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

Soaring land prices threaten Connecticut's agriculture industry

By Taylor Plett

Last month, the USDA's 2024 Land Values Summary reported that Connecticut has the third most expensive farm real estate in the country (tied with Massachusetts at \$14,300 per acre) at two times the northeast average for dollars per acre.

To Chelsea Gazillo, the senior New England policy manager for American Farmland Trust, these numbers reflect a "farmland access and succession crisis" that has impacted the state for "the last 15 years at least."

While the value of farm real estate is on the rise across the U.S., up 5% from 2023, the trendline is particularly steep in Connecticut. In Litchfield County alone, the average estimated market value of farm land and buildings rose 28% between 2017 and 2022 according to a study by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"Connecticut is a densely populated state and farmland is in high demand from both farmers and non-farmers," said Rebecca Eddy, director of communications at the

Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOA), citing the competing pressures of investors and developers.

Farmland values are also reflective of broader trends in the real estate market.

"We're still seeing ripple effects from the pandemic," said Gazillo, noting that western Connecticut became an especially desirable region for buyers looking to leave nearby metropolitan areas during lockdowns.

As high demand inflates prices and increases development pressure, Connecticut is losing farmland at a striking rate.

American Farmland Trust ranked Connecticut among the top states in the country for farmland conversion to residential and urban uses; Litchfield County alone experienced a 10.5% loss in total cropland between 2017 and 2022.

Meanwhile, U.S. farmers are getting older. In 2022, there were four times more U.S. farmers over the age of 65 than under 35.

"In the next 20 years or so,

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PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Brian Ross, board member of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News presents Elyse Harney and the Harney family with the inaugural Estabrook Community Leadership Award Oct. 6. For more photos, turn to page B5.

Harneys receive Estabrook Community Leadership Award

By Riley Klein

SALISBURY — The inaugural Estabrook Community Leadership Award was presented to the Harney family by The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News on Oct. 6.

The Harneys earned the award for their tireless commitment to improving and serving the community. The award, named for the long-standing Lakeville Journal owners Robert and Mary Lou Estabrook, was created to recognize individuals who embody the community spirit and leadership in the same way the Estabrooks did.

"We are thrilled to present this

award for the first time to the Harney family. A family that has given so much to our local community," said James Clark, CEO and Publisher, at the Jubilee Luncheon.

Board member, Brian Ross, presented the honor to the family and Elyse Harney addressed the crowd of more than 200 people at the Town Grove lawn overlooking Lake Wononscopomuc.

Harney spoke of the dedicated volunteers and organizations that keep the community alive such as the Jane Lloyd Fund, the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Salisbury Winter Sports Association and local emergency responders. John Har-

ney Sr. was a founding member of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, which today is one of the few all-volunteer corps left in the state.

Harney urged the audience, "From the bottom of my heart I would ask you to join this wonderful family of volunteers that made this community such a blessed oasis in this very turbulent world. Keep Salisbury a strong, caring community."

Applause carried over the lake as leaves rustled and cascaded through the air. Guests then enjoyed Harney

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Sharon apple tree in contention for state title

By Alec Linden

SHARON — A common apple tree (*Malus pumila*) found on the Sharon Land Trust's Hamlin Preserve may be a state champion, according to measurements done on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

A small group assembled under the sprawling tree early in the afternoon, consisting of representatives from the Sharon Land Trust (SLT), foresters from the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, and local conservationist and noted photographer of trees Tom Zetterstrom. Zetterstrom identified the tree as a potential champion "about two months ago," he said, and today the entourage gathered to take measurements to send to the Connecticut Notable Trees Committee at the Connecticut College Arboretum for official review.

The Connecticut Notable Trees Project was founded in 1985, working to catalogue and distribute information surrounding the state's "largest and most historic trees,"



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Berry and Bronson measure the apple tree's circumference.

per the group's website. To be a state champion, a tree must accrue the most points on a scale that adds together the tree's circumference measured 4.5 feet above ground, its height, and the spread of its canopy. Detailed measurement requirements can be found on the Project's website, alongside a full list of the state's current champions.

Mike Berry, forest manager at

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Affordable housing advocates celebrate wins, share challenges

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Housing affordability is a daunting challenge throughout the Northwest Corner, but a coordinated, regional response is reportedly making strides, one new housing unit at a time.

The past year's success stories were front and center during the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity's (LCCHO) Annual Housing Affordability Summit held on Sept. 20 at the Salisbury Town Grove Community Center.

Guests included state Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno, members of local housing nonprofits, area legislators, first selectmen, town housing committees and others passionate about create housing opportunities for those who live and work in the

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A team of stakeholders cut the ribbon on 10 new affordable housing units in Salisbury, From left, Peter Halle, president of the Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc.; Jocelyn Ayer, vice-president, SHC; U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.); State Representative Maria Horn (D-64); Marcus Smith, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority; Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Housing; T.J. Magnoli, Community Relations, Eversource; and Curtis Rand, Salisbury First Selectman.



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Online This Week

North Canaan eyes road improvements

The Board of Selectmen discussed paving plans at a meeting Oct. 7. 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.

Narcotics trafficking surveillance yields arrest

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Shaun Watson, 37, of Wassaic, NY was found at the North Canaan Shell gas station and placed into custody on a warrant arrest. Members of Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Taskforce were conducting surveillance in North Canaan to locate an individual wanted in Massachusetts and believed to be involved in narcotics trafficking. Watson was found and charged for two counts of possible intent to sell/dispense narcotics, one count of criminal impersonation and one count of interfering with an officer. Watson was transported to Troop B and held on \$75,000 bond. Watson was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Oct. 2.

Disorderly conduct arrest

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, Troopers responded to a report of an active disturbance at approximately 1 a.m. on

Railroad St. in North Canaan. On the scene, police identified Rhiannon McDermott, 38, of Stockbridge, MA as a primary aggressor and took her into custody under Connecticut Gen. Statute 53a-182 disorderly conduct. McDermott was issued a \$5,000 bond and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court later that morning.

Church break in

On Friday, Oct. 4, Troopers responded to the North Canaan Congregational Church to the report of a manic individual in the church. Upon investigation it was determined that Robert Meach, 40, of North Canaan had entered into the closed church through an unsecured window. Meach was detained and taken into custody without incident. He was released on \$5,000 bond and assigned an Oct. 17 appearance at 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

Household hazardous waste

Regional drop off day Oct. 19

HARWINTON — Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 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.

2024 election information

Registrars of Voters have announced upcoming important dates for the 2024 election:

Registrar offices will be open for in-person registration Friday, Oct. 18: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Connecticut residents will be able to vote early, in person at their local voting location, between Oct. 21 & Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with expanded hours Oct. 28 & 30, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polls will be open on Election Day, Nov. 5, from 6 a.m.

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.

Improper disposal of these products, which includes pouring them down the drain or putting them in household trash, poses health risks to the community and may pollute the environment. In a press release for the event, the Northwest Hills Council of Governments Executive Director Robert Philips described participating in the event as "a win-win for the residents and the environment."

The event is being sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the participating towns. More information may be found at the NHCOG website or at a participating town hall.

to 8 p.m.

Curbside voting is available whenever the polls are open.

During the early voting period as well as on Election Day, citizens that are not yet registered will have the opportunity to register to vote, and cast their ballot on the same day, at their appropriate poll.

For more information or to check to make sure your registration is active if you have concerns, please contact your local registrar's office.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The UConn Woodsmen team saw a log at People's State Forest's 100th birthday party.

State forest throws centennial bash

By Patrick L. Sullivan

BARKHAMSTED — The People's State Forest in Barkhamsted turned 100 this month, and on Sunday, Oct. 6 Matthias Grove was busy with exhibitions and demonstrations.

Owen Lorenzo of Hickory Hollow Working Steers in Belchertown, Massachusetts maneuvered two oxen in place while his father Chris got a big log up on a sled, ready to be pulled 75 yards or so to a portable sawmill, where a team from the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources awaited.

Elsewhere Jody Bronson and Vicki Nelson from

Great Mountain Forest chatted with visitors. Bronson demonstrated how to make an axe handle.

The UConn Woodsmen did various woody things with crosscut saws, chain saws and peaveys.

John Ferrantino from the Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited chapter was on hand and ready to talk fly-fishing, and members of the Barkhamsted Historical society were highly informative, especially when asked why it's called the "People's" state forest.

The answer: Because while some of the 3,059 acres were donated, much of it was purchased with donations from ordinary citizens, thus the moniker.

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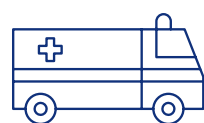
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Our Towns

Norfolk home sale prices down compared to pandemic period

By Christine Bates

NORFOLK — The Town of Norfolk's real estate market was active this summer for a town of only 1,600 people with eight recorded transfers in July and August. The median price for a single family residence on a rolling twelve month basis was \$373,250 in August; not as high as the \$409,000 reached during the pandemic in 2022 or the real estate bubble in 2007 when the median price reached \$497,500.

On Oct. 1 there were four single family homes listed for sale. Two at around \$500,000 and two estates at \$4.995 million and \$9.75 million, respectively, which have been on the market for more than three months. There was no vacant land sold during the summer and there are four such parcels available across a range of prices and acreage from \$135,000 to \$4.75 million.

Recorded property transfers in July and August

32 Maple Ave. — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 0.6 acres in the center of Norfolk sold by Aaron B. Wexler and Lisa R. Hamilton to Katherine B. Rohrbach for \$415,000.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The house at 32 Maple Ave. is centrally located in Norfolk in easy walking distance to the Town Hall, the Library and the historic district. With three bedrooms and 2 baths it was sold for \$415,000.

245 Winchester Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath cape on 2.1 acres sold by Morgen L. Fleisig and Margaret A. Lavender to Marta Lingenheld and Maxwell McLean for \$340,000.

24 Hillside St. — 4 bedroom/1.5 bath ranch on 0.33 acres sold by Christal Preszler to Diana Jennifer Beck for \$288,500.

20 Emerson St. — 3 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1900 sold by Geoffrey L.

Rogers and May R. Joseph to Eliza Anastazia Hazel Little Trustee for \$255,000.

279-281 North St. — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house built in 2007 on 2.5 acres sold by Martin G. and Catherine Briggs Johnson for \$1.06 million.

853 Litchfield Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold by Barbara R. Whitford to Kevin and Patricia Whitford for \$162,500.

22 Old Goshen Road — 4 bedroom/1.5 bath home on two acres sold by Estate of Richard Buyak to Louis S.

Deutsch for \$301,000.

49 Laurel Way — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 2.8 acres sold by James Mars LLC to George Sumner and Sheila Dawn Case for \$600,000.

* Town of Norfolk real estate sales recorded as sold between July 1, 2024, and Aug. 31, 2024 provided by Town of Norfolk, 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.

Support hurricane victims through North Canaan drive

NORTH CANAAN — First Selectman Brian Ohler announced Oct. 7 an emergency relief drive will be held at the North Canaan Town Hall, 100 Pease Street, North Canaan, on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This drive-through event will take place in the main Town Hall parking lot. Various stations will be set up in an oval shape, so that drivers can safely pull over to unload their donated items. Items will be placed into a large box truck and trailer at the end of the event. Once secure, the truck and trailer will head down to an authorized receiving area located northwest of Asheville, North Carolina.

Town Hall encourages

residents to consider donating the following items; toiletries/hygiene/first aid items; bottled water (packaged cases); non-perishable food (pop-top preferred); plastic utensils; manual can openers; new socks/underwear/shirts; bug spray/sunscreen; baby Formula/diapers/bottles; cleaning/sanitation supplies; garbage bags (heavy duty); blankets/bedding; pet food/supplies; batteries (all sizes).

Volunteers may sign up to assist during the relief drive. No fuel, hazardous chemicals, or propane. For more information or to volunteer, please contact North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler at (860) 307-1135 or selectman@northcanaan.org.

Submissions welcome for Audubon's Pumpkin Trail

The Sharon Audubon Center will once again be hosting a community Pumpkin Trail on the Center grounds Friday, Oct. 18 through Oct. 31.

Everyone is welcome to submit a pumpkin for the Pumpkin Trail and all children (12 and under) will receive a small thank you gift for entering. Carved pumpkins are preferred, but can also be decorated. No inappropriate, political, or gory

entries will be permitted. The walking trail will be open from sunrise to sunset for the public to come enjoy the spooky decorations.

A special night time viewing event, "Light the Night," will kick off the opening of the trail on Friday, Oct. 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. (rain date October 19.) Admission for this event is \$15 per carload.

The Sharon Audubon Center is at 325 Cornwell Bridge Road in Sharon.

Residents contribute to new ten-year plan

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Affordable housing and traffic concerns dominated the discussion at the Monday, Sept. 30 public engagement meeting held by Salisbury P&Z on the development of a new ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

The town is state-mandated to update its POCD every decade. The previous iteration of the plan dates to 2012; the two year delay in adopting the new update is due to pandemic-related setbacks.

The POCD, as per the town website, "assesses and inventories the status of: affordable housing, villages, comprehensive planning and governance, infrastructure, agriculture, and natural resources." P&Z chair Michael Klemens was careful to emphasize several times throughout the course of the meeting that "the language of the POCD is not directive," but rather a "catalog of ideas and concepts."

The draft of the POCD upon which the meeting was based is available on the town's website, www.salisburyct.us.

Klemens said that P&Z's goal with the public engagement meeting was to "get ideas out earlier" and avoid a controversial public hearing "in the 11th hour."

Throughout the 90-minute public comment period, residents voiced concerns on an array of topics, many of which focused on affordable housing.

Residents expressed worry about the impact affordable housing developments and other infrastructure projects may have on the town. They urged caution of overdeveloping Salisbury, and requested the commission consider the "special character of the town."

"Planning and Zoning is not here to stop change," Klemens replied. "It's here

to manage change." He also emphasized that they cannot legally use the word "character" because it has historically been used towards exclusionary purposes.

Other residents were concerned that the POCD draft relied too heavily on recent studies performed by Colliers Engineering and Design on the Salisbury and Lakeville village centers and the town's open space and recreation.

Klemens noted the residents' concern, but quickly emphasized that it was only one document of many that informed this update to the POCD, alongside the 2012 POCD, the Town of Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan, the Salisbury Connecticut Natural Resources Inventory, and the Salisbury Community Survey.

Commission member Allen Cockerline told the assembly that "The [Colliers] report is advisory, and we use it to the town's benefit." The commission agreed that the language in the final POCD should be clear on this.

Written comments were solicited by P&Z prior to the meeting, and then P&Z fielded comments from the public both from a live audience and through zoom. P&Z said these comments — both written and those asked at the meeting — will be taken as recommendations as they finalize a draft to submit for a 65-day review period by Oct. 10.

The Salisbury Board of Selectmen and Northwest Hills Council of Governments will then review the document. After the review period, a public hearing for adoption will be held.

P&Z anticipates the public hearing will take place in mid-December, and emphasized that approving the document in 2024 is crucial to ensure discretionary state funding.



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Guests at the opening reception of Salisbury Association's new Holley Manufacturing Co. exhibit gather at the knife case that was made for the nation's centennial in 1876.

Origins of Holley Co. on display at Academy Building

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The startling item that came out of Theodore Rudd O'Neill's talk about the knives made in Lakeville by the Holley Manufacturing Company came from Bob Loucks of Sharon.

During the question-and-answer period, Loucks volunteered that not only is he a collector of Holley knives, he owns between 1,600 and 1,700 of them.

O'Neill spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday, Oct. 5, an hour ahead of the opening of the new exhibit on Holley knives at the Salisbury Association's Academy Building.

O'Neill is a direct descendant of Alexander Holley, who established the precursor company in 1844 in Lakeville and Holley Manufacturing in 1854.

O'Neill explained that the iron industry was winding down in northwest Connecticut, and Holley was looking for a new enterprise. "It's likely he bought parts of the Waterville Knife Company," O'Neill said, and moved the operation (and

some of the employees) to Lakeville.

Total sales never exceeded \$50,000 between 1844 and 1925, O'Neill said, and the business was closed in 1933.

Loucks piped up during the Q and A, holding what he said was referred to as a "hobo knife," a combination knife/fork/spoon device.

Loucks said these knives were included in Red Cross Christmas packages sent to American soldiers serving in World War I.

"I wonder how many of these knives are in the bottoms of the trenches?"

Loucks said he got his first Holley knife at age 10.

"I'm 81 now and I have between 1,600 and 1,700 Holley knives."

Later on, at the Academy Building, a group of men, knife enthusiasts of the same general vintage as Loucks, crowded around the restored knife display.

A Salisbury Association reprint of the 1915 Holley knife catalog was available for the curious. It includes several multitool knives but not the knife/fork/spoon combination.

Kent Cannabis Committee holds initial meeting

By Alec Linden

KENT — The first meeting of the Cannabis Regulation Subcommittee within the Planning and Zoning Commission met the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 3 to elect a chair and lay the groundwork for future Subcommittee efforts.

P&Z member Sarah Chase was promptly elected to head the group, after which she gave a detailed report on the legality of cannabis in the state as well as a brief overview of the current science surrounding its psychoactive effects.

In the presentation, she outlined the complexities of regulating the plant, giv-

en that though it is legal for recreational and medicinal use, it remains an illicit drug at the federal level.

She mentioned, however, that the state's decision to legalize recreational use is motivated by its potential to bring in a "significant amount of tax dollars," as well as its capacity for catalyzing improvements in criminal justice reform and funding social equity programs.

The subcommittee discussed a proposed survey to be sent out to Kent residents to get a sense of locals' attitudes toward and knowledge of the plant. The idea for a town survey will be formally suggested at the Oct. 10 P&Z meeting.

Salisbury Rotary to celebrate 75th year anniversary

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Rotary Club is celebrating its 75th year anniversary with a gala Saturday, Oct. 26, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury.

Receptions and cocktails will be served starting at 5 p.m. in the Riga Room at Noble Horizons. A buffet dinner, accompanied by live music, will feature braised short ribs in a red wine demi, grilled salmon in a dill crème fraiche and penne ala vodka. The event is complimentary but donations are

appreciated and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Registration is required to attend as there is limited seating available.

Please call Randy Chapell at (860) 308-4393 to reserve your seat.

Corrections

We correct errors in news stories when they are brought to our attention in a timely manner.

History walk highlights Falls Village's storied past

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A Housatonic Heritage walk hosted by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society took visitors to obscure corners of Falls Village.

About 25 people signed up and gathered at the society's headquarters at the Depot at 1 p.m. on a sunny Saturday, Oct. 5.

Judy Jacobs and Bill Beebe were the tour guides.

Jacobs wasted no time imparting historical knowledge. As the group set off along Railroad Street, she said the Depot was built sometime between 1842-44 for the then-new railroad.

Pausing by one house, Jacobs said it was originally built by the railroad, had a murder in its history and, according to the scuttlebutt, is haunted.

Nearby, Richard Berzine was waiting for the group outside his 1874 Victorian home.

The affable and garrulous Berzine invited the group to look at the Victorian garden designed by his late wife.

He then led the group along a brick path toward Prospect Street. The casual observer driving by would probably not spot this path.

The group made its way along Prospect and Miner Streets, admiring the architecture and getting the history of the house.

The tour spent some time examining the largest cotton-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Judy Jacobs and Bill Beebe led the Housatonic Heritage Walk group through Falls Village Oct. 5 for a historical tour of town.

wood tree in Connecticut, on Beebe Hill Road. The tree with its massive base has been significantly pruned in the upper reaches. Christian Allyn of North Canaan, who knows these things, said if the Falls Village tree ever fails there are a couple of candidates in his town to take over the biggest cottonwood title.

Bill Beebe provided family history along his namesake road.

The tour saw from the street a home built in the 18th century that was the site of Revolutionary-era dances and sports a couple of bullet

holes in the old windows.

The group ambled down Beebe Hill to Main Street, with Jacobs and Beebe providing interesting morsels of information about the buildings, such as:

100 Main St., now the Bunny Williams furnishings store, was automotive legend John Fitch's shop.

And the former Toymakers Cafe site was the home of a thriving hardware and supplies enterprise.

Jacobs said she has heard stories of a spur line from the railroad running to the site for deliveries. She has not been able to confirm it, but if it did exist the cars were likely pulled by horses.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice November 5, 2024 State Election

The Electors of the Town of Salisbury are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places 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, and State Representative.

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" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "No" being a vote 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?

1. Deberenmendarse la Constitucion estatal para permitir que la Asamblea General permita a cada votante votar en ausencia?

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with Sec. §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the Town Clerk's Office for public 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 Polling Place: Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

During the 14-day early

voting period before said election, the hours and location of early voting will be as indicated below. Each early voting location will also offer Same-Day Registration (SDR).

Early Voting Day: Hours 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.

Early Voting / SDR Location Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068.

On Election Day, the hours and location of SDR will be as follows:

Election Day: Hours November 5, 2024: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SDR Location Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut, this 1st day of October, 2024.

Patricia H. Williams
Town Clerk
Town of Salisbury
10-10-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF EDWARD JOHN CULLEN Late of Sharon AKA EDWARD J. CULLEN (24-00361)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 24, 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:
Lois Petrone
c/o Rebecca S Mensch,
Van DeWater & Van DeWater, LLP, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-10-24

Cornwall town meeting set for Nov. 1 at CCS

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The annual town meeting date has been set for Nov. 1 in the Cornwall Consolidated School at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda includes four items to be voted on by residents: approval of the annual audit, approval of the five year capital plan, approval of the Conservation Commission's request to increase total members to nine (up from seven), and a resolution to change the tax assessor from an elected role to an appoint-

ed position.

A preliminary version of the five year capital plan was presented at a Board of Selectmen's meeting Oct. 1. The plan showed an increase of \$20,000 in next year's spending, up from \$750,000 to \$770,000 (the increase was to the "Storm Damage Repairs" line item).

The annual audit is yet to be finalized, but it is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Documents for the upcoming town meeting can be found at www.cornwallct.org

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Farnham

PINE PLAINS — Mary Ann Farnham, 80, of Pine Plains, passed away comfortably with her family by her side at home, on Sept. 25, 2024. She was born in Pleasant Valley, on Nov. 8, 1943, the daughter of John and Mildred (Thorpe) Gardner. Mary worked in banking and was a teller for many years. Starting out at Dutchess Bank on Main Street in Poughkeepsie and eventually making her way to Millerton. Where she worked for Rhinebeck Savings Bank before going to work at Trotta's in Millerton & Sharon prior to retiring. On July 22, 1962 at Pine Plains Presbyterian Church she married Webster Farnham. Together they settled just outside of town in Pulvers Corners and raised

their family. Mary enjoyed crocheting, knitting and gardening. She loved being home and enjoying their property.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband, Webster. Her two loving children, David (Anna) Farnham, of Texas and Kevin Farnham, of Torrington and her grandson, Preston Farnham, also of Texas.

In addition to her parents she was also predeceased by her siblings, Patty Smith, Thelma Lonsberry and Johnny Gardner.

Private services for family will be held in Otis Cemetery, in Massachusetts. To leave a message of condolence for Mary's family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

John Carl Gordon

FALLS VILLAGE — On the morning of Sept. 22, 2024, John Carl Gordon, (Jack) passed away. He is survived by his wife, Gretchen, his daughters, Kelley and Gillian, his sons, John, Seth and Ben. Jack is survived by his grandchildren, Miyah, Elijah, Mykah, Eliyahs, Jax, Shawn and Shane. Finally, he is also survived by his son-in-law Franklin and his daughter-in-law Nena, his youngest sister Sandra, and many nieces and nephews.



Jack and Gretchen met in Aug. 1972 and married on Dec. 9, 1972. Five beautiful children were born from their union of almost 52 years.

How do you sum up anyone's life? A few lines about his accomplishments doesn't begin to describe Jack's love for his family or how hard he worked. He was the love of my life and the rock that was always there for us. The person who helped me change diapers, held our children when they were sick and stood by all of us during the worst of times and the best of times. When most men want to retire Jack went back to school and got his CDL license and worked until he was 81 years old. The Covid pandemic is the only reason he stopped.

The loss of Jack has been devastating for all of us. The pain is unbearable. Until we meet again honey...I love you.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan, CT.

Amelia Rosalie Wright

FALLS VILLAGE — Amelia Rosalie (Betti) Wright, 91, of Falls Village, died Sept. 30, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Robert Kenneth Wright.

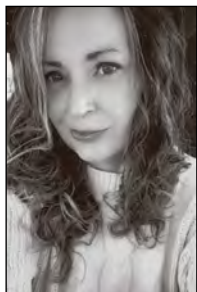
her grandchildren, Benjamin and Katie Osborn and Jacob Wright. Amelia is also survived by her great grandson, Gunner Osborn. Amelia was predeceased by her brother, Donald Betti.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, in the Mountain View Cemetery, Sand Road, North Canaan, CT. Calling hours were held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, North Canaan, CT 06018 on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Falls Village Volunteer Ambulance Association, 188 US-7 South, Falls Village, CT. 06031.

Melissa Near

MILLERTON — Melissa "Missy" Near, R.N., 49, a lifelong area resident, formerly Millerton and Pine Plains, most recently of Spencer, West Virginia, passed away, unexpectedly, on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at Charleston Area Medical Center in West Virginia following a brief illness. Missy had a long career with New York State where she worked as a Registered Nurse at Taconic DDSO on the Wassaic campus.



Born May 1, 1975, in Sharon, she was the daughter of Herbert W. McEathron of Millerton and the late Ida M. (Ferris) McEathron. Missy attended and graduated from Webutuck High School in Amenia, and attended college at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, and Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio. Missy held degrees in Criminal Justice and Nursing at the time of her passing. On July 31, 2010, in Millerton, she married the love of her life, Bruce Near. Bruce survives at their home in Spencer, West Virginia.

Missy was a long-time member of the CSEA and Public Employees Federation (PEF) while she was employed at Taconic DDSO. She was an avid gun collector and an enthusiastic hobby farmer. She enjoyed boating on the Hudson River with her husband, Bruce, for many years and liked camping as well. One of her favorite pastimes

was riding on Bruce's Harley Davidson motorcycle, where they spent many happy times together. She will be dearly missed by loving family and many close friends.

In addition to her husband, Bruce, and her father Herb, Missy is survived by her daughter, Bridget M. Butts of Binghamton, New York, and her son, Bradley W. Butts of Pine Plains; her sister, Winifred Pinczes of Stockholm Center, New York; her aunts, Lorraine Phillips and cousin Joseph Cawley of Millerton and Murial McEathron of Forest City, Pennsylvania; her uncle, Irving "Bob" Ferris of Millbrook; her dear friends, Michael Reynolds and Sara Hutchinson and several cousins and extended family members. She was predeceased by her brother Jozsef C. Pinczes in 2021.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York, 12546. A funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m. during visitation. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will take place at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains, New York at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the National MS Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090-1891. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

OUR TOWNS

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:

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 VNHLC 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

Thomas Edward Paviol

EAST CANAAN — Thomas Edward Paviol, 71, of 203 East Canaan Rd. died unexpectedly Friday October 4, 2024 at his home. Tom was born July 15, 1953 in North Canaan, son of the late Raymond and Dorothy "Dottie" (Taylor) Paviol.

Tom was an accomplished auto body craftsman. He was skilled in all phases of auto body restoration. From repair, priming, and painting Tom could do it all. After he left the auto body business Tom worked along-side his son-in-law as a caretaker of an estate in New York state. Tom enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson.

Tom is survived by his daughters: Amy Davis and her husband Matthias of Canaan; and Sarah McGivern of Wilmington, NC. Tom is also survived by his siblings:

Barbara Stratman and her husband Chip of East Canaan; Timothy Paviol and his wife of Linda of Falls Village; Marty Paviol of FL; Nancy Lepore of RI; and his grandchildren Mark Kline, Jessica Davis, Emily and Nick McGivern; and his beloved dog Scooby.

A Service of Remembrance will be held on Monday Oct. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. North Canaan, CT 06018. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery East Canaan, CT. Tuesday October 15th at 10 am. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be sent to the Kara Zinke Emergency Fund Canaan CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

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Worship Services

Week of October 13, 2024

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

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www.christchurchsharon.org

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www.stjohnssalisbury.org
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319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039
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9:15 a.m. Sunday School
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The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
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Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

The Sharon United Methodist Church
112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits
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No Sunday School in Summer
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-564-5634
sharonumc634@att.net

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EDITORIAL

By the community, for the community

When Robert and Mary Lou Estabrook purchased The Lakeville Journal in 1970 and The Millerton News in 1972, they set out to “publish the best newspaper of which [they] were capable.” They taught us that the role of the newspaper wasn’t just to report on the day-to-day, but to hold up a mirror, provide a record, and to help our community understand itself. But beyond that, Bob and Mary Lou took that sense of community responsibility and personally lived it.

This past weekend at the Jubilee Country Luncheon, we at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News presented the inaugural Estabrook Community Leadership Award to The Harney Family, a family that has given so much to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and Eastern Dutchess County in New York (see story and photos on pages A1 and B5). The award, named for Bob and Mary Lou Estabrook, recognizes an individual, family or organization for community leadership and the nurturing of community spirit.

The Harneys, too, embody that sense of responsibility. They are champions of local institutions, not just as employers and businesspeople, but as active and prominent supporters of a wide range of community organizations that provide essential services throughout the region.

This weekend, Elyse Harney reminded us to get involved. If you can give your time, money, or talents to a local organization working for a cause important to you, do it. If such an organization doesn’t exist, start it — and it doesn’t take much to begin.

The Jubilee was also an occasion to celebrate and support The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, now a nonprofit news organization. In an era when local news — news of your family, your friends, your neighbors, and your communities — is dwindling, we are grateful to be not only surviving but thriving. And that is only thanks to you ... our readers, our donors, and our advertisers.

Covering the goings-on of the region week-in and week-out is a duty we perform with great pride. After all, your community is our community.

Thank you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing our amazing community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County for their dedication and compassion during my late husband Marq Reynolds illness. What an amazing group of healthcare professionals and volunteers.

I’d also like to thank the Salisbury Rescue team who volunteered their time and skill to transport my husband to Sharon Hospital. They asked important questions regarding my husband’s condition so they could best serve his needs to ensure the transport went as smoothly

as possible.

Sharon Hospital, what would we do without this facility in our community?

Although my husband was only in hospital for 6 hours, the care and tenderness he received while there was absolutely beautiful and professional. He was safe, comfortable and pain free.

Please take the time to thank and financially support these extremely valuable entities in our community.

We are very, very blessed.

Barbara Reynolds
Lakeville

Recalling Hayes’ record

Would be writers are told, “Write what you know,” and the same could be said for teachers, “Teach what you know.” In 2016 when she was chosen Teacher of the Year for the entire United States of America what Jahana Hayes knew was education: schools, classrooms, students. She is of the generation of Connecticut residents who forever remember where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news of the Sandy Hook school shooting that killed 26 children and adults. She knew what went into raising successful students: it took a safe community and school resources to deal with a wide range of academic and non-academic issues: health, food, housing.

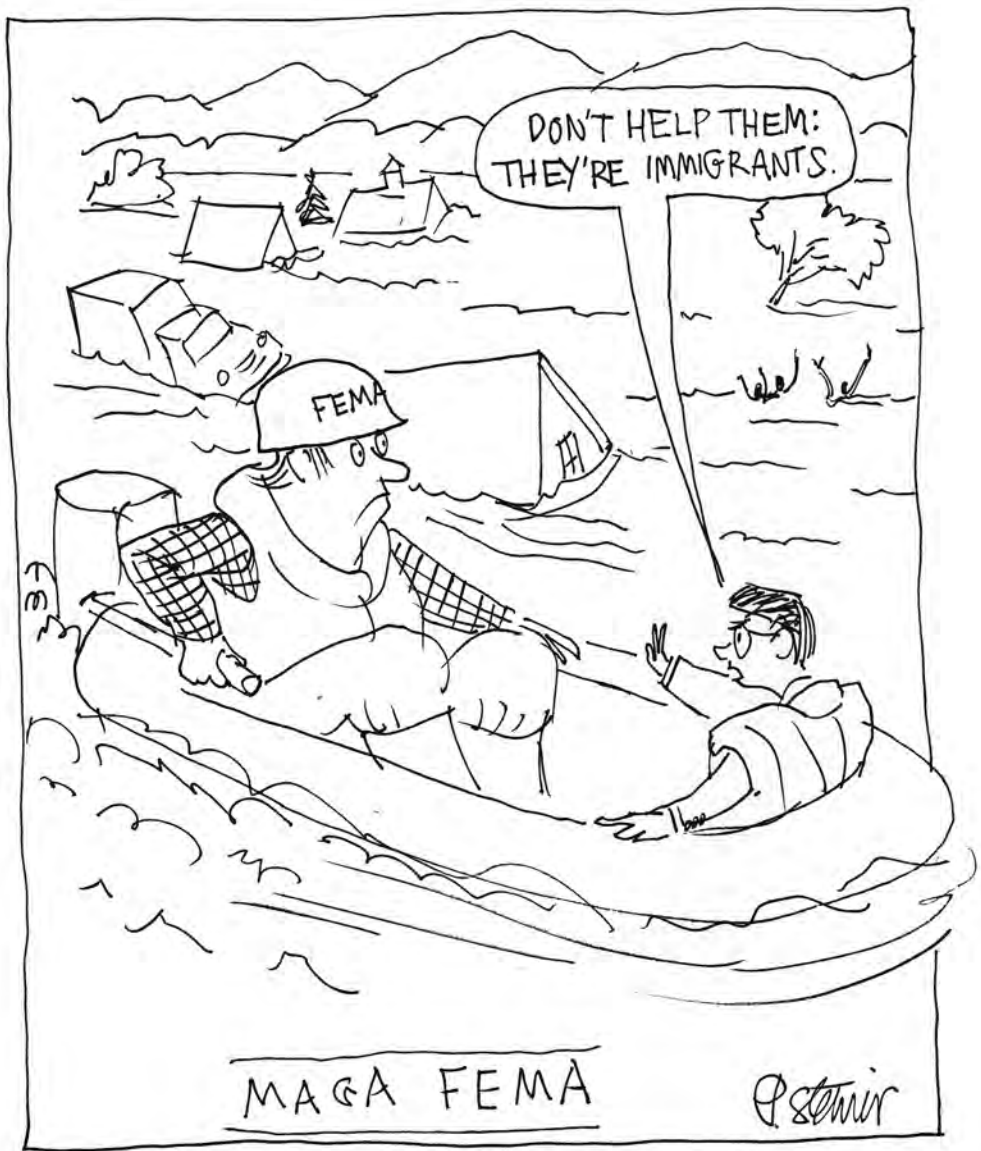
That’s why she ran for office and has always proposed legislation that addresses

these issues. A quick survey of 100 pieces of legislation she has introduced or supported shows her priorities:

- Student Food Security Act, National School Lunch Act, Active Shooter Alert.
- Veteran’ Health and Community Service Work-Study Program, National Apprenticeship Act, Veteran’s Housing Act, Affordable Housing Conversion Act.
- Long Covid Research, Health Equity and Accountability Act, Dental Reform Act.

This sampling of 100 measures Hayes has worked on demonstrates her consistent interest in improving the health, education, and security of all Americans and has earned her our support.

Betty Krasne
Kent



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

George Logan’s damning nonanswer

In the Broadway show “Hamilton,” Aaron Burr advises the young Alexander Hamilton: “Talk less. Smile more. Don’t let them know what you’re against or what you’re for.” Republican George Logan has plainly taken this advice to heart.

More than two months have passed since my letter to the editor asking Mr. Logan, an avowed Trump supporter, to say where he stands on specific plans in MAGA’s Project 2025. My questions included: Does he support revoking FDA approval of the widely-used abortion pill Mifepristone, prosecuting anyone who

sends abortion pills by mail, banning certain forms of contraception, cutting back insurance coverage for contraception, and defunding Planned Parenthood? Does he agree that the President should have the power to fire 50,000 federal civil servants and replace them with hand-picked loyalists? Does he support dismantling the National Weather Service — especially now, given the onslaught of increasingly extreme weather events? Even many conservatives are fearful of these plans.

George Logan’s silence is deafening. To borrow a phrase used by Governor

Tim Walz in describing J.D. Vance’s refusal to say whether Donald Trump lost the 2020 election, it is a “damning nonanswer.”

Project 2025 is the agenda of the Logan/Trump right-wing political base. Regardless of whether Mr. Logan had a hand in it, voters have every right to know whether he agrees with it. On October 9, Mr. Logan is debating Congresswoman Jahana Hayes at Naugatuck Valley Community College. Will he give us yet more damning nonanswers?

Pamela Jarvis
Sharon

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

A case for state-funded accessory dwelling units

I am the mother of Justin Potter, Democratic candidate for CT Senate District 30, who has proposed that the state provide funding to help get Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) built. I am writing to emphasize how important ADUs were to me as a young adult in the 1970s.

I grew up in Litchfield, and after college, returned to teach at Litchfield Center School. I lived at home with my parents for a year, and then found a small apartment in Milton. It was on one end of a large house remodeled from a barn and a chicken coop, and had its own outside entrance. After the owner passed away, and the house was sold, I was lucky to find a detached cottage adjacent to a main house in Morris. I moved a third time to Bethlehem, to a rent-free, albeit rustic, efficiency apartment on the upper floor of a small barn.

During this time I met a younger man who had grown up on a dairy farm in Washington, Connecticut. After college, this English major spent some time in Brooklyn, N.Y., taking writing classes and driving taxis. In the fall, he would return to the farm to drive a silage truck during the corn chopping season. He rented a small apartment over a garage not far away, owned by friends of the family. In

1975, we crossed paths, and Tim did not return to the city.

After we married in 1976, we lived briefly in that same space. Not long after, a winterized guest cottage became available not far from the farm, and we became the new tenants. We lived there until we were able to move into our new saltbox home built on four acres of farm property across Route 109, generously given to us by Tim’s parents, as he was working full time on the farm.

In 2008, the farm was sold. We moved to the Finger Lakes area in upstate NY to support our middle son, who wanted to continue the family tradition with a cow line started by his grandfather. However, after a few years, Sam’s future wife convinced him to move to her native Iowa.

Now as a 77 year old, I am confronting the statistical probability that my husband will predecease me. Sam is halfway across the country, our youngest son is 2.5 hours east, farming in the Johnstown, N.Y. area, and Justin lives 2 hours beyond that in Kent.

I sorely miss NWCT. If the unthinkable occurs, I would love to move back to the area I have always considered home. I hope that by the time I reach that crossroad, Justin’s proposal for the state to provide funding to home-

owners to create ADUs will have been implemented, and new ADUs - such as the ones I got my start in as an adult - will have been created. Such housing will allow young people, like my long-ago self, to stay put and become productive members of their communities. It will provide relief for struggling families

in the form of reasonable rent. And it will allow older folks, such as my current self, to settle into an ADU with the peace of mind that I will not be so isolated from my remaining family.

Linda Potter
Skaneateles, N.Y. (formerly of Washington, Conn.)

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago – October 1924

Messrs. Jack and Charles Kimmerle Stanley Sherwood, Harry Jones and Oliver Marston were in New York on Wednesday to see one of the world series games.

Edward Tompkins has closed up his blacksmithing business and has gone to Sharon, where he has employment at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bertone expect very shortly to open “Ye Handye Cookery Shoppe,” a home bakery and restaurant, next to the Berkshire Beauty Shoppe in the building recently purchased by Harry Miller. Their opening has been delayed by miscarriage in transportation of furnishings. The Bertones desire to make Lakeville their permanent residence and wish to express through the Journal their appreciation of the kindly welcome accorded them, and the timely assistance rendered by the various business firms. They hope to reciprocate by adding one more attraction to our thriving village.

LIME ROCK – Miss St. John, our district nurse, has gone to her home in Holyoke, on a month's vacation.

The new road from Lime Rock station to New Milford is practically completed, and is now open for travel. It is a very scenic stretch of road and well worth taking auto trips to see, especially at this time, when the foliage is at its best.

LIME ROCK – Kenneth Athoe has resigned his position on a farm and is at his home for a while.

The Lakeville Hose Co. have received very substantial checks from Mr. N.A. McNeil, Hon. Donald T. Warner and Mr. A.O. Roberts, which are very much appreciated, and they have turned them into the fund for the purchase of a new truck and pumper.

Gasoline has taken another drop and is now selling from 15 to 18 cents in New York. The local price is 20 cents.

Status Report

NORTH CANAAN

— The Thanksgiving Dinner Committee of North Canaan is in search of a volunteer cook to prepare a straightforward menu of roast turkey and four sides with gravy for approximately 100 sit down meals and about 25 to-go meals, to be served on Thanksgiving Day at 11:30 a.m. Other volunteers prepare the vegetables on Wednesday and donations of desserts and beverages are provided. Contact 860-824-5854 or beverlybecker4@gmail.com

CORNWALL – With no clues about the 20-cup electric coffee maker that vanished from the United Church of Christ in late September, Barbara Bishop, owner of the Food4Friends food truck, stepped in to replace it.

The Lakeville Water Co. is extending its mains to E.O. Wagner's residence.

TACONIC – Mr. Herbert Scoville and family have moved to the city for the winter. They expect, however, to spend week-ends at Hill House during October. Harry Smith and wife are acting as caretakers in the meantime. Charles Paddock Sr. is enjoying a week's vacation from his duties as chauffeur at Hill House.

50 years ago – October 1974

A Poughkeepsie developer was set to break ground in Canaan Wednesday for the Northwest Corner's latest – and one of its largest – shopping plazas. A Grand Union market and an Adams discount drug store are already signed up as tenants for the plaza, due to open next spring. The new plaza will be on North Elm Street, just above the intersection of Routes 7 and 44.

Area residents this week were cautioned to be alert to any suspicious behavior by animals following confirmation that a red fox that bit a Salisbury man near State Line Road Sept. 26 was rabid. The victim, 26-year-old Thomas Robertson of State Line Road, has nearly completed a painful two-week series of injections.

A. William Olsen Jr. of Lakeville was elected president of the Sharon Hospital at the annual meeting Saturday. Mr. Olsen is headmaster of The Hotchkiss School.

Three-year-old Steven Allen Gagnon died Saturday night at Sharon Hospital, an hour after being struck by a car in front of the Gagnon home on Route 44, East Canaan. He was the son of Delores Gagnon. The driver of the car, a Bristol man, was charged with negligent homicide. The child's death was Canaan's sixth traffic fatality in the past year and the 13th during the same period within the six small towns of Regional School District One. All six Canaan deaths occurred in four accidents within a few miles of each other on Route 44 in East Canaan.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School Board of Education Tuesday decided to look into certain conditions in the high school's football locker room and coach's office following a letter by a Canaan resident at the board meeting. Board member Dr. Peter Jordano read a letter from Louis J. Trotta of Canaan, calling certain conditions in the high school locker room “appalling.” Mr. Trotta described the shower stalls in the locker room as covered with fungus growth and soap residue while shower heads were coated with lime. He also complained of a lack of shelves and trash barrels in the coach's locker room, and the lack of a taping table.

William Merriman Jr. of East Main Street, Canaan, has been as busy as a bee most of this summer preparing for this weekend's opening of his new honey house. Mr. Merriman, who has been in the business of extracting honey for the past four years, is now expanding his operations. During the open house, he will display equipment needed to effi-

ciently remove honey from the comb and package it for the consumer. Merriman has set up a centrifugal extractor that holds nine honey-filled frames, a capping machine (to remove the beeswax caps from the frames) and two 100-pound holding tanks. While he has sold his honey through area stores, he said he is doing most of his business out of his home at this time.

Kent Postmaster Eugene Bull and Housatonic Enterprises jointly announced this week that a modern postal facility will be erected at Kent Green within the next six months. Kent Green is the handsome new shopping complex being developed by Jack and Gordon Casey on the east side of Main Street in Kent.

25 years ago – October 1999

CANAAN – A hearing on a dam permit application by Phoenix Horizon Corporation was canceled last week when the developer announced it would not continue to seek the approval. The dam would have been part of a condominium style housing project planned by Phoenix Horizon for the 66 acres it owns on Sand Road. The property is now the subject of a loan foreclosure in the amount of more than \$375,000.

LAKEVILLE – Katie Coons has been horsing around for most of her life and the results, by all accounts, have been magnificent. Ms. Coons, 21, recently received one of the highest ratings bestowed by the international riding organization called Pony Club. She is the first member of the Lakeville branch of the club ever to receive the coveted Horsemanship-A (H-A) rating and only the fourth member in the history of the worldwide organization to do so.

The open lane on the bridge on Sharon Station Road recently switched sides, marking the project about half complete. The \$1.2 million project began in April and should be finished in the spring. Watertown Construction is doing the work.

CORNWALL – While Gary Hepprich can no longer give to his community, his family has decided to give to others in his name. Mr. Hepprich, who died in August 1998, was a member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and for 15 of those years he was fire chief. Representatives from the family, fire department and the Board of Selectmen will serve on a committee to oversee the fund.

NORFOLK – The Mission of Tao Confucianism Inc. has purchased Deer Spring, the former Bruderhof community on Westside Road. The deal on the 48-acre complex was closed Sept. 30 for \$3.5 million.

Work is progressing on a Department of Transportation project to cut back 31 feet of ledge on Church Street in Canaan to improve the line of sight on a sharp curve there. Workers are using light charges to carefully blast away the rock without damaging nearby homes. The project is on target for completion in November.

Economic storm clouds could be around the corner

The U.S. economy continues to grow, fueled by generous fiscal spending in an election year, robust corporate earnings, and a consumer willing to keep spending. The Federal Reserve Bank's loosening of monetary policy last month also promises to boost growth.

That dovetails with my expectations, at least in the short term. I expect economic growth will continue to show decent numbers when the third quarter GDP data is released. At the same time, we should see additional modest progress in reducing inflation. September's CPI inflation data, however, could mark the low for this inflation cycle, in my opinion.

That is certainly not the consensus view. Wall Street is expecting the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates two more times this year and several more cuts next year. This week, Chairman Jerome Powell attempted to reign in some of those expectations in a speech before the National Association for Business Economics. He promised that the central bank would do whatever it takes to keep the economy in solid shape. However, he warned that markets should not automatically expect interest rate cuts at every Federal Open Market Committee meeting.

He said the committee will remain data-dependent and warned listeners that “this is not a committee that wants to cut rates quickly.” My advice is to listen to the Fed. The risk I see is that we could see a bump in inflation beginning in the fourth quarter (probably December). I believe the Fed worries about that as well. They know that reducing interest rates is a risk, given the growth in the economy and the still-healthy wage level.

I have not mentioned the inflationary impact of the present stimulus efforts in China on materials and other commodities, the geopolitical risk of higher energy prices, nor the possibility of a long strike by union workers at the nation's ports on prices. The Fed, I believe, could be stuck between a rock (stubborn inflation) and a hard place (avoiding further declines in employment).

At the same time, as I wrote in “My economic outlook for 2025” column last week “I fear we could see declining economic growth—the result of the cumulative impact of the last two years of abnormally high interest rates. This lag effect will outweigh the Fed's interest rate cuts of September and maybe November. I am not predicting a recession, but only a slowdown, a ‘recalibration’ to use the words of Fed Chairman Powell.

The plot thickens if you include the dollar and our national debt. A few weeks back (August 29th) I wrote a column “How the U.S. can manage its debt load,” in which I worried that at some point soon it would become necessary to do something about our rising debt load. Historically, the solution to that problem has always been to devalue the dollar. But we would pay the price for that action.

A weakening currency is inflationary. The dollar has already dropped 5% in as many months and currency traders expect this decline has only begun. It is, in my opinion, just a matter of time (possibly after the November

THE RETIRED INVESTOR

BILL SCHMICK

elections), before the world and investors catch on that a devaluation of the dollar is a real possibility.

If I am right, a combination of a declining currency, slowing growth, stubborn inflation, and the onset of easing monetary policy, would spark worries among economists and investors alike over the “S” word—stagflation. Stagflation is an economic situation where increasing inflation, rising unemployment and slower economic growth occur simultaneously. But just imagine how the market would react if inflation indicators like the CPI and PPI see upticks toward the end of the year, while jobs continue to fall.

It is not certain, and I know it is not conventional wisdom but that is what concerns me. And no, I am not expecting a 1970s type of stagflation, but something much more mild.

I am not alone in my fears. Jame Dimon, the CEO of JP Morgan, is a man I respect and have followed for decades. He has been sounding the alarm over bullish economic expectations and remains highly critical of the Fed's restrictive policies, which he feels went on for far too long. As for the taming of inflation, as recently as last Friday, he said “I am a little more skeptical than other people. I give it lower odds.”

So do I. As such, I looked at what areas do better in such an environment. Assets considered dollar equivalents like gold and silver and other precious metals do well. Some other commodities

like copper outperform, as well as emerging markets and Bitcoin.

In the equity arena, utilities, technology, energy, industrials, and consumer discretionary are standouts while financials, telecom, and consumer staples don't do nearly as well.

Investment styles such as secular growth, momentum, mid-cap stocks, low beta, and quality outperform, while small caps, dividend plays, value, and defensives underperform. Some fixed-income areas like Municipal bonds, long-dated bonds, and TIPS shine, but stay away from categories like preferred, convertible bonds, high-yield credit, and leveraged loans.

Predicting what the economy and inflation will do every year is difficult at best. Trying to call a change as early as December is not for the faint of heart. Right now, Wall Street is so focused on expectations of a steady stream of expected rate cuts and the outcome of the presidential elections that what happens in December seems a long, long way.

How long will the economy remain in this mild state of stagflation? Unless the demands of populism are somehow resolved quickly, the future economic environment might indicate more of the same.

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Autumn bounty

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In a world that increasing feels like a dumpster fire, it is a relief to read a positive good will story. That is what happened last week up in Massachusetts, when Governor Healey used her executive powers to save a two year old beaver, named Nibi, from being forced to be released into the wild unprepared to survive. Nibi was found abandoned as a pup and the wonderful staff of Newhouse Animal Rescue (newhousewildliferescue.org) nurtured her back to health. Masswildlife recently demanded that Nibi be released and that request was being fought in the courts until Gov. Healey gave a permit stating that Nibi was now an education beaver to help raise awareness of wildlife in the State. For a wonderful read, please see: npr.org/2024/10/04/nx-s1-5140582/nibi-beaver-massachusetts-governor-newhouse-wildlife.



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St. John's Episcopal Church
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) Baked goods and coffee. Left Bank Bookstalls (outside). 12 pm to 2 pm (Oct. 13) Left Bank Bookstalls (outside). All proceeds will benefit World Central Kitchen to help the people of Ukraine.

Salisbury Congregational Church
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) Quilt Show (Church) Treasure Trove Tag Sale and Pop-Up Repair Shop (Parish Hall). 12 pm – 3 pm (Oct. 13) Treasure Trove Tag Sale – Half-price sale on everything (Parish Hall).

Salisbury Association
24 Main St.
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 and 12) 12 pm – 4 pm (Oct. 13) Visit our booth and learn about the many projects and activities of the Land Trust, Historical Society, and Community Events. See the exhibit "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection".

Rosemary Rose Finery
Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Jewelry, home décor, apothecary items, vintage and antique items.

All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church
at Salisbury Congregational Church
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 and 12) Country Store featuring Greek pastries, pies, cookies, honey, maple syrup, cheese, olives, breads, donuts, and baked goods.

Local Honey from Peter Sadlon
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) 100% pure local honey and bee pollen.

Hot Dog Tent
outside Congregational Church
11 am – 2 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) Offers hot dogs, chili dogs, soda, cider, water, and more.

Lakeville Community Conservancy
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) Learn how the LCC enhances green spaces and parks, contributing to a sense of civic pride and enjoyment of outdoor spaces in the historic village of Lakeville, in the town of Salisbury.

Project SAGE
booth by the Congregational Church
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) Learn about our domestic violence prevention programs. Women's Support Services has a new name – SAGE, which stands for Support, Advocate, Guide, and Educate to end relationship violence. October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Johnnycake Books
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) All books \$100 or less are ½ price.

Diann Franson Education Fund
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 11 & 12) The Fund was founded in 2019 in memory of Diane Franson of Salisbury to support education in Guatemala. Selling raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt.

Salisbury Handmade Group
tents in front of the White Hart Inn
10 am – 4 pm (Oct 12 & 13) A juried group of local artisans, in our 20th year, featuring pottery, jewelry, woodwork, glass, textiles, and much more.

Salisbury General Store
9 am – 5 pm (Oct. 12), 10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 13) Stop by our Tent Sale on Main Street.

Honeychurch Home
10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 12) Visit our booth on Main Street for items and information about the upcoming Merry & Bright weekend. Stop by the store on Academy Street for in-store sales and the Lobster Truck. 10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 13) Visit our Warehouse Sale at Salisbury Square (behind the store)

Bristow Proffitt
Main Street
9 am – 6 pm (Oct. 12), 10 am – 4 pm (Oct. 13) Store will be open for all to come in and enjoy some cider.

Pink Cloud Gallery
27 Academy St
10 am – 5 pm (Oct. 12), 11 am – 3 pm (Oct. 13) Paintings by Peter Hill (1957–2020), a retrospective of oil paintings by the Sharon CT artist and designer.

Karen LeSage Contemporary Art
15 Academy St
10 am – 5 pm (Oct 12), 11 am – 3 pm (Oct. 13) Stop by to see paintings by Karen LeSage: Art for Your Sanctuary.

Friday, October 11th

Salisbury "Sip and Shop"
5 pm – 8 pm Stop in the following shops and galleries along Main Street and Academy Street for a variety of drinks and refreshments, plus in-store sales: Bristow Proffitt, Honeychurch Home, J.T. Murphy's Barbershop, Karen LeSage Fine Art, Pink Cloud Gallery, Rosemary Rose Finery, and Salisbury General Store.

Saturday, October 12th

Salisbury Central School 8th Grade along Library Street
10 am – 4 pm Offering games and popcorn and taking orders

for holiday wreaths. All proceeds go toward the class trip to Washington, DC.

Facepainting
by Library lawn
10 am – 4 pm Stop by the Happy Facepainter's booth for her wonderful works of art—from a princess or tiger to a superhero or ghost.

SOAR
on Library lawn
10 am – 3 pm Pop-Up Crafts featuring a variety of autumn crafts and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Plus lots of pumpkins to decorate, henna tattoos, apple cider donuts, and a raffle with the SOAR students from the Salisbury Central School Enrichment Program.

Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary
Main Street
11 am – 3 pm Fall Comfort Food Tent offering chili and cornbread, mac and cheese, baked potatoes with toppings, and drinks.

Salisbury Band Quickstep Hotshots
Bandstand on Library lawn
12 pm – 1:30 pm Enjoy live music in an old-fashioned bandstand.

Salisbury Community Dog Park
on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Stop by and learn about our Community Dog Park.

Housatonic Child Care Center
on Main Street
10 am – 4 pm Information about our enrollment and games for kids! Plus selling tickets to wine and beer event on Oct 19.

Salisbury Rotary
10 am – 4 pm Stop by and learn about the organization and its many service projects.

Housatonic Valley Reg HS (HVRHS) Robotics Team
10 am – 4 pm Bake sale and demonstration of student-built robots that compete in a Robotics Competition.

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission
10 am – 4 pm SAHS will have information on the affordable housing organizations in Salisbury, as well as details on

their community events. Stop by for answers to all of your housing questions!

NBT Bank
10 am – 4 pm Stop by our booth to decorate pumpkins, play cornhole, and enjoy apple cider.

Salisbury Forum
on Main Street
Stop by and learn about the exciting programs that will be offered later this fall!

Live Jazz Music
behind Salisbury General Store
11 am – 1 pm Local jazz musician Eric Loffswold will be playing solo jazz guitar, bringing a mellow mix of jazz standards and bossa novas plus a few surprises.

Blue Studio Dance Performance
on The White Hart lawn
1 pm Enjoy a dance performance showcasing the amazing work of students in the Blue Studio's programs.

Musical Performance by the Joint Chiefs
on The White Hart Lawn
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Enjoy live music by the popular Joint Chiefs!

Martha Graham Dances
Buttons Garden outside the Library
2 pm National Iron Bank presents two iconic Martha Graham dances, The Apple Dance from El Penitente and Lamentation performed by Graham 2. Afterwards, Graham dancers will lead children, of all ages, in expressive movement. "Graham" crackers and apple cider will be served.

William Pitt Sotheby's
10 am – 4 pm Stop by our tent on the west side of Main Street and enjoy a family activity!

Community Health & Wellness Center
10 am – 4 pm Stop by our booth for information about our services in all 3 of our locations. Our team members will be available to talk about our services and provide insight into how CHWC can help the community.

Flowers for FFA
10 am – 4 pm Members of FFA at Housatonic Valley Regional High School will have a boutique bar for people to create their own flower bouquets. Also will create floral arrangements to purchase.

Casa Marcelo
7 Academy St
10 am – 4 pm Tag sale featuring goods from Ian Ingersoll and DBO Home.

J.T. Murphy's Barbershop
20 Main Street (in rear)
9 am – 6 pm Stop in to meet Jamie and learn about his services.

Lakeville Hose Company
4 Brook Street, Lakeville
5 pm – 8 pm Delicious Prime Rib Dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetable, dinner roll, and dessert. To eat in or take out; for large orders call 860-435-9981 on Saturday.

Interlaken Inn
Route 112, Lakeville
5 pm – 9 pm Complimentary appetizer with the purchase of an entree at Morgans at the Interlaken.

Sunday, October 13th

4th Annual Pet Parade
Lakeville Community Field
12 pm Come and enjoy the Pet Parade featuring a variety of dogs and other pets with and without costumes. Gather at the Community Field in Lakeville (behind Patco) where parking is available. After the short parade through town, return to Community Field for the awarding of prizes. Download the registration form on www.salisburyfallfestival.org.

Salisbury Winter Sports Association
at the Ski Jumps behind the town
1 pm – 4 pm The 15th Annual Brew Ski Fest is sponsored by SWSA. Over 30 breweries will offer over 200 beers, ciders, and hard seltzers. Live music by the Steve Dunn Band. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate. For advance tickets or more info go to Jumpfest.org.

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Sports

GNH football drops to Woodland in Falls Village

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic Yellowjackets co-op football team lost 47-14 to the Woodland Regional High School Hawks Saturday, Oct. 5.

Woodland's explosive speed created breakaway plays on the ground and in the air. Woodland QB Jack Brunetti Brunetti threw for 160 yards and the Hawks' backfield combined for 298 rushing yards.

GNH kept the score close in the first half, but injuries to key players stalled the Yellowjackets' momentum and Woodland pulled ahead. GNH QB Ty Devita totaled 43 passing yards and 52 rushing yards with a touchdown on the ground. WR Owen Riemer ran in a touchdown and ended with 47 yards before exiting with an ankle injury in the third quarter.

The GNH home game was played in Falls Village on Housatonic Game Field. It was a clear autumn afternoon, about 71 degrees with a light breeze at kick off.

Approximately 500 were in attendance for the "pink out" match, which raised money for the Jane Lloyd Fund cancer support organization. Players and fans



GNH QB Ty Devita rushed in one touchdown and had 95 all-purpose yards.

sported pink garments to represent the cause.

The game began with offensive success from both sides. Woodland's opening drive produced a 50-yard touchdown pass. GNH responded with a six-minute drive that ended on a 12-yard rushing touchdown from Owen Riemer. Woodland's Jack Brunetti then threw a touchdown pass for 82-yards to WR Josh Steputtis.

In the second quarter, both teams added to their

scores. Woodland scored before GNH answered with a rushing touchdown from Ty Devita. At halftime, Woodland led 21-14.

GNH lost Owen Riemer and RB Jacob Smith to injuries in the third quarter. Riemer came down hard on his right ankle after going up for a contested reception. Smith took a big hit to the chest on a rush up the middle.

Woodland's defense capitalized on GNH's loss of key

position players and stopped GNH's offensive momentum. The Hawks' offense continued to produce big plays and scored repeatedly.

Despite the growing lead, Woodland attempted inside kicks throughout the second half. Up 41-14 in the fourth quarter, the Hawks recovered an inside kick and marched down the field draining the clock. Woodland scored once more as time expired and won 47-41.

Woodland advanced to 3-1 this season with a total of 171 points scored. GNH moved to 0-4 this season.

GNH will travel to Naugatuck for a Friday night game Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Naugatuck High School is 4-0 and coming off a 58-36 victory over Watertown High School.



Above, Esten Ryan goes up for a pass against Woodland Oct. 5. Below, Owen Riemer rushes in a touchdown.



Correction
In coverage of the GNH game against Torrington, two touchdowns and 29 rushing yards by Jacob Smith were incorrectly attributed to Mason Sobol. Sobol did not play against Torrington due to a knee injury, suffered in the previous game against JFK.



Hotchkiss junior Lillian Dase sends down a powerful spike against Taft School.

Hotchkiss volleyball teams beat Taft in straight sets

By Riley Klein

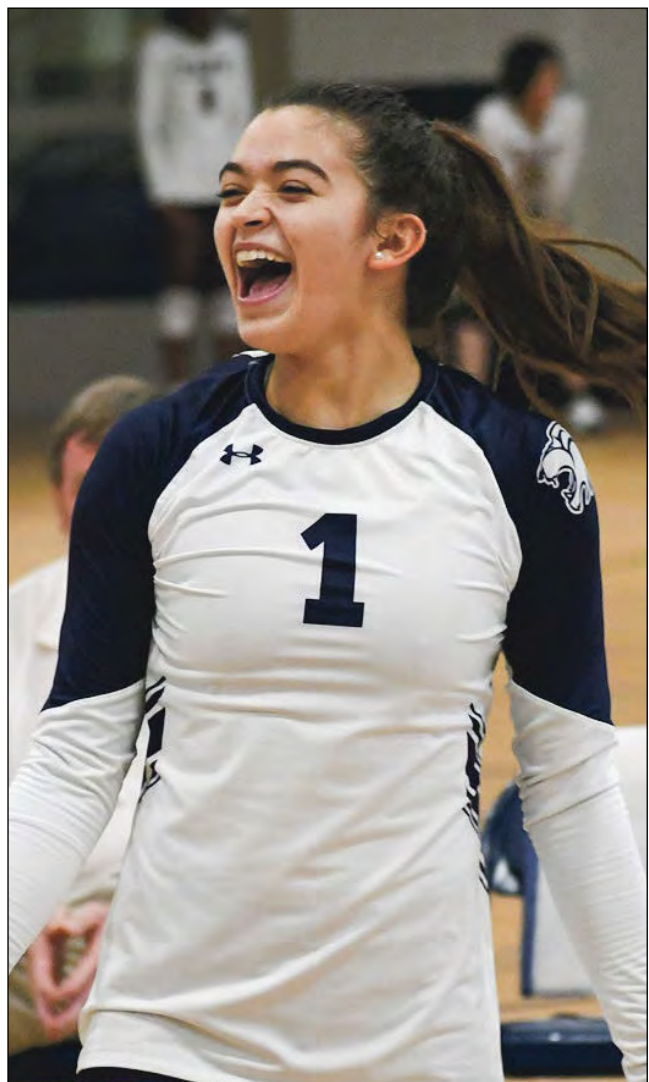
LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School varsity volleyball team won 25-17, 25-

20, 25-14 against Taft School Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Captain and libero Grace Backus was credited with 23 points in the three-set match,

successfully serving in each period and coming up with clutch defensive saves for the Bearcats. Hotchkiss varsity advanced to a season record of 7-2 after the win.

A few courts down, the junior varsity team also won in straight sets over Taft. The Hotchkiss JV squad remained undefeated this year at 4-0.



Hotchkiss captain and libero Grace Backus was credited with 23 points against Taft School Oct. 2.

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"Housing is not just a roof over our heads. It is the foundation of our lives, yet the cost of housing is a growing concern," Mosquera-Bruno told the crowd that surpassed 100 attendees. "When families can afford housing, they are investing in their future."

Millions in state, federal funding in 2023

Jocelyn Ayer, LCCHO's director, pointed to a "doubling of the number of affordable housing units in the pipeline since we got started a few years ago."

She recited her organization's impact by the numbers: 15 local housing nonprofits being provided with day-to-day project management support; 323 affordable housing units being supported to move forward as part of 18 developments in 13 towns; a 100% increase in the number of affordable housing units in the development pipeline (increase of 160 to 323 since 2022, and \$4.8 million in state funding accessed by local nonprofits to construct and/or renovate housing in 2023.

Also, Ayer pointed to \$4.25 million in federal funding accessed by local nonprofits for affordable housing in 2023 units and \$176,000 in pre-development seed funding committed to support six developments.

She said \$33,800 in pass-through funding was provided for community engagement projects in Barkhamsted, Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Morris,

Norfolk, Salisbury, Sharon, Warren and Winchester, the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative and Kent Affordable Housing.

Mosquera-Bruno offered suggestions on how towns could add to their affordable housing stock, including the revision of zoning laws to allow for duplexes and townhouses and the promotion of public-private partnerships.

"Don't just think about building, but also acquiring. It's not just about construction it's about engaging community members" through education and advocacy, she noted.

Sharing successes and challenges

The evening included a brief update on Litchfield County success stories, including the ribbon cutting earlier in the day for 10 new units at Salisbury's Sarum Village III.

"Unfortunately, we don't get to do that every day," said Ayer of the newly christened rental units. "So we need to celebrate the little wins."

One by one, updates on various stages of housing projects, from rental units to single-family homes, unfolded from representatives of the Barkhamsted Housing Trust, Cornwall Housing Corporation, Falls Village Housing Trust, Goshen Housing Trust, Kent Affordable Housing, Litchfield Housing Trust, Litchfield/Morris Housing Authorities and the Foundation for Norfolk Living.

Also represented was the Salisbury Housing Com-

Doors open at Sarum Village expansion

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The third group of affordable housing units at Sarum Village is complete. There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday afternoon, Sept 30.

Sarum Village is owned by the private Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. SHC Vice-President Jocelyn Ayer set the stage, noting that there are 204 households in Salisbury who pay 50% or more of their income for housing. The median price of a home in Salisbury is \$900,000, she continued, and 40% of the town's housing stock consists of second homes.

Ayer said there were between 60 and 70 applications for the 10 new units. She said the demand for affordable housing in Salisbury outstrips the supply. State Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno praised the effort that went into building the new housing, and thanked U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), who was standing nearby, for his help in securing federal funds. The commissioner added that there is about \$10 million in funding for affordable housing statewide.

mittee, Salisbury Housing Trust, Sharon Housing Trust, Warren Affordable Housing Corporation, Washington Community Housing Trust and the Winchester Housing Partnership.

Peter Halle, president of the Salisbury Housing Committee, explained that in addition to the 10 new units at Sarum Village, projects in the pipeline include Dresser Woods, a 20-unit affordable housing project and the long-awaited Holley Place. "NIMBY is a reality, but it's moving ahead," he reported.

Earlier in the day, attendees were encouraged to take a self-guided tour of current/planned housing developments in Salisbury. In addition to Sarum Village, Dresser Woods and Holley Place, other sites on the tour included the Pope Property, two affordable homes by the Salisbury Housing Trust and Lakeview Apartments.

"We really have an embarrassment of riches in Salisbury when it comes to working on affordable housing projects," noted Jennifer Kronholm Clark, vice president of the Salisbury Housing Trust.

'The real success stories are our tenants'

Chris Sanders, president of the Goshen Housing Trust, said he was happy to report that 13 out of 18 rental units in his town have undergone major renovation since May of 2021 and are occupied, despite the fact that "Goshen, Connecticut is not necessarily a friend to affordable housing."

He said "the real success stories are our tenants."

Sanders spoke of the single mom with an infant who

was a tenant for 15 years and recently purchased a home in Winsted. He recalled the long-time senior who lost his home due to healthcare costs and "didn't know where to go next but wanted to live close by and has been with us for two years."

Sanders recalled the professional couple who are employed locally, and the mom with three kids who was a victim of domestic violence "and found a safe home with us."

Just last week, he said, one of our tenants gave birth to a baby girl. "It was the first tenant who snuck in!" he said, eliciting laughter from the crowd. "These are really the success stories affordable housing is about."

Deidre DiCara, representing the Winchester Housing Partnership, spoke of the planned renovation of the vacant Batcheller school building on Pratt Street into 35 rental units. The vote to sell the school to the non-profit Northwest Senior Housing, she said, "squeaked through" by a heart-stopping four votes.

The summit, sponsored this year by National Iron Bank, concluded with panel sessions on the upcoming Legislative session, and financing resources for affordable housing.

Attendees were treated to the debut of a short film screening showcasing the region's collaborative effort and the strategies that have come out of it.

"I am truly grateful and committed to our shared vision," the state housing commissioner told those in attendance. "Despite these challenges there is hope."

FARMING

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we're going to see a massive amount of land start changing hands," said Gazillo.

The Working Lands Alliance (WLA), a statewide coalition currently directed by Gazillo, formed in 1999 to preserve Connecticut's farmland against the threat of transition to development.

In Connecticut, where agriculture contributes a significant \$4 billion to the economy each year, maintaining farmland and supporting farmers has been a concern of the state for decades.

DOA's Farmland Preservation Program was one of the first of its kind when it debuted in 1978. The program places agricultural conservation easements on farmland by purchasing the development rights from farmers, providing a monetary incentive for farmers to preserve their land into perpetuity.

Ella Kennen, coordinator for the New Connecticut Farmer Alliance, noted that while these easements bar development, they don't necessarily require that "farmland is being actively used as farmland." Nor do they directly address the challenge of first-time land access for new and BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) farmers.

To meet these remaining needs, DOA formed the DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) in Agriculture Working Group in 2021. Based on a report produced by the group last summer, DOA applied for and won \$2.5 million through the USDA Land Capital Market Access grant which Eddy says will be employed to "increase land access to historically underserved producers."

The grant provides hope for future change. But for many small farmers, the state policies currently in place do not go far enough to realize their dreams of farm ownership and tenure.

"It's been simply out of the question that I could own my own farmland," said Megan Haney, owner and operator of Marble Valley Farm in Kent. "I know of no farmer who can afford real estate based solely on what they make farming."

Haney has grown her 14-acre sustainable vegetable operation thanks to a below-market-value lease from the Kent Land Trust. She is one of many Connecticut farmers reliant on land trusts or wealthy sponsors as alternative access models.

For the farmers who could afford to purchase their first plots, recent real estate trends may eclipse their plans to grow.

"I was fortunate to purchase my land before the crazy COVID inflation hit," said Kelley Babbin, owner and operator of Howling Flats Farm in Canaan. "These prices make it unattainable to purchase additional pasture or hay ground."

While land access is critical to the future of local farming, the issue does not exist in a vacuum. Gazillo noted that many solutions are compounded by other pressures.

"Litchfield County has a lot of protected land, which is both a good and a bad thing," she said. "Affordable housing groups are saying that if we continue to put easements on properties, then there's no land to be developed for affordable housing."

Meanwhile, for older farmers without easements, selling one's farmland at full market value may be the only path to retirement. "That [land] is their pension," said Gazillo.

As the issue of farmland tenure grows more pressing and more complex, new policy initiatives hope to meet multiple needs.

WLA has proposed OPAV (Option to Purchase at Agricultural Value), a policy which would compensate farmland owners for selling only to certain farmers or family members at an "agricultural value" below market value. OPAV policies have already been implemented in Vermont, Massachusetts and New York.

OPAV's future is yet to be determined in Connecticut. As is the future of Connecticut's remaining farmland.

To Gazillo, the future that Connecticut can count on is one in which local farmers are vital to the community.

"One thing that we learned from the pandemic is that our national food system is very fragile," she said. "If there are any disruptions to the supply chain, we are dependent on local producers to survive. And as we see more climate-related disasters and weather-related disasters, it's just going to become more and more of a necessity."

AWARD

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Tea and a buffet lunch on the Grove lawn as the Salisbury Band Senior Quickstep Hot Shots played.

Adding to the festive occasion, Sharon Playhouse's Youthstage put on a charming rendition of "Consider Yourself" from the show "Oliver" with customized lines referencing the Harneys.

"Nobody tries to be lah-de-dah or uppity. There's a cup of 'Harney Tea' for all."

TREE

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the White Memorial Conservation Center who performed the measurements alongside forester Jody Bronson, explained that recent changes in the Project's rules might complicate this apple tree's path to victory. The tree has several main stems, called leaders, splitting off just above ground level and growing as if they were their own trunks. Several years ago, Mike said, this wouldn't have mattered, but now the rules categorize leaders growing from ground level as different trees. "If they take it as a whole tree," Mike said, "then it is the record."

At 48.5 feet tall, it is an impressive apple tree regardless of whether it claims the title. Berry and Bronson estimate it is 150-200 years old, and is in decent health, despite the brown, desiccated strands of invasive bittersweet that wrap the leaders and drape the canopy. These vines are dead - testimonial to the work Zetterstrom and other volunteers have done in the past two months trying to save the tree from suffocating under the vine. Piles of cut bittersweet lie under the apple's broad canopy, some strands thicker than a forearm.

The Hamlin Preserve has a long history battling bittersweet, with the invasive having killed 174 cedars around the knoll where the apple tree stands. Zetterstrom and Sharon Land Trust executive director Carolyn Klocker credit the work of volunteers in saving two hundred additional trees on the preserve.

A state champion tree might help more trees like the Hamlin Preserve apple survive. Sharon is already home to a state champion tree - a Chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) - on SLT's Mary Moore Preserve, just south of the Hamlin Preserve. Zetterstrom nominated the

oak in 2015, when it was completely enshrouded in bittersweet. He and others immediately began treating it, and since then it hasn't had any major issues with the invasive plant.

Klocker said that beyond saving the individual tree, having state champion trees brings attention to Sharon's natural landscape and provides valuable opportunities for educating the public on the conservation efforts in the region. SLT co-vice president Roger Liddell was more poetic in his appraisal of the town's giants: "Some of these trees could be saved as a recollection of what was."

Two other trees were measured on the outing - a paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) and American elm (*Ulmus americana*) - and while they are not champions the group uniformly agreed they are exemplary delegates for their species. "Sharon has some big trees growing," Zetterstrom said.

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BOOKS: ALEC LINDEN

Haystack Festival brings literary minds to Norfolk

Just after noon on Sunday, Oct. 6, attendees of Norfolk Foundation's Haystack Festival spilled out of the red Shingle Style Norfolk Library into brilliant October sunshine, emerging from the final book talk of the weekend (excepting an event for young readers later in the day). The talk, which was a conversation between horse experts journalist Sarah Maslin Nir and author David Chaffetz, was rife with equine puns and startling facts. The tongue-in-cheek use of the word "cavalier" brought laughs from the engaged audience, while Nir disclosed that horses eat for a full 16 hours a day.

The talk brought levity and humor to the festival's conclusion, while also diving into the serious history of the relationship between society and horses. Chaffetz explained horses were fundamental in the formation of large empires: "We don't see empires until horses became fundamental to the political state." Nir elaborated that the "wild" horses in North America are not native, but feral horses descended from animals brought by Spanish imperialists. "No tea grows in England," she explained, "it is the result of empire - and so are horses."

Other talks included a conversation about the history of ballet between writers and dance critics Marina Harss and Mindy Aloff, a discussion between bestselling authors Michael Korda and Simon Winchester on wisdom and memory, and a heady chat about the intersection between academic ideas and the public sphere between public academics William Egginton and Samuel Moyn.

Festival Director Michael Selleck said that while he doesn't curate for theme when selecting the speakers, a certain atmosphere tends to manifest. While last year the tone skewed political, he said, "this year things were more philosophical."

Exemplifying the philosophical streak in the festival was a conversation between naturalist and writer Noah Charney and Great Mountain Forest executive director Mike Zarfos. Charney ad-



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST
The Great Room at Norfolk Library filled to capacity for the Haystack Festival.

vocated for a philosophy of nature that "shouldn't take species as good or bad." He encouraged the audience to get out into their own yards and "learn the plants and critters" while remaining open to imaginative and novel understandings of ecology. He urged the crowd to follow a naturalist principle of "being out there, getting muddy and wet, and eating plants."

Selleck was very pleased with the turnout this year, with few seats left empty and an audience that he said was "very engaged". And why throw a festival like this one in Norfolk? "Norfolk is a cultural center," he said, and he wants to "bring a literary element back to the cultural heart of Norfolk."

Brooklyn and New York based writer Gillian Bagley gave the Brendan Gill Lecture on Friday

night. The lecture is an annual talk given in memorial of Brendan Gill, a celebrated New Yorker writer who lived in Bronxville, N.Y. and Norfolk.

Appropriately, it was a family affair. Bagley is Gill's granddaughter, and she was introduced by her cousin Anne Gill, another granddaughter of the writer. As she took the podium, Bagley fondly recalled spending summers with her grandfather in Norfolk as a child - during one such stay, the two co-authored a book called "The Monster of Haystack Mountain."

Beyond recalling memories, Bagley also presented and read from her new novel Negative Space, and reflected on how Gill influenced her own writing. She read a passage in which Gill said he sought to instill within his paragraphs

"a weight and a shape no greater than a cloud of blue butterflies." She said she strives to imbue her own fiction with this sense of "precise contours and the weight of something real," informing her practice of "constant whittling" that defines the pared-down style of her prose.

This writing process doesn't produce long novels, and she offered several jokes about her predilection for brevity that drew hearty laughter from the crowd. Several readers had told her they had finished the book in one sitting, she said, adding that, "I suspect it wasn't that they couldn't put it down, but that they didn't have to."



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

"The Red Sand Project" is intended to draw attention to often overlooked domestic violence issues in the Northwest Corner.

COMMUNITY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Project SAGE's solemn vigil

To mark the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Project SAGE held its annual community vigil on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at Community Field in Lakeville. Project SAGE is a community-focused organization dedicated to supporting, advocating, guiding and educating victims of relationship violence through a range of services and outreach programs.

A large group of people gathered quietly in the center of the field where they were handed packets of red sand. Red Sand Project, created by artist and activist Molly Gochman, is a participatory artwork that uses sidewalk interventions and earthwork installations to encourage people to reflect, connect, and take action against the vulnerabilities that contribute to human trafficking, modern slavery, and exploitation.

"We pour sand into sidewalk cracks to draw attention to issues we

often overlook, like intimate partner violence, exploitation, and sexual assault in our own communities," explained Kristen Pratt, operations manager at the Red Sand Project. "So, as you're pouring the sand into the cracks, think about what vulnerabilities might be present all around you in your own community. How can we open our eyes and deepen our awareness a bit more? How can we remember the ones we are honoring tonight as we go forward?" Pratt instructed.

After filling the sidewalk cracks around the park with sand, the group reconvened to hear opening remarks from Project SAGE's executive director, Kristen van Ginhoven. "Thank you for taking time out of your day to join us in honoring those who lost their lives to domestic violence in Connecticut in 2023," said van Ginhoven. She went on

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POTTERY: MIKE COBB

Northwest Corner artists unite for Clay Way Tour Oct. 19-20

Now in its 8th year, The Clay Way Studio Tour is an annually held event featuring some of Connecticut's best potters. Twenty six artists will show their work among nine studios.

The Tour takes place in Litchfield County Connecticut and Wingdale, New York Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. Potter and organizer Jane Herald explained the origin of the tour.

"Clay Way was the brainchild of a potter named Linda Boston, who started it with Alison Palmer about eight years ago. Originally, they aimed to gather a following for potters in the Woodbury area. For some reason it didn't take off there, but the response was enthusiastic in the Northwest Corner. So here we are," Herald said.

The tour is free and a great way to enjoy a weekend in beautiful Litchfield and Dutchess Counties during peak fall foliage season. The tour will take place rain or shine.

"Clay Way is a cooperative effort by the nine host potters and their guests. Ann Heywood and Jane Herold have been chairing it the last few years. By inviting guests to show with us



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we are able to offer a wide range of pottery in a fairly concentrated area. Quite a few regular attendees make a weekend of it, and go to all nine studios," Herald explained.

Regarding the abundance of potters in the area, Herald said,

"Rural areas have always attracted potters, in part because they are able to afford properties that can be adapted to workshops

and studios. A number of the potters on the Clay Way Tour fire wood kilns, which requires a team effort, which has probably contributed to the growth of a pottery culture here. Some of us use locally found materials including kaolin and limestone. And there's a pottery supply shop right in Sheffield, Massachusetts."

As to the role Clay Way Tour plays in promoting clay arts and the

regional arts community in general, Herald said,

"A number of our exhibitors teach classes in the area, or host workshops, in addition to wood firing. There is a huge interest in learning to throw. I get asked about classes at least once a week at my showroom in Cornwall. I'm very happy that 5 Points Arts Center (an arts space in Torrington) now has a well equipped pottery studio where I

Pottery of all sorts will be on display at the Clay Way Tour, featuring 26 area artists.

can send people. Drew Montgomery teaches classes at his studio in Wingdale. Alison Palmer hosts about 12 workshops a year at her studio in Kent, bringing people from all over to teach and participate. The benefit to the communities extends to local inns and restaurants as well. The northwest corner is beginning to be known as a welcoming place for potters. We hope this can extend to other craft-based businesses as well."

As a potter herself, Herold makes pots that are "useful" including dishes.

"But holding food is not what makes them

useful. The most important task of a useful pot is to generate caring. Most of modern life does not generate this emotion. Things many of us think of as useful or even essential - cell phones, automobiles, computers, fast food, microwaves - don't generate real caring at all. We could live very well without many of these things. But we can't live good lives at all if we are callous and uncaring. Being indifferent, unconscious, unawake is not something that you can turn on and off at will. We must either find ways of living that encourage awareness or face a loss of sensibility that is likely to seep into all areas of our lives."

The Clay Way Studio Tour is free and takes place rain or shine, much of it outdoors if the weather cooperates. For more information including examples of each artist's work and a printable map, go to: www.ClayWay.net

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to explain that Project SAGE is part of a larger coalition of eighteen sister agencies across Connecticut (known as Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence or CCADV) all of whom are dedicated to creating social change and ending interpersonal relationship violence for all.

Virginia Gold, Project SAGE's director of client services also spoke. "We are gathered tonight to remember 26 lives that ended this year in Connecticut. Each individual was the victim of someone who decided

to use the power of brute force to silence their voice forever," said Gold. She went on to offer a hopeful reflection of resilience.

The group then lit battery operated candles and walked along Main Street, "as a visible, collective symbol," said Gold. "The lights we carry honor both the lives that have been lost as well as all of us who still work and hope for change," she added. Slowly and contemplatively, the group

processed to Project SAGE's office on Porter Street where a poem was shared in English and Spanish before the names of the 26 victims of Domestic Violence were read aloud. After each name was read aloud, names of victims aged 2 to 83, the group was instructed to respond in unison: "We remember their name."

The list of names was followed by a moment of silence after which, Pastor John Nelson, who serves on the Board of Directors of Project SAGE, offered closing remarks. "In the silence we hold, we remember the pain and loss. We remember those who

have borne the injury of violence in their bodies and in their spirits. But we remember also our commitment that no one will be left alone. We remember our determination to demand an end to violence. We remember our resolve that violence will not define us." Inviting the group gathered to stay for refreshments and reflections, Pastor Nelson offered, "We can move forward from silence to community, to the resolute practice of compassion, even to the celebration that we will share, so that tomorrow we may return invigorated to continue the good struggle for justice, for healing, and for hope."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

New art exhibit comes to Hunt

At the opening of her art show, "Modes of Travel," at the David M. Hunt Library, artist Shaari Horowitz was asked, in essence, "What's new?"

She directed the questioner to a set of four paintings of starling murmurations, the phenomenon in which thousands of the birds swoop around in whirling, changing formations.

Horowitz said she recently had the chance to see the starlings in action from a kayak near Old Lyme.

Having witnessed the phenomenon, "I had to paint it."

The show also features vintage tins that once held pipe tobacco, lozenges, or other goods repurposed by Horowitz.

Horowitz will run a workshop at the library Saturday, Oct 19, 10 a.m. The show runs through Oct 25.

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Bennett wins international guitar competition

Guitarist Stephen Bennett returned to his home along the Housatonic to reflect on what had transpired just days before in Winfield, Kansas. At 68, Bennett had done what no one else has in the fifty-two-year history of the Walnut Valley Festival: he became the only musician to win both the International Fingerstyle Guitar Championship and the National Flatpicking Championship.

"It popped into my head in early June," Bennett said. "At the age of 68, I probably ought to get to it." And so, after more than two decades of performing at the festival, where booked artists are ineligible to compete, Bennett decided it was time. "I've long thought I could win this contest," he explained. "But since the festival has booked me to perform there 24 or 25 times—I'd have to go back and figure out exactly how many—it hasn't been possible."

The contest itself is a bit of a marathon for guitarists. "You register, and you play live," Bennett explained. "It's blind judging. The judges don't see you. They're in a trailer somewhere off-site. They just hear, 'This

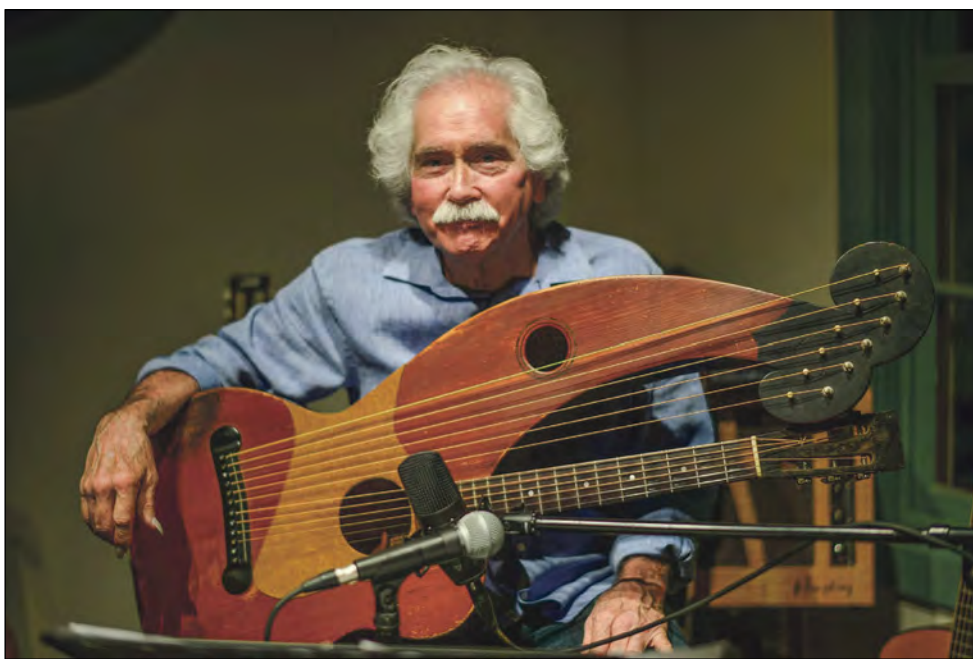


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Stephen Bennett won the International Freestyle Guitar Competition this year.

is contestant number 27, and that's it. The audience knows who's playing, but the judges don't." The first round requires two pieces, and the top five contestants return for a second round, playing two more. From there, the judges pick three winners.

And then, there are the prizes: three guitars, to be exact. "The first-place winner picks first," Bennett said, smiling. "I chose a Bourgeois OM. It's lovely." Bennett's journey to this year's triumph is long and storied, much like his relationship with the festival itself. "I first went in 1983. I was 27

years old and got second place in the Flatpicking Championship," he recalled. "I left there pumped and knew I had to come back." And come back he did, winning second in flatpicking again in '83, third in the Fingerstyle Championship in '85, and finally, the Flatpicking title in 1987. "That was it for me with the contests," he said, noting that he soon transitioned to being a performer at the festival. "After that, they started booking me to perform, and you can't compete if you're performing."

He did return to the Fingerstyle Champion-

ship one other time, in 1995, when he wasn't booked. "I played like crap," he said with a laugh. "My hands just froze. You know how it is. Some days, your hands just don't sync up." But after registering this past June, Bennett practiced daily with an almost monastic focus. "I rehearsed every single day without fail," he said. "And I had a good day when it counted."

Bennett's approach to the competition was rooted in his lifelong relationship with the guitar. "Some people go for the pyrotechnics, and sometimes that

works for them," he said. "But I'm just looking for overall musicality. A bit of pyrotechnics doesn't hurt, but it's really about the music." As for the type of guitar he played during the competition, he clarified: "It's limited to standard guitar. No harp guitars allowed."

Bennett's love affair with the guitar has spanned decades, beginning when he was 11 years old. Over the years, he's mastered various styles, including his work on the harp guitar. An incredibly unique and versatile instrument, he plays one he's nicknamed "Big Mama" that his great-grandfather once owned. Though he's widely known for his harp guitar performances, the two instruments are very distinct in his mind. "Many six-string tunes won't translate to the harp guitar," he explained. "The harp guitar has its own set of strings and lends itself less to pyrotechnics in a way."

Having won both guitar championships, Bennett now plans to shift focus back to his music. "I've got my next album lined up," he said. He recently released a project called "SB Squared" with another Stephen Bennett, a British writer

and musician. "We both wrote all the tunes and take turns singing them. It's out now, on all platforms."

As for what comes next, Bennett is content with the simple act of playing. "I'm not really out looking for gigs," he said. "But I play at assisted living homes and places like that, just for fun. It doesn't pay a cent, but I don't care. I just like to play."

Bennett shared a piece of advice he gleaned from another renowned guitarist, Tommy Emmanuel. "I met Tommy in '97 at the Chet Atkins Appreciation Society Convention in Nashville. He's an incredible performer, and his energy is just unreal." But Bennett's takeaway wasn't to imitate others. "A lot of people try to copy Tommy, but the lesson I learned from watching him is to be the best version of yourself. That's what he's doing."

At 68, Bennett's achievement is not only a testament to his skill but also to his enduring love for the instrument. "I've always wanted to win this thing," he said. Now, having finally done so, he's content to let the music lead him forward, one note at a time.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

'Familiar Places' exhibit on display at Good Gallery

Renowned realist Tom Yost has made a celebrated return to The Good Gallery in Kent with his latest collection, "Familiar Places", which will run through Nov. 10. Known for his atmospheric landscapes, Yost's new works continue to capture the beauty of the Litchfield Hills, Hudson Valley, and Connecticut Coast.

Having spent decades as a senior conservationist working with major museums and galleries in New York City, Yost learned from the masters before fully committing to his own artistic practice. Now based in Roxbury, Yost draws inspiration from

the natural beauty that surrounds him, seeking to create realistic landscapes that evoke a sense of place and time. "My objective is to create images of nature that go beyond a mere description of a scene," Yost writes in his artist's statement. "For the last ten years, the focus of my work has been the rural landscape of the Connecticut Litchfield hills, coast and the Hudson river. Some of these locations I am fortunate enough to pass by often and am reminded why I have chosen to live in this beautiful place."

The exhibit also offers a unique interactive experience, as gallery own-

Landscapes of the Northwest Corner are on display, such as this scene of the Housatonic River.

er Tim Good explained. "Viewers can digitally explore the locations that inspired the paintings, encouraging them to visit these stunning landscapes themselves."

This highly anticipated exhibit reflects Yost's deep connection to his surroundings and continues his tradition of exploring the natural beauty of Connecticut and beyond. For more details, visit thegoodgallerykent.com.



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OCTOBER 11

67th Salisbury Fall Festival

Salisbury, Conn.
From Oct. 11 to 13 there will be a three-day celebration filled with activities and events for all ages. Visit the many booths, book sales, quilt show, bake sales, food tents and trucks. Look for local artisans selling jewelry, pottery, textiles, and art work. Vote for your favorite scarecrows. Enjoy magic shows, games, pumpkin decorating, face painting, crafts, and hayrides. Listen to live music and watch dance performances. Plus a prime rib dinner, pet parade, and Brew-Fest. For a complete listing of activities, go to www.salisburyfallfestival.org.

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.). Please visit scovillelibrary.org for details.

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.

Correction

In the Oct. 3 story about Cornwall Woman's Society's fashion show, society co-chair Nancy Berry's last name was misspelled.

OCTOBER 13

Art Exhibit Fundraiser

Almquist Gallery in Royal Arcanum Building, Station Place, Norfolk, Conn.
"SHELTER," an art exhibit fundraiser for The Gathering Place in Torrington, a daytime resource center for all our homeless neighbors in Litchfield County, will open with a reception Oct. 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. Music will be performed by Natalia Zukerman and we will have refreshments. Maria Horn and Julia Scharnberg will be on hand to talk about homelessness. The goal is to raise \$25,000, through individual donations.

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 Stateline Wine and Spirits in Canaan, (860) 824-7295. Proceeds from the event, which will be held rain or shine, will benefit SWSA's youth skiing programs.

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

OCTOBER 18

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Oct. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Rita Dove's poetry collection, "Thomas and Beulah. We'll talk about technique, form, meaning, and more. No poetry training needed - just read the poems and be ready to discuss. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

OCTOBER 19

Falls Village Fall Festival

Town Farm Property on Route 63, Falls Village, Conn.
The Falls Village Recreation Commission and D.M. Hunt Library are excited to host our second annual Falls Village Fall Festival.
Located at the Town Farm property on Route 63 on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. we will host a community event featuring food, live music, hayrides, a pie baking contest and more!

Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 20.

North Canaan's Town Wide Scarecrow Contest

Lawrence Field, North Canaan, Conn.
On Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lawrence Field, join us for North Canaan's Town Wide Scarecrow Contest. Make a scarecrow to display at Lawrence Field.
There will be four prize categories (most creative, scariest, best use of recycled items, funniest).
Judging will take place at 1 p.m. at North Canaan's Pumpkin Fest.
For more info visit northcanaaneventscommittee.org

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Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, Oct. 19, 4 to 5 p.m., for a discussion of Council of Dolls, by Mona Susan Power, a story of three Dakota women. A limited number of books are available for loan at the library. For more information, please visit scovillelibrary.org.
Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12942463

Last week's WotW

P	R	O	O	F
T	R	A	I	N
B	R	I	N	E
W	R	I	N	G
G	R	I	N	D

Word of the Week

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

1. Rock that writes on blackboard
2. Woven or felted fabric
3. Soil enrichment material
4. An unsteady tilt or roll
5. Jubilee mealtime

OCTOBER 20

Jammin' at the Copake Grange

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.
Oct. 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. People are invited to bring an instrument, choose a song, and everyone plays along. Free event.

CVFD Open House

West Cornwall Firehouse, 289 Sharon-Goshen Tnpke, Cornwall, Conn.
All ages are invited to a fun-filled open house hosted by Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Services members. Activities will take place on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. in West Cornwall. Tour the fire station, meet the firefighters and ambulance crew and view displays of important safety information.

Outdoor Theater

Warren Woods Town Park, 255 Brick School Rd., Warren, Conn.
Grumbling Gryphons to perform "Anansi-The Trickster Spider: A West African Folktale" as the featured family event at Warren Woods Fall Festival, a fundraiser for Warren Volunteer Fire Department on Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Joyce Carol Oates Reading at Bard College

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.
On Monday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m., there will be a Joyce Carol Oates Reading at Bard College.
Internationally renowned writer Joyce Carol Oates will give a reading at the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Bard College. Oates, a recipient of numerous literary awards, will present as part of Bradford Morrow's course on contemporary fiction.
Free and open to the Public

OCTOBER 24

Book Talk

Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
On Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. join the David M. Hunt Library, in partnership with Oblong Books and Project SAGE, for a book talk with Michelle Horton, author of "Dear Sister: A Memoir"

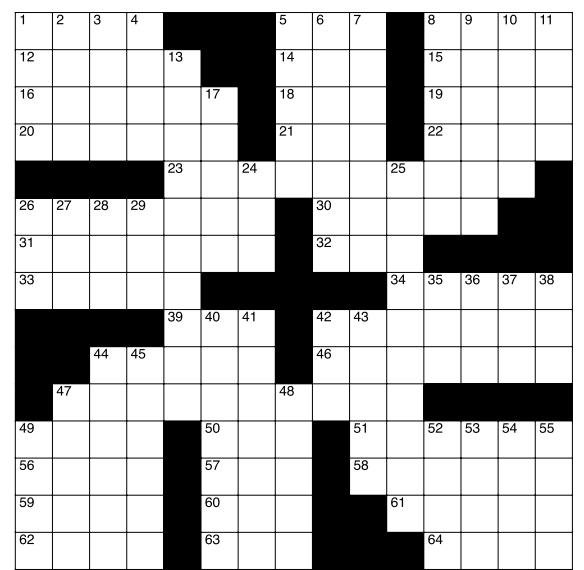
Engage with the trades Oct. 12

KENT — Connecticut Antique Machinery Association and Eric Sloane Museum will host the third annual SPARK Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Presented by TradesUp, young people are invited to work with the region's leading professionals and receive first-hand expertise and training. The day-long event will feature construction and creation while exploring the world of trade skills. This event is free and open to the public: There is no cost nor age requirement to participate.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Unsheared sheep
5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Exclamation
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. Popular type of device
18. Alcoholic beverage
19. Ancient Olympic Site
20. Sharpshoots
21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Measuring instruments
26. Midsection body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. "Partridge" actress Susan
33. Yell
34. Civil rights city in Alabama
39. Young boy
42. Type of sea bass
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Spy group
51. Florida is famous for them
56. Irritating individuals
57. Luck
58. Hunting expedition
59. WWII diarist Frank
60. Peyton's younger brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Type of overseas tax or levy
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Wake up



10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
11. Something one can make
13. One who abstains
17. Wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Bacterial infection of the skin
26. Expresses surprise
27. What engaged couples ultimately say
28. Crony
29. Where one begins (abbr.)
35. Architectural designation
36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Indigenous peoples
41. Deflections
42. Circulating life force
43. Executes with a rope

44. Natives of an island nation
45. Girls
47. Logician and philosopher
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian language
54. Amounts of time
55. Mathematical designation

Oct. 3 Solution

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Sudoku

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Oct. 3 Solution

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8	5	4	2	6	3	7	1	9
9	2	3	5	1	7	8	6	4
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Lakeville Journal Managing Editor, Riley Klein and Bridget Starr Taylor.



Above, Jack and Beth Isler. Below, Elyse Harney, Douglas Thomas, and Matthew Patrick Smyth.



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Community shines at Jubilee Country Luncheon

Above, the Sharon Playhouse Youthstage actors perform a charming rendition of "Consider Yourself" from the show "Oliver" during The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News Jubilee Country Luncheon, Oct. 6. Top right, while off stage, the young actors played newsies. Guests were greeted with calls of "Extra! Extra! Read all about it," and received copies of the event brochure hot off the presses. For more, turn to page A1.



Above, Jamie Lehrer, Diane Murphy and David Valcin enjoy the autumn weather at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News Jubilee Country Luncheon at the Salisbury Town Grove Sunday, Oct. 6. At left, Ann Perse and LJMN board member Dan Dwyer.



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