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



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Dr. Corinne Kalsner, founder of Time Out, with Biggie, a very large, but gentle draft horse who is part of the herd at Time Out. The horses, goats, donkeys, cats and a dog are all part of the therapy team.

Time Out therapy to offer appointments

By Robin Roraback

LIME ROCK — Changes are coming to the Time Out Foundation, located at 408 Lime Rock Road in Lime Rock.

It will remain the same place of healing for both animals and people, but it will now be open, by appointment, to the public. Before now it was, as Time Out founder Dr. Corinne Kalsner put it, “a closed unit” and accepted clients only by referral.

Kalsner, her mostly volunteer staff and the horses, dog, cats, don-

keys, ponies and goats who are the helpers in the process of healing, are excited to be able to offer equine therapy, as well as art, aroma, touch therapies, Reiki, psychotherapy and on the ground horsemanship which will teach children how to care for a horse.

In addition, Time Out will serve as a birthday party or wedding venue (no catering included) with idyllic pastures, barns, a pond, acres of trails and curious horses, donkeys and goats who like to mingle with

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Salisbury Planning & Zoning

Wake Robin hearing continued to Oct. 16

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The second round of the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Aradev LLC's application for a special permit to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville featured changes on the plans from the applicant, intensified opposition from neighbors, and criticisms of the commission's process.

The hearing was continued to Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. on Zoom.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens, in introductory remarks, said “we regulate use, not users” and that the qualifications of the applicant are not in the commission's purview.

He noted that the commission can require bonding and has other ways of ensuring that a “project is completed in a satisfactory manner.”

He warned against speculation



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The existing inn at left would undergo an expansion.

about future uses of the property. In particular, he addressed rumors that the property would be subsequently converted to a religious use.

Klemens said he found this alarming because the town could find itself in danger of violating the

federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.

Citing a case in Cromwell, in which the town was subject of a punitive judgment of \$5 million (later reduced to \$2 million), Kle-

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Land Conservancy disburses thousands in climate grants

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Four working farms in the Northwest Corner are among the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy's (NCLC) first round of eight grantees receiving a total of \$114,000 for the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices.

Among the grantees are Smoke-down Farm in Sharon (\$30,000); Beavertides Farm in Falls Village (\$17,000); Northwest Corner Farm in Winchester (\$14,000) and Canaan View Dairy/CowPots in East Canaan (\$5,000).

NCLC's Building Resiliency Program is made possible through a grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Cli-

“We will use the animals to do weed control and pruning and soil improvements with reduced chemical input.”

Dr. James Shepherd, owner of Smokedown Farm in Sharon

mate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF) program.

“NCLC seeks to ensure that as many working farms as possible benefit from this funding,” made possible through two rounds of grants, the second round slated for Oct. 1 through Nov. 20, according to Amanda Branson, NCLC's Director of Operations & Finance.

Rotational grazing of livestock During a visit to Smokedown Farm last week, Dr. James

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Fire departments from across Connecticut participated in the show on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Falls Village Fire Department's 100th

Community turns out for parade and equipment display at HVRHS

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department held a fire apparatus parade and show Saturday, Sept. 21 as part of its ongoing 100th anniversary celebration.

Fire departments from all over the state participated. A reporter, wandering around the Housatonic Valley Regional High School grounds, which was the destination of the parade, noted trucks from

nearby (Salisbury, North Canaan, near-ish (Riverton, Northville, and Brick Mountain in New Hartford) and from a considerable distance (Old Saybrook, Wolcott).

The 30 or so pieces of apparatus at the high school represented about half of the total from the parade, First Selectman Dave Barger noted.

There were several vintage pieces on display, including “Old Number One,” an 1854 fire suppression machine purchased by Colchester in 1954 from the William C.

Hunneman Fire Engine Company in Boston.

Old Number One cost \$850 — including postage — as it was mailed from Boston.

Colchester received good value on the investment. Old Number One remained in service until 1924, when it was replaced by a newfangled gasoline-powered truck.

A little closer to home — and the present day — young Hudson Riva

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Online This Week

Creating pet portraits

Youngsters made their own watercolor portraits from photos of their pets at the Hunt Library in Falls Village. More at www.lakevillejournal.com.

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Passing on the right

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, at approximately 3 p.m., Kayla Jacquier, 17, of East Canaan, was traveling east on Route 44 and was stopped at the intersection of Route 7 in North Canaan in a 2015 GMC Canyon. Michael Root, 70, of Lakeville, was traveling behind in a 2012 Honda Fit. Root attempted to overtake the GMC by passing on the right shoulder. Jacquier attempted to conduct a right hand turn and struck the Honda. Root was found at fault and issued a written warning for passing on the right.

Arrest on warrant

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, at approximately 11 a.m., Troopers were informed by Troop B dispatch that an individual was at North Canaan town hall at 100 Pease St. with an active arrest warrant. Antonio Scott, 19, of Dover Plains, New York, was placed under arrest without incident on charges of

disorderly conduct and threatening in the second degree related to an incident on Sharon Station Road in Sharon in August 2023. Scott was released with a scheduled court date.

Trailer strikes vehicle

On Friday, Sept. 20 at approximately 3:15 p.m. George Newkirk, 32, of Lakeville, was westbound on Farnum Road in Lakeville in a Ford F250 with a trailer and came to a stop at Farnum Road and Route 41. Marjorie Curtis, 82, of Salisbury, was behind the trailer in a 2014 Ford Focus. The vehicle in front rolled backward and its trailer struck the front of the Ford Focus, causing minor damage. Newkirk stated that he didn't see the vehicle behind because it was close to the trailer. Curtis was issued a written warning for failure to drive a reasonable distance apart resulting in an accident.

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

GOP candidates gather in Salisbury

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Republican candidates converged on the Grove in Lakeville Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21, for a meet and greet (plus pizza) sponsored by the Salisbury Republican Town Committee (RTC).

People munched on slices and salad from Pizzeria Marzano in Torrington and chatted with George Logan, running against Democratic incumbent Jahana Hayes for the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fifth District, Matt Corey, running against Democratic incumbent Chris Murphy for the U.S. Senate, Steve Harding, the incumbent state senator from the 30th district (running against Democratic challenger Justin Potter) and Barbara Breor, Town Clerk in Goshen, running against incumbent



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

George Logan, candidate for Congress, spoke at the Grove in Lakeville on Saturday, Sept. 21.

Democratic state representative Maria Horn.

Salisbury RTC chair Tom Morrison thanked the crowd for coming.

"It's always tough for us to get votes in Salisbury and Sharon," he said. "We're badly outnumbered."

But he was enthusiastic about the group of candidates and urged everyone to redouble their efforts for the

GOP ticket.

Corey, who ran against Murphy in 2018, provided three bullet points. The Navy veteran criticized what he called the "appeasement" of Iran, advocated for "securing the border," and said he supports GOP presidential nominee and former president Donald Trump.

With Trump, he said, "We had peace overseas, a secure

border, and an economy that worked for everybody."

Logan, accompanied by one staffer, invited the crowd to admire a large new lawn sign from his campaign.

The candidate noted he lost to Hayes in 2022 by just 2000 votes, and said his campaign is energized.

"We're training volunteers right now."

"We have the better issues," he continued, and challenged the Democrats to identify "Where have you made life better for anyone in Connecticut?"

Harding, the lone incumbent among the candidates, said "this election is about differences."

The State Senate minority Leader challenged policies such as electric vehicle mandates.

"How out of touch with reality is that?" he asked.

Breor, the long-time Goshen Town Clerk, wrapped up the speeches. She said in her 28 years in that job she has seen firsthand the difficulties imposed on towns by mandates from state governments. She was particularly critical of the new early voting system, noting that small towns have officials standing by waiting for early voters, only to have no more than a handful appear.

"Let's bring back representation for all," she concluded.

VNHLC to start flu clinic series Oct. 1

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County is hosting a series of public flu clinics starting Oct. 1.

As flu season approaches, it's essential to take steps to protect yourself and your community from the flu virus. An important step is getting vaccinated against the flu virus.

A schedule of public flu clinics can be found on www.vnhlc.org.

VNHLC put together the following tips to help keep people virus-free this flu season:

1. Get vaccinated: Getting a flu shot is highly recommended to reduce your chances of catching the flu. While it doesn't guarantee complete immunity, it can help decrease the severity of

symptoms if you do get sick. It's important to note that flu vaccines are updated annually to protect against new virus strains.



2. Avoid contact with sick individuals: It's crucial to minimize contact with people who are visibly ill. If you notice someone displaying flu symptoms, avoiding close contact whenever possible is best.

3. Practice good hand hygiene: Regularly washing your hands with soap and water is an effective way to prevent the spread of the flu virus. Remember that soap and water are more effective than alcohol-based sanitizers, so opt for handwashing whenever feasible.

4. Seek medical attention if you develop symptoms: If

you start experiencing flu-like symptoms, it's important to seek prompt medical care. Consulting with your doctor can help determine your risk of flu and result in appropriate treatment to alleviate symptoms and prevent further spread of the virus.

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Our Towns

Discussing Cornwall Bridge's vibrant 'destination' potential

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Situated at the intersection of Route 7 and Route 4, Cornwall Bridge holds the highest concentration of commercial businesses in this otherwise sleepy town. But limited pedestrian access combined with high-speed motorists have prevented the area from becoming a vibrant downtown destination.

Seeking to attract more activity, a group of stakeholders met with town and county representatives at National Iron Bank Wednesday, Sept. 18. A pair of engineers from WMC, a firm that regularly consults on Cornwall projects, were also present.

The meeting was the fourth such discussion among Cornwall Bridge business owners and residents, but the first to include outside input. The group aimed to identify both short-term and long-term goals and solutions for "place making."

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway provided information on the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) grant that was awarded to the town for approximately \$800,000. The funds will be used to improve walkability with sidewalk, crosswalk and flashing beacon installation in both Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall. WMC Engineers is designing both projects.

The TRIP project is intended to slow traffic in both areas while improving walkability.

"The immediate thing that we're working on right now is the traffic safety, pedestrian safety and biker safety," said Ridgway, noting the short-term goals of the group.

Cornwall Package Store owner Richard Bramley said from his business he sees motorists running the stop sign on Route 7 daily, and the sheer number of near-miss accidents is alarming. Bramley suggested adding red legs to the stop signs to increase

visibility.

Katherine Freygang, Cornwall resident and Sustainable CT representative, said there are more factors to consider beyond infrastructure improvements. She advocated for landscaping improvements and ornamental lighting to create a sense of place in Cornwall Bridge.

"When I go into Litchfield and I have these big trees around me I know I'm some place that I want to stay, whereas we have basically a highway access road," said Freygang.

Tony Burke, Cornwall cyclist, pointed out that the Western New England Greenway runs right through Cornwall Bridge. Bikers can spend more than a week as they journey from Norwalk to Montreal and stop to patronize businesses along the entire route. He supported narrowing the driving lanes and reducing traffic speeds from 35 mph to 25 mph around the traffic triangle to better accommodate cyclists

on the road.

Kathryn Faraci and Rista Malanca from the Northwest Hills Council of Governments were present to provide insight on programs available to achieve these goals. They said another round of TRIP funding will be awarded next year, and a second application could be submitted for Cornwall Bridge improvements.

"Moving forward, the TRIP awards will be more connectivity-based," said Faraci. "Bringing in pedestrian traffic to a location that normally is not having any."

Malanca suggested contacting a state group called Connecticut Main Street Center to provide additional insight. Cornwall is one of many Connecticut towns to struggle with a high-speed state road running through the middle of town, and the Main Street Center has experience addressing this dilemma.

Malanca also advocated for improving walking and cycling paths to increase tourism.

"Rural economies are based on outdoor recreation," said Malanca. "If people walk or bike, they spend more money."

At the end of the meeting, Steve McDonnell of WMC Engineers said his firm would draft up potential designs based on the Sept. 18 conversation. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled, likely in the winter, to continue the conversation on how to make Cornwall Bridge bustle.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

A barn converted by an architect at 6 Jewett Road with a solar powered electric system was sold for \$1.2 million with eight acres below its listing price of \$1.35 million.

Sharon August 2024 property transfers

By Christine Bates

SHARON — All three of Sharon's single family residential sales recorded in August were sold for above \$1 million with the dismantled barn on Graham Road bringing the highest price of \$2.7 million. The median price calculated on a 12-month rolling basis for a single-family residence in Sharon ticked up to \$748,000 in August.

By mid-August housing inventory for sale increased slightly to 19 houses listed for sale with only eight asking less than \$1 million, and only one, a condo, under \$500,000. Land offerings remain abundant with 21 parcels available from \$109,500 to \$2.995 million for 94 acres.

August transfers

29 Graham Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath house on 11.3 acres, a dismantled barn moved to the current site in 1976, was sold by Rhett D. Brandon and Frances Brandon-Farrow to Scott Siegler for \$2.7 million.

6 Jewett Hill Road — 6

bedroom/4 bath converted barn on eight acres was sold by Kenneth J. and Mary A. Clark to Mariana Veiga for \$1.2 million.

96 Upper Main Street — 4 bedroom/4 bath home on .49 acres sold by Scott Siegler to David Porter for \$1.317 million.

29 Joray Road — 1.15 acres sold by 29 Joray Owner LLC to merge with adjoining property owned by Edward J. Jacobs for \$35,000.

186 Silver Lake Shore — 6,534 square feet of land sold by Sheila R. Sargent to Sean M. Sargent for \$5,000.

*Town of Sharon real estate sales recorded as sold between August 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Note that recorded transfers occur after the actual real estate closing and may also include private sales. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Cornwall issues permits for three affordable homes

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Cornwall Housing Corporation has received approval to begin construction on three single-family homes in town.

The permits were processed in September for the following addresses: 325 Town St., 349 Town St. and 0 Dark Entry Rd. Each home will have three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

The houses will be sold at a price of \$250,000 to families earning about 80% of the median county income. The land will be leased by CHC to the buyers at a price of \$300 per year on a 99-year agreement.

Torrington Area Health District has approved the septic plans for two of the properties with the third still in review. Pre-development began this month on the approved plots with clearing taking place to ready the land

for construction.

The funding for these homes is coming from a collective grant through the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunities. The "scattered site initiative" bundles nine construction projects in the county together under a single grant application. In addition to the three Cornwall homes, the grant includes four homes in Salisbury, one in Norfolk and one in Washington.

CHC President Ginni Block said construction can begin once the funds are

released from the Department of Housing via Capital for Change. Development could start as early as fall of this year.

Block said CHC has a waitlist for affordable home seekers but encouraged prospective residents to apply.

"We are happy to have applicants," said Block. "Send in applications so that we can review them and help start on the pre-approval process."

Interested individuals can apply directly on the CHC's website at www.cornwall-housingcorporation.com

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BAV leads lecture on farming in a changing climate

By Robin Roraback

SOUTH EGREMONT, Mass. — On Sept. 18, Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV) presented “Farming in a Changing Climate” to coincide with Climate Week NYC. It was held at the Greenagers’ Barn at April Hill Farm in South Egremont.

BAV works to support Litchfield, Berkshire, Columbia, and Dutchess County farmers with education, financial support, and technical assistance and to develop climate change resistant crops. Greenagers works with teenagers and young adults, through firsthand work in farming, environmental conservation, and natural resource management.

Sarah Monteiro of Greenagers started the event with a tour of the one-acre vegetable garden that is hand scaled, meaning no machinery is used. The work is mostly done by teens in the farm work summer program.

Monteiro is learning to deal with crops during cli-

mate change. Growing plants can suffer heat stress with the hotter temperatures, and she said it is becoming more difficult to grow lettuce and other greens. “A lot of it is observation,” Monteiro said, referring to knowing what is growing well and under what conditions.

Climate change is bringing an increase of insect pests such as Colorado Potato beetles and squash borers. At Greenagers they do not spray with pesticides and use methods of covering the plants to deter insects.

After the tour Sara Keleman, Climate and Agriculture Specialist, spoke in the Greenager Barn.

Keleman explained that average temperatures are up three degrees from the 1970’s. “And it may increase more quickly in the next fifty years,” she said.

“It will be hotter and wetter. There will be more precipitation, an extended mud season, and stronger, slower storms with heavier rainfalls.” An extended mud season can

cause delayed planting.

“Winters will be warmer, and it will be hotter during parts of the year when it is supposed to be cold,” Keleman said. With warmer winters there will be less snow. Snow protects soil during the winter and helps prevent erosion.

Growing zones have changed. “Half the country has shifted to the next half zone,” Keleman said. “We are losing cooler zones.”

Keleman said it’s best to have a backup power source,

emergency plans for animals, and have neighbors ready to help (get animals and crops under protection, deal with flooding, winds, or storm damage).

Ben Crockett, BAV program manager, moderated a panel to answer questions about climate change.

Sarah Chase of Chaseholm Farm answered a question about increased temperatures and dairy cows. She has planted more trees to provide shade for her herd. Fans or misters in barns are



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Festival goers check out what’s on offer.

Local artists fill Sharon’s green

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The sun shone throughout the weekend on The Voice of Art’s (TVOA) Fine Art Festival, held both Saturday and Sunday on the Sharon town Green.

TVOA Founding Director Hannah Jung kept an eye on the skies. She said that each past fall iteration of the festival has at least faced a warning of severe weather. Last year, she says, a storm forced at least 20 artists to pack up their stalls and leave.

No such threat existed this weekend with clear skies and temperatures in the mid-70s. The atmosphere was happy and relaxed as fairgoers bustled from tent to tent.

Jung said that Sharon has been by far the easiest venue to work with for the festival, previously run under the name “Litchfield Art Festival” in towns such as Litchfield and North Canaan.

Artists of many disciplines displayed their work, spanning painting, photography, jewelry, knitwear, woodworking and even psychedelic treehouses.

Sally Strasser produces woven items such as bags and pillows under the name Taleo Handmade that at first glance appear to be made from a kind of fine denim. A closer inspection, and an explanation from her husband Rolland who ran the booth this weekend, revealed that the pieces are woven from cotton that Strasser sources herself from traditional textile communities in Laos and Vietnam, which she then weaves together at her workshop in Bradford.

Woodworker Eric Kalwarczyk builds psychedelic birdhouses, inspired by sources as diverse as artist Roger Dean, Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, and surrealist painting.

There were also artists

showcasing their work at a fair for the first time. Jung said that the festival format allows artists to learn from each other how to best market their art. Jewelers and craftsmakers, who are excellent marketers, pass on their wisdom to other types of artists such as painters, who Jung says often aren’t as well versed in marketing.

Jung, who founded the 501(c)(3) arts nonprofit TVOA in 2017, intends the festival and future TVOA efforts to help artists both aspiring and established to sell their work.

She compared the plight of profiting off art to that of other business types. “It’s nonsense,” she said: “When you have a business, you need to be confident that you’re going to make a profit.”

In the case of artists, though? “No one really expects to profit,” she said. “It’s very sad.”

Jung means for the Fine Art Festival to raise awareness and funds so that TVOA can address this issue for the region’s artists, and she has big plans — “not just a brick and mortar gallery,” she said.

Jung envisions a thriving community center complete with an outdoor art park, land to hold future festivals on-site, sculpture and flower gardens, a farm-to-table restaurant, a diversity of workshops in many arts disciplines, and constant community programming.

Northwest Connecticut is primed for such a facility, with abounding natural beauty and deep community interest in the arts — it’s just lacking infrastructure for artists to train, network, and develop their work. With TVOA, Jung hopes to fill this gap and more. She imagines constant growth in the organization’s future.

“That’s my dream.”



PHOTO BY ASHLEY OPDYKE

Raising funds for food pantry

Students at The Hotchkiss and Salisbury Schools hosted a Farm to Feast fundraiser for Lakeville’s Corner Food Pantry on Sunday, Sept. 22. The event began with a walk from the Hotchkiss campus to the farm where students and community guests enjoyed fresh grilled corn on the cob and other seasonal goodies, tie dyeing t-shirts, cotton candy, a dunk booth and a slew of games, including tug of war, volleyball, badminton, and many more.

Salisbury Fall Festival scarecrow contest

SALISBURY — Scarecrows are coming to Main Street in Salisbury and Lakeville for the annual Salisbury Fall Festival Oct. 11 to 13.

Guests will vote for their favorite scarecrows and the winner will receive a cash prize.

Scarecrow builders can enter their creations in one of four categories: individual, family, non-profit and business. First, second and third

place cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively, will be awarded to the top three scarecrows in all but the business category.

The best business scarecrow will receive a trophy.

Participants should start planning their scarecrow now as registration is due Thursday, Oct. 3. Information and registration forms can be found on the Fall Festival website at www.salisburyfallfestival.org.

Harding, Potter set to debate Oct. 18 at 6:30 in Litchfield

The League of Women Voters of Litchfield County will host a Connecticut Senate Debate for District 30 with candidates Stephen Harding (R) and Justin Potter (D).

Join the audience on Friday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at

Lakeview High School in Litchfield.

Audience members may submit questions in writing the evening of the debate or beforehand through the League website at litchfield-lwv.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2024-0262 by Aaron & Alycia Zimmerman for a Variance, 16 Woodland Drive, Lakeville CT, Map 35, Lot 6 per Section 304, 305.1 and Table 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2024, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us Paper copies maybe reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Lee Greenhouse
Secretary
09-26-24
10-03-24

213.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54 as Lot 58 and is located at 17 Railroad Street, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Vanessa Brazzale.

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
09-26-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ANN MARIE NONKIN Late of Salisbury (24-00373)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 12, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
c/o Louise F Brown, Esq.
Ackerly Brown LLP
5 Academy Street
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Salisbury, CT 06068
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
09-26-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH A. LEIFERT Late of Norfolk (24-00388)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 12, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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Megan M. Foley
Clerk
09-26-24

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 16, 2024:

Approved with Conditions- Special Permit Application #2024-0255 by owner Pricilla and Alan McCord, for an accessory apartment in accordance with Section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 30 as Lot 04 and is located at 514 Wells Hill Road, Lakeville.

Approved-Special Permit Application #2024-0260 for a Modification to Special Permit #2022-0174 by Nick Brazzale, for Contractor Equipment Storage in accordance with Section

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OBITUARIES

Anne Attfield Hubbard

CORNWALL — Anne Attfield Hubbard, 91, formerly of Cornwall and Bronxville, New York, passed away at her home in Delray Beach, Florida, on Sept. 10, 2024. She was the wife of the late Thomas Johnson Hubbard, also of Cornwall and Bronxville.

Anne was English by birth, born in Liverpool on June 6, 1933. With the onset of World War II, and aerial attacks on British port cities, a program was organized to bring children to America for the duration of the war, to be cared for by American families. A great many British children crossed the ocean by ship (some accompanied by their mothers, others not) and were accepted into American homes. Anne, her younger sister Gillian, and their mother made the crossing in 1941 and were welcomed in the home of David and Harriet Dickenson of Binghamton, New York.

As it turned out, the sisters didn't return to England after the war's end in 1945. They had been attending school in Binghamton, making friends and adapting to the new surroundings. When their parents' marriage dissolved, and with their mother moving west to begin a new life and family in Colorado, it was decided that Anne and Gillian should remain with the Dickensons in Binghamton, so as to cause the least amount of disruption to their lives.

Anne thus enjoyed an American family upbringing, while keeping in contact all her life with her English relations. She attended the Baldwin School and Smith College, traveled abroad in exchange programs to Denmark and the former Yugoslavia, trained as a secretary at the Katherine Gibbs School in New York, and was employed at a New York law firm where she met Tom Hubbard, a lawyer and Navy veteran. The couple married in 1958.

Anne and Tom lived first on Manhattan's Upper West Side before moving to Bronxville in 1961 with a growing family. With dogs in the front of the car and four children in the back, they decamped on weekends to Cornwall, where Tom had been raised. While he practiced law during the week in

New York, Anne raised the children and volunteered on behalf of Planned Parenthood and other Westchester County charities. In summer, with children away at camps, Anne invariably went abroad with Tom to visit her family in England and travel throughout Britain and France, taking care to mail back an endless stream of postcards crammed with details.

Later in life, Anne and Tom made cause with a great many cultural and charitable organizations. Their commitment to service work was exemplary; they were honored in return by a host of enduring friendships. The New York Botanical Garden, Smith College, Peconic Land Trust, Preservation League of New York State, the Cary Institute, Scenic Hudson and the National Trust for Scotland were just some of the recipients of Anne and Tom's devotion.

In Cornwall, Anne quietly left her mark on behalf of conservation, affordable housing and the underprivileged, and was a loyal supporter of Cornwall's Library, Child Center, Historical Society and United Church of Christ. When the Marvelwood School moved in 1995 from the Village of Cornwall to its present location in Kent, Anne and Tom were important participants in the effort to preserve the Village's character by re-purposing the former campus buildings as residences.

With the onset of Parkinson's, Anne demonstrated ever more strength and commitment to her family, friends and charitable work. She was determined that the disease would not stop her from carrying on with life. With Tom's unending help, she continued with a remarkable measure of grace, "retiring" only after his death in 2017.

Anne is survived by her children, John, Daniel, Harriet and David, their spouses, and by grandchildren Kevin, Sarah, Max, Emily, Annie, Iris and Ava; by her sister, Gillian Attfield, and half-brothers Ward and Hugh Cheney and their families.

Plans for a memorial service will be determined at a later date.

Jeremiah Thomas Fallon, Jr.

NORTH CANAAN — Jeremiah Thomas Fallon, Jr., 93, passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, 2024, at Noble Horizons. He was the loving husband of the late Anne Perotti Fallon.



Jerry was born on March 26, 1931, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts to the late Jeremiah Thomas Fallon, Sr. and Roberta Fitzgerald Fallon.

He is survived by his son, Jeremiah T. Fallon, III ("Jay") (and his former wife Louise Webber Fallon) and his daughter Lisa (and her husband Sean Patrick Neary).

A wake and celebration of Jerry's life was held on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home at 41 Main St., Sharon, Connecticut and a Catholic Funeral Mass held on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Saint Martin of Tours Church (formerly known as St. Joseph's Church), 4 Main

St., North Canaan, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jerry's memory to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018. He was very grateful for their assistance and compassion to he and Anne over the last years of their respective lives.

The full obituary can be found at kennyfuneralhomes.com. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

SALISBURY — James Frederick Picton, age 71, of Salisbury, died peacefully on Sept. 14 after a long struggle with medical problems. He was the loving husband of Sarah (Cooke) Picton, who predeceased him. Sarah always said "Jim, you're the best thing that ever happened to me." Their time together was precious to Jim.



Born Nov. 22, 1952, in Hackensack, New Jersey, Jim was the first child of Frederick James Picton and Evelyn Atkinson Picton. He grew up in Watchung, New Jersey, and graduated from Watchung Hills Regional High School. After starting at Ohio Wesleyan University, he moved to New Hampshire and became a carpenter, studied English and journalism at Keene State University, and married Jennifer MacKenzie, with whom he raised three boys. He later married Paula McGray, whom he met at Quaker meetings. Their shared interests included bluegrass and traditional shape note singing.

Jim learned the trades

early and had a career as a principled, accurate, and talented builder, in New Hampshire, Alaska in the late 1970's, then in Washington, Conn., where he built a major resort inn and many fine homes. Jim built his parents' dream house in Roxbury, where the extended family gathered, grew up, worked, and played for 40 years. He had a long building partnership with his brother Mark, based at Washington's old Woodruff Garage.

Bold from his early days, it was Jim who built the go-carts, tree forts, and high rope swings, and always ready to go first, led his friends in adventures and misadventures. As an adult, he became a careful and dedicated pilot, and took us on many unforgettable flights above the clouds and over our amazing world. When a heart condition took away his pilot's license, he learned to wind surf and became a certified hang glider. Jim was an excellent cook, willing to try anything especially if wild caught or

gathered, odd or obscure. We will miss him cooking and serving his chowder, fishcakes, gumbo and chili.

Jim liked to empower people and let them take charge. Gently, he would say "what do you think?" meaning "when you ask a question, have the answer ready," or sometimes "why don't you fly the plane?" He put people at ease. He counseled conscientious objectors. His love for literature and expressive, clear writing, thinking, and talking merged with his bright humor to make him interesting and delightful company. When someone admired a newly built space, he liked to say "well, the space has always been here." He wrote articles for building magazines and a pilot's magazine.

Jim's favorite place was on Cape Cod. He would walk barefoot through the dunes to fish in the surf, day or night. He loved quahogs, the smell of fish on the water, high and low tides, the shore, shoals, and the deep blue and emerald water, still and swift. His memory was sharp and

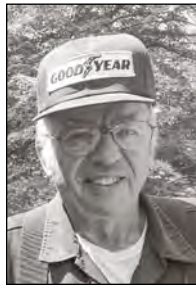
clear to the last, bringing back the details we had forgotten. So he takes part of our lives with him on this journey, but we will thrive on the life he shared with us. He loved his family and friends.

Jim is survived by three sons, Derrick James, (diane Foglizzo), Dominick David (Katie Arteagaduran), and Dustin Mark Ian (Katie Picton); grandchildren Isaac, Finley, Beatrix, Antoine, Nicolas, Jackson, Frederick, Lawrence, and Romilly; brothers Mark Edward (Cynthia Williamson) and David Alan (Emiko Hayashi), sister Glynis Houde (Michael Houde); and nieces Ariel and Leah, and two nephews Hunter and Cameron.

Friends are welcome to join family at a memorial service to be held on Saturday Nov. 30 at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity Lime Rock Church in Lakeville, CT. For those who wish to make a memorial contribution, we suggest Northeast Public Radio, the Housatonic Valley Association, or the American Red Cross of CT.

Robert Lee Rundall

KENT — Robert Lee Rundall, 80, a lifelong resident of Kent, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, in his home. Born on May 23, 1944, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Wesley and Rose Lena (Devaux) Rundall. On June 14, 1969, he married Margaret "Susie" Goodsell who died on May 8, 2022.



Robert was an aviation electrician for the Navy and returned home after 4 years to work for Sikorsky, based in Bridgeport. He went on to work for the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation as a mechanic. He retired from there and for the next 30 years, Mr. Rundall was a self-employed carpenter who owned and operated Rundall Construction, and finally retiring in 2022. Mr. Rundall also spent a great majority of his life on a farm. He was an avid farmer and loved his cows.

Mr. Rundall is survived by his son, James Rundall and

his wife, Jessie, of Kent, and a granddaughter, Melanie Rundall of Kent.

His favorite past time was cheering on his granddaughter, Melanie, from the bleachers of a hockey rink or on the side of a lake at a crew race. His face would light up immediately when she walked into any room and nothing else mattered. He was a very gentle man with very few things to say, but talking about his granddaughter was his favorite topic and always put a smile on his face.

Besides his parents and wife, he was predeceased by a son, William Rundall, and a brother, Gordon Rundall.

There will be no calling hours. Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop #11, c/o Randy O'Rourke, P.O. Box 84, Kent, CT 06757. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneral-home.com.

David Henry Elwell

SALISBURY — David Henry Elwell of Salisbury, passed away on Sept. 21, 2024, at his home in the town he loved dearly.

He was born on March 27, 1935, in Mineola, New York, to Richard Derby Elwell and Ethel Olive Elwell.

David led a distinguished life driven by his passion for architecture. He received his engineering degree from Yale University before serving as a naval officer on a destroyer in the Mediterranean. Following his military service, he transferred to pursue architecture at Cambridge University, United Kingdom. He then completed his master's degree in architecture at Princeton University. David's professional career began at Philip Johnson's office, where

he oversaw the building of the Bobst Library in New York. For 35 years, he served as a Professor of Architecture at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with countless students.

David is survived by Bonner Elwell, his loving wife of 55 years, his nephew, Blake Cabot and his wife Elizabeth, and his great-nephews, Quincy and Jack, with whom he often shared his love of toy sailboats, balsam planes and Blockus. His legacy lives on through the family he cherished, and the students, colleagues, and friends he dedicated himself to.

A memorial service will be held at a future date in Salisbury. Further details will be announced by the family.

Worship Services

Week of September 29, 2024

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's Shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p> <p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. "WHERE DOES THE CRUELTY COME FROM?" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialo1@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A Reform Jewish Synagogue 5344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p> <p>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors CTeen YJP</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>
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What does it mean to be an American?

The national atmosphere has shifted. I hear a lot of talk proclaiming that real Americans are white, male and Christian. Coupled with hate crimes aimed at Asians, Blacks, Latinos, women and other minorities, intolerance and hatred are raising their ugly head.

I have seen a lot of change in my 84 years. Born in New Orleans I witnessed segregated schools, bathrooms, fountains, seating on public transportation. My father resigned his diplomatic post in the Nationalist Chinese government so we could grow up as Americans with the opportunity to freely forge our own lives. Moving to Chicago at the age of 11, I later found out my father had to engage the help of the local Presbyterian minister to buy our house. It was an all-white neighborhood. I saw the great white flight as our neighborhood changed when middle class African Americans purchased homes. My father was called in the middle of the night by realtors asking him to sell the house. He finally said he would for \$150,000. The calls stopped. My father said, "No one is going to chase us out of our home."

I witnessed my father working very hard to build low-income and affordable housing in Chicago's Chinatown, especially elevating living conditions for the elderly with his senior apartments. I witnessed my mother being one of the first women financial advisors working for Investors Diversified Services, the precursor to Ameriprise.

I witnessed the change in civil rights and women's rights, especially with the passage of Roe v. Wade. I witnessed Title IX where women could compete in sports. I also witnessed the push back against women in leadership positions. My PE classes in 1970 were boys and girls separately. I purposefully made sure they got the same lesson plan. When classes were combined after

GUEST COLUMN

Jo Loi

Title IX I made sure both boys and girls had leadership opportunities, not just boys, and that the teams were fair. At the end of my teaching career, I began to see acceptance, equity as normalcy when girls and boys, women and men worked together. We're going in the right direction but still have a way to go where you are respected for your abilities, not what you look like.

Fast forward to today, I'm seeing the continuation of open discrimination based on gender, race, and religion. Being an American to me means acceptance — our right to be here, our right to thrive, our right to just be. Freedom to make decisions over our own body, to choose whom we want to marry, to contribute our talents to community, state, and country to make our nation a better place for all. Freedom to vote and choose our leaders, to peacefully assemble and express our opinions in the written and spoken word — all guaranteed by our Constitution. Opportunity for self-determination. Respect for who we are no matter our differences. Lately, labels have become the norm — wise or unwise. Am I a Chinese-American? Or just an American? Can I be an American and still celebrate my ethnicity without bringing suspicion of my loyalty? America is strengthened by the talents and contributions of people from around the world. I have grandchildren who are Chinese, English and German. This is what makes America. There is no other nation in the world like ours. I am proud to be part of this great experiment and call myself an American.

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Jo Loi is a 5th generation American who lives in Lakeville.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gratitude toward my rescuers on Lion's Head

On July 24 I was hiking alone on the Appalachian Trail near Lion's Head mountain. I had just passed the peak of the mountain and was headed north when I slipped down a damp rock outcropping and fractured my ankle. I knew right away that I was in trouble, and that I would need help getting off the mountain. The part of the trail where I had fallen was very steep and rocky, and was over a mile from the trailhead. Using my mobile phone I was able to reach the emergency center at the Salisbury Fire Department. I explained that I was badly injured and would need help getting off the mountain. I was told to sit tight and wait for help to arrive. Some 45 minutes later I called the dispatcher back to inquire as to how much longer I would

have to wait for help to arrive. She told me that it was taking time to put together a rescue team at the trailhead, but that they would be arriving soon. A short time later an entire team of some 15 to 20 volunteer rescuers arrived where I had fallen: a Salisbury Fire Department EMT; a retired physician; and three separate rope teams — one from Great Barrington, Massachusetts, one from Amenia, and one from Connecticut. The medical team attached a splint to my leg and ankle, and members of the three rope teams loaded me onto a specialized rescue stretcher which was balanced atop a large wheel. The teams then used ropes to pull me up and down the steepest parts of the trail, all the while team members on both sides of my stretcher steadied me while they car-

ried me down the trail. It took the rope teams about 45 minutes to get me to the trail head where there was an ambulance waiting to take me to the Sharon Hospital.

Recuperating at home following ankle surgery at the hospital, I have had a chance to reflect on what may well be the rarest of human virtues: gratitude. My rescue from Lion's Head mountain has made me very aware of how blessed I am to live in a community and nation where I have so very much to be thankful for. Needless to say, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the nearly 20 men and women volunteers who carried me safely from the Appalachian Trail rock ledge where I had fallen. I was a total stranger

to all the rope-team members who dropped whatever they were doing that weekday afternoon and traveled to the Bunker Hill Trailhead. There is a very good chance that I will never again encounter any of the men and women who carried me to safety. But I want them all to know that I am well aware of how richly blessed I am to live in a community and a nation where there is a long tradition of helping strangers who are in distress. I can not possibly repay them for their efforts. The common bonds of trust and caring they exhibited that day are crucial to holding American society together.

Arthur C. Fort
Millerton

Another letter appears on A7.

Putting hydrilla problem in a larger context

The recent series on hydrilla by Deb Aleksinas and the Lakeville Journal did much to educate the community on the threat this invasive plant poses to the Twin Lakes and other lakes in the community. This is timely and important coverage, and I hope to see more of it in the coming months and years.

I say years because there is no quick solution and the Twin Lakes Association, working on multiple fronts with dozens of partners, expects to be in the hydrilla fight for as long as it takes. We will need community engagement and support if the lakes are to remain healthy, biologically diverse, and open for recreation.

Allow me to put our hydrilla problem in a broader context.

Our entire watershed area is under stress from a variety of factors including climate change, migration of aquatic invasive species, development, and increasing public use. Despite these pressures, Twin Lakes remains quite healthy. For example, Twin Lakes water quality today compares favorably to historical data and is much better than many lakes in the state. But make no mistake, these lakes are vulnerable, and conditions are changing rapidly, especially as it pertains to hydrilla.

The TLA has moved aggressively. We have shown we can and will act deci-

sively.

We have begun a comprehensive multi-year study of the Twin Lakes watershed, the first since 1986. The goal is to identify and assess sources of pollution and sedimentation entering the lakes so that we can develop sound mitigation strategies.

Highly involved Twin Lakes community members were instrumental in purchasing Mount Tom's Hill and Miles Mountain, two environmentally critical parcels in the watershed. These parcels are on the Connecticut side of what is collectively referred to as "Cooper Hill," and will soon be part of the Salisbury Association Land Trust and will be protected forever. These lands, along with protected abutting properties in Massachusetts, provide critical habitat for endangered species and permanently protect key parts of the Twin Lakes and Housatonic watersheds.

The issues affecting Twin Lakes are complex and interrelated. Managing them requires multiple interventions, sound scientific data, cooperation from numerous private and public entities, and support and alignment across a broad coalition of stakeholders.

The initiatives I've mentioned reflect a new normal, one with threats seen and unseen for years to come. The cost of addressing these threats is staggering. Annual lake management costs in

2021 were just \$50,000. Lake management costs in 2025 will exceed \$350,000. The TLA membership is shouldering two-thirds of these costs, the balance coming from the town of Salisbury and various grants.

The response from the Twin Lakes community, the town of Salisbury, and other stakeholders has been robust. But we need even more support from individuals and

community groups to ensure long-term success.

To learn more, please go to the TLA website, www.twinlakes.org. Sign up for the TLA newsletter and become a member. Please help by keeping informed, committing time, and contributing financially to the stewardship of Twin Lakes.

Grant Bogle
President, TLA
Salisbury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking White Hart for community support

I want to say thank you to John Ciliberto, Dan Winkley and Emma Osborne of the White Hart Inn in Salisbury. I went to the Tenth Anniversary Celebration the Inn offered on September 2, 2024. I am a regular Provisions in-the-morning person. I meet people in the library to talk, to knit and to snack or eat lunch. I love how the White Hart is building and maintaining a community for locals and guests in their spaces. And then they of-

ferred, as a celebration, food that was delicious — pulled pork, brisket, bread, red cabbage salad and drinks. Wow!

Thank you, John, Dan and Emma! And thank you all the staff and workers who know our names and who make us all feel welcome. I will keep appreciating your lovely decor and spaces, good hot drinks and breakfast sliders.

Kitty Kiefer
Salisbury

Sharon Center School 'Trunk Or Treat' appeal

Hello, my class and I are hosting a Trunk Or Treat on Friday, Oct. 25, at Sharon Center School, we need a lot of candy. We are also looking for community members/groups who want to decorate their trunks for this event. If you are willing to help us prepare for the Trunk Or Treat event, you could email Jpace@sharoncenterschool.org

or drop off the candy to the office at Sharon Center School between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Jill Pace
Dallas Speranzo
Sharon Center School
Class of 2025
Sharon

LETTERS

Celebrating new affordable homes in Salisbury

Dear friends of affordable housing,

We are happy to share the news that construction is now completed on 10 new affordable rental homes at Sarum Village in Salisbury. Our community of supporters has been essential to getting us here. We welcome the community to come celebrate with us at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 3-4 pm on Monday, Sept. 30th at 34 Cobble Road. Two of the new homes will be open for a tour.

Hope to see you there,

Peter Halle
President
Salisbury Housing
Committee

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100 years ago –
September 1924

Last Saturday night was a busy one for Lakeville Hose Co. Along about 9 o'clock in the evening a telephone message was received calling for the services of the chemical truck. The large barn on the Pratt place was burning up. The company made good time getting there but the barn was practically beyond saving when they reached the spot and all that could be done was to safeguard the other buildings as far as possible. A little after 1 a.m. the siren again called out the company. The time the Lime Rock Railroad station was the scene of the trouble. In this case the building was practically gone before help could reach the spot. The upper story of the building was occupied by John Welch and family and by prompt hustling pretty nearly all the contents of the building were carried out and saved from the blaze. The building was burned to the ground, and the wire service of the railroad company was demoralized. The railroad company will rebuild the station at once but will probably not erect so large a building. In the meantime the railroad business is being transacted from a combination passenger and baggage car.

TACONIC – Mr. Harold Stalker and family are moving today to Amenia Union, where Mr. Stalker has a good position. Their many friends here greatly regret to see them leave town.

Mr. Ames and family have moved to Lee, where he is to work on state roads.

G.W. Judd and a force of men are now busy restoring parts of the building of the A.F. Roberts Co. recently damaged by fire.

A slight frost was reported on Wednesday morning – the first thus far this season.

Lawrence G. Gunshannon was taken to Sharon Hospital on Tuesday. While holding a drill, during his work on the state road at Wassaic, the drill slipped and was driven through his right thumb, smashing all the bones of that member. Dr. W.B. Bissell had to am-

putate the thumb close to the hand, and he is now getting as well as can be expected.

Lost or strayed about Sept. 20th. One perfectly good equinoctial or as the old fashioned folk say, line storm. No reward.

E.L. Peabody sold through the Batson Farm Agency of N.Y.C. \$20,000 camp site on one of the Spectacle Lakes near Kent, Conn. The purchaser will start operation at an early date, and expects to be ready for business for season of 1925.

50 years ago –
September 1974

Four area residents filed a multi-million dollar class action suit against the Connecticut State Police last week. They claimed their telephone conversations were recorded illegally by investigators listening for drug trafficking evidence on another person's line. The four plaintiffs are David Beaujon of West Cornwall, Catherine Bell of Lakeville, Gary Higgins of Lime Rock and Donna Sobsui, whose present address was listed as unknown. The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in New Haven by their attorney, David Rosen of New Haven. According to Mr. Rosen, it is known that there have been 60 wiretaps conducted by police in the past two months. Figuring 35 persons were overheard during each tap, he explained, there may be at least 2,000 persons who may have similar claims.

The first general killing frost of the season came to the Tri-State area Monday night and Tuesday morning, blighting unprotected vegetables and flowers. A low of 23 was recorded by Darrell Russ at the valley weather station on the Edward C. Childs property in Norfolk. The Lakeville Journal recorded 28.

Dan Rather, news correspondent for CBS television, will participate in a unique fall festival auction in Cornwall for the benefit of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union Foundation. Rather will have a private lunch or dinner with the high bidder. In addition to Rather, a number of other personalities

have agreed to lunch with high bidders at the auction. These include the two gubernatorial candidates – Ella Grasso and Robert Steele – as well as Abraham Ribicoff, Lowell Weicker, James “Buddy” Brannen, and Rev. Robert Drinan. The auction is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Mohawk Ski Lodge in Cornwall.

Local police are on the lookout for “hot” antique weathervanes, stolen earlier this month by thieves, police suspect, using a helicopter to snatch the weathervanes from their perches. At least seven valuable antique weathervanes have been stolen in several Connecticut towns. One weathervane, a horse figurine stolen from a roof peak in Avon, is valued at \$1,200 and another was a \$1,000 rooster. Connecticut State Police in Canaan as well as Massachusetts and New York have been notified to be on the lookout for the stolen weathervanes, which they believe may be fenced through antique dealers.

Robert Jacquier of East Canaan is one of six New England farmers to be named a “Dairyman of the Year” for 1974. Mr. Jacquier was recently honored at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., when he was presented with a silver pitcher. Mr. Jacquier operates the Laurelbrook Farm in East Canaan. He owns 150 acres, of which 70 are tillable, and rents an additional 200 acres of tillable land. The farm milks some 130 cows daily, selling about 6,000 pounds of milk every other day. The milk is stored in a stainless steel 200-gallon tank.

25 years ago –
September 1999

It was not the summer Arnold Agar Jr. had planned. Then again, no one ever plans on being diagnosed with leukemia, especially at 16. It was the beginning of June and Arnie was nearing the end of his sophomore year at Mount Everett Regional High School when he suddenly became ill. After x-rays and blood tests, the shocking diagnosis was followed by chemotherapy treatments. Discussing treatments, Arnie saw, with typical teenage clarity, the real drawback. “He asked, ‘Does this mean I can’t get my driver’s license?’” his mother said with a laugh. The real relief at the moment is that he is home, except for daily

five-hour visits to Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington for treatments until the end of the month. Good humor and a positive outlook are still intact, however, and will take the family far as they approach the next step in Arnie’s treatment – a stem cell transplant. Arnie’s parents are Diana and Arnold Agar Sr., who own Arnold’s Garage in Canaan, and are volunteer drivers for the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps. On Friday, fellow volunteers will sponsor a dinner dance to benefit the “Arnold’s Hope Fund,” established to help with the family’s mounting medical bills and associated costs.

A Falls Village automobile service station that had been closed since 1993 was recently purchased by Cornwall residents Mark and Nancy Davis, owners of Cornwall Auto Body on Route 7. “We’re completely redoing the whole place,” Mr. Davis said, noting that he had already removed the crumbling asphalt from the front. “This piece of property was overlooked for a long time. It was really run down.” The partners plan to add cedar siding to the exterior of the existing building as well as a cedar fence and shrubs to “help keep the cars from view.”

LAKEVILLE – Barbara Pogue was amused at last Sunday’s Mass at St. Mary’s Church. During Father Thom Kelly’s homily, the priest spoke about there being too much division in today’s world. Two youngsters sitting in front of Mrs. Pogue nodded in agreement, but she could tell it was a different type of division they were lamenting.

The Nature Conservancy has purchased 43 acres in a bargain sale on the wetland at Wangum Lake Brook, a crucial component of one of the most important conservation sites in Connecticut, according to an article in the conservancy’s newsletter, “From the Land.” The land lies just east of the 1,050-foot Cobble Hill and south of Barnes and Undermountain roads on both sides of the brook. The brook runs from Wangum Lake on Canaan Mountain to the southern end of Robbins Swamp, the largest inland wetland in the state. The \$21,500 purchase brings the chapter’s Wangum Lake Brook Preserve to 430 acres.

Should the U.S. ban fracking?

A significant political issue that had escaped widespread public attention came to the fore at the recent presidential debate when vice-president Kamala Harris was asked about her changed position with regard to fracking. Did she still want to ban it?

Fracking is short for hydraulic fracturing, which is the process of creating fractures in subterranean rocks and rock formations by injecting horizontally specialized fluid into cracks to force them to open further. The larger fissures allow oil and gas to flow more easily out of the formations and into the wellbore, the vertically drilled chamber where the oil or gas is collected before being pumped out for eventual distribution.

While fracking techniques actually began to be used in the middle of the 19th century, it was not until the start of the 21st that advances made it feasible to employ it on a wide scale. Over the past decade fracking has become the dominant method for obtaining oil and gas; currently 79 percent of U.S. natural gas and 65 percent of crude oil is now produced by fracking and those percentages may well increase. Since 2005, more than 100,000 oil and gas wells have been drilled and fracked in the United States, and more than 17.6 million people live within a mile of a fracked oil or gas well.

Although fracked oil or gas may be initially more expensive to produce than that gathered the old-fashioned way, it is usually more quickly obtained and fracking offers the ability to get more out of wells formerly thought to be depleted.

Economically, fossil fuels have been a success for several years, and now the United States is the world’s largest producer and exporter of both oil and gas.

But there are several problems with fracking oil and gas. Like much of the world, the U.S. faces a growing crisis of diminishing fresh water due to more than a century of continuing overuse by agriculture, industry, and poorly planned urban development. Fracking uses enormous quantities of (mostly potable) water; and over the past decade the average amount of fresh water used in individual fracks has increased 600%.

In addition to drilling for oil and gas, energy companies are also drilling for the water they need for their operations.

Fracking produces liquid waste containing a host of toxic chemicals that are integral to the fracking process. These include kerosene, benzene, toluene, xylene, formaldehyde and others not publicly reported.

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Earthquakes are an increasing problem, particularly in Texas and Oklahoma. The causes seem to be partly the fracturing of the subsurface shale but also the effects of the chemicals on the stone.

Methane gas, the main component of natural gas, is a much more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. An enormous quantity of methane escapes into the atmosphere when either oil or gas has been fracked and is harmful to human health (including breathing) as well as a significant factor in climate change.

The major cause of the global warming is the burning of fossil fuels. Last year, the U.S., along with 199 other nations, agreed to phase out fossil fuels and replace them with renewable energy over the next few decades. Fracking is a strong incentive for those who want to continue using fossil fuel indefinitely. Proponents are planning to employ CO2 in place of water supposedly to help ease global warming while continuing to frack.

Fracking is currently banned in just 5 states; Vermont, New York, Maryland, Oregon, and Washington. A few others are considering bans. In Europe only France and Romania have outlawed fracking.

Back in 2019 while she was a presidential candidate, Harris said she would move to ban fracking but has since changed her mind. It would seem clear that whatever else might be responsible for her change of mind, election year politics might play a major part. Pennsylvania ranks second to Texas in past and present fracking activity and is considered one of just a handful of “battleground” states that will decide the coming presidential election. Even were she as committed to banning fracking as she seemed to be a few years ago, most environmentalists would probably overlook this in view of her opponent’s totally negative positions on almost every environmental issue.

But the nation, and the rest of the world will be turning its back on arresting climate change if they do not soon start to phase out fossil fuels. A new Harris/Walz administration might begin by issuing several executive orders to at least clean up and regulate the fracking industry.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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As we were paddling on Twin Lakes before dawn this past weekend, a friend mentioned a very interesting fact related to climate change. Apparently the Scots are fascinated with monitoring the snow patches that are in their highest points in the Cairngorms Mountains... fascinated with them to the extent of records going back 300 years. And, in particular, with a patch named the Sphinx, located in a hollow or coire named Garbh Choire Mor high up on the flanks of Britain’s 3rd tallest mountain, Braeriach. The point is that this patch has only completely melted 10 times in the past 300 years, and of those times, 5 times since 2017. So this has caused great concern and seems to be yet another indicator that, unless you are a Republican, climate change is real and has an increasing effect even on the historic snow patches of Scotland. Perhaps they are analogous to the canaries in the mines giving us fair warning. For more information, please visit the BBC website at: www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-66739259



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Great white egret

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some questions for
Jahana Hayes

Pamela Jarvis in her letter to the editor July 25 “Beware Project 2025” made a valid request to have questions answered by George Logan. Though he had nothing to do with Project 2025 and most likely never read the 900 page document that was issued and has publicly stated the only special interest he cares about are the people in the Fifth District, those who seek public office should be willing to answer voters’ questions.

The same should be true for Congresswoman Jahana Hayes who was quoted in the newspaper saying about Vice President Harris “But now I am all in. The policies of the Biden/ Harris administration were so good.”

So here are some questions for Congresswoman Hayes:

1) Do you support price controls as a way to control inflation?

2) Do you support open borders?

3) Would you support Medicare for all and the elimination of the private health insurance industry?

4) Do you support a mandatory gun buy back program?

5) Do you support a ban on fracking?

6) Do you support extending the 2017 tax cuts that will be expiring Dec. 31, 2025?

The best way to have these and other questions discussed and answered would be to have a series of debates between George Logan and Jahana Hayes throughout the Fifth District. That way voters would be able to make an informed decision on who they want to vote for to represent us in Washington. My hope is both candidates would agree to do this.

Litchfield

John Morris

WAKE ROBIN

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mens cautioned “This is not an abstraction.”

Mark Arrigoni of SLR Consulting took the lead in presenting revised plans in response to comments from the public and from the commission at the first session of the public hearing Sept. 3.

Changes included: Reworking the height of the main hotel building and expansion to be lower than the maximum allowed by regulations; moving the exercise equipment to the main building and out of the spa building; adding a vestibule and limiting doors and windows on most of the event barn building to cut down on noise; fencing and a retaining wall along Wells Hill Road to cut down on visibility from the surrounding neighborhood.

The item that received the most attention was Aradev's proposal to change the front access to the property on Sharon Road (Route 41), adding a separate road and exit off the existing drive.

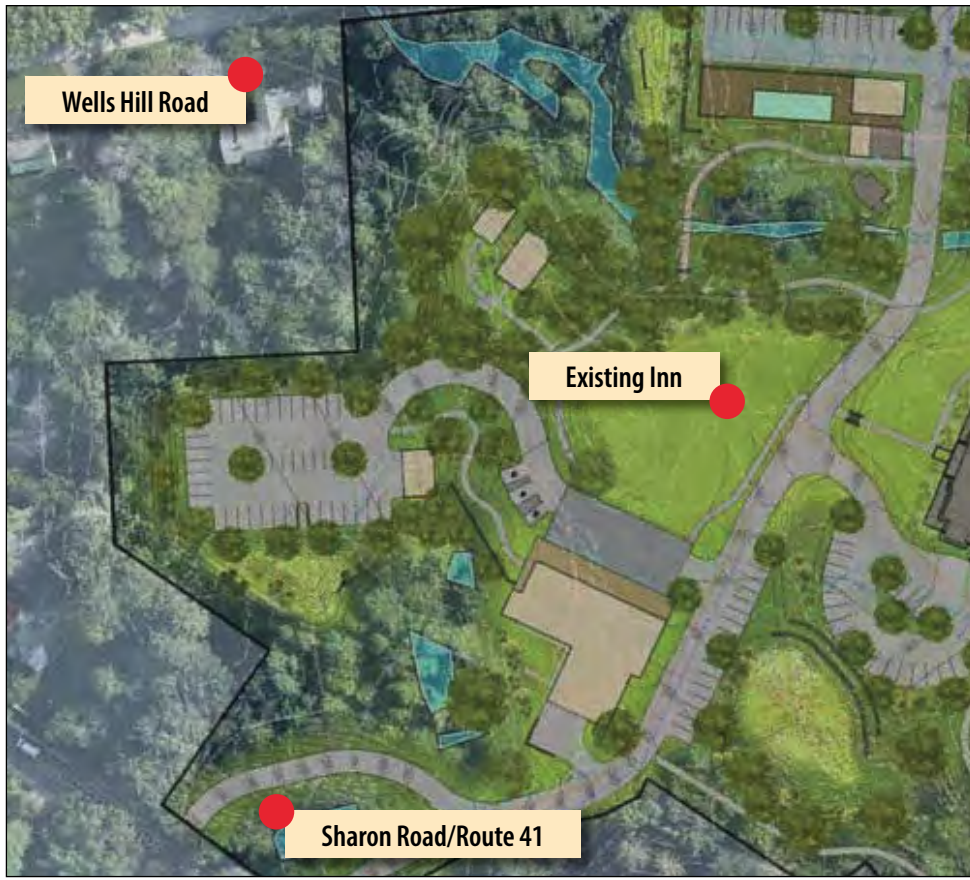
During discussion commissioners asked if parking, especially at the pool and spa area on the Wells Hill Road side of the property, couldn't be reduced more.

Other suggestions included moving the cottages to the Wells Hill side and relocating the pool/spa or the event barn, and enclosing the event barn porch with glass designed to deaden sound.

Public comment was again uniformly negative, although the intensity varied.

One suggestion from Mark Hochberg, that the developers meet directly with the neighborhood group or groups, received a positive response from Klemens, and, toward the end of the meeting, from Aradev attorney James Mackey, who accepted the offer on behalf of his client and provided contact information.

Neighbors from Sharon Road and Wells Hill Road objected to the potential for increased traffic and warned of accidents; the extra load on the town's sewer system; light pollution; noise pollution; late night events; the look of the proposed fencing along Wells Hill Road (one resident said it reminded her



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Rendering above shows a revised driveway entry and exit along Route 41.

of the San Diego Freeway).

Residents questioned the validity of the traffic study provided by the applicant; wondered aloud about the applicants' bona fides and business plan; and criticized the commission's process.

At several points, Klemens and Land Use Director Abby Conroy had to ask participants to stop using the Zoom webinar “chat” feature for anything other than technical problems.

One criticism found

a sympathetic reception.

Angela Cruger said it was impossible to read all of the relevant materials, especially when they are added to the town website days or hours before the hearing.

Klemens agreed with that, saying the commissioners have the same problem.

He asked Mackey, the Aradev attorney, if his client would commit to getting all materials submitted a week before the hearing resumes on Oct. 16. Mackey said yes.

FIRE SHOW

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of North Canaan sat with a solemn expression in the driver's seat of the Falls Village antique truck which was very similar to a 1924 REO truck from the Sharon fire department, parked on the opposite side of a tent containing historic firefighting artifacts.

This exhibit included scrapbooks. Within one of the scrapbooks was a photograph of a man Kent Allyn identified as his father at the wheel of a white ambulance with the Falls Village name attached.

Allyn said the photo dates from some time in the 1950s.

The backstory: Allyn's brother was hit by a car, and it took some 90 minutes for an ambulance to get from Sharon to Falls Village.

Deeming this situation unacceptable, Falls Village purchased a hearse, painted it white, and thus had its own ambulance.

“Remember, we didn't have EMTs then” said Allyn. “It was ‘load and go.’”

There were food trucks, a raffle, a merch table with sweatshirts and potholders, and music from the Tailgate Band.

And at the end of the evening, fireworks.

GRANTS

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PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

James and Katherine Shepherd tend to their American Aberdeen cattle at Smokedown Farm in Sharon.

Shepherd, who runs the 175-acre family-owned farm with his wife, Katherine, explained that the \$30,000 grant will be used to purchase fencing to enhance rotational grazing of sheep and American Aberdeen cattle around the farm's 9 acre hopyard and additional pastures.

“Part of this climate resiliency grant is auspiciously for rotational grazing,” by adding more fields to the pasture and bringing the farm's 9-acre hopyard into the rotation, he said. “Then we will use the animals to do weed control and pruning and soil improvements with reduced chemical input.”

As he spoke, hoofbeats and clouds of dust grew closer as the farm's 200 stampeding sheep, including 100 ewes, were led from one field to another by Pippa, an energetic year-and-a-half-old Border Collie.

Reducing Greenhouse gas emissions

The Freund family farm's Canaan View Dairy/CowPots operation received \$5,000 to conduct a feasibility study, the first step in receiving funding for a new anaerobic digester to replace its antiquated machinery.

Anaerobic digesters reduce greenhouse gas emissions by capturing methane from livestock waste. They provide a renewable energy source that can decrease the farm's reliance on fossil fuels and lower operational costs.

“Our anaerobic methane digester was installed in 1997. It is the longest continuously operating digester

in the country,” said Amanda Freund, who oversees the CowPots facility. “After 27 years, the costs, time and skills needed to keep it in operation are extensive.”

She explained that the planned site for a new digester would also make it possible to deliver the heat energy to the CowPots operation's ovens to dry their finished product.

“We designed our factory to have zero waste stream. This project would allow us to further close the loop so that the energy required for heat and drying would be provided by the cow manure, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.”

Support for a silvopasture, windbreak

Falls Village's Beavertides Farm was granted \$17,000 to develop a silvopasture through the purchase of tree seedlings and establishment materials, and to enhance rotational grazing of their sheep and beef cows through fencing.

The integration of forestry and rotational grazing enhances biodiversity and allows pastures to sequester more carbon. Silvopasture also improves livestock health through protection from extreme weather patterns.

Northwest Corner Farm in Winchester will receive \$14,000 to establish a windbreak to protect the hilltop farm, and develop and expand pollinator habitat. The plantings reduce erosion, enhance soil health and provide food and shelter for wildlife and pollinators.

TIME OUT

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people.

Another new addition will be nurse practitioner Lisa Haut, who completed a program in Equine Assisted Therapy and will be offering this service to children and families. She is taking appointments now.

Kalser bought the Time Out property in 2000. She was not planning to buy a house, but she went to look and felt at once it was a “special place.” Once she had purchased the property, Kalser began to work on her dream of making a healing place for animals and people.

Time Out officially opened in 2008. Former staff member Michele Austin, who had experience and training from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) was there to help Kalser. Michele noted that horses have no expectations of anyone. This makes them perfect for therapy work.

David McArthur, Kalser's husband and a licensed clinical social worker, handles psychotherapy and one-on-one counseling. “Animals understand,” he said. “We all have the potential to do great things and that is what animals show us.”

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Humans welcome too at 'Dogs Only Hike'

Rusty maple leaves shook overhead in a light morning breeze as hikers both human and dog mingled at the edge of a large field. Residents and their canine companions congregated the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Hart Farm Preserve for the Cornwall Conservation Trust's (CCT) "Dogs Only Hike," and pleasant chit-chat filled the air, interrupted by the occasional bark or whine.

Previously, the CCT's guided walks did not allow dogs to join due to logistical and safety concerns such as trip hazards from leashes and excitable pets, CCT board member Katherine Freygang explained. She organized this outing so that residents could finally enjoy a guided walk on CCT managed land without leaving their furry friends at home.

Before the group embarked on the short walk, Phil Hart, whose family owned the land before it was purchased by the CCT in 2003, gave a brief overview of the layout of the property and various hiking opportunities either directly within the preserve or immediately adjacent. "There's so much the Trust can do with this," he said, alluding to the many possible uses for the property, which is composed of fields and woodland.

The group set off down the field's edge and descended into a meadow brimming with milkweed for monarch butterfly habitat. The trail then passed into a woodland, where people happily ambled along



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN
Hikers of all shapes, sizes and species gather atop Cherry Hill to enjoy the morning sunshine.

as dogs flitted back and forth among the group. At one point, Freygang stopped to clear a spiky branch of invasive multiflora rose from the path, then shortly after identified a growth of bittersweet, which she explained is also invasive.

Freygang noted that while she usually organizes guided walks around a theme or focus, she felt this specific outing called for a more relaxed format. "I just decided to let this one be open and social and fun," she said, adding that she plans to use this structure more in future hikes.

After a brief but steep uphill climb over rugged terrain, the group emerged in a spacious oak grove at the top of Cherry Hill. Humans and dogs regathered

themselves into their respective family units before heading to the main viewpoint of the excursion, a picnic clearing looking south over a field toward West Cornwall's rolling green hills, now lightly speckled with orange and red.

Here, people relaxed and chatted while dogs, some recently freed of their leashes, chased each other and rolled in the grass. The canine personalities in the group were as diverse as their owners': golden retrievers Chester and Rufus burst with excitement and social energy, while wirehaired pointing griffon Dottie was more reserved and stayed close to her own-

er Todd's side.

Not all participants brought dogs. Leslie Middlebrook of Cornwall was simply there to enjoy the morning and watch the dogs play. "I have cats," she said. Another hiker recently had a dog pass away, and had joined for a "puppy hit," as Freygang termed it.

The group eventually descended the hillside back to the cars, where the walkers said their goodbyes. While the group parted ways, Freygang assured that future "Dogs Only" hikes are coming – we just have to hope that humans are invited to the next one as well.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA
Cast members each get to shine in the production at the Sharon Playhouse, running until Sept. 29.

THEATER: MATTHEW KRETA

Charlie Brown comes to town

The Sharon Playhouse opened the final production of their main season, "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on Friday, Sept. 20. The show will be open until Sept. 29 and has a run time of one hour and forty minutes.

The popular "Peanuts" comic strip upon which the show is based lends an inspiration far beyond the characters and their likenesses. The vast majority of the play flows quickly from scene to scene. Most scenes are structured like a four panel comic strip and no central plot point in the show stays for more

than a few minutes. These quick changes are intermingled with delightful musical numbers that cover a number of different styles in nearly every song, from opera, slow ballads, dream ballets and high energy showstoppers. Ultimately, this heavily works in the musical adventure's favor. This snappy, ever shifting approach to the show gives the audience plenty of different vignettes to see these iconic characters interact in. There are plenty of laughs and a full range of antics to enjoy.

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The author spent a lot of time in August catching largemouth bass, primarily on subsurface flies.

Tangled: August wrap-up

I spent August at the old farmhouse on Mt. Riga. Most of the time it was just me. The cousins came and went weekends, and Mom pretty much stayed down at base.

Because I tend to drop things in the morning until I ship some coffee aboard, I took to making it the night before and putting it in one of those big Thermos jugs with a dispenser thingy. If you prime the jug ahead of time with boiling water it really works well. Coffee that goes in the jug at 9 p.m. is piping hot at 6 a.m. This is much better than stumbling around waiting for the ancient percolator to do its thing.

I was somewhat handicapped in the fishing department by two nagging injuries. My right bicep/tricep seems to be permanently sore, as if I decided to bench press 300 pounds all of a sudden, and my right knee hurts when I go up or down stairs, or the equivalent of stairs.

So I did not go out for extended sessions. I confined myself to about half of the lake, simply because I didn't want to get way the hell out there and have an arm or knee problem.

I caught numerous fat largemouth bass, and not quite as many and quite as fat smallmouth.



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Also some surprisingly large perch and two pickerel. No panfish at all, although they were certainly there. And no crappies for the third year in a row.

There was very little surface action. I generally brought two rods, Western and/or Tenkara, one rigged for surface and one for sinking. After I got bored heaving the heavy Bass Vampire around underwater, I'd switch and try a popper or gurgler and some such. Very occasionally it brought something to the surface, such as the time I chucked a big dragonfly pattern and a smallie boiled up from under a lily pad and caught it before it landed.

But for the most part the action was subsurface.

I did not keep anything this year. There is a lady on the mountain who loves any sort of fish and eats them right down to the eyeballs, and I like to indulge her if possible. But her schedule and mine never coincided to the point where a bass could go from net to cooler to



Various infirmities meant that the author only made one trip in August into "Snodgrass Gulch," a code name for a favorite brook trout stream.

kitchen in a matter of hours, and I am not going to try to refrigerate a lunker in our small propane fridge. It wouldn't work very well and there would be no room for important dietary staples, such as the half dozen bottles of different kinds of mustard, all with less than an ounce remaining, that always accumulate in this setting, by federal law.

I began the month throwing pike flies with

a 10 weight, experimenting with wire leaders and different types of short sinking heads, and so on.

But the arm got so sore I dialed down to a six weight Western rod and the lighter side of the fixed-line arsenal, and cheated the heavy

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...Playhouse

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Every minute of the show is absolutely packed with charm, thanks in no small part to the Sharon Playhouse's efforts by its cast and crew. The set is stylized with bright colors and sharp shadowing like a cartoon, and the iconic costumes of the "Peanuts" gang keep each cast member distinct and really make them show against the backdrop. Charlie Brown's striped shirt finds its way into several layers of the set design as well, contributing to the angles of the set as well as some clever lighting.

The members of the six person show each have a few moments where they really get to shine, and the simple

charm of the show has clearly rubbed off on them as much as it had the audience. Daniel Plimpton (Charlie Brown), Nicolas Alan Fernandez (Snoopy), Courtney Balan (Lucy), Sammy Pignalosa (Linus), Jason Williams (Schroeder) and Hayley Podschun (Sally) each bring their all to the performance and won the hearts of the opening night crowd thoroughly. Some musical standouts include "Supertime", "My Blanket and Me", "T-E-A-M" and the absolutely incredible end of Act I, "The Book Report". Despite the hall being only about half full, the laughter and applause bouncing off the walls felt like a full house.

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COMPASS

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The Housatonic River is chock full of brown trout, and soon it will be cool enough to target them.

pike flies in favor of standard items such as size 6 conehead Woolies with rubber legs. (Always get the rubber legs.)

Lake angling was leavened a few times by brook trout hunting in the Riga brook and, more significantly, one trip into Snodgrass Gulch (not its real name).

The latter requires a pretty hefty hike and involves a lot of the motion that hurts the knee, so I was antsy about it.

But the knee didn't trouble me much, which I attribute to pressing down on dirt instead of something hard like a wooden stair.

So all in all it was a decent month, a little subpar but by no means terrible or disappointing. I'd say the highlight was the improvement in the smallmouth population and the low point was the evening a storm blew up out of nowhere. I went from bobbing around peacefully in the gloaming to getting drenched as the air temperature dropped 15 degrees in as many minutes and fighting a nasty chop in a pontoon boat singularly ill-suited for the purpose.

Meet & mingle with The Millerton News: Join us for our 2nd annual community event

On Friday, Sept. 27, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., The Millerton News will host the second annual meet & greet at The Annex at The North East-Millerton Library. Building on last year's engaging ice cream social, this year's event will once again bring together key figures from The Millerton News to discuss the future of the paper and the role it plays in the community.

The panel will feature John Coston, Editor-in-Chief; James Clark, CEO/Publisher; Leila Hawken and Colleen Flynn, reporters; and Natalia Zukerman, Engagement Editor. Together, they will provide updates on the newspaper's progress, delve into its history, and outline exciting new initiatives. There will be ample time for Q&A, so come prepared with your questions and ideas about the paper's direction.

As always, it will be a great opportunity to connect with the



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE.

Attendees enjoy local news and local ice cream at the Millerton News' ice cream social on Sept. 27, 2023, at the Annex of the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

team behind your local news and enjoy a lively discussion on how The Millerton News can continue to serve and grow

with the community. There will be copies of the paper on hand, the opportunity to sign up for a subscription if you

don't have one already, and the ice cream, provided by Chaseholm Farm, will be sure to delight!

Art show at Douglas Library

From autumn leaves to apple groves, from rustic local barns to vibrant flowers, paintings by members of the Canaan Art Guild are on display at the Douglas Library of North Canaan for the months of September and October.

Seven artists in the long-running guild share their works in a variety of subjects and styles. The members include Diane Cieslowski, Pat Medvecky, Ned Gow, Hope Mongeau, Lynn Martin, Olga Schwede, and Betty Cosgrove.

The exhibit can be seen during library hours: Mondays 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is at 108 Main St. in downtown North Canaan.

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SEPTEMBER 26

Franz Nicolay, *Band* **People: Life and Work in Popular Music**

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, N.Y.

Franz Nicolay talks with Joe Hagan about the lives of working musicians.

Details: www.oblongbooks.com/event/band-people-franz-nicolay

FREE. Registration Required.

Northwest CT Job Fair

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. americanmuralproject.org

From 3 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 26, job seekers can meet employers from all sectors at AMP during the Northwest Connecticut Job Fair. Come meet human resources personnel from manufacturing, healthcare, education, hospitality, finance—and more—to learn about job openings.

Employers can register for a table (or share one!) by September 20.

SEPTEMBER 27

Sharon Historical Society Talk

Sharon Historical Society Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn. sharonhist.org

Join us Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society Museum for a talk by Jeff Lynch, Head Gardener at Wethersfield Estate, and Hillary Henderson, COO, on "Challenges of Preserving and Maintaining

Wethersfield Gardens." The event complements our "Mrs. Poehler and Mr. Stillman" exhibition. Refreshments and free garden passes included. Limited seating; sign up early. sharonhist.org

CAMA Fall Festival

Connecticut Antique Machinery, 318 Route 7, Kent, Conn. camamuseum.org

Connecticut Antique Machinery Association will host the 40th anniversary Fall Festival Sept. 27 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Described as "tons of fun for kids 3 to 103," the weekend includes steam engines, antique equipment, working sawmill, tractor parade, mining/geode exhibits, food and a swap meet.

Nora Lange, *Us Fools: A Novel*

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

Nora Lange discusses her debut novel with Ryan Chapman.

Details: www.oblongbooks.com/event/nora-lange-us-fools

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Closing party for cigar box exhibition

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

On Friday, Sept. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will have a closing party for the exhibition "Cigar Box Tradition Redux." Musician and

artist David Reed will be featured, playing his own hand-built cigar box guitars. Six new artworks created by children in a recent workshop have been added to the show. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to all ages.

SEPTEMBER 28

Car Show

Lone Oak Campsites, 360 Norfolk Rd. East Canaan, Conn.

The 10th annual Lone Oak Campsites Car Show returns Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the massive car display, there will be a DJ, food trucks, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the Canaan Fire Company. tinyurl.com/LOCCARSHOW

National Good Neighbor Day

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

On Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy refreshments and meet members of the Falls Village Equity Group while local artist Breetel Graves leads a community mural project. Outside, enjoy lawn games and a native plant sale. Participate in a town-wide scavenger hunt with stops

Last week's WotW

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for cider, donuts, art, and more around downtown Falls Village. Celebrate with neighbors and enjoy activities throughout town!

Meet the Filmmakers: Look Into My Eyes + Q&A

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

Lana Wilson's Look Into My Eyes gives us an intimate view of psychics in New York City. Over a series of interviews and with a camera that is not afraid to get up close and personal, director Lana Wilson highlights the ins and outs of being a psychic and what that entails, while constructing a tender portrayal of the clients.

A Q&A with Documentary Filmmaker Lana Wilson in conversation with Gabriele Caroti will follow the film.

More info at: bit.ly/TMH-Look-Into-My-Eyes-Q-A

Tickets: \$18 / Superstar Members \$16

Mini Golf Tourney

Caddie Shack, 316 Ashley Falls Rd. North Canaan, Conn.

All ages and skill levels are invited to the Caddie Shack's miniature gold tournament to benefit Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entry is \$10 per player and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third

place finishers. Puffers are limited so feel free to bring your own. Call (860) 824-7232 to register by Sept. 19.

Livingston Taylor in Concert

St. Andrew's Parish, 1 N. Main St. (cnr. Rtes. 7 & 341), Kent, Conn.

Music in the Nave presents legendary singer-songwriter Livingston Taylor in concert on Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Parish in Kent, CT. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at: bit.ly/LTAYLOR24

Taylor has charted top 40 hits as a performer and composer, and has collaborated with, among others, brother James, Carly Simon and, recently, the BBC Concert Orchestra.

Eleventh Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour

Stockbridge, Richmond, Monterey, Great Barrington, Housatonic, Mass.

The free self-guided 11th Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour is a geographic loop that brings visitors through Richmond, Stockbridge, Housatonic, Great Barrington, and Monterey. Participants can begin the tour at any studio. A detailed map and video previews of each studio are available on the Berkshire Pottery Tour website. Maps will also be available at each studio, and orange and white Berkshire Pottery

Tour road signs will mark key turns on the weekend of the event.

Studios will be open from 10am to 5pm each day on Sept. 28 and 29.

For more information contact Lorimer Burns, lorimer@berkshireartcenter.org, 413-717-0798

SEPTEMBER 29

Soil Ecology and Health: Public Program with Jane Lucas

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 2801 Sharon Tpk. Millbrook, N.Y.

Join Cary Institute scientist Jane Lucas on Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, for a public program on soil ecology. The event includes a brief presentation, hands-on soil exploration, a guided walk near Wappinger Creek, and a visit to Lucas' research site. Registration required. Dress for weather and uneven terrain.

Concert: Crow Ensemble

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

On Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., join us at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library for a free concert by the Crow Ensemble, a bassoon quartet showcasing the instrument's versatility. The performance is in the Library's Community Room and is open to all ages. For more info, visit roejanlibrary.org.

Word of the Week

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

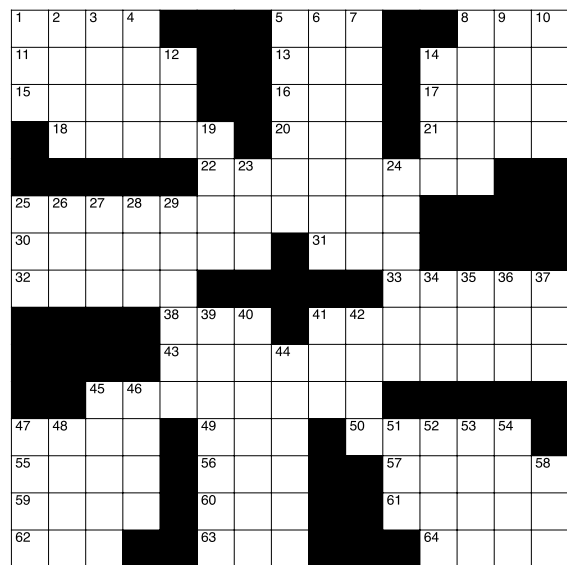
1. Actively use one's mind
2. Homophone for "witch"
3. Humanity's closest cousin
4. A young person
5. Fall is in the air

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Unequaled
5. ___-fi (slang)
8. Synthetic resin
11. Chadic language Bura-
13. Influential come Election Day
14. Bucket
15. European river
16. Earn a perfect score
17. Horizontal passage
18. Barely sufficient
20. Dekaliter
21. Goo Goo Dolls hit
22. Australian city
25. Female servants
30. Plumbing fixtures
31. Tooth caregiver
32. Book of Esther antagonist
33. Say aloud
38. Thyrotrophic hormone
41. Absolute
43. Untimely
45. Area or neighborhood
47. Juicy fruit
49. Expresses distaste, disapproval
50. S. American rodents
55. Swedish rock group
56. Influential American president
57. Volume
59. Begged
60. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Good friend
63. Body part
64. Tableland



10. Substitutes (abbr.)
12. Moved swiftly on foot
14. Compensated
19. Volcano in the Philippines
23. Speak ill of
24. One who publishes
25. Expression of bafflement
26. Macaws
27. Matchstick game
28. We all have our own
29. Divinatory
35. Explosive
36. Sea eagle
37. Type of bread
39. Bit used with a set of reins
40. Time away from work
41. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
42. Lots on your plate (abbr.)
44. Actor Brosnan
45. It's part of packaging
46. Towards the oral region
47. Public Theater creator Joseph
48. Ancient Syrian city
51. Swiss river
52. Mollusk
53. A French abbot
54. Hoagies
58. Not present (slang)

Sept. 19 Solution

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Sept. 19 Solution

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Sports

JFK scores late victory over GNH

By Riley Klein

WATERBURY — Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic football lost 20-17 in a heart-breaker to John F. Kennedy High School Thursday, Sept. 19.

JFK scored all of its points in the second half and came back from a 17-6 margin in the fourth quarter. QB Jayden Lopez connected with TE Damian Elliot for a 45-yard touchdown pass with 2:29 remaining in the game to take the lead.

Penalties and injuries in the second half slowed GNH's momentum offensively. The Yellowjackets had a scoring chance on the final drive of the game with a deep pass on fourth down to Owen Riemer. Considerable contact by the JFK cornerback while the ball was in the air went uncalled by referee, giving JFK the ball to kneel and end the game.

Hundreds were in attendance at Municipal Stadium in Waterbury for the Thursday night game. It was about 77 degrees at kick off as the sun began to set.

Both teams set out looking for their first win of the season. GNH lost to Ansonia in week one while JFK lost to Waterbury Career Academy.

GNH started with possession and scored on the opening drive. Mason Sobol rushed it in for a six-yard touchdown to give GNH a 7-0 start.

GNH added to its lead in the second quarter with a 22-yard field goal by Esten Ryan.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Mason Sobol rushed for 59 yards and a touchdown for the GNH Yellowjackets against John F. Kennedy High School Thursday, Sept. 19.

The Yellowjackets went into half time with a 10-0 lead.

On the second half kickoff, JFK scored its first touchdown with an 89-yard return to bring the score to 10-6.

GNH's Owen Riemer responded later in the third quarter with a punt return for a touchdown, giving the Yellowjackets a 17-6 lead to start the final quarter.

Sobol was sidelined with a knee injury in the second half and Riemer was in and out due to leg cramps. Costly penalties plagued GNH down the stretch, which stalled drives and gave the ball back to JFK.

RB Julius Caban rushed in a touchdown for JFK with 9:21 to go. A punt by GNH on the next drive put JFK at midfield with time ticking away.

GNH's defense held strong and forced a third down situation. TE Damian Elliot broke away from his defender on a go-route and caught a prayer from QB

Jayden Lopez at the five-yard line, stumbling into the endzone for the go-ahead score.

With two minutes to go, GNH lined up near midfield for the final drive of the game. A sack, a recovered fumble and an incomplete pass set up 4th and 11 for the

Yellowjackets.

Coach Scott Salius sent the receivers deep and QB Ty Devita went long for Riemer. Tight, physical coverage by JFK's Brendell Kelly prevented Riemer from securing the catch. JFK took over on downs and knelt for the win.

As a team, JFK compiled 201 rushing yards and 53 passing yards. The Eagles moved to a 1-1 record this season.

GNH was led offensively by Mason Sobol who rushed for 59 yards and a touchdown in the first half. Esten Ryan ended with 11 receiving yards, a field goal and two extra points. Owen Riemer scored on a punt return for a touchdown.

GNH returns to Winsted Friday, Sept. 27 to host Torrington High School at 7 p.m.

Highland Games return to Lime Rock

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Highland Games return to Lime Rock Park Sunday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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strations of birds of prey, at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Sharon's Chris Heacox will read from his new children's book, Charlie the Highland Cow, described by organizer Cathy Sutherland as an exceptionally handsome and even-tempered animal, will be on hand.

And presiding over the entire event will be this year's Chieftain, Skip Barber.

For more information and tickets email LHHighlandGames@aol.com or visit LimeRock.com/communityevents.

HVRHS draws 1-1 in Torrington

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Housatonic Valley Regional High School boys varsity soccer tied with Torrington High School after a thrilling showdown Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Defensive dominance from both teams kept the game scoreless for the first 72 minutes of play. A penalty kick put Torrington up 1-0 with eight minutes left. HVRHS responded rapidly when striker Brayan Lopez-Gonzalez threaded a shot between two Raider defenders and the goalie for a game-tying goal with two minutes remaining.

For a non-league game, tensions ran surprisingly high between both sides. Hard fouls led to chirping between the coaches on the sidelines and between the players on the field, yet no cards were issued by the officials as they let the two sides duke it out.

As evenly matched as the game was, so to was the crowd balanced in support for both sides. The HVRHS girls soccer team filled the bleachers to cheer on the boys in Torrington. Coach Adolfo Portillo hyped them up to make some noise late in the game, which paid off. Portillo thanked the fans for their support after the game.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Anthony Labbadi plays midfield for HVRHS.

After narrowly avoiding a loss, the Mountaineers hoisted Lopez-Gonzalez high above the huddle. In a post-game interview, Lopez-Gonzalez said was nervous as he received the ball in the box. He stared down the two defenders in front of him and fired a rocket right down the middle. It whizzed past the keeper and the whole HVRHS bench swarmed him in celebration.

"We always say if we're down one we gotta keep our heads up and just keep pushing through it," said Lopez-Gonzalez on how he kept his composure in the final minutes.

HVRHS's season record moved 2-2-2 after the game while Torrington moved to 3-1-2. The Mountaineers return home to host Thomaston High School Friday, Sept. 20 at 3:45 p.m.

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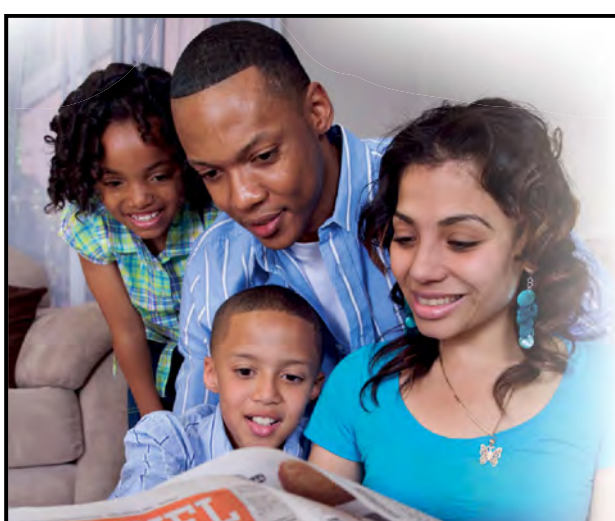
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