeset River in the Connecticut River Watershed, threatening to transform it into a massive mosquito breeding ground.

## The Hydrilla Menace

# Ripples of hope along a ravaged river

By Debra A. Aleksinas

This is the second of a series about invasive aquatic hydrilla and its growing threat to waterbodies and communities in Northwest Connecticut.

CHESTER, Conn. — Bob Petzold has spent the past few summers mowing his marina's boat slips.

Thick, verdant green mats of notoriously troublesome hydrilla have made it impossible for vessels to enter or exit the channel unless he and his crew mechanically chop, gather and haul away massive piles of the invasive weed, which has clogged the Chester Boat Basin,

one of two marinas he owns and operates on the Connecticut River.

Petzold knows that in doing so, he raises the risk of spreading hydrilla fragments that will drift away and repopulate elsewhere. But he has little choice, he said, if his four-generation, family-owned and operated business is to remain afloat.

"It's a necessary evil," he said. And an expensive one at that.

"We spend thousands of dollars on outside contractors and we have our own staff remediating it just to keep the channel open," Petzold explained during an early September

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# Region One schools weigh student cellphone policies

By Robin Roraback

FALLS VILLAGE — In February's State of the State address, Governor Ned Lamont (D) said, "All too often, our young people find themselves too distracted by their smartphones and disconnected from the reality of what is happening around them, including while in their classrooms, and it's having negative impacts on their learning and mental well-being. It is crucial that we adopt stronger policies to address this issue head-on."

There are growing concerns that cellphone use can impact brain development and mental health.

In Region One, which includes the towns of Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon, Superintendent of Schools Melony Brady-Shanley said, "We will be discussing this topic at our next region-wide policy meeting. Each of our schools have a 'practice' and a related technology usage policy that prohibits the usage of a cellphone/personal technology during the instructional day."

She added that "The Region-wide policy will be discussing the formality of this in the coming weeks related to each grade level," (elementary, middle, high). Brady-Shanley said that the next step would be approval by the Board of Education, "once a policy is drafted".

At Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Principal Ian Strever explained, "Our procedure at the high school is that all students are expected to put their cellphones in



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Everet Belancik, HVRHS junior, using a cell phone at school. New rules restrict when cell phones can be used.

the caddies that are in each classroom. They must remain there for the duration of the period unless a teacher allows use of them for instructional purposes." He added, "We do allow some exceptions to the procedure for students who require them for medical reasons."

"Those teachers who have implemented this procedure in previous years report excellent results, and we are looking forward to how this approach will impact students

across the school."

All of the Region One schools hold students responsible for the safety of their devices and say it is "a privilege, and responsibility, not a right" to have a cell phone in school.

Students may not use their phones for sending harassing messages or cyberbullying, to access pornography, or to take pictures of other students without permission

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# Housatonic River Commission celebrates 'Wild and Scenic' status

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — The Housatonic River Commission threw a bit of a party Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7, at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon.

The event was a celebration of the river's designation as a Wild and Scenic River.

The federal status became official in 2023.

The Housatonic River Commission is composed of members from the seven towns included in the 41 mile Wild and Scenic stretch of the Housatonic: New Milford,

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U.S. Representative Jahana Hayes (D-5), center right, with Lynn Werner of the Housatonic Valley Association at the Housatonic River Commission event Saturday, Sept. 7.

# Hotchkiss Library renovation melds modern needs with classic charm

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon will be one of 12 North American libraries to be honored in the September/October 2024 American Libraries issue "2024 Library Design Showcase."

As the mouthpiece of the American Library Association, the magazine sought in this showcase to celebrate libraries that integrate local history and place along with community access and growth. According to its article on the showcase, the Hotchkiss Library's "restoration and expansion honor its rich history while bringing it into the 21st century."

Even with expansion, at 6,600 square feet the Hotchkiss Library is by far the smallest to be honored in the showcase. The next closest in size is 16,218 square feet, while several honorees included in the list exceed 70,000 square feet.

Executive Director Gretchen

Hachmeister is proud of her library's stature next to relative giants. She said its inclusion in the showcase demonstrates the importance of "updating older spaces to meet new needs, but to respect the history of the place." She sees the diversity of honorees featured in the showcase as emblematic of the "rich variety" of roles libraries play in today's society.

The renovation, which was overseen by QA+M Architecture and completed in August, 2023 after a two year construction period, created a "very delicate situation," in Hachmeister's words, because of the library's historical significance and the existing building's many fans. Gifted to the town in 1893 by Maria Bissell Hotchkiss, the library was designed by prominent architect Bruce Price, whose other projects include Québec City's famed Chateau Frontenac and Tuxedo

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### Online This Week

#### Town Clerk sues North Canaan

Ongoing investigation by the Attorney General has led Jean Jacquier to file suit for \$15,000 in legal fees. Full story at lakevillejournal.com

#### NBT Bancorp expands New York reach

NBT Bancorp, Inc. and Evans Bancorp, Inc., have announced plans to merge Evans, a western New York bank, into NBT. Full story at millertonnews.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.

#### Juveniles involved in crash

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, at approximately 4:30 p.m. Troopers received a report of a potential crash in the area of Dublin Road and Route 126 in Canaan. Troopers found one person on scene, but a caller had reported another had fled the scene. Upon questioning the juvenile, 17, insisted no one else was in the vehicle. It was later discovered that another juvenile had been a passenger. The juvenile on the scene was charged with interfering with a police officer.

#### Rear-ended on Route 44

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Nicholas Amato, 25, of East Canaan, was eastbound on Route 44 in North Canaan in a 2021 Ford F150 Supercrew, following a 2016 Honda Accord. When the Honda slowed, Amato's collided with in the rear. Michael Mcdonald, 34, of Torrington, the driver of the Honda, was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital for suspected minor injuries. Amato was issued a written warning for failure to drive at a reasonable distance resulting in an accident.

#### Misuse of 911

On Thursday, Sept. 5, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Troopers were dispatched to a residence on White Hollow Road in Salisbury for the report of a 911 hang-up. Victoria Deluca, 42, of Huntington, Pennsylvania, was issued a misdemeanor summons for misuse of an emergency 911 line.

#### Norfolk disturbance

On Saturday, Sept. 7, at approximately 1:15 p.m. Troopers responded to a Doolittle Drive address in Norfolk for the report of an active disturbance. Trent Link, 54, of Norfolk, was arrested and transported to Troop B and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond and scheduled to appear in Superior Court.

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

## Correction

Regarding the Sept. 5 hydrilla story, 2016 is the correct year that Hydrilla verticillata, subspecies lithuanica, was introduced to the Connecticut River.

## Hospice volunteers needed across Litchfield County

Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County is looking for hospice volunteers to join their team serving patients in Litchfield County and the Farmington Valley.

Hospice volunteers are friendly visitors that provide companionship to patients by going on walks, chatting, playing music or sitting quietly with patients. They also

provide time for family or caregivers to take a break from hospice care.

The organization provides training under a flexible schedule. Volunteers also have their choice of towns to visit.

More information on volunteering is available by contacting Pam Gordon at (860) 269-3219 or pgordon@vnhlc.org.

## Public school enrichment grant applications open

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has announced grant opportunities for education enrichment for the region's public schools.

The grants are awarded for projects that enhance and enrich the educational experience of students and teachers in every public school in our region, including those in northwest Litchfield County, northeast Dutchess County, Columbia County, and Berkshire County. Past grants have

supported field trips, artists-in-residence, robotics programs, special projects such as building gardens and greenhouses, and much more.

Students, teachers, administrators, parents, and members of the community are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply for education enrichment at berkshiretaconic.org

Applications are now open and are due by Oct. 15, 2024.

## Connecticut energy assistance available

Fuel assistance applications are currently being taken for fuel deliveries made between Nov. 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025. Households heating with electric and households with heat included in rent are also eligible to apply.

You may qualify for fuel assistance if your income is under (household size/annual income): 2/\$59,507, 3/\$73,509, 4/\$87,751.

Contact: Patrice McGrath at (860) 435-5187 or your local Social Service Agent.

Those who participate in one or more of the following benefit programs will

automatically be considered income eligible for energy assistance: Temporary Family Assistance (TFA); State supplement to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Refugee cash assistance program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Supplemental Security Income (SSI).



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## Wedding Announcement

Meagan Sheridan and Brian Ohler were married at their home, on Aug. 18. Meagan, a native of Vermont, is a Registered Nurse and Clinical Supervisor at Community Health Programs. Brian is the Director of Safety and Engineering at Hartford Health-Care Corporation, and proudly serves as North Canaan's First Selectman.

## WEDC Job Fair

WINSTED — Members of the public are invited to a free job fair in Winsted Thursday, Sept. 26.

Winsted Economic Development Commission is hosting the job fair at the American Mural Project at 90 Whiting St. in Winsted. Employers will be available to talk to from 3 to 6 p.m.

Contact Alan Colavecchio for more information at (860) 379-9893 or alancolavecchio@gmail.com.

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# Our Towns

## Equus Effect: healing with horses

By Sava Marinkovic

SHARON — Every day, approximately 20 United States military veterans take their own lives. It was an awareness of this statistic that led Jane Strong and David Sonatore to found the Equus Effect, an equine experiential learning and coaching facility in Sharon, in 2012. Since then, over 1800 veterans, first responders, and others who live or work in high-stress environments have moved through the Equus Effect's curriculum, acquiring — through contact with horses — the tools to improve communication and compassion, and to navigate the challenges, subtleties, and nuanced relationships of civilian life.

On Saturday, Sept. 7, supporters of the Equus Effect gathered under its round pen's rainy eaves to learn and observe just why horses are uniquely suited to this restorative work.

"A relationship with a horse is based purely on trust," said Strong, lead program facilitator and a former competitive rider, "they ask us to engage all our senses and be totally present." The horse, a prey animal, is profoundly attuned to the emotional and nervous energy of its surroundings as a matter of survival; it is also expressive, honest, and unselfconscious.

When in conversation with a human, a horse asks for the same in return. Approaching a horse, one's outward and inner aspects must be congruent in order not to unnerve the animal. "You can't hide behind a mask," said Strong, explaining that this need for transparency helps people overcome the fear and stigma that cause emotional repression.



PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Jane Strong conducting exercises with horse Dutch.

Further, work with horses engages the entire body, revealing where trauma might appear stuck. "Our limbic systems work outside time," said Strong, locating the primitive, lower-order parts of the brain responsible for emotional processing. "So there's no 'talking you out' of trauma." Instead, work with horses helps those "stuck" with trauma to "move through it and release it through action."

Huddled around the pen, attendees of the Fall Event were walked through some of these actions and their benefits by program facilitators, alongside horses Dutch, Tango, Lance, and Babe.

Using only body language — such as posture, purposeful eye contact, and controlled breathing — facilitators asked horses to back up, move forward, and walk circles. With patience, and applying the principle of

"sure," horses were coaxed into collaboration with the facilitators, showcasing the massive mammals' capacity for empathy, partnership, and quiet understanding. In addition to their emotional grounding effect, these exercises help participants build tools for the maintenance of fair, trust-based relationships with other people.

"The connection is deep, almost spiritual," said 2022 program participant Peter Gworek, a military veteran. "The horses teach you how to manage your energy, connect with your inner self, and

be calm." Also a 2022 alum, veteran Melodie Wilson said that when one is handling a horse, "you can't think of anything else — you slow down, learn to be more understanding."

Ultimately, understanding — of oneself and of others — is the key to bridging the divide that Strong says exists between veterans and civilians. Working within that gap are horses, our companions of nearly 6,000 years, who Sonatore points out "might just save the life of someone you one day need to save yours."



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This pre-Revolution home at 97 Cornwall Road on seven acres is located in the historic colonial Flanders area of Kent. The house was sold in 2017 for \$560,000, \$850,000 in 2022 and \$995,000 to the newest owners.

## Kent recorded real estate sales in July and August

By Christine Bates

Median sales prices have jumped up in Kent. After seven sales in June all below \$600,000, the purchase of higher priced, but fewer, homes was in evidence in the last two months of summer. According to InfoSparks statistics Kent attained the highest median price in the last twenty years of \$753,000 in July. This result was in part due to the sale of antique homes in excellent condition. The market bifurcation pricing gap in available homes for sale continues to exist. Of the eleven single family homes listed for sale only five are below \$600,000 and the remaining six are above \$1.2 million.

### July Sales

13 Tamshell Drive — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath raised ranch sold by Billy Roberts to Steven Schudel and Justin Cullpher for \$480,000.

11 Woodin Road — 2 bedroom/2.5 bath home on over 8.7 acres sold by Robert Bach to Jessica Bergeron and Michael Marotti for \$795,000.

97 Kent Cornwall Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1780 sold by Anne P. Todd to Jane and Michael Fleetwood for \$1.14 million.

10 Cobble Road — 3 bedroom/4 bath house built in 1739 sold by 10 Cobble Road LLC to Margaret and John J. Flynn for \$995,000.

16 South Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath house sold off market by Kristin Elizabeth Tompkins to Jonathan Spencer for \$74,469.47.

### August Sales

Maple Street Extension — 11.5 acres of land sold off market by Maple Street Extension LLC to Kent Housing Development Associates LLC for \$900,000.

51 Elizabeth Street — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home built in 2010 sold by Kathleen M.

and Martin Joseph Lindenmayer to Ginger and William Blake for \$1.195 million.

49 Elizabeth — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold off market by Steven Henry Gonzalez and Mary Jo Kenina to Kathleen M. and Martin Joseph Lindenmayer for \$475,000.

Elizabeth Street — off market sale by Anthony Palumbo to Sarah Aurella Chase and William Leslie Watts for \$515,000.

Mount Mauwee Lane — off market sale by Ellen Maureen Carr and Walter Nollman to Eoghan P. and Kathleen Seib-Keenan for \$500,000.

\* Town of Kent real estate sales recorded as sold between July 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024 provided by Town of Kent, Town Clerk. Current market activity sourced from Smart Matrix MLS and InfoSparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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# Our Towns

## Neighbors voice concerns over Wake Robin Inn expansion

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Public comment was uniformly negative at the first session of the Planning and Zoning Commission's public hearing on the renovation and expansion of the Wake Robin Inn, held online on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The hearing was continued to Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. (online only).

The plans include renovations to the existing Inn, removal of existing detached motel buildings in favor of a new events barn, 12 new guest cottages, renovation of one existing cottage, a new spa/gym building and associated amenities, landscaping and buffer enhancements, 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, renovation of one existing garage for storage on the Wells Hill property, one new storage

shed on the Inn property and associated walkway, driveway and parking improvements throughout the property.

Mark Arrigoni of SLR Consulting in Cheshire handled the bulk of the presentation.

He began by noting there are two parcels involved: The existing Wake Robin Inn at 11.3 acres, and 53 Wells Hill Road, currently a residential parcel at 2.3 acres.

Plus AT&T's contractor is planning to begin construction on a cell phone tower on a leased portion of the Wake Robin property Nov. 1, Arrigoni said.

Steven Cohen of Aradev LLC gave an overview of the plan for the Wake Robin, saying the intention is to bring it "back to what it was many years ago," a full resort with numerous recreational activities.

The plan is to expand the hotel to 71 rooms, add 12 new guest cottages built above ground and under

the tree canopy as much as possible, a new spa and gym building, a new pool with an associated bar, and an events barn.

Arrigoni said he is in the process of responding to a third party engineering study of the plan. The applicant is also currently before the Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

During public comment many concerns were raised. They included: Water flowing off the inn property into neighboring properties on Sharon Road; light pollution; noise, especially if events go as far into the evening as 2 a.m. (despite the applicant's assurance that all activities will be moved inside by 9 p.m.).

The Wells Hill Road neighbors were particularly vocal about the idea of a pool and gym plus parking interfering with their neighborhood's quiet nature, both visually and aurally.

Angela Cruger said that she had only received notice of the hearing in late August, and had hired an attorney. She said she did not have time to study and prepare for the hearing.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens assured Cruger (and her attorney) that the hearing would be continued and that extending the deadline for closing a hearing is routine.

After public comment the commissioners discussed what they would like the applicant to address on Sept. 17, including: a tree preservation plan, more about noise mitigation, the lighting plan, more detail about the parking on the Wells Hill Road side of the project, and more information on water runoff on the Sharon Road side.

Klemens asked the commission if a third party should be hired to do a peer review on the applicant's traffic study, and the commission agreed.

## Route 7 roadwork begins in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

Town Hall roof

CORNWALL — Department of Transportation will be repaving Route 7 from West Cornwall down to the Kent for the next month or more. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway described it as a "pretty major project" during a meeting of the selectmen on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

"They will be milling the road up," he said. "People can expect delays starting later this week through the middle of October. But at the end we will have a newly paved Route 7."

Cornwall had previously been in contact with DOT about excessive speeds in this area. Selectman Jen Markow asked if it's possible to include raised crosswalks to reduce speeds.

Ridgway noted that a Transportation and Rural Improvements Program (TRIP) grant was awarded for the raised sidewalks, which will arrive at a later date.

The selectmen have opted to push back roofing work on Town Hall, possibly until the spring.

Cornwall went out to bid to replace the roughly 35-year-old roof last month. Qualified bids were received, but the decision to delay the work was made to determine if insulation can be added to the historic building.

Insulating the roof would reduce wintertime ice accumulation, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said, but it would have to be added in such a way to maintain the historic aesthetic of the 19th century building.

Ralph Dzenutis of Royal Construction, located in Cornwall Bridge, was hired to inspect the building for potential improvements. The cost of this inspection was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

Ridgway noted adding insulation will increase the cost of the roof work, but "it's better to do it right than fast."

There was \$150,000 allocated to town building repairs in the 2024-25 budget. Some of the funding has been put toward the Cornwall Bridge Firehouse repairs, but the selectmen were confident there would be more than enough left for the roof and insulation.

The new roof would not change the outward or inward appearance of the building.

## Bringing Civil War history home

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The first Union officer killed in the Civil War was shot, not on a battlefield, but in the stairway of a hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.

Louise Levy told the story of Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth at the last of the 2024 "First Tuesday at 7" series of talks sponsored by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society at the South Canaan Meeting House Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Judy Jacobs of the historical society said she met Levy at an exercise class. When they realized they shared passion for history, and Jacobs showed Levy a print of a lithograph of Ellsworth, Levy knew who it was.

Levy, who is on the staff at the historic Ventforth Hall in Lenox, Massachusetts and is particularly interested in Abraham Lincoln, said "I'm a history geek" by way of explanation.

Ellsworth "at one point was the most famous man in the U.S." continued Levy. "He was the first conspicuous casualty" on the Union side of the war.

Ellsworth's death on May 24, 1861 came about because the Marshall House Hotel in Alexandria was flying a Confederate flag that could be seen in Washington (with a field glass).

This was particularly galling because Virginia had voted to secede from the Union the day before.

Ellsworth took a small detail of soldiers, six or eight men, to the hotel to remedy



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Louise Levy

grief, but served as a rallying cry — "Remember Ellsworth!" — for Union recruitment.

The talk was a benefit for the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The connection between the fire department and Ellsworth is this:

Levy said that Ellsworth, who was something of an autodidact, was fascinated by the French colonial soldiers in Algeria, the Zouaves.

Prior to the war, Ellsworth formed his own nationally famous drill company that borrowed both tactics and the distinctive uniforms of the Zouaves.

When Lincoln called for volunteers to defend the Union after the fall of Fort Sumter in April 1861, Ellsworth went to New York City and raised the 11th New York Volunteer Regiment, known as the Fire Zouaves because the men were recruited from the city's volunteer firefighters.

the situation.

They got to the roof and removed the flag. But on the way down, they were ambushed by the hotel owner, James W. Jackson, in the stairwell.

Armed with a shotgun, Jackson shot and killed Ellsworth and was in turn shot and bayoneted by Corporal Francis Brownell.

Ellsworth was a great favorite of Lincoln, and played with Lincoln's children.

His death not only caused the First Family personal

## American chestnut heritage walk

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — On Sunday, Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m.

under the auspices of the Housatonic Heritage Walks, Ellery "Woods" Sinclair will present the history and hope regarding the American Chestnut. This valuable tree, virtually lost a century ago to an invasive fungus, is being

brought back to the American forest landscape through the efforts of The American Chestnut Foundation.

Directions: From the intersection of Routes 7 and 63, take Barnes Road to its end, turn right on Under Mountain Road. The orchard is 2.1 miles on the left. The event will be canceled for rain. Call (860) 824-7454 to register.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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"All persons liable to pay BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES in the Town of Falls Village are required to return to the Assessor's office, the Declarations on or before November 1, 2024 Failure to receive a form does not excuse a business owner from filing. Any filing received after the due date will be subject to a 25% penalty in accordance with State Statute."

Kayla Johnson, CCMA1 Assessor, Town of Canaan (Falls Village) 09-12-24

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Kayla Johnson, CCMA 1 Assessor, Town of Salisbury 860.435.5176 09-12-24

### LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 9:05am to act on an Application (#2024-013) for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a modification to the driveway at 63 Millerton Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Hybrid Meeting with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone and in person at

Town Hall. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The Application is posted on the Town website and is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us).

09-12-24

### Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0260 by Nick Brazzale for Contractor Equipment Storage at 17 Railroad Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 58 per Sections 213.4 and 224.3 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owner of the property is Vanessa Brazzale. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 16, 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](http://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](mailto: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 09-05-24 09-12-24

### 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.

08-29-24 09-05-24 09-12-24

### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 3, 2024:

Approved With Conditions - Site Plan Application #2024-0261 by owner Patricia Suarez for the site development activities and a single family residence in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with Section 404 of the Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 60 as Lot 07 and is located at 102 South Shore Road. 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 09-12-24

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# OBITUARIES

## Virginia Cables

CANAAN — Virginia “Ginny” Cables, 81, passed away peacefully on Aug. 28, 2024, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan, surrounded by family. Born to the late Marie K. Negri and George Ralph on Dec. 7, 1942, Ginny lived a life full of love, laughter, and dedication to her family.



will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. She will be remembered by her nicknames “Aunt Squeak” “Grandma Gin” “Ginny” to everyone she met.

Ginny leaves behind her daughter, Michele M. Cables Wilkinson of Sheffield, Massachusetts and her son Frederick E. Cables Jr. and his wife Anita Cables of Canaan; grandchildren, Chelsea Quenneville Brown (Joseph Brown), Blake Wilkinson, Logan and Miranda Cables; great grandchildren, Jade and Kristina Brown and Ethan Robles; her siblings, Richard Ralph (Cecelia), Stanley Ralph (Rosemary), David Ralph (Vicky) and Donna Roux (Ronald). She was also survived by her several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her mother, Marie K. Negri and father George Ralph, her husband, Fredrick Cables Sr., her siblings, Burt Veronesi and Valerie Poley.

Calling hours will be Friday, Sept. 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in Canaan, CT. A celebration of life will be held at the Canaan VFW on Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Litchfield County, Salisbury Branch, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury CT 06068 or The Little Guild of St. Francis in Ginny’s memory.

A devoted homemaker, Ginny took great pride in creating a warm and welcoming home. She had a deep love for gardening, cooking, baking, and thrifting. She took pride in nurturing flowers and plants that brought beauty to her surroundings. Animals always held a special place in her heart, and she was known for her kindness and care towards them.

Ginny’s greatest joy came from spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She cherished family gatherings, whether they were simple picnics or special events, where she could share stories, laughter, and love. Those who knew her will forever remember her quick wit, sense of humor, and the radiant smile that brightened every room she entered.

Ginny leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and warmth that will be cherished by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit

## Linda Kaplan

MILLERTON — Linda Kaplan, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, sister-in-law, cousin and friend, passed away Sept. 3, 2024. Linda will be remembered as a deeply kind woman guided by faith, family and love.



Linda was born to Francis Crawford and Lydia Johnson (nee Snyder) in Sharon, on Sept. 14, 1942. She attended Webutuck High School in Millerton, and then started her career in banking, where she worked until her retirement as a Vice President. Linda was a loving mother who raised her two sons and instilled in them her love of faith and family.

Linda met her future husband, Sanford (Sam) Kaplan, at a dance in Millerton, and they were blessed with 30 years of marriage during which they enjoyed their time on Simmons Street. Here, Linda enjoyed tending to her garden where she could be found picking green beans and tomatoes. She also enjoyed solving the daily crossword puzzle, knitting, and listening to Sam play his guitar. Together, Linda and Sam enjoyed hosting their family for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Passover celebrations. They especially enjoyed annual summer visits by their granddaughters which always included visits to their farm where they rode ATVs. Linda and Sam’s interest in dairy farming led them to travel to Europe where they toured dairy farms; a

trip they fondly recounted to their family for years.

Linda’s faith was evident, not only through her family, but also through her involvement with the Millerton Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed community outreach, singing in the choir, working with children, teaching ESL classes, and helping to develop and implement programs.

Linda is predeceased by her husband, Sam Kaplan, her mother, father, and brother Thomas Crawford. She is survived by her two sons; Lorin Stapleton and his wife Mary Stapleton of Brewster, New York, and Brian Stapleton of Sandisfield, Massachusetts; her two granddaughters, Bridget Stapleton of Jersey City, New Jersey and Colleen Stapleton of Boston, Massachusetts; her sister-in-law, Susan Crawford; nephew David Keys and his wife Barbara; niece Susan Jenkins and her husband Rick Herring.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Church of St. Mary in Lakeville, CT. Rev. Dennis Arambasick officiated. Burial followed at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

## Karen Gandolfo

NORTH CANAAN — Karen Gandolfo, 63, of Bridgeport, passed away after a long illness on Sept. 2, 2024.

Karen grew up in East Canaan, the daughter of Nicholas Gandolfo and June Schram. She is survived by her two children, Amber Goss (husband Ryan Goss) and Paul

Shuhi Jr. She leaves behind three sisters, Nicolette Hall, (and her husband, Richard Hall), Andrea Alexander, and Laura Hoopes (husband Timothy Hoopes) as well as two grandsons and three nieces and nephews. Services and burial will be private for immediate family.

## John W. Robertson

SALISBURY — John W. Robertson, 77, of Lincoln City Road, died at his home on Sept. 5, 2024. He was the loving husband of Linda Lie-mann Robertson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on

Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary’s Church in Lakeville, Burial will be private.

A complete obituary will be in next weeks paper.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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# REGIONAL

## Millerton granted \$6.3 million for pool

By John Coston

MILLERTON — The NY SWIMS capital grant program awarded \$6.385 million to the village to build a community pool, a bathhouse, community room and septic system at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The announcement came from Gov. Kathy’s Hochul’s office on the eve of Labor Day, along with \$38 million in grants to Dutchess County and towns and cities in the Mid-Hudson region.

“It’s incredible for us to receive this,” Mayor Jenn Najdek said. “To be in the right place at the right time, and to be in good standing with grants.”

The mayor said she hopes that there may be a groundbreaking in the fall of 2025.

“It wouldn’t be possible without the incredible group of volunteers,” Najdek said.

The Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee includes: Stephen Waite, chair, Jeanne Vanecko, vice chair, Edith Greenwood, treasurer, Jennifer Dowley and Greg Swinehart. Mayor Najdek is the village liaison to the committee.

Najdek also thanked Anna Clune, who wrote the grant for the village.

“The grant award is exciting news for Millerton and its residents. Anna did a fabulous job writing the application.

“I spent a lot of time at the old Denney Pool as a kid and made many friends there, some I still keep in contact with.

“The pool served the community well for 50 years until closing in 2016. It’s taken eight long years, but I’m pleased that people will once again be swimming in Mil-

lerton in the not-too-distant future.

“I’m grateful for the support from our leaders and donors and extremely proud of the work done by the Committee,” Waite said.

The NY SWIMS grant program was included in the 2025 New York state budget. In May, Village trustees voted to apply for a \$6.385 million grant. The first round of applications for municipal swimming facilities were due in July.

The Village also has applied for a \$675,000 grant through New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and has yet to hear news about that application.

The latest news follows a Millerton visit in late July by Carl Heastie, Speaker of the New York State Assembly, and State Rep. Didi Barrett (D-106) to announce that the Phase 2 renovation of the park will have its funding ensured.

The pool will be ADA-compliant like the rest of the park.

“This will make the entirety of park accessible,” said Mayor Najdek.

Under the NY SWIMS program, grants are offered to “to acquire, design, construct or reconstruct facilities, provide major renovations, improvements, and modernization or rehabilitation of swimming facilities.”

Municipalities are expected to cover 20% of the project cost.

The park’s first swimming pool was installed in 1966 in the rear southwestern corner of the park. Over time, the high water table lifted and cracked the pool. Groundwater infiltration prevented the pool’s water from heating up even on hot summer days. Repairs were attempted but fewer and fewer people came to swim, and Millerton’s summer camp was moved to Rudd Pond in 2015.

Last summer the park’s revitalization committee presented the Phase 2 plans. Construction on Phase 1 — regrading of the park, a new entrance and paved parking areas, a soccer field, accessible playground upgrades, new basketball courts and pavilion improvements—was completed in 2022.

Other big NY SWIMS grants among the 11 an-

nounced over Labor Day for the Mid-Hudson region include:

Dutchess County — (\$10 million) Youth Opportunity Union Aquatic Center: Dutchess County will construct the Youth Opportunity Union Aquatic Center, comprised of an eight-lane lap pool, a two-lane family and therapy pool, and locker rooms.

City of Kingston — (\$3,343,345) Kingston Point Beach Swimming Facilities: The City of Kingston will implement a design of multi-tiered raised terraces to connect upland areas on either side of the existing beach to provide flood mitigation and protect the interior of Kingston Point against sea level rise.

City of Newburgh — (\$8 million) Delano Hitch Aquatics Center: The City of Newburgh will construct a new aquatic center to replace the pool complex originally constructed in 1920, featuring a fully ADA accessible competition sized pool, new changing rooms and restrooms, new parking area, new concessions stand and a splash pad.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Another success story for Salisbury housing

The Salisbury Housing Trust has just helped another local family to purchase a home that is affordable here in Salisbury. This would not be possible without strong community support and our donors. The new owners work locally and up until now, it was impossible for them to even think of becoming homeowners in the town they love.

For the Salisbury Housing Trust to create affordable housing opportunities, it truly takes a large community effort to make it a reality. In this case, the following have all helped: Roger Rawlings of Resource Valuation Group; Susan Dickinson of Litchfield Bancorp; Neil White and Terri Carlson of Cramer and Anderson; The Law Office of Kevin Nelligan; Corrine Hammond and finally Ryan Cooper and his employees who helped to pick up donated furniture

for the new owners.

The Salisbury Housing Trust has for decades been active in the building and or renovating homes in Salisbury to create opportunities for families to realize their dream of homeownership. The Housing Trust retains the land which we lease to the home owners to help reduce their property taxes and establish deed restrictions to keep the homes affordable now and into the future. For more information, please visit our web site at: [www.salisburymhousing.org](http://www.salisburymhousing.org), where you will also find how to apply for future Housing Trust homes.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

**Salisbury Housing Trust**  
**Executive Board**  
**John Harney**  
**Jennifer Kronholm Clark**  
**Margaret Monaco**  
**Karen Sunnarborg**

## Perspective on shooting

It isn't easy being a human. There are so many ways we can go bad. Our frontal lobes, the most recently evolved part of our brains, are in a perpetual, usually losing, battle with the older, deeper part, what could be called the "animal" brain. From the frontal lobes comes the ability to plan, to wait for a reward, to see the "big picture," to cooperate with others for a future good, to fashion complex tools.

Civilization came from the frontal lobes. Meanwhile the rest of the brain just plods along doing what it has always done: driving us to survive, driving us to reproduce. The frontal lobes say, "sharing is a better way for us all to survive." The deeper, animal brain says, "if I keep it all for myself and my family, we will survive." With the frontal lobes comes peace, with the rest, war.

For many people it is almost impossible to control our instinctual impulses. Our frontal lobes say: "Don't do it, you'll be sorry." So, we silence them with drugs and alcohol and act out anyway or let ourselves be convinced by the mob around us. We are new at this game of having frontal lobes. Evolution hasn't perfected it yet.

Science has long known that the frontal lobes are the last part of the brain to finish growing by finally laying down myelin sheaths around the nerve fibers. Without myelin sheaths, brain cells don't function properly. The age at which that happens is inexact, but most states have recognized that age as 22. How do we know this? Look at how states define "developmental" disability, which is a disability that prevents normal functioning and that can show itself anytime during a child's growth and development. People with developmental disabilities are given varying amounts of assistance by states. Special Education is an example of that assistance. Group homes with trained staff is another. In the old days, states built large institutional "training schools" for such children. The nearby Wassauc Developmental Center comes to mind, as does the Southbury Training School. Both Con-

necticut and New York State define a "developmental" disability as one that develops before the brain has finished developing" and that is set at 22 years. The state of Georgia separates out "intellectual disability" and "developmental disability" with age 18 for the former and 22 for the latter. The age at which the brain finishes developing is the age at which the states providing developmental assistance cease to do so and is the age at which we might be considered "grown up".

The boy in Georgia is not grown up. He has an immature brain. He was driven to do what he did by a bunch of emotions over which he had no effective frontal lobe control. To try him as an adult is a travesty. People who insist on revenge have their own frontal lobe immaturity issues.

**Anna Timell**  
 Cornwall

## Vote Barbara Breor for the 64th District

Barbara Breor moved to Goshen on her 8th birthday and has a long history rooted in commitment to this beautiful district. Barbara is the Republican Candidate for the 64th House seat. The 64th district has a population of 24,424 people and includes the towns of Canaan, N. Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury, Sharon, and Washington. Our town of Salisbury, with 4,240 residents, is the largest, followed by Washington and Goshen.

Breor is hardworking, intelligent, fiscally responsible and cares about people, the farms, and local business. Barbara is the Town Clerk in Goshen for the past 28 years and is ingrained in the fabric of the town, many of her other roles are volunteer. She is an EMT member since 1996, past president of the Fire Dept., is the vice president and superintendent of concessions for the Goshen Agricultural Society. Breor was assistant coach of Little League, secretary of the Goshen Land Trust and the Goshen Historical Society.

The Republican candidate supports freedom of choice

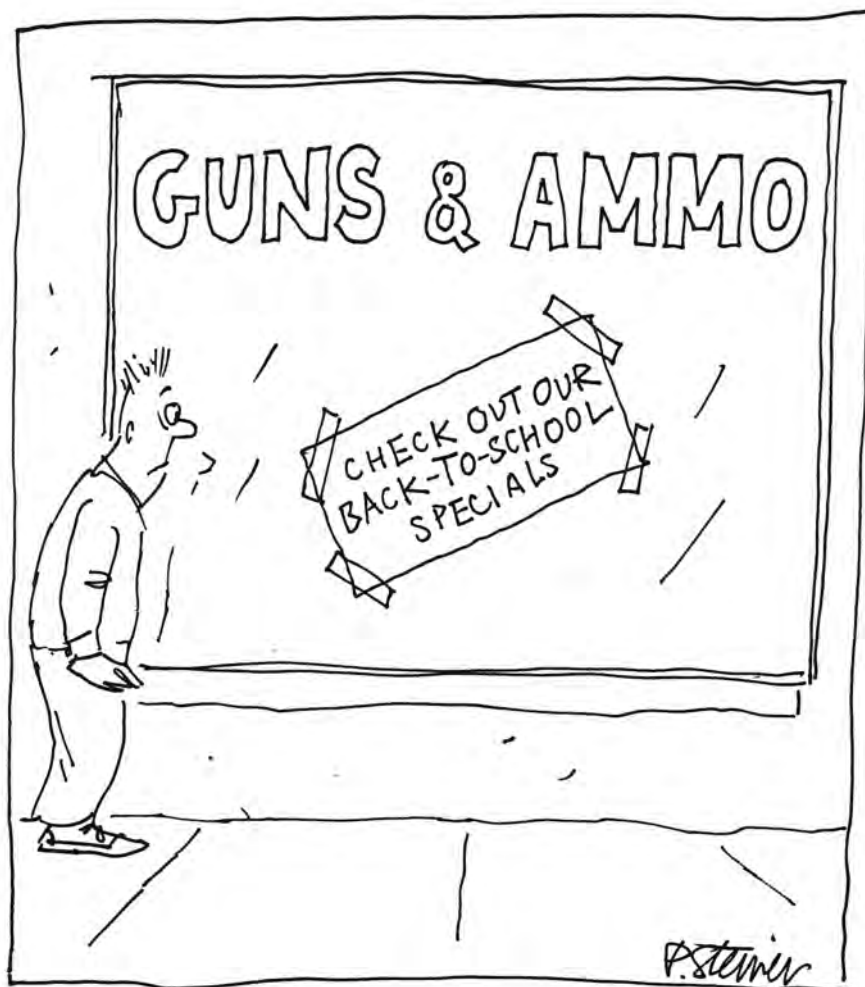
in many things, for example, electric vehicles should not be mandated. They are expensive to fix and maintain and would create imbalance in the economy. She supports law enforcement, police, firefighters and EMTs who put themselves in high-risk jobs for our public safety. She will advocate for farms and small businesses and opposes mandates on small businesses and statewide property tax. She is fiscally responsible and is opposed to wasteful taxpayer spending, such as excessive early voting days for minimal turnout.

Breor supports local control of schools and zoning believing it should be left to experienced municipal officials to make the decisions and not Hartford - as they face different landscapes and issues. Barbara said, "We like our trees here, people move to this area and then they want to change the very things they liked, nature, land, low mill rates and the peace and quiet." Barbara wants to preserve and protect the natural beauty of the district's lakes, rivers and open spaces.

Barbara is pro the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms. Typically, it is not the legal gun owners committing gun crimes and residents should be able to protect themselves. Regarding gun violence, she advocates focusing on addressing mental health issues early. Post Covid - she believes more people need access to mental health than before in all sectors of the population.

I believe Barbara represents residents of this district well and she is a conservative with heart. She lives in Goshen, with her husband Thomas and her son Adam and owns Windy Hill Farm. Finally, you can come meet Barbara Breor at the Meet the Candidates Pizza Party at the Lakeville Town Grove on Saturday, September 21st from 2 to 4. Free, with refreshments and entertainment, sponsored by the Salisbury Republican Town Committee. You can also reach out to her at [barbaraforthe64th@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraforthe64th@gmail.com) or 860-491-0022 to contact her directly.

**Elizabeth Ives**  
 Salisbury



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Voting 3rd Party is Not A Spoiler Vote

For the upcoming presidential election, I plan to vote for Jill Stein, the candidate of the Green Party. I am getting sick and tired of people telling me that I am a spoiler in that I am, in effect, voting for Trump. It's presumptuous that such people think that I am even interested in having Harris over Trump.

I am not! I consider Harris and Trump to be bad choices. It is an affront to me for anyone to oblige me to vote for the lesser of two evils. I don't vote for evil, even with a smiley face. Candidates have to earn my vote. If they don't, then they are not entitled to it.

Both the Democrats and Republicans are bought by corporate and special interest groups. The lobbyists pay, and the politicians do what they are told. It is misguided to think that we have a true democracy in which our federal politicians govern according to the will of the people. And even if you do believe it, the presidential election of our "democratic" republic is nevertheless a perversion in which the electoral college, not the highest

percentage of votes of the people, chooses the winner.

I cannot bring myself to vote for the egotistical, narcissistic, foul-mouthed, inarticulate, unintellectual, blowhard, criminal Trump. However, I totally get why he has so much support. People are fed up with politicians doing very little, not meeting expectations, but rather serving the interests of those bribing them on policies. So why not be nihilistic and burn down the whole place? It's hard to disagree with them. Let the phoenix rise from the ashes.

I also cannot bring myself to vote for part of the current executive team, namely the vice president to Genocide Joe, who is directly complicit in the ongoing massacre of tens of thousands of civilians whose land has been occupied or put under siege. And then there are the unnecessary wars in Ukraine and Yemen; so there are now three wars in which our country has been a principal participant at the behest of the Democrats. Harris will do the same things supported by Biden's and her paymasters such as the American

Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the defense industry, the oil companies, the pharma companies, and all of the rest of the pay for play players. Money talks. The "liberals" are kidding themselves in thinking that their bribed politicians are somehow better.

Candidate Dr. Jill Stein is an honest candidate who accepts no campaign money from corporations and special interests. She listens to the American people and supports their interests. Meanwhile, the Democratic Party has done everything it can to prevent third parties from being on state ballots. They behave as if they are entitled to the vote of anybody who doesn't want Trump. Their anti-democratic behavior alone is reason enough to not give them my vote. If they can't beat the criminal Trump without squashing various third-party candidates, then they are so pathetic in their policies as to not deserve to win.

I urge people to vote third party to make a statement, and hopefully, to eventually build a movement, over time, away from the stranglehold of the duopoly of the "bought" Republicans and Democrats.

**Lloyd Baroody**  
 Lakeville

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### LETTERS

## A vote for Stephen Harding

As a recent college graduate living in Connecticut, I know firsthand how challenging it can be to build a future in this state. Young people like myself are faced with high living costs, making it difficult to stay here after graduation. We need leaders who actively work to make Connecticut more affordable for young professionals and families.

This is one of the many reasons I'm supporting Stephen Harding in his re-election campaign for the 30th State Senate District. Senator Harding has consistently fought for policies that ease the financial burdens on young people, whether it's by advocating for lower taxes, calling on the legislature to go into an emergency session to find a solution to the absurdly high electric rates we have to pay, or by working to ensure that our communities remain attractive places to live and work.

Senator Harding understands the issues we face and is committed to making sure that Connecticut doesn't lose its young talent to other states. His dedication to fiscal responsibility and his ongoing efforts to create a more affordable future make him the kind of leader we need.

I believe in Stephen Harding's vision for Connecticut, and I encourage my fellow graduates and young professionals to support him in this important election.

**Eric Green**

Torrington

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## Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago –  
September 1924

Mrs. Martha Surdam is quite ill from the effects of ptomaine poisoning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Guy Drumm.

LIME ROCK – Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown are entertaining their niece from the south.

Connecticut automobile owners are spending more money this year for gasoline than for their daily bread. A gallon of “gas” is being bought nearly as often as a pound of meat, and the gasoline consumption is increasing rapidly.

Last Thursday 9720 young lake trout were placed in the lake. These trout came from the Salisbury Rearing Station.

The heavy rains of the early part of the week were of great value to springs, water supplies, late crops and pasturage, but were pretty hard on hilly dirt roads. The Lime Rock road especially suffered, deep gullies being cut by the water particularly on the long hill past the Honour farm. However, the road men have been restoring the road to its usual condition.

The daylight saving time will go out of operation the last of the present month and the trouble of figuring out two sets of time will end. As the matter stands at present no one in the state of Connecticut will be sorry.

Ralph Bertoni who expects to open a restaurant and home made bakery in H.T. Miller’s store building, has rented living rooms in the rear of E.L. Peabody’s telephone building.

The Misses Josephine and Evangeline Cullen expect to move their business of Electric Lamp shades and novelties to New Britain, where they expect to considerably expand the present scheme of the business. Their many friends here will wish them the fullest measure of success in their new field.

Messrs. Gerald Bauman and William Matheson started yesterday on a motor trip across the continent. The lads are going to finance themselves and try and see as much of the country as possible and have a good time doing it. They have purchased a second hand car in which to make the trip and say they “will arrive when they get there.”

Xavier Chatteleton, the last Civil War veteran in Norfolk, died at the home of his daughter on Sunday, August 31st. He was 84 years of age.

50 years ago –  
September 1974

The season’s first frost was recorded last Thursday, Sept. 5, in Norfolk, with temperatures as low as 29 degrees.

Peter Reilly, the 19-year-old Falls Village youth convicted of first-degree manslaughter for the death of his mother, Barbara Gibbons, will be represented by a new attorney in appealing the conviction in the State Supreme Court. T.F. Gilroy Daly, a Fairfield attorney, will represent Reilly in his appeal, according to Reilly Defense Committee members. Members of the committee have explained that attorney Daly was retained as Reilly’s lawyer largely through the efforts of playwright Arthur Miller of Roxbury and other prominent authors and entertainers, who have banded together with the Reilly Committee to raise funds for Reilly.

Salisbury is on the right track in planning a transfer station for solid waste but will have to seek an intermediate landfill for compacted waste until a resource recovery plant is ready, First Selectman Charlotte Reid said Tuesday night. She reached her conclusions, she told the selectmen, on the basis of a 1½-day meeting in Hartford sponsored by the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors for all communities in New England that have garbage disposal problems.

Several children from the Connecticut-New York corner have spent this week being filmed for segments for a new children’s television series, “Big Blue Marble,” which will have its premiere this weekend. The “marble” of the title is Earth, as described and photographed by astronaut Frank Borman from moon orbit. Local youngsters being filmed in Lakeville this week are Geoffrey Charde and Richard Turnure of Lakeville, Ellen and Sara Curtis of Amenia and Tara Prindle of Sharon. The 26-week series theme will be activities and attitudes of children around the world, from an American girl on a ranch, to a boy training to be a jockey in Ireland or a boy operating a water-taxi in Hong Kong.

The Canaan Fire Company is now the owner of the former Getty Oil property at the intersection of routes 44 and 7. The firemen took possession of the building this Monday. The firemen purchased the building for use as a new firehouse. Getty sold the property for \$60,000, \$20,000 of which was given to the firemen by the town.

25 years ago –  
September 1999

The Sharon Lions Club honored Sharon resident Kenneth L. Bartram for his dedication to the community in a ceremony at the Interlaken Inn Sept. 1. Mr. Bartram was awarded the first-ever Sharon Lions Club Volunteer Citizenship Award. Mr. Bartram has cared for the Town Green for 35 years, was a member of the Sharon Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years and was a member of the Board of Selectmen for 25 years. He was also a gardener at the Jameson estate, worked at Meyers, was a custodian at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and worked at Sharon Hospital.

SHARON – Seventy years ago, 14-year-old Jean Lundeen joined the Taghhanuck Grange. Two weeks ago, Mrs. Lundeen was given an award for that 70 years of membership – something few grange members ever receive.

Hats off to state Rep. Andrew Roraback (R-64) of Goshen. He holds the distinction of being the only one of the 151 members of the House of Representatives to have completed the last five legislative sessions without missing a roll call vote. This brings his consecutive voting streak to 2,369 votes, with his first vote cast on Feb. 1, 1995, and his most recent on June 14, 1999. “I love my job, so it’s no chore for me to make every effort to be there,” said Mr. Roraback. “I’m blessed to represent a constituency with a work ethic second to none. The people here work very hard, so it’s not unreasonable for me to do my job.” In addition, Rep. Phil Prelli (R-63) of Winsted was among those who had 100 percent voting records for 1999 roll calls.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School will celebrate its 60th anniversary this weekend with a clam back, a silent auction and dancing at Lakeville’s Interlaken Inn. HVRHS was the first regional high school in Connecticut, and in fact in all of New England. Until the Georgian-inspired brick building opened its doors to students Sept. 24, 1939, each town had to host its own teens in academic facilities that were smaller and

more meagerly funded.

The employees of the Canaan National Bank recently presented a check for \$119 to the “Arnold’s Hope Fund,” named for Arnold Agar Jr. The fund was the recipient of this month’s “dress down for charity day,” which takes place on the last Friday of every month. Employees wear casual attire to work in exchange for a donation made to the charity, and the bank matches the amount donated by its employees, doubling the funds raised. Arnold Agar is an Ashley Falls teenager battling AML leukemia. The medical bills are mounting and a bone marrow transplant will soon be necessary. His parents are Arnold and Diana Agar, owners of Arnold’s Garage in Canaan and active members of the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

A Falls Village gardener has reaped the rewards of her dedication to helping others benefit from nature’s bounty. Jacqueline Heriteau was elected a Fellow of the Garden Writers Association of America at the group’s 51st annual symposium in Toronto from Aug. 19 to 22. Ms. Heriteau received the honor in recognition of work as national director of the association’s Plant a Row for the hungry campaign. The program, founded in 1995, encourages home gardeners, schools, churches and community organizations to grow extra food in their gardens for donation to soup kitchens and food banks. Only 51 members of the association have been elected fellows since the association was formed in 1948.

After losing pediatrician Dr. Robert Moes in June, Sharon Pediatrics has added a new doctor to its practice, Dr. Virginia Gray-Clarke. Dr. Moes, who was in Sharon for about three years, left to practice in the Boston area. Dr. Gray-Clarke started with the practice Sept. 1, and is now seeing Dr. Moes’ patients, as well as taking patients of her own.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Response to the Biden candidacy ‘coup’

Ah, Mr. Godburn — you have gone really FOX(y) on us again, with an added soupçon of misogyny, Trumpian nickname-ism, and other weird aspersions flavoring your letter about VP Harris of last week.

But seriously: to suggest that the people who convinced Biden to end his candidacy were executing some sort of coup is laughable, particularly compared to Trump’s actual coup attempt on Jan. 6, 2021. Trump knew he lost the election, yet he called a mob to Washington and even wanted to lead it to the Capitol himself to stop the electoral ballot certification. The will of the people be damned!

More egregiously, he did nothing for hours, despite the danger in which he put his own VP and other elected officials.

If Trump had a fiddle and

not a TV...

As a person of a certain age, I trust that my children will remove the car keys if and when I am longer a competent driver. They will do it to safeguard me and others on the road.

Trump has no such gatekeepers. The Republican Party is a one man show, its members terrified of standing up to him, even as his current, often incoherent ‘word salads,’ (far too mild a word), reveal mental deterioration, along with a dangerous obsession with retribution that promises even more violence if he is thwarted.

If he were your daughter’s Gentleman Caller, and you did some research on him, would you even let him in the door?

Barbara Maltby

Lakeville

## Presidential decorum

The Wall Street Journal editorial board on May 31, 2024, the morning after Donald Trump was convicted of 34 criminal counts, published a rather scathing chide to Joe Biden, the sitting President, regarding Biden’s forward behaviors toward the convicted Trump, regarding the trial, its outcome.

*“The issue here is presidential decorum and political judgment. The President has already come close to taunting Mr. Trump for his legal predicament.”*

At first read one might surmise this extract as originating in a cynical jest put forth late night by Colbert or Maher. However, the quote is indeed issued by journalists such as Paul Gigot, Peggy Noonan – WSJ editorial luminaries. Seriously, moralistically “Sleepy”/soft Joe was warned by the WSJ editorial board to adhere to presidential decorum, display political judgment, do no taunting of Trump’s legal predicament.

It is infrequent that one encounters presidential decorum used in the vicinity of Donald Trump. Recently decorum was on view at Arlington Cemetery when a verbal and physical altercation resulted as Trump and his staff defied a military ban on filming, using the Cemetery for political campaigning. Acrimonious denials, finger pointing, blame smearing, “Made Up Story” on social media ensued – a common Trump response. Indifference to rules, requests, regulations or restrictions is the norm in Trump world, as is thugish treatment of women by Trump staffers: Jupiter, Florida, 2016, a battery charge; at Arlington no charges pressed (concern for retaliation), yet a stern military rebuke. Both physical incidents were thunderously dismissed by Trumpers, the women branded as mental.

Perhaps a TV opportunity emerges for Trump: Decorum as a tantalizing TV series, starring Dennis Quaid, heavily enhanced, or even Donald Trump himself. A myriad of episodes could follow historic storylines, be easily adapted from real events, moments of Trump exhibiting presidential decorum and political judgment – a bit of work will be needed to minimize rally taunting. Such a smash TV

## OPEN SPACE

KATHY-HERALD  
MARLOWE

hit wouldn’t resurrect award winning screenwriters from The West Wing, Sorkin, O’Donnell, but utilize conservative talents, such as the two creative Stevens - Miller and Bannor. A stream of episodes could easily emerge:

*The Country is Going to Hell — Announcement of Presidential Campaign at Trump Tower*

*He’s No Hero — Comments on John McCain and Gold Star recipients*

*The Perfect Call — “I’d like you to do us a little favor” call with Zelenskyy*

*Find 11,780 — Call with Georgia’s AG Raffensperger for 2020 votes*

*Advancement Tools for Women — How Hillary, Kamala progressed their political careers*

*Save America Capitol Tour — January 6, 2021*

*Made Up Story — Trump, Lewandowski, campaign footage at Arlington*

*Every Right to Interfere — Trump on his 2020 election activities*

Coming Trump events will undoubtedly be rich fodder for provocative newly minted episodes should a Decorum series emerge — there are 53 days remaining to election day, 136 days to inauguration, less than a fortnight until NYC sentencing. Trump’s VP running mate, JD Vance is contributing substantially to potential scripting options. Recently at a rally Vance exclaimed to his live audience and Harris, absent, “She can go to hell” – sterling role model decorum, political judgment on display.

With 53 more days, expansive space for the WSJ editorial board to educate us while directing Biden, Harris, and Walz on pristine Presidential – Vice Presidential behavior. Can’t wait.

*Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.*

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## Status Report

Ceremonies on Wednesday marked the 23rd anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The observances occurred after print for the Sept. 12 issue. Coverage of remembrances will be published online and in the Sept. 19 issue of the Journal.

Ella, the Australian cyclist who departed Falls Village Aug. 26 heading north on the Western New England Greenway, reached her final destina-

tion in Montreal, Quebec, the morning of Sunday, Sept. 8. She reported on social media that she “loved every second” of the journey and “didn’t want it to end.”

SHARON — A free library has been spotted on Jackson Hill Road. The two-shelf, roofed structure built in a wheelbarrow includes a mix of new and used historical fiction, sci-fi, non-fiction biographies and science.

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With winter coming, Eversource is committed to helping homeowners make their homes more energy efficient, which will help in keeping the costs of operating the house down to affordable levels. To this end, Eversource offers a variety of programs to help the consumer, including energy audits, which cost 75 dollars. The average improvements are 950 dollars, not a bad return to start with. Depending on this audit, there could be generous rebates and incentives on furnaces, etc. if needed. Finally, if one is on a fixed income or is qualify as lower income, there are wide range of support programs. To find out more, please visit: [www.eversource.com/content/residential/save-money-energy/energy-efficiency-programs/home-energy-solutions](http://www.eversource.com/content/residential/save-money-energy/energy-efficiency-programs/home-energy-solutions)



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## HYDRILLA

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visit to his marina.

“When the water is clear, you can almost watch the hydrilla grow. If we wait five years, we will be able to walk across the river if it’s left unchecked.”

The strain of hydrilla in the Connecticut River has been an ongoing concern since its discovery in 2016. It is considered genetically distinct from other known hydrilla populations in the world, and as such, there is limited information available to aid in the development of management strategies to limit its explosive spread.

Kayaks can’t pass through it. Boat motors get tangled by its long strands and stall. Coveted fishing holes have been abandoned by anglers and swimmers won’t swim in it. Scientists are also addressing concerns about hydrilla’s threat to the ecosystem, including osprey and bald eagles. They fear that the Connecticut River strain harbors cyanobacteria, which produces a neurotoxin deadly to birds of prey.

Rhea Drozenko, river steward for the Connecticut River Conservancy, pointed to the Mattabeset River as an example of hydrilla’s explosive nature. “It created this huge mat, and some native plants couldn’t stand a chance. It created a sea of hydrilla.”

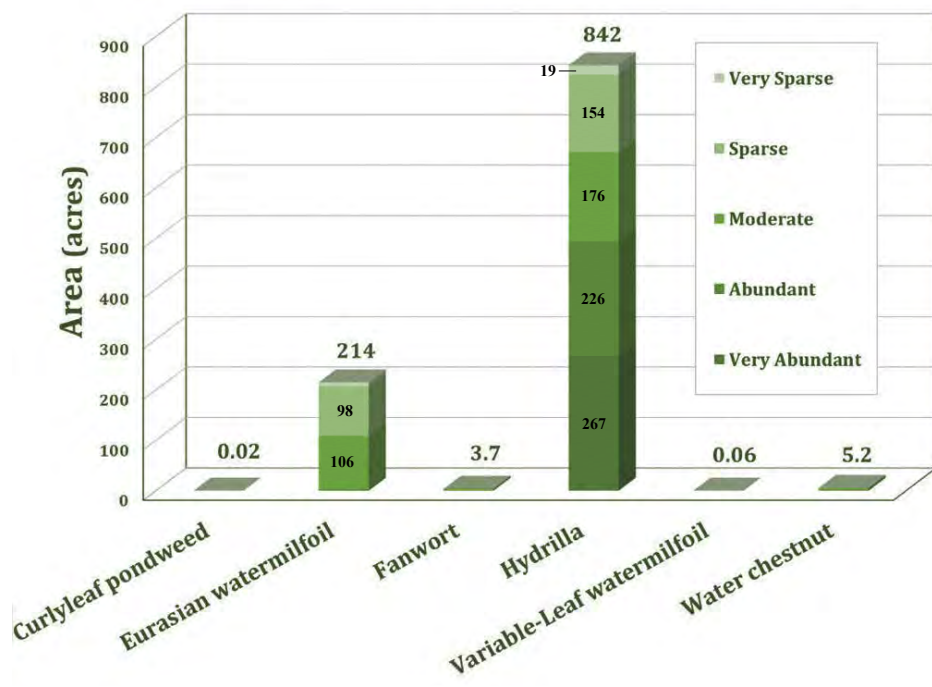
Fortunately for Petzold, and others who own businesses or real estate, enjoy recreational activities or cherish the 200-mile-long river’s aesthetics and ecology, hope is on the horizon.

Petzold’s two marinas, Chester Boat Basin and Portland Boat Works, are among five sites in the Connecticut River Watershed selected for testing of aquatic herbicides this summer as part of an ongoing hydrilla research project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Other test sites include Chapman Pond in East Haddam, Keeney Cove in Glastonbury and Selden Cove in Lyme.

Scientists hope to reduce

## Invasive Aquatic Plants in the Connecticut River



CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

### Invasive aquatic plants in the Connecticut River.

and control hydrilla, while protecting plants, fish and the long-term health of the river, as well as its \$1 billion-plus contribution to Connecticut’s economy.

The results of that research could also bring a sigh of relief inland, where 10 lakes, so far, have been identified as hosts to hydrilla, which is spread between bodies of water primarily by unsuspecting boat owners.

East Twin Lake in Salisbury was the first lake outside of the Connecticut River watershed to identify an infestation late last summer. That number is expected to rise once the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) concludes its planned inspections of every state-owned boat launch throughout Connecticut.

#### \$100 million in federal funding

In 2021, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), announced that he is leading an effort to secure \$100 million over four years in federal funding for a multistate effort to control hydrilla in the Connecticut River Watershed, and in June, he announced \$5 million in federal funding for the USACE

demonstration project.

“Senator Blumenthal was here. He pledged his support in getting government funding for this continual battle,” noted Petzold, who referred to hydrilla as “the biggest threat beyond our control” in the nearly 80-year history of his family business.

The funds will also support other goals including preventing hydrilla from spreading into coves, tributaries and inland waters, improving surveillance and detecting new infestations early and responding quickly to control and eradicate new infestations.

In addition, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), through the State Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Program, made \$500,000 available to municipalities, state agencies and nonprofit organizations to reduce impacts of aquatic species, including hydrilla, on inland waters.

Connecticut awarded approximately \$952,700 to 46 projects statewide during the first three years of the AIS Grant Program.

#### Hope is on the horizon

As stakeholders await the results of the USACE’s demonstration project, already there are encouraging signs.

Petzold pointed to the gently rippling water surrounding the boat basin, which he said had not been that clear during peak boating season for several years. Around the slips, strands of sickly-looking hydrilla floated among dead leaves, victims of herbicidal dosing.

He credited the bipartisan support of lawmakers on

the local, state and federal level for going “above and beyond” in supporting and communicating with stakeholders.

“In my mind, it’s made a world of difference. We’ll see what the test studies reveal, but it seems like it is doing the trick here, at least in the basin,” said the marina owner, who credited DEEP and USACE for working together effectively and keeping stakeholders in the loop and respond to their concerns.

“At this point I guess there’s no cure for it, but we have to figure out a way to stop it from spreading and growing as best we can.”

Beth Rye of Chester, who owns two vessels, a 20-foot Grady-White and 35-foot Viking, was ecstatic about being able to navigate in and out of the slips without her boats’ props getting snarled in hydrilla. “It’s gone!” she announced with glee.

Relief for some raises red flags for others, noted Drozenko, particularly when aquatic herbicides are involved.

“There has been a lot of concern about the use of herbicidal treatments, especially in very fragile, ecologically sensitive zones.”

Lakes and ponds, she said, are easier than flowing rivers to treat, as they are more contained and especially if the infestation is caught early, as in Salisbury’s East Twin Lake.

“Whereas if hydrilla moves into the Housatonic River,” the river steward cautioned, “it will have the same impact as in our river.”

Coming next: What’s at stake for Salisbury’s six lakes in 2025 and beyond.

## CELLPHONES

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according to current Region One policies.

Cellphone policies for each elementary school are available on their websites in the Student Handbooks. The schools’ policies agree that during classes, cellphones should be in a caddy or lockers and should be turned off during school hours.

Violations of these rules can result in loss of cellphone privileges and having to leave the phone at home.

Simon Markow, a junior at HVRHS, spoke from a student’s point of view. “My feelings toward the new cellphone rules are a little split. I think the rules are very strict, but so far, I have seen some

students work a little harder and be more focused, but the phones do come in handy at times.”

Before the new phone caddy rules, Markow said, “The problems were just kids playing games during school hours, all hours. It got boring after a while when everyone, but a few, were on phones during lunch or classes.”

Markow likes to use his phone to organize. “With not having my phone in class, I have to write my homework or events down while walking the halls.”

He summed it up. “I think the phone policy is good for some students, but it doesn’t help everyone.”

## LIBRARY

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PHOTO PROVIDED

### Hotchkiss Library of Sharon rests in the middle of town at 10 Upper Main St.

Park. Hachmeister said that the library contains one of his best preserved interiors because “it is virtually unchanged.” However, there are drawbacks to 19th century architecture: “We were one of the last libraries in the state that was not handicapped accessible,” Hachmeister intoned.

Since construction, new and improved facilities include updated technological resources, new private workspace for staff, two new rooms for patron study and work, a wheelchair lift and two new accessible bathrooms, a new circulation area, and a community room which remains open at night, which Hachmeister has said has been immensely successful as a resource for local nonprofits and other groups in town. “But we did not

drastically change anything about the beloved interior,” she was careful to clarify.

The community response has been overwhelmingly positive, she said: “Everyone has really embraced the new, the new that’s joined to the old.” Since reopening on the green last August, the library has issued 125 new library cards. “To a town of 2,700 people, that’s a great deal,” Hachmeister assured.

When asked about future development for the library, Hachmeister said while plans of more expansions remain a staff in-joke given the grueling process of renovation — especially in such a historic building — they certainly plan to diversify and bolster their programming. “It’s just exciting to see what we’ll do next,” Hachmeister said brightly. “Who knows?”

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

### U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) with Lynn Werner of the Housatonic Valley Association at the Housatonic River Commission’s Sept. 7 event.

Kent, Sharon, Cornwall, Falls Village, North Canaan and Salisbury.

Commission chair Bill Tingley thanked the organizations and agencies that worked with the Housatonic River Commission to protect the river, including the National Park Service, Housatonic Valley Association, Northwest Hills Council of Governments, FirstLight, and the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Tingley also thanked the volunteers of the Housatonic Meadows Preservation Action (HMPA) for their work on the park after DEEP, in 2021, removed some 100 trees, 75 pine and 25 century oaks, deemed hazardous.

After a subsequent outcry, DEEP, in consultation with the HMPA, began planting new trees on October 2022, and the Connecticut General

Assembly passed legislation to oversee DEEP’s hazardous tree removal policies.

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) was on hand, and in brief remarks praised “the people willing to help protect these resources” for future generations.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (D-5) also attended, and noted that the Fifth District contains not one but two Wild and Scenic Rivers (the other being the Farmington).

“This is a big deal,” Hayes said. “This is like an insurance policy.”

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) could not attend, but Tingley read a letter congratulating the commission on achieving the Wild and Scenic designation.

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) was also on hand.

Music was provided by Hudson Crossing.

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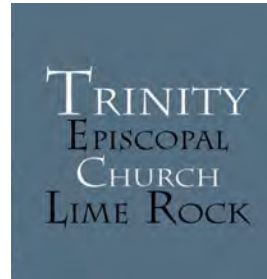


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MUSIC: ROBIN RORABACK

## Crescendo's upcoming tribute to Wanda Landowska

On Sept. 14, Crescendo, the award-winning music program based in Lakeville, will present a harpsichord solo recital by Kenneth Weiss in honor of world-renowned harpsichordist Wanda Landowska. Landowska lived in Lakeville from 1941 to 1959. Weiss is a professor at the Paris Conservatoire and has taught at Julliard. Born in New York, he now resides in Europe.

Weiss will play selections from "A Treasury of Harpsichord Music." It includes works by Baroque composers such as Bach, Mozart, and Handel. It was recorded by Landowska at her Lakeville home, at 63 Millerton Road, which overlooks Lakeville Lake.

Weiss said, "I am honored and excited to play in Lakeville, where Wanda Landowska lived."

Landowska fled Nazi Germany in 1941 with two of her students one of whom was Denise Restout, who later became her companion of many years, and a harpsichord in a box. They landed in New York. Landowski performed the Goldberg Variations of Johann Sebastian Bach at New York Town Hall to "Incredible success." She then looked around for a place to live and found Lakeville where she resided until her death in 1959.

Kenneth Weiss made "a pilgrimage" to Lakeville in the 1980's. "Madame Restout received us in the kitchen of the home she shared with Landowska. From the two Pleyel Harpsichords to Landowska concert gowns on display it felt as if Landowska had just stepped out."

Wanda Landowska was a child prodigy. Christine Gevert, Founding Artistic Director of Crescendo said that Landowska "went way beyond the harpsichord to other instruments."

Landowska commissioned music from composers and wrote some of her own. She also had harpsichords built to order. She founded a music school in Paris where she "invited her students to come and stay on the property as if they were her own children." She often became a lifelong mentor to students.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

**Kenneth Weiss (above) will play a solo recital performance in honor of Wanda Landowska, a harpsichord virtuoso, who lived in Lakeville for many years. Below, Madame Wanda Landowska, world famous harpsichordist and resident of Lakeville from 1941 until her death in 1959, will be honored in a concert presented by Crescendo and featuring a performance by Kenneth Weiss, renowned harpsichord soloist and professor at the Paris Conservatoire.**

Landowska also authored many articles, some of which were translated from Polish and French and made into a book by her life partner Denise Restout who was left to take care of Landowska's legacy when she died. Most of Landowska's papers are in the Smithsonian, unfortunately still boxed up.

One reason for Landowska's fame was that "she changed the course of music and how people perceived and enjoyed it." She had a Bauhaus architect, Jean-Charles Moreux, design a concert hall, near Paris in the 1920's, which was filled with light, in contrast to most darkened theaters. She had a low stage built so she could be close to the audience and would bring a carpet and lamp from home "to create ambience" said Gevert. Landowska had a "Holistic concept and made performances more attractive and accessible. She was one of the first performers to talk to the audience."

The concert will be at the Lakeville Methodist Church at 6 p.m. on Sept. 14. It is presented with special support by Leszek Wojcik, famed Carnegie Hall recording engineer who lives in Lakeville. Wojcik "understands the importance of Landowska's legacy," said Gevert, and works with Crescendo to preserve it.

Tickets are available at [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org) or at the door, first come, first serve, forty-five minutes before the concert. Prices are forty dollars for general




seats, ten dollars for youths or seventy-five for an up-close seat.

Support for the concert has also been provided to Crescendo by the Connecticut State

Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature, and NBT Bank.

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The live audience at Music Mountain takes in a silent film Sept. 7.

MUSIC: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Silent cinema, live magic

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Gordon Hall at Music Mountain was transformed into a time machine, transporting the audience for a 1920's spectacular of silent films and live music. Featuring internationally acclaimed silent film musicians Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton, the evening began with a singalong of songs by Gershwin, Irving Berlin and more. Lyrics for favorites like "Ain't We Got Fun," "Yes Sir That's My Baby," and "Ain't Misbehavin'" were projected on the screen and Sosin and Seaton lead the crowd with an easeful joy. The couple then retreated to the side of the stage where they provided the live and improvised score for Buster Keaton's 1922 short, "Cops," and his 1924 comedy, "Sher-

lock Jr." Joanna Seaton and Donald Sosin, a husband-and-wife duo, have crafted a singular career, captivating audiences at some of the world's most prestigious film festivals—New York, TriBeCa, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Telluride, and Yorkshire among them. Their performances have graced venerable institutions like MoMA, Film at Lincoln Center, the AFI Silver Theatre, and Moscow's celebrated Lumière Gallery. Their melodic journey has taken them to far-flung locales such as the Thailand Silent Film Festival and the Jecheon International Music and Film Festival in South Korea. Notably, Seaton and Sosin have become a fixture at Ita-

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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# Desperately seeking Susan Seidelman

On Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m., Haystack Book Talks will present a special evening with director Susan Seidelman, author of "Desperately Seeking Something: A Memoir About Movies, Mothers, and Material Girls." Part of the Haystack Book Festival run by Michael Selleck, the event will take place at the Norfolk Library, featuring a conversation with Mark Erder after a screening of the 1984 classic, "Desperately Seeking Susan."

Susan Seidelman's fearless debut film, "Smithereens," premiered in 1982 and was the first American indie film to ever compete at Cannes. Then came "Desperately Seeking Susan," a smash hit that not only solidified her place in Hollywood but helped launch Madonna's career. Her films, blending classic Hollywood storytelling with New York's downtown energy, feature unconventional women navigating unique lives. Seidelman continued to shape pop culture into the '90s, directing the pilot for "Sex and the City." Four decades later, Seidelman's stories are still as sharp, funny, and insightful as ever.

**Interview**  
**Natalia Zukerman:**  
How has it been for you watching the film all these years later?

**Susan Seidelman:**  
It's been interesting to watch it with multi-generational audiences. You never know whether something's going to pass the test of time, but I think it does.

**NZ:** You write in the opening of your memoir, "If how one sees the world is a reflection of who they are (and I believe it is), then you can look at the world reflected in any of my films and see little pieces of me. Like Where's Waldo? I'm hidden somewhere in each of them." So where are you hidden in "Desperately Seeking Susan?"

**SS:** Well, I'm not so hidden in that. I'm a little bit of both characters, really. I mean, I was a girl who grew up in the suburbs, but I was also that rebellious girl from the suburbs who moved to New York City to live a different kind of life. It's really about wanting to be your authentic self, that within all of us, there's this other person that we sometimes want to let out.

**NZ:** Was there pressure for you to top the success of "Susan"?



Top right, Susan Seidelman on set. Left, the cover art for Seidelman's memoir "Desperately Seeking Something."

**SS:** You know, no one expected this movie to be successful. It was made for \$5 million, which for a studio movie was low. We shot it in New York, and the studio in LA kind of thought, "Oh, it's just a little bit of money, we'll leave them alone." And then surprisingly, Madonna became such a superstar at the exact moment that we were making the movie. That was something that we couldn't have planned any better. So, suddenly the film got way more attention critically as well as commercially than we ever expected. I knew that at some point, people were



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gets to program. It's sort of a Pygmalion story. She creates what she thinks is the perfect man, and then she falls in love with her creation.

**NZ:** Tell me about "Sex and The City." How did that come about?

**SS:** That came about because Darren Star was a fan of "Desperately Seeking Susan" and a few of my other movies that are about New York City as much as they are about the characters. He wanted "Sex and The City" to be about the women, but to also be about the city. So, he contacted me, which was interesting because I never really wanted to work in television. Back then, it was kind of like the ugly stepsister to the movie business. I mean, it was great for writers because there was some wonderful writing going on. But by the mid late 90s, HBO and Showtime really reinvented television and suddenly TV didn't look like TV

anymore — the language was bolder, the themes were more adult. So, when I got the script and I first heard it was going to be a pilot for a TV series, I was not that excited about it. And then I read the pilot, and I thought, 'Wow, this is pretty amazing.' The writing was smart, and it was about women in their mid 30s, and there weren't that many shows that starred women of that age at that time.

**NZ:** So how old are you now, may I ask?

**SS:** 71  
**NZ:** Incredible. And how do you feel?  
**SS:** I feel good. I mean, I think another factor of why I wanted to write this book was because suddenly I felt I was old enough to kind of look back on my career with enough objectivity, with a filter of time, and with enough to say about it and maybe enough distance. And I can't believe it's been more than 40 years now. You know, I didn't want to tell tales out of school or be snarky or vindictive. It wasn't about airing dirty laundry or anything. I wanted to tell my story from the inside out. I mean after 40 years of reading other reviewers or people writing about what they thought I was doing or thought my motivation was, I thought it was time to do it myself.

## ...Music Mountain

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ly's renowned silent film festivals in Bologna and Pordenone, where they perform annually. In addition to their festival appearances, they have brought their artistry to Yale, Harvard, Brown, Cornell, and Emory Universities, where they are frequently invited to present workshops on silent film scoring and songwriting. Their contributions to silent cinema are further immortalized in over sixty-five DVD scores for silent films, released by Criterion, Kino, Mile-

stone, Flicker Alley, and other prominent labels. Seaton, a Manhattan native with a degree in Theatre Arts from Cornell University, has been lauded by The New York Times as a "silvery soprano." Her theatrical résumé spans more than eighty Off-Broadway, regional, and stock productions, and her vocal prowess has earned her a collaboration with jazz legend Dick Hyman at the 92nd Street Y. Sosin, originally from Rye, New York, and Munich, studied composition at the

University of Michigan and Columbia University before spending years on Broadway. His compositions have been featured on PBS and TCM, as well as providing the sonic backdrop for network soap operas and contemporary films. The duo delivered a raucous, high-energy score for the two Buster Keaton films, bringing an infectious spontaneity to every note. Remarkably, as they reminded the audience, Seaton and Sosin were improvising the entire performance, yet their music perfectly matched Keaton's subtle wit, wild gags, and iconic physical comedy. Percussion, sound effects, and melody wove together effortlessly, amplifying

the humor on screen and transforming the viewing into a riotous, laugh-out-loud experience. Their playful synergy with Keaton's films made the music feel like an integral part of the action, rather than mere accompaniment. The couple currently reside in Lakeville, where their shared love for film and music continues to enrich both their own lives and provide wonderful entertainment for the wider community.

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**MUSIC: LEILA HAWKEN**

## Annual Tritle organ concert at Smithfield

An anticipated fall favorite event at The Smithfield Church is the now-annual virtuoso organ performance by Kent Tritle, organist for the New York Philharmonic, this year to be joined by Arthur Fiacco, Jr. on Cello. The concert will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 3:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Oratorio Society of New York where Tritle serves

as Music Director. For the past ten years, Tritle has performed an annual concert on the Smithfield Church's historic tracker organ, a favorite of his. The program will include a variety of selections, from classical to modern, along with Tritle's incomparable commentary on each. Selections will include organ solos and duets with cello,

interpreting the works of Bach, Vivaldi and Mendelssohn, with two works by modern composers. Tritle serves as the music director for several award-winning choral ensembles, including Musica Sacra and the Oratorio Society of New York, while also serving as Director of Cathedral Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John

the Divine. For the Smithfield concert, Tritle will be joined by Arthur Fiacco, Jr. with whom he has performed many times, usually with Tritle serving as conductor and Fiacco leading the orchestra's cello section. It is rare to hear the two in a duet setting.

In addition to sitting as principal cellist of the organizations conducted by Tritle, Fiacco is also a member of the Orchestra of St. Luke's. He has performed at renowned music festivals, including Caramoor, Tanglewood, Ravinia, Mostly Mozart, Marlboro, Music Mountain and Lincoln Center Festivals. He has appeared with Broadway's Patti LuPone as a soloist, harpsichordist Igor Kipnis, Meredith Monk and the Mark Morris Dance



PHOTO BY JOSHUA SMITTH

**Kent Tritle at the organ of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC.**

**ART: MIKE COBB**

## Fine Art Festival coming to Sharon

The Voice of Art's (TVOA) Fine Art Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Sharon town green. It is free and open to the public.

The festival features both fine art and functional art including paintings, mixed media, photography, glass, wood works, metal, fiber art, jewelry, and more with artists from across the northeastern states. There is also a raffle that supports The Voice of Art's Fine Art Festival and local businesses.

TVOA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) visual art organization founded in 2017 dedicated to creating art experiences that enrich the lives of residents throughout the state of Connecticut. Their current vision is "to provide meaningful integration of arts and cultural community-building activities for residents of the Litchfield community."

TVOA is expanding its educational and health-related studio art program for residents of the Litchfield community and aims to reach a wider and diverse audience through such activities as classes, workshops, and outreach programs for community, all with the goal of inspiring and educating.

The organization also aims to provide opportunities for new viewers to experience high-level artworks by emerging and established artists through accessible exhibitions of their work, both in TVOA's virtual gallery and in venues provided by multiple business communities.

About the process of selecting artists, VOA director Hannah Jung stated, "We have a jury committee that reviews submitted online applications which include images of four original artworks. We judge and select artists based on their artistic merit and excellence of artwork. Artists should be at least 18 years of age and the original creator of the artwork. The Fine Art Festival is open to visitors of all ages. As such, we ask that displayed artwork be

suitable for viewing by all ages."

The Fine Art Festival coming up in late September differs slightly from the Litchfield Art Festival which took place in May. Jung explained, "We changed the name from 'Litchfield' to 'TVOA's Fine Art Festival' to avoid any confusion caused by 'Litchfield' as most people assume the town, not the county. In terms of the quality or characteristics of the show, these two are the same show. We simply offer two shows in spring and fall so that the com-

munity has more chances to experience fine art events and meet various artists. Some artists are returning, and some are new participants."

"At every event, we are pleased to hear from our attendees that our show displays high-quality fine artwork - mainly paintings and mixed media rather than crafts - presented by the artists from multiple states in the northeast. Our festival attendees very much appreciate the quality and the uniqueness of our show," Jung added.

Group.

Fiacco's cello was crafted in 1730 by Venetian master Carlo Tononi.

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A reception with the musicians will follow the concert. The Smithfield Church, located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road in Amenia, is handicapped accessible.

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### SEPTEMBER 12

#### Local Author: Tracy O'Neill, Woman of Interest: A Memoir

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Join Tracy O'Neill, in conversation with Jonathan Lee, as she discusses her memoir about finding her birth mother and discovering self-knowledge. FREE. Registration Requested.

### SEPTEMBER 13

#### Community Pot Luck Supper and Concert

Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

The Sharon United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Community Pot Luck Supper on Friday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. at 112 Upper Main St. in the church basement. Then at 7 p.m. a free guitar concert will take place in the church sanctuary. If you are able, please bring a dish to share, (main - side dish - dessert) and enjoy an evening of fellowship with friends and neighbors. All are welcome.

#### Amanda Bellows, The Explorers: A New History of America in Ten Expeditions

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

Explore American history through ten unique adventurers with Amanda Bellows at Center on Main in Falls Village Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. FREE. Registration Required.

#### Art at Trinity Fall Juried Show Opening Reception and Awards

Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn. 06039, 860-435-2627 trinitylimerock.org

On Friday, Sept. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be an opening reception and awards presentation for the Art at Trinity Juried Show, which will run from Sept. 14 to 15 and 21 to 22 from noon to 4 p.m. The show will include fine art, small works and unframed art.

#### Wine Dinner and Auction

White Hart Inn, 15 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Conn. winedinnerandauction.com

Tickets are on sale for the sixth annual Wine Dinner and Auction at the White Hart on Friday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. The event raises funds to send HVRHS students to Italy/Germany and to Thailand. The evening includes a four-course dinner and both a live and silent auction under a tent on the Green. Actor Sam Waterston will attend and speak to show his support for the program. Tickets are \$100 each. To buy tickets, become a sponsor or donate an item for the auction, visit winedinnerandauction.com or call/text Lia at (860) 248-0269.

### SEPTEMBER 14

#### Meet the Filmmakers: When My Sleeping Dragon Woke + Q&A

The Moviehouse, 48 Main Street, Millerton, N.Y.

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#### 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.

#### 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.


- Prepared for action.
- Tough exterior of bread.
- Waist-hanging garment.
- Little in length or height.
- Athletics in full swing.

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

### SEPTEMBER 15

#### Sunday Morning Meditation with Kathy Voldstad

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

Join Kathy Voldstad on Sept. 15, 9 to 10 a.m., for Sunday Morning Meditation at the Scoville Library. This session is in a hybrid format, meeting in-person and online simultaneously. For more information and to register, please visit scovillelibrary.org.

#### Election Film Series

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

### SEPTEMBER 18

#### Medicare Info Session

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Join the Western CT Area Agency on Aging at the Douglas Library on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. to learn about the importance of preparing

for Medicare Open Enrollment, cost savings opportunities with Medicare and Medicare scams. WCAAA helps Medicare Beneficiaries take charge of their healthcare benefits for 2025 by reviewing your current healthcare benefits and any changes that may affect them. Call the library at (860) 824-7863 if you plan to attend.

#### Peggy: A Tribute to Rebecca Godfrey

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Join Jenny Offill, Samantha Hunt, and Gary Shteyngart to celebrate the life and work of Rebecca Godfrey. FREE. Registration Required.

### SEPTEMBER 19

#### Classical Guitar Class Informational Meeting

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

Join us on Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for an informational meeting about our

upcoming Classical Guitar Class for absolute beginners (ages 16 and up). Meet guitar teacher Matthew Pearson, enjoy a brief recital and refreshments, and ask questions. Registration is requested. Please visit scovillelibrary.org.

#### Dinaw Mengestu, Someone Like Us: A Novel

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Dinaw Mengestu discusses his latest novel about family history, loss, and home. FREE. Registration Requested.

### SEPTEMBER 20

#### Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

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

Join Sally Van Doren on Friday, Sept. 20, 4 to 5 p.m. for an immersive experience of reading, listening to, and writing poetry a supportive environment. Well-chosen prompts unlock the imagination to help you write. Registration is required. Please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

#### Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

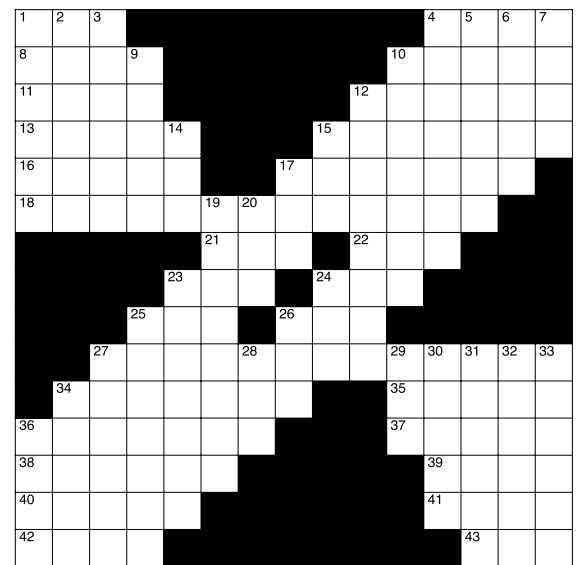
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Sept. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Mark Doty's 2015 poetry collection, Deep Lane. No poetry training is needed - just read the poems and be ready to discuss. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

## Brain Teasers

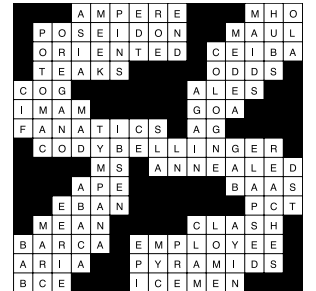
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- Engine additive
- A type of test
- Curtail
- Irish surname
- The opposite of good
- Got rid of
- Central parts of a church building
- Stylistically
- Intestinal
- Negative potential outcomes
- Lived up to a standard
- Snag
- Time units (abbr.)
- Ad \_\_
- "Partridge" actress Susan
- For each
- Paulo, city
- League titles
- More intensely black
- Slang for lovely
- Petrarch is known for them
- Old Eurasian wheat
- Body part
- Swedish rock group
- They're worth avoiding
- Rising and falling of the voice
- Wings
- Enzyme import for respiration



- Respected group of people
- Trigraph
- Prosecutors
- Assign a nickname
- Huge size
- Partner to cheese
- Fastballs
- Principle underlying the universe
- Distinct units of sound
- Title of respect
- Against
- Foot (Latin)
- One point east of due south
- Concerning the blood
- Type of pentameter
- North American peoples
- Layers of rock
- Georges \_\_, French philosopher
- Lengthy tale

### Sept. 5 Solution



### CLUES DOWN

- Idyllic
- South Pacific island nations
- Shrub of the olive family
- Boundaries
- Encircle
- Weights
- Samberg is one
- Sheep sound
- European country

### Sudoku

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

### Sept. 5 Solution

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

Level: Intermediate



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# Sports

## Swimathon succeeds in year 30

By Ira Buch

LAKEVILLE — On Saturday, Sept. 7, The Hotchkiss School hosted the 30th annual Special Olympics Swimathon with 56 students, faculty members, and coaches swimming two miles across Lake Wononscopomuc.

Eight special guests from Special Olympics Slovakia joined the event, including four coaches – Eva Gazova, Martina Goglova, Dominka Nestarcova and Veronika Sedlackova – and four Special Olympics athletes – Peter Ispold, Vanda Kracunova, Darina Krihova and Andrej Petrik.

In preparation for the Swimathon, the coaches worked to assemble a team based not only on athletic skills, but also personal traits to manage the swimming conditions. “In addition to a long swimming distance, the open lake swimming is different from what the athletes are used to,” said Eva Gazova, national director of Special Olympics Slovakia.

The Swimathon was first organized in 1994 by Keith Moon, a Hotchkiss faculty member and a head swimming coach, and has run uninterrupted for the past 30 years. “During the pandemic, there was a year when I was the only one swimming, just to keep the tradition going,” Moon said.

In 2022, when the full-scale war broke out in Ukraine, Moon traveled to



PHOTO PROVIDED

Participants of the 30th annual Swimathon in Lake Wononscopomuc swam a total of two miles to raise money for the Special Olympics.

Slovakia, where he formed a partnership between Special Olympics Connecticut and Special Olympics Slovakia. This collaboration led to the creation of the Dream Day Center, an initiative designed to support Ukrainian refugee families with children who have intellectual disabilities. The center, located in Bratislava, Slovakia, opened its doors to Ukrainian refugees on October 10, 2022, and currently houses eight Ukrainian families with children diagnosed with autism.

The Swimathon aims to raise funds that will bene-

fit both Special Olympics Connecticut and a Special Olympics Slovakia initiative. “Without the resources we wouldn’t be able to do our work. The Swimathon and the support it provides is unique not only for us, but for the Olympic International in general,” Gazova said.

This year, the swimmers faced strong waves and rain that began as they neared the finish. “We knew that the weather conditions would be challenging. Every year has its own difficulties and I am glad that we managed to complete the event despite

the rain,” Moon said.

After the swim, all the participants were invited to a communal barbeque. State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) joined the celebration and presented Moon with an Official Citation from the General Assembly in recognition of the Hotchkiss Swimathon.

This year, the fundraiser surpassed its goal with over \$30,000 in donations.

Gazova said, “We told Ukrainian families that they are safe. We were happy to tell them that there are more stable months ahead of them.”



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### Football is back in Kent

Kent opened its football season Saturday, Sept. 7, with a scrimmage. Canterbury School was the partner in this day of pure practice. Training in all parts of the game took place with more than 30 players of both teams sharing the field. Blocking, running, guarding, passing and more were all being exercised by both teams. Tackling and hard contact were kept to minimal levels.



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