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



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

A reddish hue develops along the ridgelines of the Northwest Corner as cold air begins to turn the leaves with the arrival of fall.

Trees begin to turn with the official start of autumn

By Alec Linden

Sunday, Sept. 22 marked the beginning of astronomical fall, and our trees are showing it.

Flecks of red, yellow, orange and gold dot the hillsides and maples wear mottled coats of green and fiery orange alongside the roadways. It's certainly still the early stages of foliage season, but Kent Tree Warden Bruce Bennett said in a recent interview that this timing was not always the norm.

"I've been around for 70 years," he said, explaining that fall color used to begin around Sept. 5 and peak near Sept. 21. That peak date has "slowly but surely moved almost a month" to mid-October, he said, as a product of warmer and later autumns resulting from climate

change.

A late-September leaf change matches the pattern of recent fall seasons. Bennett said red maples are among the best indicators for when autumn arrives. "They're always the first tree to start to change," he said, further explaining that the red maple usually provides the most vibrant color — "some pretty good red and deep orange."

Bennett maintained that while people tend to think of sugar maples as the star of our fall season, it's actually the red maples that really make the show. However, this year, he has high hopes for the sugar maples: "when they have a good year, they're spectacular, and it looks like this might be a good year for the sugar maples."

Predicting a foliage season is

notoriously difficult. Bennett said that while people often talk about dry or wet weather in the fall as indicative of how bright the colors will be, "no one really knows." He explained that there are many other

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Winchester watershed conservation hailed as 'historic milestone'

By Debra Aleksinas

WINCHESTER — The protection of more than two dozen parcels comprising 1,364 acres of pristine watershed land is being hailed as the largest conservation project to leverage federal funding from the 20-year-old Highlands Conservation Act.

In making the announcement on Sept. 27, Gov. Ned Lamont and officials from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

"Conservation at this scale requires the creativity and commitment of many partners."

Tim Abbott, conservation director for the Cornwall-based HVA

and Cornwall-based Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) noted that Winchester is the first environmental justice community to benefit from the funding.

The Highlands Conservation Act, which is one of the most significant sources of federal land protection grant funding available in

the state, encompasses 3.4 million acres in portions of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

"Today's announcement marks a historic milestone in our fight to conserve land in western Connecticut."

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Paley Farm owners build 'at their own risk'

By Riley Klein

SHARON — A Torrington Superior Court hearing Sept. 26 regarding the development of Paley Farm in Sharon yielded no change to the dispute between the property owners and Sharon Land Trust.

David and Liza Bainbridge, owners of 135 Millerton Road in Sharon, otherwise known as Paley Farm, have begun construction of a multi-million-dollar home. Sharon Land Trust (SLT) has sought to block development of this land, which was protected by a conservation conveyance with the State of Connecticut in 1984.

SLT and concerned citizen

Carol Flaton brought the matter before Superior Court in July disputing the Department of Agriculture's decision to approve construction. SLT requested an injunction be implemented to stop construction while the case is ongoing. Before the hearing, the defendants disputed SLT's standing in this matter and disputed the court's jurisdiction over the case.

On Sept. 26, Judge Walter A. Menjivar granted three weeks for additional review to determine standing and jurisdiction. As for the work at Paley Farm, which has expanded from driveway construction to foundation development, Menjivar said the owners would be responsible for remediating the property to its previous condition should the court find

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Educators make room for AI in the classroom

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Artificial intelligence (AI) is here to stay, and educators are gingerly adapting.

That was the message from the Salisbury Forum's panel at Salisbury School Friday, Sept. 27.

The panel included Ian Strever, Principal of Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS); Richard Davis, Dean of Academic Life at The Hotchkiss School; Sarah Mulrooney, Dean of Academic Life at Salisbury School; and Matt Mer-

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Melony Brady-Shanley is the new superintendent of Region One School District.

Region One superintendent impressed by community bonds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley said in her first weeks on the job she has been impressed by "how connected every community is to their schools."

Brady-Shanley met with a Lakeville Journal reporter in her office Monday, Sept. 23.

She started on July 1, and has met with all six Region One town school boards, the Region One board and related committees.

She said she was struck by the depth of support compared to other parts of the state.

That level of involvement has been "the common denominator"

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Online This Week

Sarum Village ribbon cutting

The unveiling of 10 affordable housing units in Salisbury was met with applause Monday, Sept. 30. 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.

Failure to obey Stop sign

On Monday Sept. 16, at approximately 11 a.m., Andrew Kalogiannis, 26, of Dover Plains, New York, was driving a 2018 Subaru Impreza and taking a left hand turn onto Route 41 in Sharon at the intersection of Calkinstown Road, when his vehicle struck a southbound 2012 Subaru Legacy driven by Geoffrey Sherill, 66, of Lakeville. Sherill's vehicle was towed from the scene and Kalogiannis was issued an infraction for failure to obey a Stop sign.

Improper turn

On Monday, Sept. 23, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Brian Stapleton, 54, of Great Barrington, was eastbound on Clayton Road in North Canaan in a 2020 Audi Q3. Spillane Engellenner, 76, of Salisbury, was in front in a 1994 Volvo 940 and attempted to make a U-turn, striking the Audi. Engellenner was issued a written warning for an improper turn.

Three vehicle crash

On Friday, Sept. 27, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Samuel

Melanson, 23, of Torrington, was stopped on Route 44 in Norfolk at the intersection of West Side Road in a 2012 Honda Accord. Andrew Pelletier, 29, of Canaan, was stopped behind him in a 2015 Lexus Rx350. Jesse Warner, 35, of East Canaan, was behind the Lexus in a 2000 Ford F250 and struck the rear of the Lexus, which then struck the Honda. Cassidy Pelletier, 29, of Canaan, and Eloise Pelletier, 11 months, both passengers in the Lexus were transported to Winsted Health Center for suspected minor injury. Warner was issued an infraction for following too close resulting in an accident.

Disorderly conduct

On Friday, Sept. 27, at approximately 7 p.m. Leticia Gaschler, 36, of New Windsor, New York, was arrested at a Lower Road address in North Canaan for disorderly conduct. Gaschler was held on a \$1,000 bond and scheduled to appear in Superior Court.

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

Harwinton to host Household Hazardous Waste Day

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments is hosting another Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 8:30am to 2:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility at 252 Lower Bogue Road in Harwinton.

The 16 towns participating in the free event are Barkhamsted, Canaan (Falls Village), Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington and Winchester.

To participate in the drop off, residents from these towns must register, free of charge, for the event either in person at their town hall or online at northwesthillscog.org or on Eventbrite.

Many of the products routinely used for housework, gardening, home improvement, or car maintenance contain hazardous materials that may endanger our health and pollute the environment. Household products are considered hazardous if they are toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive. Examples of such products include pesticides, herbicides, oil-based paints, degreasers, household cleaners, paint thinners, and gasoline.

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

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Online threats cause schools to close in numerous CT towns

By Jennifer Almquist

Friday, Sept. 20, all Bristol, Bridgeport and Torrington public schools were closed due to threats of violence made online.

Additionally, The Hartford Courant reported, "Schools in Ansonia closed on Thursday [Sept. 19] as police in multiple towns investigated threats made over social media, including one that led to charges against a 13-year-old girl." The child who confessed to making the threat was arrested on charges of first-degree threatening, and second-degree breach of peace, and she was referred to juvenile court.

Jenna Brown, Norfolk resident, town postal clerk, and concerned parent, said, "My son is a freshman at Oliver Wolcott in Torrington. I got a text from the superintendent at 10 p.m. this past Thursday



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

All Torrington Schools were closed on Friday, Sept. 20, due to threats made on social media.

night that school was closed Friday. The text did not mention the reason why and that was very nerve-racking."

Brown continued, "Once I learned it was a threat made on social media, I asked my son if he knew of any kind of gun threat circulating on

Snapchat. Apparently, there was a picture of firearms being reposted all over Snapchat with a caption naming certain schools and how they better watch out. I told him how important it was that if he sees something like this, he needs to tell me immedi-

ately."

"As a parent, you must communicate with your children about bullying and threats online. My daughters woke up on Friday morning and asked why their big brother Vinny wasn't in school. I had to explain to my five- and eight-year-old that someone made a threat toward Torrington schools. If we parents don't keep that line of communication open, there could be life or death consequences."

Winsted parents, teachers, and students at Pearson School are still rattled by a recent report of a gun on a school bus last week, which was not a credible threat. Winsted Mayor Todd Arcelaschi showed concern, "These are trying times that we live in, with these school incidents not only in our area but in Connecticut and nationwide. But one of the big issues is accountability. We need to hold children, and their parents, responsible for their actions on social media."

"To prevent threats from spreading on social media, consequences need to be severe," continued Brown. "A suspension that lasts two weeks, expulsion, or even arrest by the police. When a student gets caught making a threat, it's important to get to the root of the problem. What is the student's life like at home? They may have a very hard life. Most people know something like this is serious. There should be consequences, but we must prioritize the mental health of students who get in trouble for making serious threats."

Democrats host meet and greet barbecue

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Democratic Town Committee held a barbecue and candidate meet-and-greet at the town Grove in Lakeville Sunday, Sept. 29.

Attendees had numerous food choices, including the option of a boiled or grilled hot dog.

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64), running for a fourth term in the General Assembly, and Justin Potter, running for the state Senate seat that has been in Republican hands since 1978, moved through the large crowd, greeting voters and trying to be heard over the din.

Promptly at 5 p.m., town committee chair Al Ginouves took the microphone and called the boisterous crowd to order, with the assistance of Jane Kellner, who clanked her silverware on a plate to ask for quiet.

Potter gave an energetic

speech describing himself as a "practical Democrat," he described his party as the party of compassion.

"Compassion for the woman who has to make a difficult decision," he said "Compassion for the family who lives in the fear of gun violence."

Horn noted that her district includes parts of three different state Senate districts, all represented by Republicans. She said she works well with those legislators, "but it would be nice if you sent me a friend."

Horn said she was focused on getting the entire Dem-

ocratic ticket elected. She noted that Democrats enjoy large majorities in the legislature and hold all statewide offices, and that they use that power "to govern for the good of all."

She also reminded voters that the race between U.S. Representative Jahana Hayes (D-5) and challenger George Logan was very close in 2022.

Salisbury "through no fault of its own" was one of the last towns to report results that year, and helped with the 2000 vote margin of Hayes' eventual victory.

"Let's do that again, shall we?"

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Our Towns

Fairfield Farm reconnects 'the human element' to nutrition

By Taylor Plett

LAKEVILLE — Harvest is in full swing at Fairfield Farm, the 287-acre farm and cattle pasture owned by The Hotchkiss School and located just a mile from campus in Lakeville.

Peppers and tomatoes are crowding the vines in the hoop houses while corn dries in the Grange, a multi-purpose structure that serves as a storage facility, teaching kitchen, ad hoc classroom and concert venue.

With classes back in session as of earlier this month,

Bridget Lawrence-Meigs, the farm manager and programs director, is ready to get students involved.

"The farm is this place that, like a lot of campus farms, has a mission," said Lawrence-Meigs. "At Hotchkiss, it's very much about production and education."

Acquired by the school in 2004, Fairfield Farm has become a major producer for Hotchkiss' dining hall and today supplies 20-25% of the produce and 100% of the beef served on campus each fall.

According to Joshua

Hahn, Hotchkiss' assistant head of school and director of strategic initiatives, the farm fits into the school's broader efforts over the past several years to reduce its carbon emissions.

"The school's grass-fed beef has a much lower carbon footprint than conventional beef," said Hahn. "So decisions we're making in terms of where the food's coming from [have] an impact, not just nutritionally and economically, but also on the climate."

Beyond a full-production farm, Hahn said the space acts as an "interdisciplinary laboratory for the school." Teachers and visiting instructors have utilized Fairfield as a classroom "en plein air," teaching on topics from English and social science to engineering. One group of engineering students designed an overhead irrigation system for seedlings; another designed a composter.

For Lawrence-Meigs, a seasoned educator and co-leader of a gathering of campus farms called the Campus Farmer Network, the farm is an opportunity to make complex dimensions of the food system more tangible for students.

"One of the big problems with our food system is that the human element is often lost," she said. "Like, who grew this tomato?"

By involving students in multiple steps of the food production process, Lawrence-Meigs says the farm can foster conversations about the "social, environmental, and political" aspects of food production both on the farm and off.

The goal is "helping the kids really understand that the farm isn't in a bubble,

and food systems aren't in bubbles," she said.

As part of that education, students can help harvest the roughly 10% of Fairfield Farm's product that gets donated to groups like The Corner Food Pantry and Northeast Community Center, which work to alleviate hunger in the communities surrounding Hotchkiss' campus.

According to a study by Connecticut United Ways, 10% of Connecticut residents said they experienced food insufficiency in 2022: a statistic due in part to the 25% increase in U.S. food prices between 2019 and 2023, as reported by the Consumer Price Index.

At Hotchkiss, where the student body represents 31 countries, food security and sustainability are issues that resonate.

The Hotchkiss Food Access Society, a student group which works with the farm, was formed by a student who learned about food insecurity in Ghana and wanted to help address similar issues in Connecticut.

For other students, engagement with the farm may be limited to two visits over their four-year tenure: the annual potato harvest for first-year students and senior prom, which is held on the grounds. Hahn hopes that, for these students, the visibility of farm-grown food at the dining hall will invite critical thinking about what they eat.

"We're not going to graduate 175 seniors who are going to go on to be farmers next year," he said, offering politics and business as more likely career paths. "But everybody eats. As Wendell Berry says, 'Eating is an agricultural act.'"



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

A corn chopper at the Tencza Family display, Sept. 28.

Splitters, grinders and mills on display at machinery show

By Lans Christensen

The Connecticut Antique Machinery Association celebrated their 40th anniversary Sept. 27 to Sept. 29 in Kent.

This much loved festival has grown to be a world class exhibition of antique machinery, much of which is operating, performing the work it was designed for. Association president Jack Hayward is delighted with the growth of the show and said their "primary goal is to make it a premier educational experience."

Hayward said the association came into being "when a group of old-engine enthusiasts came together."

The display field was filled with tractors, trucks, and engines of every possible age, size and purpose. Little "one-lungers" chugged steadily along next to enormous steam engines. Log splitters, saw mills and corn grinders, choppers and shellers were all being demonstrated doing their prescribed jobs.

The Tencza Family brought their magnificent Farmall tractors. Mike Farm-



Jim Boice starts his antique engine.

er from Verbena, New York, had his popular Braider at work, and Art Downs was using an enormous log splitter.

One of the favorite elements of the festival is the ever growing tag sale area. There is no describing the variety of tools, collectibles, must-haves and ephemera available from the huge crowd of vendors. A centerpiece is Locomotive No. 5, still giving happy passengers a ride up and back the CAMA tracks. Every part of this show is a significant contributor to what we know as "The Industrial Revolution."



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The building leased to McDonald's at 18 East Main Street was sold for \$345,000 by a commercial real estate broker after two years on the market according to Loop Net.

July, August real estate activity in North Canaan

By Christine Bates

Real estate transfers for the Town of North Canaan illustrate its unique character compared to surrounding towns. Of the six recorded transfers in July and August, the four residential sales of small homes were all for \$250,000 or less with two homes selling for under \$200,000. The current median price of a one family residence in North Canaan is \$235,000, down from its peak in December 2022 of \$285,000. As a service hub commercial property sales are an important part of the real estate market with a large warehouse selling for \$925,000 and McDonald's changing owners for \$345,000.

Properties on the market show a similar pattern among the 13 listings in mid-September. There are six single family homes available with the most expensive home at \$529,000, three pieces of land and four commercial properties for sale and no rentals.

157 Railroad St. — 3 bedroom/1 bath home on 0.29 acres sold for \$250,000.

54 Barlow St. — a commercial building with 17,500 square feet used for car storage with 12' ceilings on 5.5 acres sold for \$925,000.

268 East Canaan Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath house on .32 acres sold for \$188,000.

72 Barlow St. — 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold for \$165,000

47 East Main St. — 2 bedroom/1 bath 884 square foot house sold for \$235,000.

18 East Main St. — McDonald's restaurant with 2,500 square feet on 0.55 acres sold for \$345,000.

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



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

KVFD presents 'Art from the Heart'

A group craft and artisan show titled "Art from the Heart" went on at Kent Volunteer Fire Department's garage Sunday, Sept. 22. Dozens of local creators presented their wares for shoppers looking to get a jump start on the holiday season.

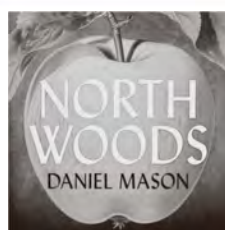
HVRHS Class of 1975 plans upcoming 50-year reunion

Graduates of the HVRHS class of '75 are beginning to plan their 50th class reunion.

The next meeting will be Oct. 20, 2024 via ZOOM. Class members are asked to

forward their email address to Bruce Palmer at bppalmer@verizon.net along with contact information to receive a link to join the online meeting.

Salisbury READS



The Scoville Library and the Salisbury Association are teaming up to engage the community in reading, conversation, and events celebrating the best-selling, award-winning novel, *North Woods*, by Daniel Mason.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 12th, 11:00 AM
Salisbury Fall Festival

Stop by to learn about the first ever Salisbury READS, sample delicious apples, and pick up one of 50 free copies of *North Woods*, courtesy of the Salisbury Association.

Sunday, October 27th, 3:00-4:30 PM
Apple Cooking and Baking Contest

Have a spectacular apple recipe? Bring your dish down to the library for a friendly competition judged by local foodies and apple enthusiasts.

Friday, November 1st, 5:00-7:00 PM
Current Day Hauntings in Connecticut

Presented by the Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society

Sunday, November 10th, 2:00 PM
Wild Apples and Orchard Culture

Learn about wild apples with pomologist Matt Kaminsky...aka Gnarly Pippins!

Let's talk about the book!

October 22nd and 29th, 2:30 PM

November 12th, 5:30 PM



Visit SML's website for a complete calendar of events!



Our Towns

Detroit steel and muscle shine at Lone Oak's 10th car show

By John Coston

EAST CANAAN — The roar of internal combustion engines was replaced by the biggest road-trip hits from the Sixties filled the air on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the 10th annual Lone Oak Car Show.

A total of 87 vehicles filled a soccer-field sized lawn off Route 44 with hoods popped and their proud owners parked in lawn chairs, answering questions about their classics.

Judging for the show, which was a benefit for the North Canaan Fire Co., was based on peer choice, and included a children's choice, which went to a 2010 Chevy Camaro Transformer model that was painted in Bumble Bee yellow and featured scissor doors that open vertically.

Children raced through the crowd and participated in their own organized recreational activities, including a cardboard box car decorating



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

A Chevy with the butterfly doors was seen Sept. 28.

contest.

Steven Hall of Housatonic, Massachusetts, won Best in Show for his 1934 Plymouth PE Deluxe, and was the only entry to take home two trophies. Hall also won Best Paint Job. His granddaughter, Harper, 5, joined in the double-trophy celebration when the winners lined up for their photos.

Cherie Lopes, a director at Lone Oak Campsites, said the trophies were handmade from old car engine parts: pistons from a 68 Buick and a Chrysler; a valve cover from a Chevy; and a timing chain from a big block Chevy.

The cars and trucks — and the mid-century rock and roll — fueled the festival atmosphere as aficionados filled in the blanks for some onlookers who never had seen engines so big that

needed a hole punched in the hood to make more room for the "supercharger."

"She's real fine, my 409," blared in the air, recalling the Beach Boy's 1962 hit "409" that was an ode to a Chevrolet V8 engine. And just to complete the experience, attendees could examine the real thing: a 1962 maroon Chevy two-door Bel-Air nicknamed 'Boris' with a 409 cubic inch block that was sold new at Zelf Chevrolet in Torrington.

Boomers seemed to dominate the owner crowd at the show, but there were many Generation Xers, too.

"It kind of rubbed off on me," one owner said, who had a Mustang in the show. "My dad was kind of into cars."

Sophia Plasse, 13 months, of Bristol, and Vinny Valenti, 16 months, of Terryville, may have been the youngest ones behind the wheel. The young toddlers were cruising the ground in toy jeeps that were remotely guided by their parents.



PHOTO PROVIDED

The old 30 meter ski jump at Satre Hill has been demolished to be rebuilt.

Satre Hill 30 meter ski jump demolished for reconstruction

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — And just like that, the 30 meter jump was no more.

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Nick Brazzale and crew demolished the 75 year old 30 meter ski jump at Satre Hill, home of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's annual Jumpfest.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan took photos and shot video. It didn't take long.

"It took about 15 minutes to bring it down," Hallihan said in a phone interview Sunday, Sept. 29. "I likened it to the time it takes to drink a large coffee."

SWSA is conducting a capital campaign to build a new 30 meter tower. A recent donation from NBT Bank of \$15,000 pushed the drive over the \$250,000 mark, and closer to the \$425,000 goal.

Hallihan said the original plan was to have a new jump in place in time for the

upcoming jumps in February, but that is not going to happen.

Now the plan is to have the new jump ready for 2026.

"We'll have to do without it" for the February 2025 jumps. "But once it's up we'll be able to use it and the 20 meter jump year-round," using modern materials when snow is not on the menu.

Neighborly spirit on display at Hunt

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — National Good Neighbor Day was celebrated in Falls Village with snacks, art, children's games, a scavenger hunt and a plant sale.

At around 10:30 a.m. things were getting under way at the David M. Hunt Library. Jandi Hanna from the Falls Village Housing Trust and Carol Taylor of the Falls Village Equity Group were on hand to explain their

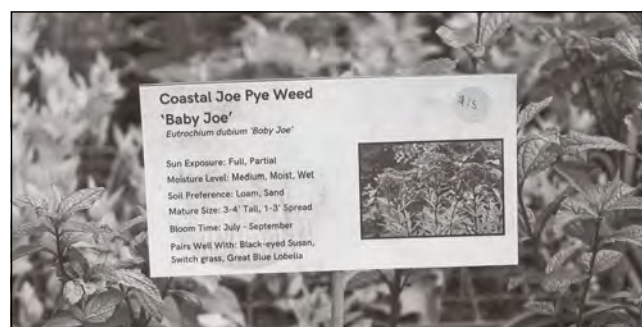


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Native plants were for sale on Good Neighbor Day.

groups' activities. Children were busy working on their contributions to a mural, and there was a table containing assorted beverages and baked goods.

Outside Beth Ronaker and Taylor Shaw were selling native plants from Falls Village's Matt's Landscaping (specifically, the "Meadows-

capas" department of that business).

Ronaker said using native plants helps restore the connection between humans and nature.

It also helps insects. To illustrate this point, large numbers of gnats were flitting about among the plants for sale.

Salisbury repair cafe Oct. 11

Handy fixers will assemble during Salisbury's Fall Festival for a pop-up repair shop at Salisbury Congregational Church Friday, Oct. 11.

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10-03-24

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 may be 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

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 23, 2024:

Exempt - Application 2024-IW-038D by Raccard Properties LLC for installation of a beaver dam water leveling system for livestock grazing and maintaining biodiversity. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 23 as lot 36 and is known as 47 Hammertown Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Raccard Properties LLC.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

10-03-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RODERIK JAMES PERKINS Late of Norfolk (24-00327)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 17, 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:
Barbara J. Perkins
PO Box 147
7 Mountain Road
Norfolk, CT 06058
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-03-24

WARNING NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTION

The Electors of the Town of Sharon are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following purposes:

I. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, and Registrar of Voters.

II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "Yes" for approval, and a vote of "No" for disapproval:

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?

The full text of proposed question, is printed in accordance with CGS Sec. §2-30a, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for distribution.

The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant

to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places on Election Day is as follows:

Election Day Voting District Election Day Polling Place is as follows:
Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon
Absentee Ballots will be counted at above polling place.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m.

During the 14-day early voting, the hours are indicated below, and same day registration will also be available.

October 21-28 & 30, 2024: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

October 29 & 31, 2024: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

November 1-3, 2024: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On Election Day, November 5, 2024, same day registration will be at 63 Main St. Sharon from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dated at Sharon, CT this 26th day of September 2024.

Linda R. Amerighi Sharon
Town Clerk
10-03-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF VALERIE R. PINETTE Late of Cornwall AKA Valerie R. Pinnette, AKA Valerie Rose Pinnette (24-00391)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the

Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 17, 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:
Robert J. Redman, II
c/o V Peter Reis, Ebersol, McCormick & Reis, LLC, 9 Mason Street, P.O. 598, Torrington, CT 06790
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-03-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF OLIVIER BENJAMIN Late of Salisbury AKA Olivier C. Benjamin (24-00364)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 19, 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:
Mary Patricia Walsh
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-03-24

OBITUARIES

Caren F. Bunce

NORTH CANAAN — Caren F. Bunce, 69, of North Canaan, passed away on Sept. 19, 2024, at Yale Hospital in New Haven. She was born in Sharon, on Sept. 7, 1955, to the late Darwin and Dorothy Miller. A graduate of Pine Plains High School, she went on to Dutchess Community College (SUNY) to earn her associates degree in nursing and registered nurse certification.



why she chose a career path in nursing. She worked in hospital and private duty settings for a number of years before transitioning to be the school nurse at Lee H. Kellogg in Falls Village, until her retirement.

Caren is survived by her loving husband, Richard; their children, Jesse and his wife, Kim Bunce and Ashton Bunce and her husband, Connor Parrish; two adoring grandchildren, Casey and Luke; her sister and brother-in-law, Carol Miller and Craig Shelley, and niece Christa Miller-Shelley.

Interment will take place privately in Evergreen Cemetery at the convenience of the family. To share a favorite memory of Caren, or to leave a message of condolence for her family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to the First United Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 313, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

Caren had a special affinity for old homes and rare antiques. She would travel the area finding pieces to take to auctions, the profits of which she used to save money to purchase a piece of property in Salisbury in 1986. She cleared the land with her father in preparation for building a home. She then hired Richard Bunce to dig her foundation and their love story began.

Caren had a great sense of humor and was a people person, which was part of

Constance Walsh

LAKEVILLE — Constance (Connie) Walsh of Quogue, New York and West Palm Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, following a brief illness and surrounded by the warm embrace of her loving family.



Born Aug. 2, 1938, in New York City, Connie grew up in Riverdale, attended Marymount College, and raised her family in New Rochelle, Bronxville, and Manhattan.

A lover of sand and sea, she spent her childhood summers on the beach in Point Lookout, then, with her parents, sister and brother, discovered Westhampton Beach and later Quogue where she and her six children have summered for decades.

An avid athlete, fabulous dancer, fashion maven, and invincible entrepreneur, Connie founded the children's modeling agency Rascals Unlimited in Manhattan, opened the first internet cafe and coffee house in Lakeville, and became a prominent real estate broker in New York

City and Quogue. Connie was predeceased by her parents, Billie and Tom Walsh, her sister, Barbara Freehill, and brother, Thomas Walsh.

A charismatic, valiant spirit and lover of life, Connie inspired all who met her.

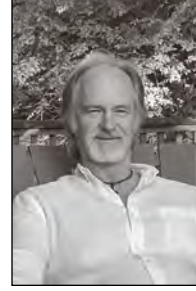
She is survived by her six adoring children; Billie Fitzpatrick (Gretchen Weimer), Tracy Finnegan (Joe), Tara Fitzpatrick, Jacqui Fitzpatrick, Siobhan Austin (Bob), and Ryan Fitzpatrick (Tom Cunningham); eleven grandchildren, Conor McGlone, Brendan McGlone, Darby McGlone, Joey McGlone, and Sophia Fitzpatrick, Sean Finnegan, Patrick Finnegan, and Daniel Finnegan, Grace Fitzpatrick and Dare Fitzpatrick, and Maud Fitzpatrick.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception, Quogue, NY at 11 a.m. Oct. 26, followed by a reception at the Quogue Field Club.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Robert Marquand Reynolds

LAKEVILLE — Robert Marquand Reynolds, of Lakeville, died on Sept. 23, 2024, after living with cancer for 14 years.



He was born June 20, 1954 to Robert T. Reynolds and Lynda Gay (Mitchell) Reynolds, and was raised in West Hartford. Marq graduated from Watkinson School and The University of Hartford.

Music was an important part of Marq's life from childhood. He taught himself to play guitar and drums at a young age. He said that his world would have been a much different place without music.

He had also been a skier, tennis and soccer player and enjoyed hockey, football and cars. He started trying to "drive" anything he could when he was 2 years old. His

love of cars and driving never diminished.

He operated a photography business and was later employed in areas including legal research and recently was an advertising director in the Berkshires and Litchfield County.

Marq was predeceased by his father, mother and sister Sue.

He leaves his wife of 12 years, Barbara Chatfield Reynolds, two step children, his sister Debby Mason, his brother Tom, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Also his beloved dog, Wink

He would like to thank all who proved to be an important part of his life in friendship beginning in school. Some of those friendships were lifelong.

All services are private. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO PROVIDED

Noble Horizons' new van has a rear access lift gate for wheelchair-bound travelers.

A look at Noble Horizons' new transit van

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons, a senior living community in Salisbury, has purchased a new transit van.

Noble Administrator Bill Pond said the new van has a rear access lift, the better to accommodate residents in wheelchairs.

Danielle Bailey, Noble's Director of Community Re-

lations, said, "Due to the increased mobility restrictions of many of Noble's residents, transportation requirements have evolved to include vehicles that can accommodate larger wheelchairs. Supporting some residents became difficult without upgrading to a new van."

The purchase of the new van was the focus of Noble Horizons' 2023 annual appeal.



PHOTO BY ASHLEY OPDYKE

Students give back in Lakeville

Students of 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 and badminton.

Flu shots available throughout October

By Nathan Miller

LAKEVILLE — Public flu clinics are available this month in the Northwest Corner.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County will provide flu shots on the following dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Barkhamsted Town Garage, 33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, noon to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Sharon Pharmacy, 8 Gay St., Sharon, 10 a.m. to noon.
VNHL - Salisbury branch, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Falls Village Senior Center, 107 Main St., Falls Village, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Lakeville Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, 10 a.m. to noon.

North Canaan Town Hall, 100 Pease St., North Canaan, 2 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, 10 a.m. to noon.

Friday, Oct. 18

Winsted Senior Center, 80 Holabird Ave., Winsted, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren, 10

a.m. to noon.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Colebrook Senior Center, 2 School House Road, Colebrook, 9 to 11 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Bethlehem Library, 32 Main St., Bethlehem, noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Blvd., Kent, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren, 9 to 11 a.m.

The following insurance providers participate with Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County's flu clinics: Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare, Medicare Part B, United HealthCare - Medicare only.

Anyone with questions can contact VNHL on their website, www.vnhlc.org.

Cornwall Park and Recreation is hosting two flu shot clinics at the UCC Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall.

Anyone from any towns can come with any insurance Thursday, Oct. 24 or Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a free flu shot.

For Cornwall clinic questions, contact Cornwall Park and Recreation at park.recreation@cornwallct.gov

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Worship Services

Week of October 6, 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. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> 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) <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i> 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 <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</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 joikauiol@gmail.com All are Welcome</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>Chabad of Northwest CT <i>On the Green</i> 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach <i>A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount.</i> <i>We are here for you, welcome to the family!</i></p> <p style="font-size: small;">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 <i>Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors Cteen YJP</i></p>
<p>Congregation Beth David <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i> 3344 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>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> 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 Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> 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 <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i></p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, <i>North End of Sharon Green</i> <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 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>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. <i>Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</i></p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194</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>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 315 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>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i></p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. <i>Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</i></p>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HVHRS Travel Club thanks Region One community for support

The main goal of the HVRHS International Travel Club and Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders has been to make international travel more affordable and accessible for every student. Thanks to the generosity of the Region One community, over \$45,000 was raised to meet this goal at the sixth annual Wine Dinner and Auction at the White Hart on Sept. 13.

With these funds, more than 60 students have the opportunity to travel to Italy/Germany and to Thailand in 2025. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported us in our dreams to visit these amazing countries. Not only will we expand our own world view by learning about these cultures, histories, languages and more, but we will be bringing the lessons we learned overseas back to HVRHS.

Our thanks first goes to Laura Bushey and Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders for spending many months organizing the fundraiser. With their hard

work, the evening was a huge success. We also thank the White Hart Inn for hosting the dinner, preparing a delicious menu and supporting public education.

We're so appreciative of our teachers, Mr. John Lizzi, Mrs. Danielle Melino, Mrs. Taylor Tavera and Mrs. Letitia Garcia-Tripp, for their guidance and dedication. These hard-working teachers made time in their already busy schedules to work alongside us and show us the lifelong joys of travel.

In addition to this fundraiser, we are also extremely grateful for the generous grants from the 21st Century Fund. Your assistance enables us to discover the world beyond our classrooms.

Lastly, our heartfelt thanks goes to our local businesses, organizations, parents, families, friends and neighbors. This was a true community effort, and we feel very fortunate for your support!

Ellie Wolgemuth
Class of 2025
HVRHS International
Travel Club

George Logan's legal woes

This past weekend we learned that George Logan owes over \$50,000 in penalties for failing to carry the required New York workers' compensation insurance for his employees who might be injured on the job. The case is over four years old, and the penalties continue to pile up.

The GOP candidate for the 5th Congressional District ran a construction outfit in New York for several years while also working for an Eversource subsidiary here in Connecticut. Logan has called the charges in his case, now before the New York Supreme Court "a clerical error." He said he is seeking counsel to sort out his legal

difficulties. Shouldn't George Logan be more concerned that his employees were fully covered if anything happened to them on the job?

This is definitely not the kind of high-handed behavior we voters need as we decide who should represent the 5th District in Washington. Early voting starts on October 17, and the choice is clearer than ever. Don't make a "clerical error" on your ballot — vote to reelect Congresswoman Jahana Hayes for another term as our representative in the U.S. House.

Frank Fitzmaurice
Sharon

The vulnerable nature of our woodlands

Dear EarthTalk: I live in Massachusetts and often walk in the woods. It seems as if there are endless pests and diseases attacking our native trees. There are so many fallen or dead trees in the woods now. Is there hope for our forests?

Molly Goodwin,
via email

In colonial days, wood was a hot commodity in New England. It was so widely used for agriculture and other industries that, between the 17th and 20th centuries, several New England states saw a 60 percent reduction in woodlands. Today, roughly 80 percent of New England is wooded again, but over 99 percent of the trees were planted within the last 100 years. These new-growth forests are remarkably homogenous, being evenly spaced, similar in height and size, and primarily of the same species.

Though trees have significantly rallied, financial support for New England land conservation has dropped by

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half since 2008. The annually conserved land area declined sixfold in just a decade, from 333,000 acres in the early 2000s to just 50,000 acres since 2010. A Harvard study showed that New England is losing 65 acres of woods daily to development, half which is related to increasing residential demands. Beyond development threats, the lack of biodiversity in these homogenous new-growth forests makes them particularly vulnerable to environmental changes, invasive species and infectious diseases.

Rising temperatures put new-growth trees at risk of droughts, soil deterioration and extreme weather events. Invasive southern insects like the gypsy moth and Southern pine beetle are migrating northward as historically colder climates begin to

warm. These bugs defoliate trees, bore bark to feed on tree sap, and cause needle loss. And invasive plants are now outcompeting native ones by releasing enzymes into the soil that limit the native plant growth and form dense thickets that shade out native species.

Citizens, scientists and ecologists must work together to prevent a 'bare New England.' State and local governments have the power to strengthen conservation efforts. For one, the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act permits towns to impose a surcharge of up to three percent on property taxes which is then diverted to preservation. Participation is voluntary, but 56 percent of towns have opted in.

Sustainable forestry is

needed to prevent more tree loss. Selective cutting removes specific trees rather than clear-cutting. Building upwards instead of outwards reduces land clearance. Improving paper and wood recycling efforts reduces the demand for raw materials from forests. Removing invasive species would improve soil health and enhance ecosystem resilience. However, the process is labor-intensive and costly. Despite these challenges, finding the right balance between conservation, demand reduction, and invasive species removal may be the key to preserving the New England forests.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'What is worth more, Art or Life?'

"Cutting off your nose to spite your face." The cost-benefit analysis of that saying has just splashed across our collective consciousness — again. Who'da thunk that a couple of opened cans of soup could get our collective minds (certainly mine) scampering up and down the cultural/political/economic ladder like red squirrels on the trunk of an oak tree on a chilly fall morning.

"Just Stop Oil" activists have struck again, serving up (rather messily) a couple of cans of Heinz tomato soup (nutritious?) onto

two of painter Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' paintings at the British National Gallery. "What is worth more, Art or Life?" — was the statement spoken by one of the gastronomic miscreants. As a person who has, in my adult years, come to relish really good questions — I can let that one roll around inside my noggin for a bit. And as a performing artist that over the decades has crossed paths with all sorts of art created by arts practitioners of many kinds and at many levels, I'm trying to let my mind find a way in with this.

First, the video of the act of desecration is precise, clear and close up, easy to ingest — so to speak. The aesthetic taste buds are stimulated and percolate within a definable culinary oeuvre. As a protest, the clean assertive lines of splashing suggests wave after wave of dystopian anger subsumed into the intense moral gravity of the follow-on slow dripping of the soup down the stalks of flowers and onto the frames. As well, the clashing soup colors of 'tomato-industrial' violently striking canvasses filled with such serene warm

images of simple nature, evokes a corrosive dissonance in the digestive track of the imagination. And, as we all know, Van Gogh was fortunate to have painted in a time when the world's atmosphere was set chromatically afire by the ash-ejecta from the Indonesian super volcano — Krakatoa — a fitting and powerful comparative moral relativity inescapable to all knowledgeable aficionados of our present 'inconvenient truth' vis-a-vis climate change.

On the whole, I find the stated question "What is worth more, Art or Life?" to be prescient, evocative and resonant. I do hope the cost-benefit analysis of this striking production does not force it into the post-reductionist trap — of falling on deaf ears.

Jacqueline Kuns
Torrington

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

Supporting Harding for CT's 30th

As a young woman I want to express my appreciation for the work Stephen Harding has done to keep the maternity ward open at Sharon Hospital. Without leaders like Stephen, who are willing to work across the aisle, we could have seen this critical service disappear.

When this service was at risk, he showed real leadership by working directly with the community and health-care providers to find solutions. His commitment gives me hope that someone in

Hartford truly understands the challenges we face in rural CT and is determined to make a difference for families like mine.

Stephen's dedication to resolving issues such as Sharon Hospital shows how much he cares about our community's well-being. He is a father and husband who wants to make it safe and affordable for families like mine and isn't afraid to take a stance when something is wrong. We need more leaders like him, who

understand the real-life impact of their decisions and are willing to stand up for what matters.

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

Please provide phone number for confirmation and town of residence.

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Japan's Shinkansen "bullet train."

High-speed rail turns 60 this month

Happy 60th birthday to high-speed rail. It was on October 1st in 1964 that the Shinkansen, Japan's revolutionary super-fast train, made its debut.

Known as the "bullet train" because of its aerodynamic shape, the Shinkansen (which translates as "new trunk line") made the run from Tokyo to Osaka in 4 hours and 40 minutes compared to the conventional trains, which took two hours longer.

Today, with the evolution of Japanese rail technology, the run now takes just 2 1/2 hours, averaging about 200 mph. In peak hours the trains leave every three to five minutes, each carrying up to 1300 passengers.

In contrast, Amtrak's fastest train, Acela, runs once an hour carrying a maximum of 304 passengers at an average speed (including station stops) of about 80 mph. By the way, Acela may be the fastest train in the U.S. but it's not true high-speed rail (defined as 155 mph or faster and running on dedicated tracks).

How did Japan beat the world to this concept? Out of necessity.

Amtrak's fastest train, Acela, carries a maximum of 304 passengers at an average speed of about 80 mph.

After World War II, Japan experienced rapid economic recovery and growth. Urbanization increased dramatically, and major cities like Tokyo and Osaka became densely populated. There was an obvious need for faster and more efficient transportation to connect these urban hubs, especially along the Tokaido corridor, which was Japan's busiest route.

Before the Shinkansen, conventional rail lines in Japan were heavily congested, especially between Tokyo and Osaka. The existing trains were slow, operated on narrow gauge tracks and couldn't meet the growing demand for travel, both for business and leisure. Building a high-speed

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rail system would relieve this congestion and shorten travel times.

Japan also wanted to demonstrate its technological innovation and engineering prowess to the world, especially in the lead-up to the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. The Shinkansen became a symbol of Japan's post-war recovery, showcasing cutting-edge technology in transportation and helping to raise its profile on the global stage.

Today there are over 1800 miles of high speed rail in Japan annually carrying 353 million riders, and they are already building a \$64 billion maglev version that can go 314 mph. It should be ready by 2034.

Japan Rail (JR) had hoped to export its expertise to other countries but only Taiwan adopted the technology and only in a limited fashion.

France quickly followed with its TGV, la Train a Grande Vitesse (high-speed train) introducing its first service in 1981 running between Paris and Lyon. Today there are over 1700 miles of TGV service in France.

Italy, Germany, Spain, Russia and even Morocco operate high-speed rail. But it is China that has the most extensive network covering 28,000 miles of tracks. The line from Beijing to Hong Kong alone runs 1,400 miles and, despite its speeds averaging 217 mph, takes 8.5 hours to complete its journey. There's even an overnight high-speed train with sleeping cars.

In the U.S. there's a high-speed rail project being built in California between LA and San Francisco and another line from LA to Las Vegas (Brightline West)... so we're still playing catch-up.

Jim Cameron is founder of the Commuter Action Group and advocates for Connecticut rail riders. He writes this weekly column called "Talking Transportation" for CT Mirror and other publications.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1924

The movement for town forests is gaining headway rapidly in Massachusetts. Twenty-three cities and towns in our neighboring state have already established such forests and eighty more towns have appointed committees to investigate the subject. In this work as in so many other lines, Connecticut is behind Massachusetts. However, one small town forest has been established in Newtown and several of our cities have lands surrounding their reservoirs which are virtually town forests.

William Hickey has entered the employ of L.L. Borden, taking the position left vacant by Gurdon Pickert, who has entered Yale University for the coming year.

The beautiful home of Judge and Mrs. Donald Ticknor Warner in Salisbury stands today a total wreck, the result of a disastrous fire which literally reduced the house to a blackened ruin last Sunday night. The fire apparently started in the rear annex and was first noticed by Theodore Barnes who was going by in an auto about ten o'clock in the evening. He at once gave the alarm and a few seconds later the fire was also discovered by others and they also sent in alarms by telephone. Philip Warner was the only one at home at the time, and had fallen asleep while reading. He was awakened by the smoke and found himself unable to reach any of the stairways. He finally got out the window over the porch and let himself down to the ground via one of the posts. It was an exceedingly narrow escape. A considerable amount of furniture on the lower floor was carried out in time to save it, and the family silver which was greatly prized and impossible to replace, was also saved although some of it had melted from the heat. Hundreds of books in the extensive library are totally ruined as well as many other heirlooms. Hundreds of people had assembled, some from a considerable distance. No one has any idea as how the fire started as there had been no fires in the house owing to the mild weather, and when the caretaker visited the place at about five o'clock in the afternoon there was no sign of fire or smell of smoke.

A car driven by Mrs. I.S. Kelsey of Taconic was in collision with a horse and buggy belonging to George Ashman in front of Champagne's drug store on Monday evening. Mrs. Ashman was thrown out and somewhat bruised. The horse freed itself from the wagon and ran as far as the Willard place, where it stopped of its own accord. The horse was somewhat injured.

Hilen Eggleston of Lime Rock was in Sharon Hospital this week, where he had his tonsils removed.

Mrs. Knight has sold to J. Cox Howell a piece of land at the southerly end of the old Institution grounds about 135 feet wide, from the road to the lake. Mr. Howell intends to build a house there next year, using pressed steel lumber throughout instead of wood. The house is to be occupied by Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Howell's mother.

The daylight saving nuisance ended last Sunday and now we can all figure what time it is without stopping to think it over.

Clifford Cullen is now harvesting his tobacco and reports a very good crop, which escaped both drought and frost.

One of the hardest rain storms of the year struck town on Tuesday and some interference with the electric light wires resulted, owing to fallen branches of trees. It acted very much like a misplaced equinoctial storm.

Landlord W.B. Lawrence is installing a new vacuum heating system at the Gateway, which he plans to keep open the coming winter.

The Club radio will be in operation during the World Series. Everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy the ball games.

50 years ago — October 1974

Gustavus Pope of Salisbury has given 170 acres of mountain land including the crown of Barack Matiff to the land trust of the Salisbury Association, Association President A. Mitchell Finlay announced this week. Association trustees Monday night voted to accept the gift with gratitude, subject to confirmation that it fully meets the land trust criteria. The tract in question is heavily wooded and runs from the town park and grove atop Barack Matiff on the north to slopes overlooking the Salisbury - Lime Rock Road and Salmon Kill Valley on the south. It borders the old House of Herbs as well as the Salisbury ski jump area, and the Appalachian Trail runs through a considerable part of it. The origin of the name "Barack Matiff" to describe the mountain that rises sharply on the south side of U.S. Route 44 east of Salisbury Village on which the property is situated, is a matter of some controversy. Probably the most commonly accepted version is that it is a corruption of the Dutch "bergh" for peak or mountain, and that means big or massive mountain.

Where in the world is

Babes Hill Road? Salisbury Selectmen threw firms seeking to bid on town tree contracts into something of a loop by using this designation on a description. No one could find it. It develops that Babes Hill Road is the old name for Toms Mountain Road, which runs north and south briefly between Twin Lakes Road and Cooper Hill Road near the Connecticut-Massachusetts state line. Mr. Kiefer said it is designated this way on Geological Survey maps.

25 years ago — October 1999

Over 1,000 invitations have been sent out for a birthday party in honor of Louise Reinhardt Francis, who will turn 100 Oct. 21. Anyone in the area who would like to celebrate with Mrs. Francis is welcome. The party will be in the Cobble Party Room at Noble Hori-

zons from 2 to 4 p.m.

Wagner McNeil Insurance agency in Lakeville celebrated its 125th anniversary with an open house for the community Saturday morning. The firm has grown, now boasting four offices in Sharon, Torrington and New Milford, as well as Lakeville.

Within the next week or two the scaffolding that has embraced Beckley Furnace for the past year will come down and the newly preserved historic structure will stand prouder than ever. One of three blast furnaces built along the Blackberry River on Lower Road in East Canaan, the Beckley Furnace operated from 1847 to 1942, when the closed site was purchased by the state Department of Environmental Protection. It is the best preserved of the furnaces in the area.



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Little Free Library

Status Report

SHARON — In celebration of its 40th Anniversary, the Sharon Day Care is looking to establish a new visual identity with a logo redesign. Local talents are encouraged to submit their creative designs by Nov. 15. For contest rules and guidelines, visit sharondaycare.org/logo

CORNWALL — A 20-cup electric coffee maker has gone missing from the United Church of Christ in Cornwall Village. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the church.

FALLS VILLAGE — HVRHS Mountaineers boys and girls basketball will host a three-day clinic series in November. All Region One students in grades 5 to 8 are welcome from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 19, 21 and 26. Transportation is provided from grade schools to the high school and parents can pick up at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per session or \$10 for all three if paid by Nov. 1. Visit hvrhs.futurefund.com/store and scroll to the basketball event to register.



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Autumn is upon us

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Every now and again, a private well will test over the State's recommended limits for lead. The first action is to call in a professional who is licensed to deal with lead remediation in well water. Usually the next step is to search for the source of the lead in the system such as lead pipes, solder and any brass components that were used before 1986. Once the source of lead is found and replaced, then to retest the water. In addition, there are specific filters designed to remove lead from the water. For more information, please visit: portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/publications/05241712/leadinprivatewellwaterpdf.pdf



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WATERSHED

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cut,” said U.S. Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). “Safeguarding Winchester’s watershed land will help keep public drinking water clean and protect our wildlife and forests for future generations to enjoy.”

Lamont lauded the effort as “a great example of federal, state and local working together to accomplish big things.”

PALEY FARM

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jurisdiction and establish standing for the plaintiffs.

“The parties do so at their own risk,” said Menjivar. “That’s a financial expense that they are risking by choosing to move forward.”

Attorney Alex Copp, representing SLT and Flaton, requested the injunction take

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes said she is grateful for the partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, HVA, Town of Winchester and the private volunteers and donors who collaborated on the project.

In addition to protecting key watersheds, drinking water supply and habitats for a diversity of wildlife, she said, “this conservation

project and others like it also addresses climate change in a meaningful way by fortifying and preserving forestland.”

Winchester Town Administrator Todd Arcelaschi noted that “the serenity and beauty of the natural resources of Winchester are the foundation and bedrock of our community.”

Conservation easements placed over these municipal water company lands will ensure that they remain a source of clean drinking water for the City of Winsted. The town still owns the land and operates its municipal water company.

Winchester Land Trust President Jen Perga noted in the announcement that the new easement creates a large corridor of protection land for animals to move north and south through town.

The property has been protected through the High-

lands Conservation Act, matched by DEEP’s Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund, and additional donations raised privately through the HVA’s Greenprint Partners Pledge Fund.

“Conservation at this scale requires the creativity and commitment of many partners,” said Tim Abbott, conservation director for the HVA.

“I’m deeply grateful to the town leadership for pursuing this opportunity, but perhaps even more impressive is the unanimous support that this effort received from town voters at a selectmen’s meeting to approve the transaction,” he said in the release.

Since 2004, the Highlands Conservation Act has brought nearly \$25 million to Connecticut and protected more than 7,257 acres in 15 Highlands communities.

SUPERINTENDENT

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in all her conversations with community members.

Brady-Shanley said she is not interested “in changing everything that’s working.” Rather, she is getting to know all the people involved and thinking about “how to enhance the district.”

She was enthusiastic about the middle school sports program. “We’re at capacity,” she said.

And as the middle school athletes enter high school, they are more prepared for their sports.

A promotional campaign, “We are Region One,”

is underway, with the goal of encouraging parents to keep their children in Region One schools from Kindergarten to 12th grade.

“We want to highlight and market and show what’s happening” in the seven Region One schools.

Brady-Shanley is beefing up the region’s presence on Facebook and Instagram as well.

“We’ll work across these platforms to get the message out.”

“There are so many opportunities here,” she said. “We need to highlight and publicize them.”

AUTUMN

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complicating factors that can alter foliage vibrancy, including weather going back to the previous year and beyond. He said that last year’s season was spectacular during a really dry year, while five years before that was equally striking, but during a very wet year.

Despite the uncertainties, Bennett said it will probably be another week or two before the region’s foliage reaches the 50% mark.

Further complicating things is the presence of disease in the region’s trees. Large numbers of maples had leaves shrivel up and turn brown, and in many cases have already fallen from the tree. Bennett explained that this is due to a common fungal disease called anthracnose that has proliferated in the canopy due to the unusually hot and humid summer.

While it will dampen the color by taking many of the brighter trees out of the picture, it is normally not harmful to the tree itself — the tree is simply shedding diseased leaves. Bennett said that leaves where the foliage is dense are the most affected as the fungus spreads by moisture. Well ventilated trees, such as those in clearings or more spacious forests, should remain free of the disease and produce their normal color.

Wake Robin Inn Innkeeper Michael Loftus upheld that these uncertainties and inconsistencies in the foliage season have caused any vestige of a foliage tourist season to largely disappear. “Is fall foliage even a ‘season’ anymore

for our parts,” he asked. He said the fall was still a great season for the Inn, but due to group bookings for weddings or parents weekend visits for the region’s boarding schools, not foliage tourism.

Susan Sweetapple, owner of the Falls Village Inn, agreed that it can be hard to parse out the leaf peeping crowd from other types of autumn visitors, like parents weekend trips or events at Lime Rock Park, which has a busy program this season.

Other innkeepers felt that foliage tourism is alive and well in the region. John Ciliberto, manager at the White Hart Inn, maintained that “fall foliage will always be a reason to come to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut.” He maintained that leaf peeping, alongside other autumn-themed events such as Salisbury’s Fall Festival and Handmade Fair, causes a noticeable uptick in traffic from mid-September through the end of October.

Innkeeper Kevin Bosquet, who has been at the Interlaken Inn for 41 years, agreed that the region “absolutely” still has a foliage season. The season is enchanting, he said, especially for visitors from the cities who don’t have the same access to trees at home — “it takes everyone back to their childhood,” he said.

As for residents, the season is certainly here, and the trees show it. Bennett is confident that this year won’t disappoint for those who are willing to look for the beauty: “We always have a good fall,” he said, “it’ll be good.”

AI

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vis, Director of AI Strategy at EdAdvance.

Jonathan Costa, Executive Director at EdAdvance, moderated.

“AI is suddenly everywhere,” Costa began. “ChatGPT is the tip of the iceberg.”

Costa described generative AI as “giant synthesizing machines” that “crawl” through enormous amounts of data.

“It takes your prompt and is really good at predicting what you want to see.”

Costa said the advent of AI is “the final curtain for rote learning.” AI will reduce the time it takes to complete a task, combined with a “higher order of engagement.”

And AI works at incredible speeds.

“My fear is that schools won’t change fast enough.”

“The implications are endless,” Costa said, with “great benefits” and “dark corners.”

He asked the panelists how AI is being used in their schools. Salisbury School’s Mulrooney said she first heard “rumblings” about ChatGPT in November of 2022, and the immediate concern was cheating or plagiarism.

“We spent some time on prevention,” she said, and then moved into finding more about AI and how it was being used elsewhere.

For the 2023-24 school year, the attitude was one of “curiosity and discernment.”

In the current school year, Mulrooney asked teachers for their opinions and was immediately met with resistance. “I don’t touch it, and I don’t let my students touch it” were the first responses.”

Davis, from The Hotchkiss School, said he started hearing about AI during the winter holiday break in 2022.

Hotchkiss has not banned AI. Davis said the emphasis has been one of exploration.

He noted one immediate consequence of the rise of AI.

“Evidence of learning changed overnight for the written word.”

“We’re trying to get people to use it to see what it can do,” he continued. “We’re still in that place.”

“It’s pretty exciting — and terrifying.”

Strever, from HVRHS, said, “I’m pretty sure it gave at least one English teacher a coronary” when the AI issue surfaced. “We have it as a brainstorming tool, an idea generator.”

The current attitude is that AI “is not the best thing, not the worst thing. We’re some-

effect immediately. Menjivar denied this request due to the question of jurisdiction.

Both parties, the Court and the Attorney General’s office were given three weeks to review the case. A follow-up hearing was set for Oct. 16 at Torrington Superior Court.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jonathan Costa (at left) moderated a Salisbury Forum panel on artificial intelligence Friday, Sept. 27. The panelists were (from left) Ian Strever, Richard Davis, Matt Mervis and Sarah Mulrooney.

where in the middle.”

Costa noted that New York City public schools tried a ban on the use of AI (since modified) and asked the educators if their schools have considered going that route.

Mulrooney said Salisbury School won’t ban AI, but will police it. “The onus is more on teachers on what the boundaries are.”

Davis said AI can be used by students to “bypass or enhance.”

“So it’s about clarity,” with teachers setting clear rules on AI use.

Strever agreed, and said that AI cannot replace passion.

“When a student is passionate about a topic, they will write reams about it.”

Costa said that many technologies act as “intensifiers,” and that AI will make good teachers better while alarming lazy teachers.

Mervis used the example of a regular newsletter put out by a teacher. Much of the work that goes into the newsletter is repetitive and time-consuming. A teacher using AI could get the tedious work done in a fraction of the time, and use that saved time “to do something useful.”

Costa asked how AI can be used in instruction. Mulrooney gave an example. In a unit involving debate, the class could let AI have the actual debate, and then, using their own critical thinking skills, “analyze the arguments and discourse.”

Davis, who teaches ancient Greek, said he typically spends a lot of time coming up with sentences and

paragraphs for his students to work on after they’ve exhausted the material in the textbook.

An initial attempt at using ChatGPT to come up with samples wasn’t successful, but a subsequent try with another program “worked pretty well.”

“It was the first time AI was a time-saver.”

Strever said he was interested to see how HVRHS photography students caught on to AI’s possibilities and began using it in production.

Costa asked the panel about their hopes and fears for AI.

“Neuralink,” said Strever, referring to Elon Musk’s neurotechnology company. “The possibility this ends up

embedded in your head is terrifying.”

Davis said AI’s potential for personalized learning is “super-exciting.”

On the downside, he said he worries about “the human element,” particularly gullibility and a propensity to take short cuts.

Mulrooney said she is worried about the pace of change, but she is seeing the utility of AI in real-life situations.

Mervis said making dire comparisons to dystopian science fiction works is “a way to avoid talking about bias, energy consumption” and other AI issues.

Ultimately, he hopes AI “will free up teachers to do something meaningful.”

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Fashion and fun mark a century of service

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Cornwall Woman's Society hosted its 100th anniversary celebration at Mohawk Mountain ski lodge.

"This celebration is to thank the people of Cornwall for their support and to celebrate the 100 years that the Woman's Society has contributed to Cornwall and to needs near and far," said Nancy Barr, co-chair of the Cornwall Woman's Society (CWS).

There was food and beverages, even several cakes with wonderful decorations proclaiming the 100th year, but the main part of the event was a fashion show. Cornwall residents modeled outfits that they purchased at the Woman's Society Rummage Sale, the annual CWS fundraiser held by each July.

The majority of the rummage sale proceeds go to support Cornwall's high school graduates

who plan to continue their education and the many important local organizations that serve education, health/nutrition, social services, and emergency needs.

The history of the society was highlighted by member Susan Hellmann who created a wonderful and informative history display. All guests were also handed a pamphlet containing the history of the society upon entering the ski lodge. The Woman's

Society of the First Congregational Church was formed in 1924 when 26 women from the First Congregational Church gathered at the Manse in West Cornwall to support missions and strengthen their community. They organized fundraisers like tea parties, fairs, and a 1932 "25-cent supper" for 140 people. Over the years, they expanded their efforts, helping with everything from Ellis Island clothing drives to local



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Tom Barret shows off some Rummage Sale finds.

church improvements.

In 1956, CWS member and reporter Bessie W. Blake wrote an article in The Lakeville Journal titled "A Big Light from a Small Candle," showcasing the incredible impact of this small group.

In 2006, the women separated from the church and became the Cornwall Woman's Society. Their famous Rummage Sale, which started in 1955, now funds over 20 local causes, scholarships, and holiday cheer. They still meet on the second Thursday of every

month at the UCC in Cornwall Village.

The fashion show was filled with hilarity, hoots and hollers of support, and some very funny antics. Said Cornwall Selectman Gordon Ridgway, in a short speech to present an award to the CWS, "The rummage sale takes recycling to new heights and even saves tax payer dollars." Ridgway highlighted the many programs that CWS supports and ended by saying, "Seeing value in what others throw away is a great New England trait."

LITERATURE: MIKE COBB

Haystack Festival returns to Norfolk

Now in its sixth year, the Haystack Book Festival brings together writers and thinkers in unmoderated conversation. Produced in conjunction with the Norfolk Foundation, whose mission is "to contribute to the vitality and sustainability of Norfolk, particularly in relation to the town's natural setting and multiple artistic and cultural attractions," the Haystack Book Festival takes place at the Norfolk Library. On Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. the festival will have an event for middle grade readers at The HUB featuring Sarah Maslin Nir.

"We're excited to be celebrating the sixth year of the festival. This year we have a great program discussing topics as wide ranging as ballet, interpreting the landscape, and looking at the horse as a treasured companion throughout history, along with other ideas

that will be discussed on our stage," says Michael Selleck co-director of the Haystack Book Festival.

On Friday, Oct. 4 the festival kicks off with Marina Harss, author of "The Boy from Kyiv: Alexei Ratmansky's Life in Ballet," speaking with Mindy Aloff, author of "Why Dance Matters," in a conversation called "Out of Steps" at 3:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. Gillian

Linden, granddaughter of Brendan Gill and author of "Negative Space: A Novel," leads the "Brendan Gill Lecture."

Linden's latest novel follows a week in the life of an English teacher at a New York private school. Linden received her MFA from Columbia University. She is a 2011 winner of the Henfield Prize for fiction. Her previous book — "Remember How I Told You I Love

You?" — is a collection of short stories. An open reception will follow at The Manor House on 69 Maple Ave.

On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m., best selling author Michael Korda, whose book "Muse of Fire: WWI as Seen Through the Lives of the Soldier Poets," speaks with Simon Winchester, author of "Knowing What We Know: The

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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Hudson Valley Gospel Festival thrives in year five

Arts Mid-Hudson presented the 5th annual Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 269 Mill Street in Poughkeepsie.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ was founded in 1837 as an anti-slavery church. It is a compassionate community with vibrant worship, and a deep-rooted commitment to social justice.

Audiences were treated to all varieties of gospel music. There was a procession into the church, a praise dance team who will

lead the audience in a participatory dance, and an opportunity for the audience to sing along.

The evening featured the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir directed by Dinesa Hansen and the Hudson Lily of the Valley Praise Dance Team led by Linda Molina. The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Reverend Evelyn Clarke of New Progressive Baptist Church in Kingston.

Also performing was the Southern Dutchess Coalition Mass Choir, which was established in 1990 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. by Reverend Barbara Baker, of Springfield Baptist



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Church in Beacon, New York. Sharlene Stout is the choir director.

In addition, The Ulster

County Mass Choir, a 25-member community choir, directed by Reverend Dennis Washington specializing in Gospel music, performed. Established in 1999, the choir started as the MLK Community Outreach Choir to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dennis Washington, who has directed the choir for 15 years, and shares these duties with Elder Albert Cook.

Folk Arts Program Manager Elinor Levy

The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival featured groups from across the region, including the Ulster County Mass Choir directed by Reverend Dennis Washington.

explained the festival's origins.

"The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival began in 2020 as a joint project of the community, Dutchess Tourism and Arts Mid-Hudson. For the last four years, it has been a community project and Arts Mid-Hudson project. For many years in the 1980's to the early 2000's there was an annual gospel concert in December," Levy stated. "The festival is produced by a committee of community members and myself with support of the Arts Mid-Hudson management and staff. Ray Watkins heads up the committee."

Arts Mid-Hudson is a nonprofit arts service

organization serving the Mid-Hudson region. Since 1964 their initiatives have engaged and promoted the arts benefiting artists, arts organizations, and communities. It also provides vision and leadership to support diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson region.

In addition, Arts Mid-Hudson researches the arts and traditions of the region's rich cultural, ethnic, religious, and occupational heritages. Through educational and public programs like Kakizome and La Guelaguetza, the Folk Arts Program works with communities to share traditions. The program is open to ideas and suggestions about how to assist in celebrating the heritage of different communities residing in the Hudson Valley.

For more information about Arts Mid-Hudson, find Arts Mid-Hudson on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, or sign up for the weekly E-newsletter at www.artsmidhudson.org, or call (845) 454-3222.

...Haystack

Transmission of Knowledge: From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Magic," in a talk called "A Conversation About Wisdom and Memory."

William Egginton, author of "The Rigor of Angels: Borges, Heisenberg, Kant, and the Ultimate Nature of Reality," and Samuel Moyn, author of "Liberalism Against Itself: Cold War Intellectuals and the Making of Our Times," will be in a conversation called "Institutions and Ideas" at 1 p.m.

At 3 p.m., "Reading the Landscape: How Trees Tell a Story" features Mike Zarfos, Executive Director of Great Mountain Forest, speaking with conservation biologist Noah Charney, author of "These Trees Tell a Story: The Art of Reading Landscapes."

"A Haystack Evening at the Art Barn" is a ticketed event Saturday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. that allows patrons the opportunity to mingle with authors and friends while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with live music. Tickets are available online at www.norfolkfoundation.net/book-talks

Sunday, Oct. 6, at 8 a.m., attendees can take a walk in Great Mountain Forest with Noah Charney and Mike Zarfos. Attendance is

limited to 20 people and registration is required. Location: TBA. Registrants will be notified.

Back at the Norfolk Library at 11 a.m., "Horses and Us: Treasured Companions and Engines of Power" is a conversation between David Chafetz, author of "Raiders, Rulers, and Traders: The Horse and the Rise of Empire," and Pulitzer Prize-nominated New York Times reporter Sarah Maslin Nir, the author of "Horse Crazy: The Story of a Woman and a World in Love with an Animal."

At 1:30 p.m., kids can meet Sarah Maslin Nir at The Norfolk HUB, where she will talk to young readers about her series "Once Upon a Horse." Nir will be giving out free copies of her latest novel in the series titled "The Star Horse."

Together with co-director Steve Melville, former publishing executive Selleck and their hardworking committees are involved with selecting authors and putting the program together to make the Haystack Book Festival rich and intellectually stimulating.

"It's about bringing great writers to Norfolk and exposing people to their work. We're trying to create great conversations at the festival," Selleck says.

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The Haystack Book Festival is supported with donations from friends, sponsors, and partners including the Norfolk Foundation. For more information, see their website: www.norfolkfoundation.net

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LIFESTYLE: ROBIN RORABACK

Second Pay Equity Summit draws in 18 organizations

The second Berkshire/Columbia Counties Pay Equity Summit took place at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on Castle Street in Great Barrington on Sept. 25.

The Pay Equity Project began in 2021. It grew from a leadership program facilitated by Multicultural BRIDGE (Berkshire Resources for Integration of Diverse Groups and Education) and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation provided support for it. It was inspired by the voices of the underpaid workers in an open letter to White American Theater, and the grass roots movements Change the Museum, and Change Berkshire Culture.

An anonymous worker commented “Even after ten years I have no retirement savings, and I’m still paying off college debt. I have no safety net, I’m sacrificing financial stability, along with my mental health. This is not sustainable.”

The Pay Equity Project is co-lead by Kristen van Ginhoven and Aron Goldman. “We work individually and collectively in the spirit of cultural humility and mutual learning,” van Ginhoven said. “Right now, we are focused on changing internal systems, becoming more transparent with our boards, staff and communities and reporting our efforts at pay equity summits.”

The coalition was formed with six members and has grown to eighteen and has become a movement. Some of the members are: Ancram Center for the Arts, Art Omi, Barrington Stage Company, Community Access to the Arts (CATA), Jacob’s Pillow, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, The Mount, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and Hancock Shaker Village.

According to the 2024 Summit summary: “Entry and mid-level arts and culture workers in this region struggle to put gas in their cars, find decent housing, access basic healthcare, feed their families and as a result, maintain their financial, physical and emotional wellbeing.” And more, “These challenges are more pronounced for people of color and other identity groups who have historically experienced oppression.”

In spite of workers’ struggles financially, arts and culture are important to the region’s economy, bringing in \$398 million annually and supplying 5,500 jobs in Berkshire County. These jobs include groundskeepers, administrators, and support staff, not just artists.

In 2023, the Berkshire/Columbia Counties Pay Equity Project made recommendations which the coalition is striving to put into practice. These included pay increases, more benefits including health insurance for part-time employees, and improvements in retirement plans.

Although not perfect, the coalition reported at the summit that there has been “a wide range of financial and non-financial improvements that are making a real difference.” Workers said in a new survey done this year, that although they “continue to feel their situation is unsustainable,” the changes have had “positive mental health consequences” and a “palpable effect on staff morale” in part due to knowing their employers are trying to improve things.

Employers reported, “improved morale leading to reduced turnover and a corresponding long-term cost reduction that can



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Members of the Berkshire/Columbia Counties Pay Equity Coalition held a summit on Sept. 25 at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Theater in Great Barrington.

offset new costs associated with pay equity initiatives.”

A question the Pay Equity project often gets is how the pay increases will be paid for. AJ Pietrantone, the deputy Director of Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival contributed “A lot of people assume pay equity will break the bank, but we are showing that it can be done using innovative practices from around the country, sharing strategies regionally, collectively working to expand funding and create

new systems and including entry and mid-level workers themselves in the process in meaningful ways.”

At the summit, the coalition announced it will continue to work on pay equity in their membership. The coalition also has plans to secure affordable housing for workers as well as transportation. They will continue to report changes they make “toward employer and collective systems change.” The coalition hopes to attract

new members and to include entry and mid-level workers as voices in the coalition. They plan a 2025 summit to report on progress.

“Our coalition works together, sharing strategies, inspiring each other, holding each other accountable to a bold pay equity agenda,” Mahaiwe Executive Director Janis Martison. “It is challenging work, but it has all been rewarding as we begin to see meaningful change happening for entry and mid-level em-

ployees.”

Recent changes in Massachusetts may have been spurred by the coalition. On July 31, the Massachusetts legislature “passed a pay transparency bill requiring all employers with more than 25 employees to include salary bands and compensation on job announcements.” On Aug. 6, the Governor signed the Massachusetts affordable homes act. It gave five million dollars toward “seasonal supportive housing for the non-profit creative community in Berkshire County.” And on Sept. 20, days before the summit, the creation of the Cultural Economy Advisory Council was announced. It will explore “policies that support artists and cultural organizations.”

The summit concluded, “Pay equity is intrinsically valuable. But it also leads to organization effectiveness, artistic expression that inspires, and a vital creative economy.”

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 4

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St. Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Oct. 4 at noon at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature Contralto Allison Gish, singing a varied program spanning the 18th century to the present. David Baranowski will accompany on piano. Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

Night Market

Canaan Union Station, North Canaan, Conn.

From 6 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 4, the first ever Night Market will come to Canaan Union Station. Vendors, live music, food trucks and more will fill the plaza for an evening of festive fun.

Indigenous People of the Northwest Corner

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

Join Paul Wegner, the Assistant Director and Archaeologist at the Institute for American Indian Studies as he discusses the deep history of Indigenous peoples of Northwestern Connecticut. Paul will

discuss the history and archaeology of the last 12,000 years of Native occupation in this area. Additionally, Paul will also bring items from the Institute's vast collection of objects for participants to take a closer look at during the discussion.

The event is on Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 5

Crescendo Concerts

Trinity Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn. Saint James Place, 352 Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass.

Crescendo will present the second concert of its 21st season — "Nature in Vivaldi's Sounds" — featuring Edson Scheid, Rodrigo Tarraza, Carlos Boltes, Scott Hill, and Gonzalo Cortés, and Crescendo's Period Instrument Orchestra, with the addition of Andean instruments. Below and attached please find the full press release and images. The concerts will take place on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Trinity Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn., and on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024 at 4 p.m. at Saint James Place, 352 Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets are available online at www.crescendomusic.org, or on a first come, first served basis at the door, 45 minutes prior to the concert.

Holley Knife Exhibit

Academy Building, 24 Main St. Salisbury, Conn.

The Holley Manufacturing Company, located on Holley Street in Lakeville, was one of the early producers of pocketknives in the country at a time when everyone needed and carried one. A display featuring the craftsmanship of the company, hosted the Salisbury Association's Historical Society, will open on Saturday, Oct. 5 with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Prior to the reception, the Scoville Memorial Library will present "Holley Knife History and Fun with Knives" at 3 p.m.

Art Exhibit

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

A new exhibition by Shaari Horowitz collects work from across the spectrum of the artist's creative adventures including paintings, monoprints, travel tins, jewelry, and wood vessels. A reception for the artist will take place at the library on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Last week's Word

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Word of the Week

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

- Evidence for a trial
- Series of connected railcars
- Salty pickling liquid
- To squeeze the water out
- Hard work

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

Live Music

12 Moons Coffee House, Center on Main, 103 Main St. Falls Village, Conn.

Live performance at Twelve Moons Coffee House Doors returns Saturday, Oct. 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic performances beginning at 6:30 pm. Featured artists Carol Leven & Nick Moran go on from 8 to 9 p.m with a range of jazz standards, bossa novas, and pop tunes.

OCTOBER 6

Sunday Morning Meditation with Kathy Voldstad

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

Join Kathy Voldstad on Sunday, October 6, 9 to 10 AM, for a calm, centering Sunday Morning Meditation in our peaceful Reading Room. This session is in a hybrid format, meeting in-person and online simultaneously.

OCTOBER 8

Knitting with Expert Bruce Weinstein

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., come learn the woven rib stitch at this advanced knitting workshop with local expert Bruce Weinstein. Registration is required.

OCTOBER 11

Friends of the Scoville Library GIANT Book Sale

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

During Fall Festival, the library's lower level is transformed into a giant used-book emporium. Choose from a vast selection of books and help support the Scoville Library and its free programs. Sale dates are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free entry except for early-buying hour (Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.).

OCTOBER 12

Launch! Salisbury Reads North Woods

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

Join us on Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the launch of our first-ever community read: SALISBURY READS NORTH WOODS, presented by the Scoville Library in partnership with the Salisbury Association. Enjoy free Fall Festival entertainment on the lawn, free apples, special surprises, and, starting at 11 a.m., a giveaway of 50 free copies of North Woods, courtesy of the Salisbury Association.

OCTOBER 13

Brew-Ski Fest

Ski Jumps at Satre Hill, Salisbury, Conn.

The 15th Annual Brew-Ski Fest returns to the Salisbury Ski Jumps Sunday, Oct. 13 with music, pumpkins, cornstalks and nearly 40 craft breweries offering visitors well over 200 examples of their best brews. Tickets for Brew-Ski Fest are \$30 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. Advance tickets are available online at jumpfest.org and at Staseline Wine and Spirits in Canaan.

Author Talk

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

Hotchkiss Library's "Sundays at 4" series resumes Oct. 13 with novelist Adelle Waldman reading from "Help Wanted." This humane and darkly comic workplace caper, set in a big box store in the Hudson Valley, shines a light on the odds low-wage workers are up against in today's economy. Register at hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/12962532

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Separate with an instrument
- State clearly
- One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- Broad in scope
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Caps
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Checked
- One-sided
- Having an extreme greed for wealth
- Potted plants
- We all have one
- Lake north of the Kalahari
- Unidentified flying object
- Aging persons
- Small amount
- Mother of Perseus
- Ornamental waist box
- Officials
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Extensive, treeless plains
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Consumer advocate Ralph
- Notable Spanish sports club
- Body part
- One's responsiveness
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught
- Muslim ruler title
- Unhappy
- Gradually disappeared
- Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- Brushed
- Water sprite
- Ones to look up to
- Monetary units
- We all have one
- Marine invertebrate
- One who institutes a legal proceeding
- Outer
- Parallelograms

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- Capital of Ukraine
- A citizen of Denmark
- Eighth month (abbr.)
- Hindu queens
- Acids structurally related to amino acids
- Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
- Wet dirt
- Russian city
- Observed
- Irate
- Travelers need them
- Musical composition
- Auction
- Form of "to be"
- Women
- Inspire with love
- Think Japanese ankle sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- The lead dancer: __ ballerina
- Protein involved in motion
- Rosalind Franklin biographer
- Popular 1920s style art __
- Blyton, children's author
- Abnormal breathing
- A place to rest

Sept. 26 Solution

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Sept. 26 Solution

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Sports

Torrington defeats GNH 28-25

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — In a rivalry game that came down to the final minutes, the Torrington Raiders won 28-25 against the Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic Yellowjackets Friday, Sept. 28.

Torrington's wildcat offense produced break-out runs and established an 18-point lead going into the fourth quarter. GNH battled back with two touchdowns, a two-point conversion and an onside kick recovery in the final minutes.

Torrington's defense held on for the win to remain undefeated in 2024. The Raider victory marked Torrington's first win over GNH since the 12-town co-op formed in 2021.

More than 1,000 fans were in attendance at Van Why Field in Winsted for the Friday night game between these two regional



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Owen Riemer caught a 35-yard TD pass Sept. 28.

rivals. It was "Neon Night" in the student section, and gas-powered lights hummed on the field for a rare GNH night game.

Offense prevailed early on with both sides scoring in the first quarter and second quarters. Mason Sobol ran in the first score for GNH and then Esten "Mr. Perfect" Ryan kicked a field goal in the second quarter.

Torrington found success with its shotgun split back formations and convinc-

ing run fakes. The Raiders rushed in three touchdowns in the first half to take a 21-10 lead at the break.

The margin grew to 28-10 by the start of the fourth quarter. GNH came alive in the final 15 minutes.

Mason Sobol scored his second touchdown of the game with 9:40 remaining in the game. The Yellowjacket defense forced a punt on the next drive.

QB Ty Devita then connected with WR Owen

Riemer for a 35-yard touchdown pass. GNH converted for 2-points and brought the score to 28-25 with 3:37 left.

On the kickoff, Tyler Roberts recovered an onside kick to give GNH the ball at midfield. Torrington's defense held strong with a sack, a tackle-for-loss and two successful pass coverages to secure a turnover-on-downs.

The Raiders advanced to 3-0 with the victory in Winsted, while GNH moved to 0-3. Torrington totaled 239 rushing yards and 80 passing yards in the game.

GNH was led offensively by Owen Riemer with 74 rushing yards, 59 reception yards and a touchdown. Mason Sobol scored two touchdowns on 29 rushing yards. WB Ty Devita rushed for 47 yards and threw for 63 yards.

The Yellowjackets will host Woodland Regional High School on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at HVRHS.



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Kent School lost 3-0 to Berkshire School Sept. 25.

Berkshire beats Kent

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Students from Berkshire School in Sheffield, Massachusetts, traveled to Kent on Wednesday, Sept. 25, for a much anticipated boys soccer game.

Both teams boasted winning records for the 2024 season: Kent with a 3-0-1, and Berkshire with a 4-0. In their four games Berkshire has only allowed two goals. With these notable records, this promised to be a hard fought and critical game for both teams.

From the first whistle, the pace was aggressive and fast with both teams mounting

attacks. Berkshire, however, was showing better ball control, and accurate passing, and keeping the ball in Kent's half of the field. This resulted in them scoring the first goal 20 minutes into the first half, and another 10 minutes later. In the second half Kent continued with full effort with Forward Noah Fitzsimmons often penetrating Berkshire's defense.

Kent's goalkeeper, Christophe Kent, had his position under constant attack and Berkshire scored again early in the second half.

Berkshire School secured a 3-0 victory over Kent School Sept. 25.

Lime Rock Park hosts Highland Games

By Lans Christensen

LIME ROCK — The Litchfield Hills Highland Games were held at Lime Rock Park Sunday, Sept. 29. A gray and misty day did not deter a big crowd of visitors, all lovers of a world of things Scottish.

Vendors and food trucks, including Cameron's British Foods, and the Litchfield Distillery, had all the proper offerings. The main attraction for viewing was the

heavy event athletics; both men and women competing in these strenuous events: throwing the haggis, heavy weight for distance throw, and, of course, the Caber Toss. It was a rare and special opportunity to see these uniquely Scottish events being competed.

With all the games and attractions ongoing, there was one very special and hugely popular guest: Charley the Scottish Highlander, who came to visit from Elk Ravine

Farm in Amenia, New York. Charley (a cow) was greeted, petted, and loved by all. He enjoyed every minute and also paid a very calm visit to the bagpipe bands.

Kilts and appropriate attire were the outfits for the day, both for visitors and hosts. A row of tents devoted to various clans; Donald, Maclean, Gordon and others, gave guests a chance to get close to the stories and histories of Scottish friends and relatives.



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