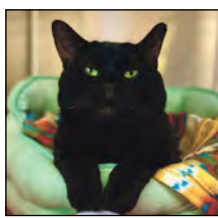


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BD intensifies syringe output to meet U.S. demand amid China quality concerns

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) has ramped up its production of syringes at its North Canaan plant in response to quality issues with plastic syringes imported from China which were uncovered late last year by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

BD, a leading global medical technology company and Northwest Connecticut's largest employer, responded to the FDA's recommendation that consumers, healthcare providers and healthcare facilities transition away from plastic syringes made in China by increasing its domestic manufacturing of syringes at the company's Connecticut and Nebraska facilities.

Since January, BD's 385,000-square-foot North Ca-



PHOTO PROVIDED

BD's North Canaan plant has increased its output of syringes by more than 40% to meet the needs of U.S. healthcare customers after the FDA launched an ongoing investigation into quality issues with plastic syringes made in China.

naan plant has increased its output of syringes "by over 40% to meet the needs of U.S. healthcare customers," according to Fallon McLoughlin, di-

rector of public relations and corporate communications for the Franklin Lakes, N.J.-based company.

"BD has achieved this increase by driving operational efficiencies and relocating some production lines from other BD plants," said McLoughlin.

"We've added over 100 full-time associates in the last year, and currently have more than 500 full-time associates and nearly 50 contingent associates," she said of the North Canaan site, which began its operations in 1961 with eight employees at a 25,000-square-foot facility.

BD draws its employees from throughout Northwest Connecticut and neighboring New York.

McLaughlin noted that its Connecticut plant primarily manufactures small-size syringes, and syringe and needle combination products that are "critical to the delivery of healthcare."

Operations take place around the

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First round of grant money awarded for high-speed internet

By Alec Linden

Several towns in the Northwest Corner are poised to receive a boost to their broadband infrastructure due to a recent set of grants administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

In a joint press release on Oct. 11, Governor Ned Lamont (D) and DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes announced that \$28 million in funds will be allocated to 88 munic-

ipalities under the first round of the state's ConneCTed Communities Grant Program.

Because award money will be distributed to internet service providers (ISPs) and not the towns themselves, towns had to partner with providers to be eligible for the grants. Locations in Norfolk, Salisbury and Falls Village are set to benefit from Comcast Communications' awarded funds, while

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Tree clearing turns heads on Route 44 as construction continues

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — Five months into Project 97-95, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) construction to replace existing retaining walls and stabilize the slope along the north side of the road for the safety of Route 44 in Norfolk, Connecticut, area residents have new concerns.

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PHOTO BY THOMAS K. CARLEY

Swaths of trees have been cleared from the hillside along Route 44 entering Norfolk.

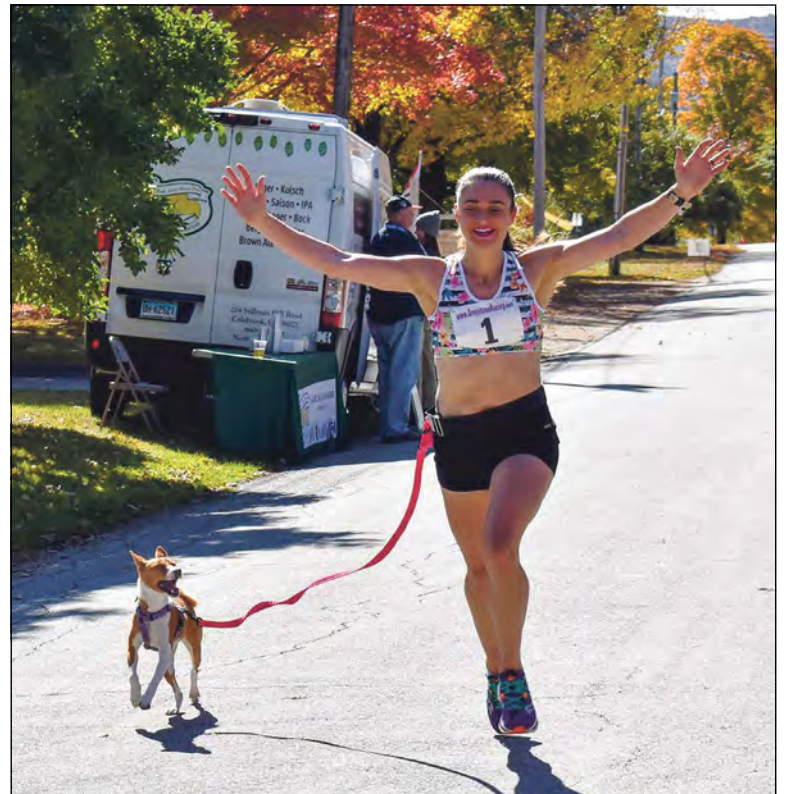


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Brittany Telke and Mazikeen, winners in the women's category of the team of dog and person at the Little Guild's Run and Wag 5K. Their time was 19 minutes, two seconds. It was their fourth win at the event.

Paws and feet hit the street for Run and Wag 5K

By Robin Roraback

CORNWALL — A beautiful autumn day welcomed dogs and people to Little Guild's 11th annual Run and Wag 5K in Cornwall Village.

In a fair-like atmosphere of live music played by Relatively Sound, food trucks and booths with local

goods, people and dogs gathered before the race set off at noon.

Jenny Langendoerfer, Executive Director of Little Guild, an animal shelter in Cornwall, explained that the Run and Wag 5K is one of their main fund-raising events. "We have to raise seventy five percent of our

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SWSA jumper takes talents to next level

By Robin Roraback

SALISBURY — Islay Sheil, tenth grader at Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) and Lakeville resident, has joined the long tradition of ski jumping in Salisbury.

Salisbury's tradition of ski jumping began in 1925 when the Satre brothers, John, Olaf, and Magnus immigrated from Norway and brought ski jumping and cross-country skiing with them. According to local legend, one brother demonstrated by skiing off the roof of a barn. They established the Salisbury Outing Club which later became the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA). The first ski

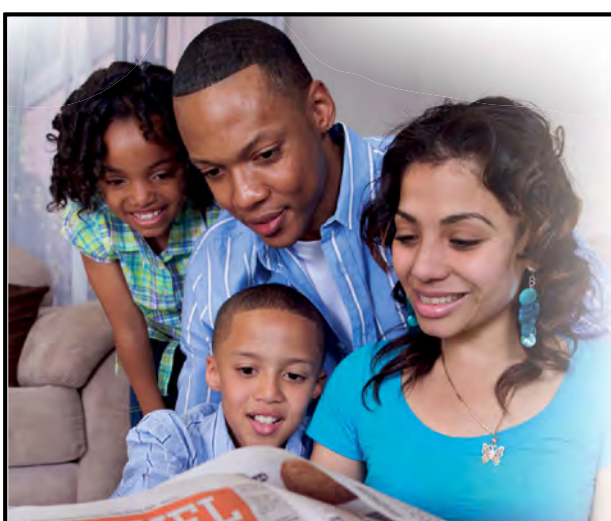


PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Islay Sheil, sophomore at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, is an up and coming ski jumper with Salisbury Winter Sports Association.

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Online This Week

LIFE STAR helicopter visits Cornwall

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's open house got a special visit from the flying medic crew from Meriden. Video on Instagram @lakevillejournal

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.

Car collides with downed tree, damages other vehicle

On the evening of Oct. 14, Rebecca Ackerman of North Adams, Massachusetts, was driving a 2012 Nissan Altima southbound on Route 7 in Sharon during stormy conditions when she collided with a downed tree in the road. Debris from the collision impacted a second vehicle, a Mercedes Benz GLC 300 operated by Robert Weir of Danbury, which sustained minor damage to the front end and was able to drive from the scene. The Altima was disabled and had to be towed. The operator of the Altima was found to be at fault for the damage to the other vehicle, and was issued a written warning for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Man arrested for escape

A Torrington man, John Pappajohn, was served an arrest warrant for Escape in the First Degree at GA-4 in Waterbury on Oct. 15. Pappajohn had evaded a parole-required appearance in September, and a warrant for his arrest was issued on Sept. 10. On Oct. 15, he was processed by state police and was scheduled to appear at G.A. 18 in Torrington on Oct. 16.

Vehicle strikes tree

Just before midnight on Oct. 16, a 2008 Subaru Forester operated by Allison Palmer of Terryville was traveling south on Music Mountain Road in Canaan and lost control of the vehicle navigating a curve at a high speed. The vehicle struck a tree and came to an uncontrolled rest on the northbound embankment of the road, suffering disabling damage. Palmer sustained laceration wounds and was transported to Sharon Hospital. She was issued a warning for traveling too fast.

Car strikes guardrail, flees scene

On Oct. 16, Helmut Lehmann of Lakeville was driving a 2015 Ford Fusion westbound on Route 112 just east of Route 41 in Salisbury. A 2007 Mitsubishi FG, operated by Jimenez Hernandez of Canaan, was two cars behind the Fusion, and attempted to pass both vehicles, striking the driver's side of the Fusion. No injuries were reported, and the operators were able to drive their vehicles from the scene after exchanging information. Hernandez was found to be at fault and was issued an infraction for unsafe passing.

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

Dam walk yields views and warnings

By Alec Linden

COLEBROOK — A dozen or so people ambled across the concrete and stone behemoth of the Colebrook River Dam under a crisp autumn sky on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 5 while a bald eagle circled overhead, occasionally divebombed by an angry avian neighbor. It was one of the final Housatonic Heritage Walks of the season, and the topic was floods.

"As a Corps, we've gotten away from saying flood prevention because it's just not realistic to prevent floods," said Natural Resource Specialist James Jylkka of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District. He clarified that the Corps uses the terms "flood risk management" or "flood mitigation" because, as Jylkka said, "If there's a major event like there was in '55, there's going to be damage downstream."

The event in question was the quick succession of two hurricanes, Connie and Diane, in August of 1955 which devastated interior New England, especially Northwest Connecticut. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the event was so destructive because the first storm, Connie, saturated the ground, which Diane then dumped up to 20 inches of rain on top of a week later. It was a very similar set up to that which caused the catastrophic flooding in the Southeast from Hurricane Helene in September.

According to the NWS, Connecticut suffered the biggest losses from that event in New England, with 77 lives lost and over 350 million dollars in property damage. Matthew Coleman, operations manager of the Naugatuck River Basin with the Corps, maintained that major flooding from large hurricanes during the 1930s and 1950s was the major impetus behind the Corps reservoir program in New England. Coleman and Jylkka confirmed that the Colebrook River Dam, which stops up



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Natural Resource Specialist James Jylkka explains the mechanics of the dam.

Colebrook River Lake (and hides the now-submerged lost village of Colebrook River), was built as a result of the 1955 floods. The dam was finished in 1969.

Jylkka was careful to point out that floods and storms are contextual. The dam regulates its water level throughout the year – on the day of the outing, the water was quite low, which is typical Jylkka said – and so if a storm like 1955's that arrived in fall when the water was low, it might not have such disastrous impacts. Should it arrive in spring with high water, it could be devastating.

"It doesn't take a major hurricane to cause this devastation," he said, referring to the events of 1955. "It's site specific and context specific."

An example of this was the flooding along the Little River in August which claimed three lives and wreaked havoc upon the town of Oxford and downstream municipalities. The flooding resulted not from a hurricane, but from a series of slow moving, drenching thunderstorms that dropped enough precipitation that many thought the storms might have overtaken Diane's current record for 24-hour rainfall. After review, Diane still holds the record, but the damage from the storms remains — Route 34 in Oxford only reopened on Oct. 16, nearly two months after the floods.

Coleman said that the

managed by drinking water firms who like to keep the reservoirs full, thus making them flood prone, Jylkka said. Even flooding in Vermont could have impacts in the Northwest Corner, he said.

For their part, the Corps has "a laundry list of stringent requirements" that keep their watersheds very well managed, Jylkka said. Coleman assured that the Corps has "a whole team of professionals on the ground in the New England District," both doing boots on the ground maintenance and operation alongside a team of engineers monitoring weather and flow conditions.

As climate change brings wetter and wilder storms to the region, Jylkka suggested that residents "be smart and be prepared – It is more critical than ever for people to be aware of their surroundings."

Coat drive to benefit FISH

SALISBURY — The Middle School Chorus class at Salisbury Central School has organized a collection of gently used coats, winter vests, hats, gloves and scarves to benefit FISH Homeless Shelter (Friends in Service to Humanity) of NWCT.

All items can be dropped off during school hours in the front entrance

of SCS Upper Building on Lincoln City Road in Lakeville, until Friday, Nov. 8.

This community service project coincides with the SCS Student Food Drive to benefit the local food pantry.

For questions, please email: magyarmoose23@gmail.com or ddicara@fishnwct.org



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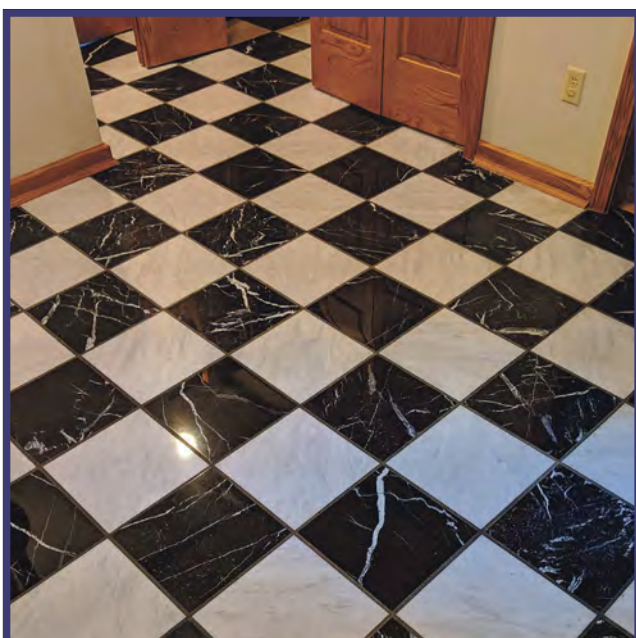
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Our Towns

Wake Robin applicants revise proposal; neighbors remain opposed to renovation

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Altered plans were presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission Oct. 16 at the third round of a public hearing to redevelop the Wake Robin Inn.

“Not one of these changes downsizes the enormity of this project,” said Lakeville resident Darryl Peck, encapsulating much of the public response to the amended plans.

Representatives of the applicant (Aradev LLC), led primarily by landscape architect Mark Arigoni of SLR Consulting, presented an updated development plan for the property. The changes were intended to address and respect concerns from the public and from P&Z voiced at the first two meetings of the public hearing.

Major changes to the design included moving the pool and spa, previously intended to be installed adjacent to Wells Hill Road, further back on the property, closer to the existing Inn site. Cottages, which were to be built elsewhere, will take the place of the pool and spa alongside the road in the revised schema.

The new events barn, which will house a casual restaurant, was downsized “by about 20%” from a 200 person maximum occupancy to 125, according to Arigoni. Other measures in the report

included a tree health survey meant to inform a preservation plan, reducing nighttime operating hours, installing a curfew on events, stringent volume control rules for outdoor music and runoff infrastructure.

P&Z reacted positively to the updated plan, with secretary Martin Whalen saying, “It looks like a much better plan than the one they had before.” P&Z vice chair Cathy Shyer said, “I do think it is better, and I think it responded to a lot of the neighbors’ concerns.” “Tremendous job,” added commission member Robert Riva.

“I certainly think it’s a big improvement,” said P&Z chair Michael Klemens — “at least the commission thinks this is a big improvement.”

The public was less enthusiastic, citing continued concerns from earlier meetings of the hearing including noise and light pollution, increased traffic, doubts about the town’s sewage capacity, parking (both too much and too little), and aesthetic and cultural issues.

Several neighbors asked how the measures described by the applicant to control crowds and noise will be enforced. Resident Andy Plesser suggested that the events barn will be too big to police the stated 125 person limit. Fellow resident Peck entertained the idea of having a police presence at events to enforce limita-

tions — “Perhaps, if that were a requirement, this project is completely wrong for Lakeville,” he said.

The biggest complaints seemed to be about the size of the project, and the effects such a development would have on the town.

“The project is overscaled for the neighborhood,” said resident David Bright. Plesser agreed, saying, “the project is on a scale that’s unacceptable.”

“It’s out of character with the neighborhood,” said resident Julie Norwell, echoing many other complaints about the impacts the development will have on the area.

There were also complaints levied against P&Z itself, questioning conflict of interest in the Commission with the project. Resident Joe Costa requested that any commission members with personal ties to the applicant be recused from any vote that might impact the decision.

Not all public feedback was negative: 45 year Lakeville resident Peter Oliver contributed that “the applicants have done a fine job,” while Robin Leech said, “the plan is wonderful.”

The conversation is far from over: “There will be at least two other public hearings on this,” said Klemens.

The next hearing will be conducted at the P&Z’s regular meeting on Nov. 18, with another following later in the month.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This converted barn at 203 Interlaken Road in Lakeville was originally built in 1900 according to town records. The five acre plus property includes luxury finishes and 145 feet of frontage on Lake Wononskopomuc.

Salisbury real estate average value nears record highs

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — September was another active month for property transfers in Salisbury with 12 residential and land transactions with a total value of over \$12 million dollars. The median price of a single-family home adjusted upwards to \$925,000, just below Salisbury’s all-time high from September 2023 of \$935,000. Only four properties sold below \$1,000,000 and the remaining eight over \$1,000,000. In September properties moved quickly reaching an all-time low of only 22 days on the market.

By mid-October there were 24 single family homes for sale in Salisbury with 16 over \$1,000,000.

Transactions

134 Wells Hill Road – 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold by 134 Wells Hill Road LLC to Stephanie L. Magyar for \$630,000.

Dugway Road – 2.28 acre building lot sold by John Edmund and Elizabeth Dunn

Sprague to Lemon Properties LLC for \$162,500.

64 East Main Street – 2 bedroom/2 bath home on leased land sold by Brian VanDeusen to Timothy Adams and Johanna Mann.

64 Wells Hill Road – 3 bedroom/3 bath home on 11.36 acres sold by Jan T. Hazard to Mary and Michael Ward for \$1,575,000.

93 Wells Hill Road – 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home with pool sold by Huimin Deng to Shannon-Tyree Brown for \$1,908,000.

203 Interlaken Road – 4 bedroom/2 full/2 half bath renovated barn style home built in 1900 sold by Shannon-Tyree Brown to Stephen Roth and Kaitlyn Joan Morway for \$2,800,000.

116 South Shore Road – Twin Lakes home with 4 bedrooms/4 bath sold by Mary C. Hedman to James Esseks and Robert Ornstein for \$2,420,000.

366 Lime Rock Road – 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold by Lime Rock Ventures In-

corporated to Nathan Stephens and Miriam Taylor for \$272,000.

188 Farnum Road - 0.85 acres of land sold by Cristin Gallup and David B. Rich to 188 Farnum Road LLC for \$200,000.

80 & 82 Long Pond Road – Two parcels of vacant land totaling 17.80 acres sold by Nicole C. Noya and Kenneth J. Fields to Catherine Cusack and Katherine Cahn-Fuller.

283 Indian Mountain Road — 4 bedroom/4.5 bath home on 4.53 acres sold by Joyce Finkelstein to Ian B. and Katherine Cahn-Fuller.

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between Sept. 1, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2024, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market data courtesy of SmartMLS and InfoSparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Elections

Harding meets Potter in debate for CT's 30th

By Riley Klein

LITCHFIELD — Incumbent State Senator Stephen Harding (R-30) and challenger Justin Potter (D) went toe-to-toe for approximately 90 minutes Friday, Oct. 18.

The debate was hosted and moderated by the League of Women Voters of Litchfield County and was held at Lakeview High School. Questions were submitted by the audience in advance.

The candidates spoke to the crowd throughout the evening and rarely directly addressed each other. Potter took a few jabs at Harding's voting record, which Harding disputed, but otherwise the debate was cordial.

Overall, the two candidates held relatively similar stances on the majority of topics, which included energy costs, illegal immigrant services, abortion, election security, energy solutions, taxes, the environment, agriculture, small businesses and transgender athletes.

Affordable housing was a notable exception to their consensus. Harding recognized a lack of affordable housing options but stated opposition to General Statute 8-30G and the mandate on

each town to designate 10% housing stock as affordable. He felt Hartford should not dictate local zoning policy. Potter supports increased state funding for housing solutions, including accessory dwelling unit (ADU) incentives.

On energy, both opposed the Millstone nuclear power plant and the Brookfield natural gas compressor station. They both agreed that neither project would directly benefit the Northwest Corner. Potter pointed to testimony that Harding gave in support of natural gas expansion and said Republicans supported the Millstone project. Harding stated he voted against Millstone and, while he does not support the Brookfield project, he remains open to natural gas as an energy resource.

They agreed managing energy costs is a top priority. Potter suggested the state should begin stabilizing utility rates with regulatory authority. Harding said state energy subsidies should be paid by the state budget instead of added to residential electric bills.

Each candidate felt small businesses are the cornerstone of the Northwest Cor-



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Candidates for Connecticut's 30th Senate District debated Friday, Oct. 19. Incumbent Republican Stephen Harding (left) is running for his second term as state senator. Challenger Justin Potter (right) aims to be the first Democrat to win the 30th seat since 1979.

ner's community. Harding supports reducing energy rates, taxes and overall spending to benefit business owners. Potter said he wants to cut back on "the hurdles, the costs, the paperwork, the headaches."

Both candidates expressed support for amending the state constitution to guarantee a woman's right to an abortion and reproductive choices.

Both supported financial aid to agricultural businesses through tax incentives.

Both advocated for increased funding to childcare and early childhood educa-

tion. Both felt school sports should be segregated by biological sexual orientation.

Both stated Connecticut's election process is secure and trustworthy.

Both said it is time for Connecticut to implement a hunting season for black bears to control the growing population.

Both supported compassionate care of undocumented immigrants as members of the community, but Harding stated immigration policy should be left to the federal government while Potter wanted to continue

"reasonable policy" in Connecticut.

In closing statements, both candidates advocated for bipartisanship and expressed goals of creating a viable future for the Northwest Corner's next generation. Both men are fathers of children younger than 10.

"I believe [children] should be able to aspire to be police officers, teachers, nurses, artists or farmers and see a path to independence, raising up a family and retiring comfortably right here in Northwest Connecticut," said Potter. "I'm looking forward to getting to Hartford to create a more affordable and sustainable future for all of us."

"What's important to me is what goes on with our neighbors right here at home," said Harding. "I believe in bipartisan solutions. I don't care if it's a Republican or Democrat idea or constituent. I will always take your issue with the utmost importance regardless of party affiliation because you're a neighbor of mine and that's why I do my job."

Harding was elected state

senator in 2022 and is running for his second term. Potter would be the first Democrat to win the 30th Senate District since Joseph Ruggiero in 1979.

In post-debate discussions with audience members, three Democrats shared their takeaways.

"Harding is the most honest politician I've ever met," said one self-proclaimed lifelong Democrat. He felt Harding won the debate for being more articulate in his answers.

Another Democrat found Harding's opposition of G.S. 8-30G to be problematic. She supported Potter's stance on increased state funding to grow affordable housing stock in the Northwest Corner.

A third said she went in with an open mind and wondered if Harding would convince her to vote red. Afterwards she was still undecided and wanted to do more research on the nuanced issues.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polling stations will open across the state for 14 days of early voting beginning Monday, Oct. 21.

Fate of no-excuse absentee voting to be decided on November ballot

By Debra A. Aleksinas

LITCHFIELD — Voters in November's election will decide if the state constitution should be amended to allow no-excuse absentee voting, thereby removing restrictions and allowing any voter to request a mail-in ballot.

A program on the topic was presented by Denise Butwill, president of the League of Women Voters of Litchfield County and Jesse Hubbard, legislative director with the Office of the Secretary of the State, at the Litchfield Community Center on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

During the hour-long forum, Hubbard gave a run-down on the history of ballot measures and how constitutional amendments make it to the ballot and fielded questions and concerns from attendees.

"There are a lot of people who say we're making a change to the state constitution, and it takes people a back a bit," noted Hubbard.

On the top of the ballot, voters are being asked to indicate yes or no to the question: "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter to vote by absentee ballot?"

Voting "yes" authorizes the Connecticut General Assembly to write the law. Voting "no," he said, keeps current law in place, requiring one of the following six excuses: Active military service, absence from town of residence during voting hours, illness or physical disability, religious beliefs precluding secular activity on election day, or performance of duties as an election official at a different polling place during voting hours.

Hubbard explained that 29 states have adopted no-excuse absentee ballot voting and 14 states, including Connecticut, have excuse-required absentee ballot voting.

Several attendees questioned how town officials will be able to monitor the ballot boxes to ensure integrity of the votes, especially in light

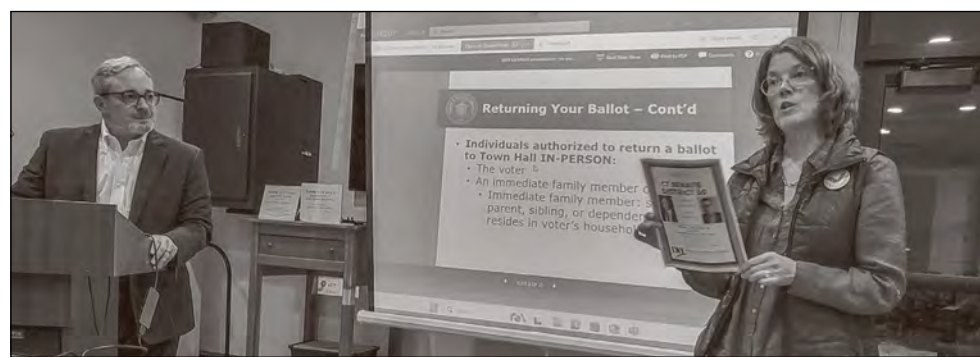


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Denise Butwill, president of the League of Women Voters of Litchfield County, right, and Jesse Hubbard, legislative director with the office of the Secretary of the State, presented a program on no-excuse absentee voting Oct. 16 at the Litchfield Community Center.

of a recent election fraud case in Bridgeport.

Hubbard noted that Public Act 24-148 signed by Gov. Ned Lamont on June 6, 2024, made several updates to current safeguards and enhances absentee ballot voting processes.

"We are now requiring security cameras on drop boxes," Hubbard said of the new surveillance measure. All towns must comply by July 1, 2025.

In addition, towns must retain the footage of the surveillance recordings for 12 months and make them available to the public.

Either the voter or his or her designee, or an immediate family member (spouse, child, parent, sibling or dependent relative who resides in voter's household), can return the ballot by mail or at a drop box, noted Hubbard.

Additional safeguards require that town clerks must record on the outer envelope of returned absentee ballot how it was returned. In addition, said Hubbard, each application is to be marked with the year for which it is valid, prohibiting town clerks from providing or accepting absentee ballot applications without the applicable year noted.

What supporters, opponents have to say

In favor of the amendment, State Senator Tony Hwang (R-28) said, "As we move forward, I wish we had ore collaboration of ideas, ideas that make our voting process better, more inclusive, more transparent, more engaged.

State Senator Robert C. Sampson (R-16), who voted against the amendment, said, "We have to be able to trust those votes without question. I have some concerns about trying to move our voting process away from the way it's been traditionally done where people vote on one specific day in person.

"In the last election we saw all campaigns across this state mailing ballot applications like crazy to people, and also sending out companion mail to say, 'Yes, you can check the box for sickness. You can vote by absentee.' It was a mess."

How widely are absentee ballots used?

During the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary, of the 111,791 votes cast, 6,740 voted by absentee ballot (6%), and 18,132 voted early (16%). During the 2023 Municipal Election, of the 741,831 votes cast, 48,366 voted by absentee ballot (7%).

For the 2022 State Election, of the 1,297,811 votes cast, 150,284 voted by absentee ballot (12%), and during the 2020 Presidential Election, which was a COVID year, out of 1,297,811 total votes, 659,370 people (35%) voted by absentee ballot.

"We saw a big boost" during COVID, said Hubbard. "People were told to stay in their homes and not to go to the polls that year."

However, with no-excuse absentee voting, "the ballot will not be mailed without you requesting it. It will be mailed when you make that request," the state official ex-

plained.

Advocating for passage

Hubbard recommended that town officials educate voters about where the question is located on the ballot.

"If you are working at the polls, do remind them it's on the top," said Hubbard. "There were times where people hadn't known there was a question on the back, or didn't bother to read the text on top."

Early voting and confusing language leads to defeat, the state official noted.

"Without understanding in full the question will often be ignored," particularly if it has to do with taking an item out of the state constitution," Hubbard explained.

One attendee asked why not just extend early voting to an entire month.

"The main reason is cost. It requires the town clerks to be there" during extended hours, said Hubbard. "It's the legislature that chooses. We asked for less days, and we didn't win that. We have election handlers in small towns who hadn't heard from anyone for a couple of days," during previous early voting sessions.

At the conclusion of the forum, Meredith Penfield, a member of the League of Women Voters of Litchfield County and long-time poll worker, expressed skepticism about no-excuse absentee ballot voting.

"Basically, I think you should show up in person to vote, and our economy should always allow workers the time off to vote," said Penfield.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
TAX COLLECTOR
TOWN OF
SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 is due and payable on October 1, 2024. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2024. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2024 interest at the rate of 1 (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday. Tax Office is open Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am-4pm, closed 12:30pm-1:30pm. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or e-check. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Salisbury CT this 16th day of September, 2024.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
09-19-24
10-03-24
10-24-24

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2024-0266 by Matt Schwaikert for a propane tank and generator in the Flood Plain Overlay District at 28 White Hollow Road, Lakeville, Map 28, Lot 22 per Section 401 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen

to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
10-24-24
10-31-24

Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Inland Wetlands
& Watercourses
Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 15, 2024:

Approved - Application 2024-IW-037 by owner Arek Bedros Feredjian for the construction of an addition on an existing stone house in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 25 as lot 30 and is known as 264 Taconic Road, Salisbury.

Exempt - Application 2024-IW-042D by Robert Taylor for the construction of a farm storage building in the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 05 as lot 01 & 38 and is known as 47 Dimond Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Taylor Farm Bolton LLC.

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

10-24-24

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legal@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

OBITUARIES

Gerald Wheeler

ANCRAMDAL — Gerald Wheeler, 88, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon. Mr. Wheeler worked for The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville. He retired as the Supervisor of Housekeeping following a 46-year career at Hotchkiss, where he was loved and respected by the faculty and the students.



Born July 21, 1936 in Sharon, he was the son of the late John Henry and Margaret (Hanley) Wheeler. He was a graduate of Webutuck High School in Amenia. On March 11, 1956, in Millerton, he married the love of his life, Augusta Lee Hoyt. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler shared over 59-years of marriage. Mrs. Wheeler passed away on Jan. 25, 2015.

Mr. Wheeler was an avid hunter and fisherman throughout his life. He enjoyed driving in the stock car races at Lebanon Valley Speedway in West Lebanon, New York, and driving in the drag races at the Dover Drag Strip in Wingdale, New York for many years. In his spare time, he liked gardening and tending to lawn work at home with his beloved wife. For several years he was a parishioner at St. Patrick's Church in Millerton and was

also affiliated with the Dutch Reform Church in Gallatin, New York.

Mr. Wheeler is survived by two sons, Richard Wheeler and his partner Jenefer-Shute of Germantown, New York, and John Wheeler and his wife Dana of Millerton; five grandchildren, Kae, Sean, Timothy, Nicole and Adam; four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, and many friends. In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Wheeler was predeceased by his son, Gerald Wheeler, and his grandson, Andrew Wheeler and three siblings.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York, 12546. A funeral service took place on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Multiple Sclerosis Society or to ALS United of Greater New York. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Mr. Wheeler's memory please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Edwin McGhee

MILLERTON — Edwin McGhee, 92, of Millerton, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving wife and three daughters Monday, Oct. 14, 2024. Edwin was born June 30, 1932 to Edwin and Agnes. He was raised in Millerton, alongside his siblings, James and Henry. He graduated from Millerton Union Free, attended SUNY Cobleskill and SUNY New Paltz, and served proudly in the Army in the artillery unit. Ed enjoyed a full career at Keuffel and Esser (Taconic Products) in the maintenance department. Ed was an avid musician, woodworker, and gardener. A kind and loving father, husband, and friend. He fiddled, whittled, and gardened his way through life from beginning to end.



Edwin is survived by his wife, Marion McGhee, his three daughters, Colleen McGhee (William Anstett), Dawn Runge (Robert), Krista McGhee (Jeffrey Litishin) and his grandchildren, Robert Runge (Michelle), Olivia

Runge (William Clark). Also, his six great grandchildren, his brother Henry McGhee (Roberta), the mother of his daughters, Barbara Baker Byron, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by Clark Barrett and James McGhee (Barbara).

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences was held on Thursday, Oct. 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake. A funeral service was held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. at The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Rd, Amenia, New York. Interment followed in Irondale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Sunday in the Country Food Drive (sundayinthecountry.org), Millerton Fire Department, or to Hudson Valley Hospice Dutchess County Office (hvospice.org). To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Howard Henry Lotz

CANAAN — Howard Henry Lotz, 97, a resident of Canaan, and Sarasoto, Florida passed away peacefully at his home in Connecticut on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born on May 23, 1927, in Mount Savage, Maryland as one of 14 children born to William Lotz and Grace Cecilia (McKenzie) Lotz. On June 2, 1956, he married the love of his life, Mary Segala of Canaan and celebrated 68 years of commitment and devotion to each other.

Howard was a proud World War II veteran, serving in the US Marine Corps during the occupation of China as an Expert Rifleman. He was one of the last surviving founding members and original signee of the VFW Post 6851 Charter in Canaan dated 1955 and then received the Commander's Award for Excellence in 2018.

Howard retired after 27 years of employment at Sharon Hospital in the Maintenance Department. He enjoyed coaching Little League baseball and K of C Youth boys basketball. He was an avid golfer acquiring multiple tournament and league

trophies as well as executing three holes in one. He was even noted in Golfer's digest as the Best Amateur Golfer at the Canaan Country Club. He also enjoyed vegetable gardening, cooking, and hunting deer and morel mushrooms. But, the most enjoyment and joy he experienced was spending time with his family, especially his six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Howard is survived by his loving wife, Mary; his daughter, Diane Coe, and his husband, Michael of West Cornwall, son, Howard H. Lotz II, of Canaan, and son, Robert Lotz and wife Jessica (Sunderland) of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts. Howard is also survived by his sister Grace Lepley, 91, of Mount Savage, Maryland, and several nieces and nephews.

A Catholic funeral mass will be held on Monday Oct. 28, 2024, at 11 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church, 4 Main St. North Canaan, CT 06018.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post 6851 104 South Canaan Rd. North Canaan, CT 06018 C/O Commander Kirk Harrington.

Support families in Dominican Republic this Christmas

TORRINGTON — Local college student Sarai Cabral is collecting donations to support families in need in the Dominican Republic for Christmas.

Cabral has independently carried out the Christmas donation tradition herself for several years. She is now

reaching out to the community for additional support.

Basic needs baskets will be compiled and brought down in December. Toys will be distributed to children. Financial donations preferred.

For more information or to donate, contact Cabral at (203) 525-8857.

OUR TOWNS



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Comptroller comes to town

First Selectman Dave Barger (right) and Selectman Judy Jacobs (left) welcomed State Comptroller Sean Scanlon (center) to Falls Village Monday, Oct. 21. The group spoke to people in town about MyCT Savings, a retirement savings program managed by the Comptroller's Office designed expands access to employees.



Worship Services

Week of October 27, 2024

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

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon
9 South Main, Sharon CT
Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M.
Transitioning through prayer
All welcome to join us
860-364-5260
www.christchurchsharon.org

St. John's Episcopal Church
12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT
SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II)
In-Person and on You-Tube
www.stjohnssalisbury.org
860-435-9290

North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC
Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people
172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT
Worship services Sundays at 10 am
www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational
860-824-7232

FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH
is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan
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Congregation Beth David
A reform Jewish Synagogue
3344 East Main St., Amenia
SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM
Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org)
ALL ARE WELCOME
Rabbi Jon Haddon
845-573-8264
info@congbethdavid.org

The Lakeville United Methodist Church
319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039
9:15 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-435-9496
Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

The Sharon United Methodist Church
112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green
Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care
No Sunday School in Summer
The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-364-5634
sharonumc5634@att.net

Falls Village Congregational Church
16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
Coffee Hour
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The Smithfield Presbyterian Church
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Canaan United Methodist Church
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11 a.m. Worship Service
"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"
Rev. Lee Gangaware
860-824-5534
canaanct-umc.com
canaanctumc@gmail.com
We hope you will join us!

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Sunday Worship - 11am
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All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church
313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT
Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M.
Special Services Online
Rev. John Kreta
860-824-1340 | allsaintsofamerica.us

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Sunday School at 9 a.m.
Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylinerock.org
The Rev. Heidi Truax
trinity@trinitylinerock.org
(860) 435-2627

Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT
Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons
Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 a.m.
Marion Williams will present:
HOW WE LIVE TOGETHER
For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com
All are Welcome

Chabad of Northwest CT
On the Green
69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759
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Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School
Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life
How The Weekly Portion Relates to Me!
Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah
Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services
Followed by a Congregational Kiddush
Children's Camp | Jewish Newspaper
Smiles on Seniors | CTeen | YJP

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sharoncongregationalchurch.org
for Sunday services
Contact us at 860-364-5002 or
info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org

Sharon (Barese) Hamilton

LAKEVILLE — Sharon (Barese) Hamilton, 75, of Lakeville—loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt—passed away on July 15, 2024, after a brief and sudden illness.



Born in Mount Kisco, New York, on Feb. 20, 1949, the daughter of Salvatore E. Barese and Irene Rose (Erdos) Barese, Sharon attended Danbury schools and lived and worked in Danbury before relocating to Lakeville in 2001.

Among her many professional accomplishments, she served as Purchasing Agent for the City of Danbury after placing first on the Civil Service exam for the position, and later as the president of the Public Purchasing Association of Connecticut and on the National Board of Directors of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing. She was the founder and publisher of Women's Forum Magazine, a monthly magazine written and illustrated by women to promote women, encourage their personal and professional growth, and lobby for important legislative changes that affect women in the workforce.

A life-long advocate for women's rights and lover of the arts, Sharon volunteered for, and sat on the board of, many community organizations over the course of her life, including the David M. Hunt Library, the Women's Center of Greater Danbury and the Charles Ives Center for the Arts. She was an original member of First Night Danbury and an active member and avid supporter of the Danbury Downtown Council and the downtown business community, as well as a member of Danbury's

Commission on the Status of Women.

Sharon was a multi-talented creative with a brilliant mind who could speak intelligently on many subjects. She was a skilled seamstress, a baker, an accomplished knitter and artist, selling her blankets, bags, prints and other wares at local artisan and craft fairs. She loved traveling with her family and took many trips that included four generations, including her beloved grandson, Jack.

Sharon is survived by daughters Dana Lemay of Lakeville and Jennifer Otto of Danbury, grandson Jack Lemay of Lakeville, siblings Nancy Barese, Kathi Heering, and Richard Barese, all of Danbury; and David Barese of New Milford, as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her parents and two sisters, Dorene and Barbara.

An outspoken advocate for causes near and dear to her, and a great support and companion to her friends and family, Sharon's loving and joyful presence will be forever remembered and greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024 at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury from 2 to 4 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A day to remember

Saturday, Oct. 12 will remain a special memory to the hundreds that attended the Salisbury fall festival. The day was perfect in as many ways as one can imagine.

The Salisbury Band provided enjoyable music during much of the day. Children danced freely on the lawn of the Scoville Library and those of us in wheelchairs clapped to the upbeat music of the "Hot Shots".

Local churches and busi-

nesses offered special treats to enjoy from one end of town to the other. The scarecrows were fantastic!

This special autumn day ended with the hot shots playing a Patriotic medley. Those attending stopped and listened, feeling thankful for their experience and priceless memory of a perfect day. A sincere thank you to all those who made this day possible.

Barbara Austin

Sharon

Regarding Wake Robin's zoning application

It is amazing, to me, that neighbors of the proposed Wake Robin project seem to misunderstand the powers of Zoning rules and regulations. Applications which meet the requirements (stated in the regulations) are then approved. It would be contrary to logic and the law to deny an application that meets the regulations. It would be punitive to allow neighbors to dictate conditions to an applicant who meets the requirements of the regulations. NIMBY is not a reason to deny an application.

Part of the confusion in this particular application, at least for the writer, is the seeming attempt to review the land use application by leaning on Section 213.5 which is designed to allow a NEW Hotel in a residential zone (RR-1). The Wake Robin Inn has existed as a hotel/Inn, with a restaurant/bar and other facilities, for over sixty years, since it was approved by Planning and Zoning as an Hotel under Section 6.1.3.3 of the Zoning Regulations of 1959, and has served the public since then.

If music and the sounds of

gathering are to be regulated on one property, in the RR-1 zone, in fairness shouldn't we apply the same restrictions to all properties in the zone? Should the neighbors be held to this same new standard and limited to the same hours of musical volume?

As the Wake Robin Inn has been and is a legally existing hotel use since the 1950s, the applicant has the option of withdrawing the application as it is unreasonable to require action under a section of the Zoning Regulations which does not apply.

Existing Homes/Hotels (White Hart, Interlaken Inn, Wake Robin) in the RR-1 are entitled to, in accordance with the regulations, add structures.

Zoning/ Building permits are issued by Abby Conroy and Building Official Mike Carbone, with no Public Hearing at all, as long as they meet Zoning setbacks from property boundaries and comply with the Building Code. Just as owner in the RR1 can.

Peter K. Oliver

Lakeville

Not-So-Nice Jahana

In their recent debate carried live on WFSB, incumbent Jahana Hayes, not surprisingly, misrepresented George Logan's position on numerous policy issues, particularly his stance on abortion, where he has consistently reiterated his support for Connecticut's abortion law (essentially a codification of the Roe v. Wade standards) and stated his unequivocal opposition to a national abortion ban.

What was surprising was Ms. Hayes' aloof and condescending manner, which suggested that she had better things to do than debate an upstart Hispanic man running for the Congressional seat she has held for six years. Her condescension reached its zenith when she strikingly said "Send Mr. Logan back to where he came from."

Precisely where does Ms. Hayes wish to send Mr. Logan? Back to Guatemala, from where his parents immigrated more than 50 years ago? We had thought Democrats supported immigration; perhaps the problem is that Mr. Logan's parents immigrated legally.

Or perhaps she wishes to send Mr. Logan back to the New Haven incercity where he grew up in the 1970's. The Hill section where the family lived was a dangerous neighborhood wracked with violence and drugs. George remembers that when the family bought a new TV they had to sneak it into the

house so it wouldn't be stolen. Perhaps Democrats like Ms. Hayes oppose upward mobility of Blacks and Hispanics.

Or perhaps she wishes to send him back to Ansonia, which he represented (along with several other towns) in the Connecticut Senate from 2016 to 2020. After all, he was a successful state Senator, why should he try to move up and take her seat in Congress?

Whether Ms. Hayes should be "sent back" to Waterbury where she was a teacher for 15 years is up to voters in the 5th District. But it would have been useful for her to have ventured back there to address the terrible outbreak of violence in the city's schools which led to two investigations, one in 2022 and one in 2024. George Logan has taken action, asking Merrick Garland to have the Department of Justice follow up on these investigations and take action to address a problem which has led to 86% of teachers in that city expressing their belief that they and their students are unsafe. Having taught in the those very schools and currently being a member of the House Committee on Education and Workforce, one would have expected more from Ms. Hayes.

Tom Morrison

Lakeville

(The writer is Chair of the Salisbury Republican Town Committee)



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justin Potter understands the importance of middle-class housing to keep economy vibrant

Teachers, nurses, librarians, first responders, retail workers, restaurant workers, municipal employees — just a few of the important jobs paying middle-class wages. These are the people that keep our economies and towns vibrant. Without them, our communities simply won't function — no schools, no health care, no libraries, no law enforcement, no shops, no restaurants, no

snow removal. The list goes on and on.

If we want the services provided by these workers, and I know we all do, we need to make sure they have somewhere to live. The shortage of middle-class housing in many of our towns is at a crisis level. Justin Potter, Democratic Candidate for State Senate, District 30, keenly understands this. Potter believes

we can create the housing we need while respecting local control of zoning and open space. He supports state funding for accessory apartments, which the vast majority of our towns already allow because they fit well with the existing form and infrastructure of even our most rural areas. As the leader of a non-profit housing organization, he understands the challenges

of creating housing - and how state policy can be improved to make it easier to build homes that better fit the finances of middle-class workers and their families.

If you want to see our towns thrive, please join me in voting for Justin Potter for State Senate, District 30.

Lianna Gantt

Kent

Vote to re-elect Hayes for 5th Congressional seat

The race for the 5th Congressional district is a close one. What is not close is the character and performance of the two candidates. Incumbent Jahana Hayes, a former National Teacher of the Year, is a dedicated and effective legislator. Her opponent, a public relations director for Aquarian, a subsidiary of Eversource, is currently being fined by NY state for overdue workmen compensation payments and sales taxes.

We have all benefited from legislation supported and often introduced by Representative Hayes including:

Prescription drug prices lowered, insulin costs capped at \$35 a month and annual Medicare out-of-pocket drug

costs at \$2,000.

Protection of pension plans that were expected to run out of money necessary to pay benefits to workers.

Childcare subsidies ensuring no family pays more than 7% of their income to childcare.

Effective advocacy for veterans to access rightful benefits, so much so that hers is designated a Purple Heart Congressional Office.

Expansion of Career and Technical Education programs including 1 million new apprenticeship programs over the next 5 years, so that students, and adults changing careers, can get recognized credentials to fill high-paying, stable jobs.

Repairs to CT infra-

structure including: \$3.5 billion for federal highway programs, \$561 million for bridge replacement, \$1.3 billion for public transportation, \$53 million for electric vehicle chargers and infrastructure, \$100 million to improve broadband coverage, \$445 million for water infrastructure, and \$62 million for airports.

Designated the Housatonic River as wild and scenic, opening access to federal

funds to protect the river and watershed.

She is tireless in her drive to improve the lives of all Americans, in spite of dysfunctional GOP leadership in the House of Representatives.

Visit www.congress.gov to be wowed by her legislative history. Use your vote to re-elect Jahana Hayes to continue her good work.

Amy Lake

Lakeville

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1924

Elton W. Feathers of Lakeville, who has been visiting Keeper Baker, has accepted a position at New York at Long Beach Bar Light Station Harbor Light. Mrs. Feathers will remain with her parents at Long Beach Bar till Thanksgiving when they will accompany her to the Berkshires for the holiday.

SALISBURY — Miss Alvalena Hortie has taken a situation as companion to Miss Berge.

A new steam heating system is soon to be installed at St. Mary's Church.

Howard Martin, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, has left town for a short stay at Chicago, previous to going on to California, where he expects to arrive in time to cast his vote.

Miss Edith Scoville of Taconic has closed Southway cottage for the winter.

A car driven by Mrs. Thomas Flood collided with a horse drawn rig driven by F.D. Burton in front of the Bushnell place on Wednesday morning. Burton was driving across the road when the auto struck the wagon. No great damage was done. One wheel of the wagon was broken and the front fenders of the car were somewhat bent. The occupants of the vehicles were uninjured and the horse also escaped injury.

50 years ago — October 1974

Developers of the \$3.5 million dog race track for Goshen hope to complete negotiations in the next week to 10 days for the purchase of approximately 180 acres of land owned by State Rep. Gordon M. Vaill, R-Goshen. Joseph Monaghan, one of the would-be developers of the proposed track, stated Wednesday that negotiations for the land transaction are continuing, and must be completed before backers file a formal application with the State Commission on Special Revenue.

Firemen from West Cornwall and Sharon battled a blaze in Sharon Monday which destroyed the remote mountain-top hunting lodge owned by Ian Ingersoll of West Cornwall. The secluded

home was high atop the mountain overlooking Route 7 and the Housatonic River, just off Calkinstown Road close to a mile into the woods and up a steep grade, which proved difficult for firemen with heavy equipment to reach. The fire left only the charred remains of the once rambling building.

Revised architectural plans for a \$317,000 off-street food market shopping complex in Salisbury were disclosed at an informational meeting of the Village Improvement Society Monday night at the town hall. It is hoped to start construction this fall or at the latest by early spring on a new 84-by-120-foot structure for the Shagroy Market plus two additional shops or offices.

A Penn Central grain car derailed Saturday morning at the Agway Feed Company grain elevator in Sharon Station, when two freight cars' brakes failed, sending the cars rolling down the track. The accident occurred while the freight cars were being unloaded at the Agway facility. The 25-ton freight car rolled approximately 40 feet before hitting an emergency derailer, designed to stop runaway cars. New York State Police from Dover reported there were no injuries in the freight car derailment.

Joanne Erickson of Salisbury is attending the Lyndon Nordic Training Center in Lyndon Center, Vt. Joanne has been accepted into this unique program "because of her past record and great potential as a cross country skier." Cross country skiers from all parts of the country come to live and study while training specifically for competitive cross country skiing under the former National "A" Team skier Peter Davis. Joanne is enrolled in the senior class at the training center, and joins 13 other young skiers representing seven states and Canada.

After two long, hard years of work the Canaan Housing Authority put the community's housing for the elderly project out to bid this Monday. The authority received final approval of its plans last Friday from the state Department of Community Affairs.

Mystery now surrounds the North Canaan Plaza project on North Elm Street. Groundbreaking announced for two weeks ago has yet to take place, and a spokesman for developer Frank Eberhard said Wednesday the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. builder would have "absolutely no statement for the press."

Douglas Humes Jr., 27, of Canaan, miraculously escaped injury Tuesday when his auto plunged 15 feet off a dismantled railroad bridge and into the Blackberry River. Mr. Humes was driving along the abandoned Central New England Railroad track bed on a private surveying job when high brush camouflaged where the bridge over the river once stood before the branch line was abandoned. Driving a Khar-mann Ghia Volkswagen, Mr. Humes drove over the bridge embankment and the car dropped into a deep pool below. Although the roof of the car was flattened, Humes was able to escape through the driver's window while the car was filling with water.

Donald Pollard of Falls Village was awarded the American Farmer Degree last week in special ceremonies held during the 47th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Mo. The American Farmer degree is the highest FFA degree and is awarded to about one percent of all FFA members. Pollard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pollard of Falls Village.

25 years ago — October 1999

WEST CORNWALL — The Dibble Hill Road home NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw and his wife Meredith have used as a part-time residence for nearly 20 years was put on the market late last month. Mr. Brokaw, who often donated his time, money and services to community events, purchased the home in 1982. While he declined comment Wednesday, Carolyn Klemm, the property's exclusive broker, said she believed the Brokaws just did not have enough time to spend in Cornwall. "But they have truly loved Cornwall," she said. The 2,500-square-foot home is situated on 13 acres and is listed for \$650,000.

SHARON — Listeners tuning in to WKZE-AM (1020) may have noticed a change in the station's music format. Since the end of September, the station has switched from country music to popular songs of the '60s, '70s and '80s, with an added local emphasis and more live broadcasts. Morning show host Marshall Miles, who returned to WKZE in May, said his show was so popular the station decided to make the change in format for the entire day.

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

What happens in the understory?

A quarterly letter from the Salisbury Conservation Commission

Welcome to the Salisbury Conservation Commission's quarterly missive. The SCC is a new town committee formed to advise and support, but not make policy on, the many wonderful environmental resources we have in town. It's a win-win commission!

One of its goals is education; educating SCC members and fellow Salisburyans on the unique natural habitats specific to our beautiful and fascinating town and how to preserve them.

In these quarterly missives, the SCC will take shallow dives into topics germane to an environmentally engaged community and that celebrate our town's unique ecological features. In the future, please look for articles on vernal pools, upland habitats, core forests, tax breaks, etc.

We would like to be interactive, so please send topic suggestions and comments to leepotter@salsburyct.gov.

The understory is making headlines

This summer the Salisbury Conservation Commission was treated to a walk through the woods with a number of forestry experts including First Selectman, Curtis Rand; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection foresters, Gerald Milne and Jill Humphreys, as well as The Connecticut Nature Conservancy's director of Saugatuck Preserves, Cynthia Fowx. These experts focused on the understory, the supporting cast of our local forests that is fascinating and complex. Here's a little about what we learned.

We are lucky to be living in the Salisbury-Lakeville area, especially from an ecological standpoint. It has many diverse habitats that protect and encourage biodiversity. One of these

CONSERVATION COMMISSION CORNER

important habitats is the understory or the plant life that is happy living in the shaded layer between the earth and the trees' canopy. In Salisbury we have the potential for wonderful understory in the roughly 20,000 acres of forest in our borders. (There are about 38,500 acres total in town.)

What happens in the understory habitat? Thanks to Susan Bergen's March 5, 2024, blog, we gain some insight: A robin nests in a holly bush. A bumblebee savors meadowsweet pollen. A wild turkey gobbled down the dark blue berries on the maple leaf viburnum. A swallowtail butterfly lays her eggs on a spicebush leaf. A red fox bounds away into the thick underbrush. It is all happening in the understory... Most canopy trees in the eastern forest are wind-pollinated, while many understory plants depend on insects to pollinate their flowers. These plants offer nectar and pollen and host insect larvae. After pollination, the resulting fruits, berries, and seeds feed birds and wildlife. Songbirds that feed near or on the ground, such as cardinals, grosbeaks, robins, and goldfinches, build cup-shaped nests in low bushes within ten feet of the ground. The hermit thrush often nests directly on the ground, as do oven birds and game birds, such as wild turkeys.

Understory vegetation helps camouflage the nests and protects the safety of the eggs, hatchlings, and brooding adults. The thick brush also harbors many mammals, such as foxes, coyotes, bobcats, and the small animals they prey on. In addition, standing dead trees and decomposing wood on the forest floor provides food and shelter for insects and fungi that help form the base of the

food chain.

As you can see, the understory is action-packed, but it does have stressors on it. When you are hiking, notice if you can see through the woods, if each tree trunk is its own sentinel with no green at its feet. If so, chances are the important shade loving native plants that grow between 2 inches to 20 feet have been munched on by whitetail deer as saplings or have been outcompeted by the non-native invasives such as Japanese barberry, winged euonymus and multiflora rose for early spring light and water.

Another stressor on the understory are people. A park-like aesthetic for our woods, where one magnificent trunk after another, provides a vertical structure that is architectural — almost modern — in its appearance and is tidy, is compelling and something perhaps we admire in the English landscape. After our walk with the foresters, however, we are converts to a softer and messier look under our trees knowing that that understory is providing habitat for many critters essential to our well-being as well as providing erosion control, water filtration and hospitable seeding grounds.

For your own wooded area in need of an understory, here is a great list of plants to consider planting from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station: portal.ct.gov/-/media/caes/documents/publications/brochures/nativewoodyshrubs-2021jul22.pdf

An inspiring read on the transformation of a habitat by introducing native plants is this interview with Doug Tallamy: www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/meet-ecologist-who-wants-unleash-wild-backyard-180974372/

Beautiful sunny meadows cropped up all over town this summer, which is so exciting, but let's not forget the quiet cousins under the trees, the less noticed but just as important to biodiversity understory.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hayes: Improving the future for our youth

Jahana Hayes has worked hard in her three terms in Congress to pass many important laws. She often does this by reaching across the aisle in a bipartisan way to get the bills passed she thinks are important. This means Jahana is willing to compromise to find the middle ground with her Republican coun-

terparts for the legislation she wants to support.

An example would be the Opening Doors for Youth Act of 2023.

This bill addresses the problems of youth who face challenges obtaining a high school diploma and drop out. This bill would help finance job training for these young

people to give them the opportunity to not drop out of society and to have a productive future and a good life. According to the National Youth Employment Coalition, in the Connecticut 5th Congressional District, 11% of young people between the ages of 16 to 24 could be affected. That means over one thousand youths in the 5th District could take advantage of this legislation once it is passed.

Jahana Hayes has proven herself to be a very compassionate, caring and energetic person. She is on many Congressional Committees, and she works hard to create laws that will improve the lives of all her constituents. Her office is always open to help anyone with constituent problems. Please vote on November 5th for Jahana Hayes for Congress.

Lizbeth Piel
Sharon

More letters appear on Pages A6 and A8

Status Report

First Lady Jill Biden came to town Wednesday, Oct. 16, to visit her grandchild at Salisbury School. The motorcade was seen passing through North Canaan, Norfolk and Winsted.

LAKEVILLE — John Scutieri had a hole in one on the 145-yard second hole at The Hotchkiss School's golf course on Monday, Oct. 14. His nine-iron shot landed on the green, took one bounce, then curled its way into the cup. Scutieri, the former mayor of Millerton, was playing with his longtime friends Jack Riley and Doug Cahill.

Thanks Lakeville Hose Company/Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance

I would like to thank the Lakeville Hose Company, Billy Sherwood and Jason Wilson in particular, who responded instantly to my 911 call because my smoke/CO2 alarm was alerting me to a problem. They brought their measuring instruments and quickly realized the CO2 level was okay and the problem was expired batteries. They took care of the problem without further ado. They were incredibly cordial and helpful.

I would also like to thank Jacqui Rice who was teaching an EMS class at the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance

Service when she heard my 911 call and came running over my neighbor's yard to see if she could be of help. (My house is one house away from the ambulance station).

I am asking all community members to consider volunteering in support of these two wonderful organizations if you are able and have the time. The importance of volunteering to the many community organizations in this town cannot be stressed enough. But if you are not able, donate, donate, donate.

Chany Wells
Lakeville

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The challenge of controlling the invasive plant Phragmites in wetlands is never ending. This is perhaps comparable to the cleaning out of the Augean stables, which was the fifth labor of Hercules. The great majority of the time this is accomplished with pesticides or burning in the winter. Another innovative method of control is introducing domesticated water buffalo which will actually graze on Phragmites; this is most effective in the spring and should be part of a long term management plan. For more information, please visit the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative website at: www.greatlakesphragmites.net/management/techniques/



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Crest of fall

This wedding takes the cake

Recently, a Houston couple asked guests to pay \$450 to attend their wedding. Not surprisingly, most declined the invitation. Easy fix? Have a cheaper wedding. Not an option in a world of influencers who believe they have a personal brand which must be enhanced and protected. Marketing 101: Excessive discounting will destroy your brand. Faced with a tab of \$200,000, \$450 per person was their preferred solution. It failed.

Can this marriage be saved? Will people “pay to play?” Maybe, if you have the chutzpah to ask and are willing to approach it like another strangely similar event: the excitement and spectacle of a heavyweight title fight. You need a wedding promoter not a wedding planner.

Both are one-time events, marriage statistics notwithstanding, that are usually held at a special venue often in an exotic locale. At a boxing match gambling is expected and encouraged. At a wedding, the gamble is the marriage. The participants have been preparing for weeks, physically training to get in the best possible shape and will probably never look this good again. While each fighter commands an entourage of supporters and hangers-on, the wedding couple has bridesmaids and groomsmen. Admittedly, a boxing match and a wedding differ in some aspects. A wedding has no referee so it's much easier for things to get out of hand; there is a lot more crying and no one is asking for a rematch.

Similar to a boxing crowd, wedding attendees are a conglomeration of the familiar and unfamiliar. People we see all the time, people we never see, and people we don't want to see. Everyone is blinged-out and dressed to impress. There's a lot of uncertainty leading up to the main event. Getting through the bachelor and bachelorette parties without physical and emotional injury can be difficult. The rehearsal dinner, the matrimonial equivalent to the weigh-in, can be tense and unpredictable. Sparks can fly when family, in-laws and alcohol get together in close quarters. The all-important

NEWS OF VERY NARROW INTEREST

M.A. DUCA

wedding toast needs someone who brings everything to a fever pitch, someone like boxing announcer Michael Buffer:

“Ladies and Gentleman, Let's Get Ready To C O U P L E !”

Like a knockout in the first round, sometimes it does not live up to the hype and is over quickly. You're out a lot of money, but that's the risk you take.

If paying to attend a wedding catches on I would suggest amending the vows: ...“till death do us part or at least until the check clears.”

M.A. Duca is a resident of Twin Lakes, narrowly focused on everyday life.

Maria Horn, a proven leader for the Northwest Corner

This week, as early voting starts up, we have a great opportunity to re-elect Maria Horn to continue being a strong advocate for our towns. Far from being a one or two issue representative, Maria has tackled a wide range of issues and problems, from the establishment of a local health care clinic open to all, with or without insurance; to pushing for major support for a local firehouse; to protecting women's access to health care; to tightening regulations on herbicide spraying along the railroad tracks; to the largest personal tax cut reduction in the state's history; to initiatives to help small businesses and local

farmers; to increasing investment in education; she has made substantive improvements in our district and to the state as a whole.

As chair of the House Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding she has a crucial role in crafting the future of both our corner and the state. Energetic and engaged with her constituents, she is open to hearing from us on the issues we care about and to taking our concerns seriously. Whenever possible, she collaborates with her Republican colleagues for legislation that makes sense. Let's keep her doing our work!

Susannah Wood
Norfolk

Thanks to Dog Park's volunteers

I want to thank everyone from the Dog Park in Lakeville who worked so hard to make our presence known during the Fall Festival in Salisbury. It was a group effort of volunteers who come to the Park from Lakeville, Salisbury, Amenia, Miller-ton, and beyond with dogs of all sizes and breeds.

To all the volunteers who designed the materials and banners, pitched the tent, manned the table, and created a memorable scarecrow that won first prize in the nonprofit category, congratulations!

Unfortunately, many of us could not attend as this year's Fall Festival fell on the holiest day of the Jewish year, Yom Kippur. It would be the equivalent of holding an event on Good Friday or Eid-al-Fitr

Ironically, Columbus would not have attended the Fall Festival on a weekend named in his honor if held this year. The recent news from Reuters of a twenty-two-year study of Columbus' DNA was released on Yom Kippur. It revealed that Columbus was a Sephardic Jew from Western Europe.

Our community is one that respects all faiths and

all peoples and hopefully this regrettable oversight will never happen again. We have learned that the Jewish calendar is lunisolar and does not coincide with the Gregorian calendar that the Fall Festival is based on. Yom Kippur can be as early as mid-September or as late as mid-October.

I wish everyone — whatever their religion — Shanah Tovah. 5785 should be a year of kindness, inclusiveness, and respect for others.

See you next year,
Stephanie H. Reckler
New York

Don't let Trump back in

I lay awake the other night mulling over the following: should I send a letter to a regional paper known for its conservative views, and with a vociferous pro-Trump readership, at a time when Trump is talking about arresting his “domestic enemies,” and in general, promoting a violent response if he doesn't win?

My dead-of-night paranoia aside, Jan. 6 proved how Trump could weaponize his supporters, allowing them to put his own Vice President's life in danger. If he was willing to do that, what else is he

likely to try in his attempt to regain power?

Pence, Liz Cheney and many others have provided examples of actual acts of courage when their moral compasses led them to stand against abuses of power and for the protection of Constitutional norms

For very personal reasons Trump is desperate to become president again. He has no inner boundaries, no moral compass, so we the voters must provide them by not letting him back in office.

Barbara Maltby
Lakeville

An Accounting

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Enabled by six politically-motivated Supreme Court judges,
Enhanced by jars and jars of clown grease bronzer
To cover up 78 years of leathering;
Racking up 30-plus unpardonable felonies,
Hundreds of lawsuits settled with donations from devotees;
Bullying thousands of sycophantic down-ballot politicians
Telling tens of thousands of lies, each bigger with every repetition;

Branding even the threads from his Butler suit;
Inspiring millions of abusive social media posts
And tens of millions of entertainment seekers
Gawking at caged children of immigrants,
While countless millions of stunned on-lookers stand by,
Is leading to the undoing of our country.
Which role have I played?

It will only take one well-considered vote from each and every one of us

To tell the world we are coming back to our senses.
Molly Fitzmaurice

Sharon

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

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David D. Kirkpatrick

David D. Kirkpatrick is a writer for *The New Yorker* whose work includes coverage of American politics. He spent 22 years as a *New York Times* correspondent, where he reported on presidential elections and led coverage of the 2011 uprisings for democracy across the Middle East.

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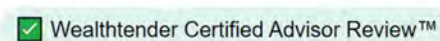
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Our Towns

Black cats unfairly shunned, stigmatized, say regional animal rescue groups

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Lucian is one lucky black cat. The emerald-eyed feline has been living in the lap of luxury since being rescued from the streets of Albany nine years ago by the Pecha family of Falls Village.

Today Lucian lives in Litchfield with his owner, David Pecha, where he spends his days cat-napping, bird-watching, attention-seeking and occasionally cajoling with a neighborhood fox.

Unlike Lucian, not all black cats end up in forever homes. According to regional animal rescue groups, black pets in general, and black cats in particular, are often shunned by prospective adopters.

Enter National Black Cat Day 2024, which falls on Oct. 27 this year. The annual awareness day is designed to support and promote the beauty and well-being of black cats and to dispel myths and superstitions that have haunted them for centuries, particularly around Halloween.

The day plays a vital role in advocating for welfare and adoption of black cats.

Shunned through no fault of their own

"I've had someone come up to me and say they would take anything but black," said Beverly Ditto of Collaborative Cats, a feline foster home-based rescue organization serving Southern Columbia and Northern Dutchess counties of New York. "There are black cat lovers, but that is rare."

Ditto, who has owned several black cats, said she has found them to be among the "sweetest and most lovable" of felines, second to orange cats, and not deserving of being feared.

She attributes their lack of popularity to long-held superstitions about them being harbingers of bad luck or that they are evil doers associated with Satanic rituals. Black cats also blend in with shadows, giving them a spooky appearance.

Because superstitions about black cats are reinforced around Halloween, it is common for shelters to put adoptions on hold. According to the Smithsonian, some adoption agencies and shelters won't even consider placing black cats in homes until after Halloween for fear they will be tortured or sacrificed.

"All the shelters generally are very nervous about adopting out before Halloween," said Ditto. "There are people out there to be known to harm black cats. I haven't encountered that, but it has been a big worry amongst the rescues."

Currently, Collaborative Cats, which takes in stray, abandoned, injured and homeless felines, has several black kittens available for adoption, including Roary, Jacques and Lucifer, all described as sweet and playful.

The organization, which is not a shelter, said Ditto, is constantly seeking new foster homes for its approximately 100 felines.

Raven and Bagheera

At The Little Guild in West Cornwall, two black cats, Raven and Bagheera, arrived at the shelter in August and are awaiting adoption. Both are about a year old and have the sweetest dispositions, said the shelter's executive director Jenny



PHOTO PROVIDED

Lucian picked his owners outside a grocery store.

Langendoerfer.

"It is interesting that people do like to see unique colorings and markings," she noted. "But the one thing about black cats is that they make the most wonderful pets."

Langendoerfer described Bagheera, a sturdy, green-eyed young male, as a "mini panther, very silly and very sweet," and 1-year-old Raven as very playful.

Lauren Mucha, one of the caregivers at The Last Post cat sanctuary and cat retirement home in Falls Village where 124 cats reside, said about 20 of its feline residents are black.

She said she is perplexed as to why people would shy away from dark-coated cats, as they don't deserve the negative image.

One cat in particular, Jinx, has been a resident at The Last Post for the last eight years and does not have a mean bone in its body, said Mucha, who described him as a Velcro cat, a "real cuddler."

This cat picked his family

Not everyone is on board with the negative black cat spin. For some, a visit from a black cat means good luck or prosperity. In some cultures, black cats, considered sleek and seductive with their all-knowing yellow and green eyes, are even worshipped.

Take Lucian's owner, David Pecha, for instance.

The mini household panther was rescued by Pecha's son, Alex, about nine years ago while attending college in Albany. Alex and a friend had emerged from a grocery store "and the cat came flying out from under a car, meowing at them and trailing them."

It was the end of the school year, and because the cat appeared to be pretty well cared for, said Pecha, they thought it might have escaped during the confusion of the move.

After failing to find a no-kill shelter nearby, they took Lucian back home with them to Falls Village and posted "cat found" posters around campus, but no one came forth to claim the black cat, said Pecha.

Before long, Lucian befriended a doppelganger named Bagheera, owned by the Atwood family just up the street, Pecha recalled.

"He was the spitting image of Lucian, and they hung out together. You would see the two of them running around the streets in the middle of town."

When Pecha relocated to Litchfield a few years ago, so did Lucian, who has since settled into his new quarters, according to his owner. He considers his cat to be more like a loyal dog, with a unique personality.

Unlike other cats, Lucian doesn't use a water bowl. Instead, he laps up his drink from a tall glass, filled with cool water straight from the fridge.

And as for snow, the pampered feline will have nothing of it. "He doesn't do winter," said Pecha. "He'll put one paw in the snow, and it's 'Oh, hell no.'"

Available for adoption

Below are several black cats up for adoption at The Little Guild in West Cornwall, and Collaborative Cats in Ancramdale, NY. Additional details are available by contacting the rescue groups either by phone or via their website. Photos provided.

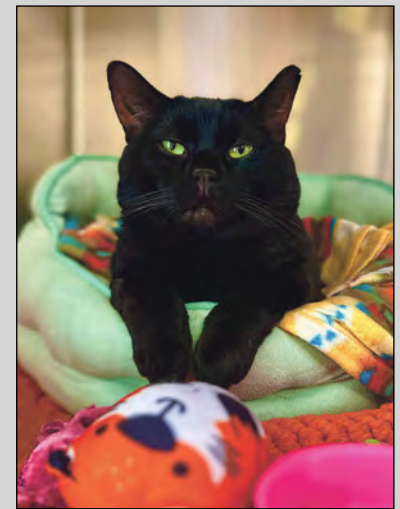
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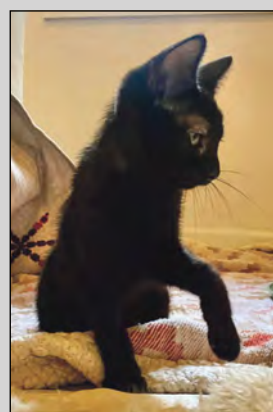
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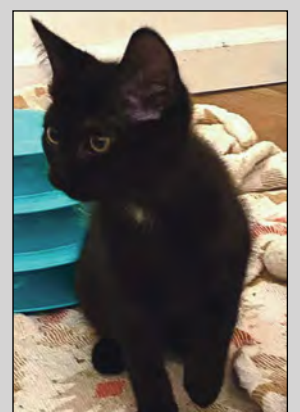
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Cornwall creates fund for hurricane victims in Asheville

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — In response Hurricane Helene's destruction in and around Asheville, North Carolina, Cornwall's Transfer Station crew has created a fundraising effort.

Crewmember Will Berry proposed the idea to the Board of Selectmen at a meeting Oct. 15. He said the victims need assistance in the areas of food, water, shelter and clothing, but the most effective way to help is to send money.

He identified a grassroots organization called Beloved Asheville that had made a significant impact on those affected. Through a network of volunteers and host families in the area, support is provided on the ground to those who need it most.

BOS got on board with

the initiative and offered to help organize and distribute the donations.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway suggested kick-starting the fund with \$1,000 from the town's Can and Bottle Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Donations will be collected at Town Hall and the Transfer Station. Checks should be made out to the Town of Cornwall with "Aid to Asheville" in the memo.

Donors will be acknowledged for their contribution. Call the Selectmen's Office at (860) 672-4959 for more information.

Knotweed

Japanese knotweed has been found growing at the Transfer Station. A roughly 300-foot patch is located at the site of the old land fill, and further back is another growth of approximately the

same size.

"It's a pretty nasty weed that spreads easily and grows fast," said Berry. "We really have to be aggressive with it for about two years."

Berry proposed treating the knotweed with Glyphosate herbicide and cutting the stalks until it is eradicated. BOS voted to approve the

treatment plan.

Equipment needed for the work includes a spot sprayer (\$149), 2.5 gallons of 41% Glyphosate (\$75) and protective gear (\$100).

Berry will renew his herbicide/pesticide applicator license this winter. The spraying is expected to begin next June.

GMF's charcoal lesson

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORFOLK — A group of about 25 people stood a mile or so along a dirt road in Great Mountain Forest and gazed at a replica charcoal mound on Friday, Oct. 11.

"You're standing in an industrial legacy," said historian Dick Paddock.

Matt Gallagher, GMF's director of programs and operations, said the replica mound is about half the size of the real thing, and is cut away in order to show visitors how the mounds were constructed.

Paddock said that during the roughly 200 years (1734-1923) that high-quality iron was produced in Northwest Connecticut, the fuel that made it all possible was charcoal.

Burning copious amounts of wood to get the desired charcoal for the iron-making process was painstaking, arduous, and dangerous work, Paddock said.

And the industry needed a lot of it. Beckley Furnace in East Canaan used 1 3/8 acres worth of wood per day.

Paddock pointed out that charcoal was a renewable en-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The replica charcoal mound at Great Mountain Forest, Oct. 11.

ergy source.

The iron companies bought up forests, cut them, burned them and replanted them on a 20-year rotation.

One consequence of that is today, "there are thousands of acres of vacant land" in the Northwest Corner.

"Because of an industry!"

Gallagher credited retired GMF forester Jody Bronson for the idea of a replica charcoal mound, and thanked Dan Bolognani of Housatonic Heritage (who was on hand) for supplying a grant for design and construction.

The mound was built by a team of interns last year, and survived a July 2023 storm that washed out much of the dirt road leading past the mound.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Guests gather on the new viewing platform at Rattlesnake Preserve in Cornwall.

New viewing platform overlooks wildlife

By Alec Linden

CORNWALL — The Cornwall Conservation Trust (CCT) unveiled its new wildlife viewing platform at the Rattlesnake Preserve on Saturday, Oct. 19 with a reception of autumnal favorites such as mulled cider and homemade cider donuts.

The viewing platform, which is handicap accessible, overlooks an expanse of wetlands with woodlands at its fringe. A stream runs through the foreground of the vista, with several jumbles of sticks and branches just visible above the cattails that fringe the water.

These jumbles, CCT President Bart Jones explains, are beaver dams. Addressing the group of 20 or so that assembled at the platform, Jones explained that the beavers are a vital component of the wetland ecosystem on the Preserve, and one of the reasons this specific site is unique.

"Without the beavers, the cattails would be gone," and when the cattails disappear, so too does the most of the ecosystem they support, Jones said.

Wildlife photographer and CCT Board Member Larry Master said that another unique aspect of this site is that the cattails have managed to thrive, where elsewhere wetlands have succumbed to invasive phragmites, whose dense growth leaves little room for other

life. Efforts by the CCT to restrict phragmite spread have maintained this unique ecosystem, Master said.

Despite the relative lateness of the season, the wetland was still vibrant with life. Master said he had seen 21 different bird species at the site between 9:30 and 11 a.m. that morning. He predicts that visitors will be able to see "100 species by spring" without having to venture off the viewing platform.

Master will be speaking on Cornwall's birds and their habitats at the Nov. 16 annual of the CCT. "It will be great preparation for spring," Jones told the crowd.

Jones also emphasized his gratitude on behalf of the CCT to Joe and Barbara Ellis, who donated the funds to build the platform and were guests at the event. Jones affirmed how fundamental donors have been to the CCT's work, explaining that the 100 acres of the Rattlesnake Preserve were entirely donated thanks to the generosity of five families. Out of the 2,500 acres the CCT manages, about have been donated, Jones said.

For his part, Joe Ellis was excited about the location of the platform and expressed his interest in the dynamic nature of the ecosystem. "These environments ebb and flow," he said. "It will be interesting to see what shows up."

Kent Pumpkin Run to benefit Jane Lloyd Fund

By Colleen Flynn

KENT — The 48th annual Kent pumpkin run will take place on Sunday, Oct. 27, at noon. It is "a day of excitement, fitness, and community spirit."

The pumpkin run offers a five-mile course that takes participants through Kent's fall landscape, rain or shine.

They offer a Kids Fun Run at 11:15 a.m. for kids under 12 years old. The run features half-mile and one-mile options. Each runner will receive a race bib and a prize at the end of the race.

The top three male and top three female runners will receive cash prizes and additional prizes will be awarded to the second and third-place runners in each age division.

There will be a costume contest with prizes for the top five costumes at the run.

The Kent Pumpkin Run is organized by the Kent Chamber of Commerce, allowing commemorative t-shirts to be handed out to the first 300 registered runners.

Part of the proceeds from this year's run will be donat-

ed to the Jane Lloyd Fund in honor of breast cancer awareness month. A total of 20% of registration sales will be donated to the fund, which provides support to cancer patients in Northwest Connecticut.

All participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable donations to support the Kent Food Bank for Thanksgiving, which is the busiest time of the year.

The entry fee is \$35 per person after and \$5 for children under 12 on the day of the race.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Touching down at CVFD's open house

A LIFE STAR emergency response helicopter landed at Cornwall Consolidated School Sunday, Oct. 20. The demonstration was part of Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's open house. Attendees got a close up look of the chopper, and across the street at West Cornwall Firehouse local volunteers exhibited life-saving tools and vehicles. LIFE STAR Medic Justin Pedneault was working his first day as a licensed member of the crew. He said the trip from Meriden to Cornwall took about 20 minutes. See the video by Simon Markow on Instagram @lakevillejournal.



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River Woods subdivision returns to North Canaan P&Z agenda

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — A public hearing was held Oct. 15 for comment on draft text changes regarding restrictions on cul de sac street development.

The application for this change was originally submitted in May by the developers of the River Woods subdivision, also known as Honey Hill, along the Housatonic River. The developers requested a text amendment to increase the total number of lots permitted on a dead-end road in North Canaan from 12 to 20 and to extend the maximum length of dead ends beyond the current limit of 1,000-feet.

Several meetings and hearings over the summer resulted in drafted text changes. Under P&Z's draft, the standard subdivision limit for number of lots on a dead-end road would be increased to 15. The maximum road length increased to 1,500 feet.

Additional language was proposed regarding conservation parcels. The change would require easement-protected land to be contained within a single parcel and that up to 30% of a standard subdivision property could be allocated for conservation by request of P&Z.

Alterations to the threshold of a conservation subdivision were made as well. Under the proposed text change, 40% of a property must be easement-protected

in order to qualify as a conservation subdivision. On conservation subdivisions, a maximum of 18 lots would be permitted on dead ends with up to 2,000 feet of road.

Abbott said all changes have been reviewed and endorsed by the town attorney.

The Oct. 15 public hearing included testimony from three speakers, none of whom were residents of North Canaan.

Attorney Charles Andres, representing Bruce McEver, the owner of the property of the proposed River Woods subdivision, requested P&Z Chair Tim Abbott recuse himself from discussion related to the text changes. He felt the text changes directly impact the River Woods application and that Abbott is unfit to preside due to his vocal opposition of the project.

Abbott noted he is recused from discussions about the River Woods project, but the dead-end regulations affect the whole town. Andres noted that Abbott, on behalf of the Housatonic Valley Association, inquired about purchasing the land from McEver. Abbott is the conservation director at HVA.

Land use professional Janel Mullen advised P&Z to reject the drafted text change. "The proposed update to the Town of North Canaan subdivision regulations are not an improvement or thoughtfully crafted by an impartial professional," said Mullen.

She said the text change, which was drafted by Abbott,

was created improperly and would benefit from the guidance of an expert. "Most of these changes would directly and detrimentally impact the River Woods proposal," she said.

Mullen added that P&Z's 65-day review period to vote on the original text change application expired on Aug. 3 and no extension was issued.

"The Honey Hill development group should be granted a timely decision," said Mullen.

Mullen stated she was not actively contracted with the Town of North Canaan. Landowner McEver later said Mullen was hired by him.

Once the public hearing adjourned, P&Z moved into its regular meeting. The commissioners felt more research was required before voting on the text changes (for both the original application and the version drafted by Abbott). The item will be added as "old business" for the November P&Z meeting.

"We're not voting at all right now," said Abbott, who then recused himself before a new application for the River Woods subdivision was put forth.

Revised application

George Johannesen of Allied Engineering presented a revised application for the subdivision of Bruce McEver's property. He stated this plan is not preferred by the developers, but it is in compliance with current zoning regulations.

The new plan calls for 33 lots, up from 20 in the cul de sac plan, ranging from 1.5 to

9 acres each. The proposed loop road is 3,750 feet long with two directional traffic.

Johannesen said this is an increase of more than 500 feet of pavement compared to the cul de sac plan. The plan would require additional clearing of the forest to make way for a larger road.

"We never got an answer on our proposed text amendment so we were kind of pushed into this," said Johannesen. "This meets all the requirements. It's just not a very good layout."

Johannesen said until a vote is held on the requested text change, the 33-lot plan will be moving forward.

A public hearing on the new application was set for Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

During public comment, McEver addressed the commission's lack of action on the proposed text change. He said P&Z should have hired Mullen to draft a text change instead of having Chairman Abbott write the change.

"What Tim drafted is going to shut down development in this town for the rest of your lives," said McEver. "Use an expert when you draft things. It's pretty simple."

He emphasized he would prefer to pursue the 20-lot cul de sac plan but will move forward with the 33-lot plan if the requested text change is not approved.

"We've got a proposal that complies with what you've got on the table and it's legal. I'll take either one."

ROUTE 44

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Swaths of trees have been cut down along the 1,034-foot stretch of roadway to allow the slope angle to be reduced. Without trees and roots preventing erosion, the specter of mudslides looms in the imagination. DOT engineers intend to leave the root systems in place to give the hillside greater stability.

Amy Hare, DOT chief engineer on Project 97-95 gave a progress update on October 18, 2024: "Tree clearing was completed, and the contractor is now working on relocating the sewer under the supervision of Norfolk Sewer District. We anticipate a larger project update to be provided in a couple weeks."

The new sewer pipes will be laid down on the south side of Route 44, creating just one available traffic lane against the existing retaining wall as of Nov. 18, according to Norfolk First Selectman Matt Riiska.

Compounding the disruption is the ongoing replacement of River Place Bridge, originally slated to be completed in November of 2022. Now projected to be complete this Spring, the giant crane and steel beams for the structure are sharing the roadway with Project 97-95.

DOT Project 97-95 is scheduled to be completed by October 2028 at an estimated cost of \$37 million. This project is administered by the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, Office of Construction, District 4 in Thomaston.

According to DOT, "Motorists can expect alternating

lanes to be closed on route 44, Monday through Friday [9 a.m. to 3 p.m.]. Traffic control signing patterns and flaggers will guide motorists through the work site. Motorists should be aware that modifications or extensions to this schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions, particularly with trenching operations. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed, be hands-free with cell phones, to ignore phone notifications/car center console screens when driving in the work zone."

Another concern raised at a well-attended community information session held on May 16 at The Hub in Norfolk, was access for emergency vehicles, especially when it snows.

DOT sent eight engineers and designers to answer questions and concerns of the public. Ambulances, fire trucks and police cars will have special signals called "preemption signals" to control the temporary traffic lights that will be installed so they can answer emergencies without obstruction. The system, which uses coded infrared strobe lights on the vehicles linked to sensors at the signal, is called Emergency Vehicle Preemption.

Work on Route 44 will be stopped temporarily during the winter months so the road will have two available lanes.

To report a problem or raise a concern call: 860-594-2560 or contact: DOT.CustomerCare@ct.gov



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Norfolk's Tour de Forest Oct. 19 ended with a pig roast at the curling clubhouse.

Bike ride concludes with pig roast

By Alec Linden

NORFOLK — The Norfolk Curling Club Pig Roast Fundraiser went down at the team's clubhouse on Saturday, Oct. 19, capping off a day of cycling through the town's bucolic back roads for the Tour de Forest and Icebox Gravel bike rides.

Curling Club member Bob Gilchrest said that the "first annual" designation was a little cheeky, but he does hope it happens again next year.

Gilchrest is the chair of Norfolk's Rails to Trails Committee and organizes the yearly bike rides to fundraise for the development of the town's rail trail that stretches down to Winchester. He first ran the event in 2018 as a way to bring awareness to the rail trail and also to "have an event that involves the whole town" and brings cy-

clists to Norfolk's gorgeous roadways, he said.

The Tour de Forest course snaked its way up Wangum Road and back down through the Great Mountain Forest's dirt roads, while the Icebox Gravel track explored the town's northern country routes. "Having the Great Mountain Forest be a quarter of the town and having the course track through its dirt roads is really a treat," said West Lowe, who volunteered to help set the courses.

Gilchrest and others emphasized that this event was not a race and there would be no winners, a sentiment which several participants apparently took quite seriously. When a group of cyclists didn't return after the sweeper had made it back to the finish line, an envoy was dispatched to locate the missing riders. They were found happily enjoy-

ing a pint in the sunshine at Norbrook Farm Brewery.

The pig roast, which was a new addition this year, followed the rides at the Curling Club which also served as the start and finish to the bike rides. The bike rides were the main event, Gilchrest maintained. The pig roast "piggybacked" on the cycling — "no pun intended."

Secondary or not, the jovial atmosphere at the pig roast indicated that it was a fun way to raise money for the Club, whose season begins in a few weeks.

The pig was prepared courtesy of five-year Curling Club member Bryant Massey, who said he roasted the 120 lb. animal outside the clubhouse. His wife Gail was in the indoor kitchen and "did pretty much everything else," Massey said. The results were delicious, this reporter assures.

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RUN AND WAG

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operating costs. All the money raised by the Run and Wag goes to those costs.”

She went on to say, “The Run and Wag is a premier dog and human race. We are extremely proud of it.” This year she noted they had “79 dogs and 200 human runners and walkers entered.”

Nita Colgate, from Cornwall, was spectating with her dog, Ananda, who was adopted from the Little Guild in December. Colgate said that Little Guild was “absolutely wonderful in post adoption care.” They supplied her with dog food when Ananda ran out and wouldn’t eat his new food, in spite of it being Christmas Eve.

Robert Lindgren with Cecil, a cocker spaniel, and friends Michael Carter and pug Juniper, waited to walk the route. Lindgren said, “Little Guild is wonderful. They do great things.”

Andrea Fournier came from Barkhamsted with Maverick, a yellow lab. She commented about Little Guild, “It’s a great organization. We had a 15-year-old cat from them. She was the best cat! We like to support them.”

Robert Ghitelman and Sandy Adelsberg of Cornwall were walking with their companions Airedale and Scout.



Human and canine runners depart the starting line for the 11th annual Run and Wag 5K to benefit The Little Guild in West Cornwall.

Adelsberg said “The music is a lot of fun and appropriate. Great weather, lots of people came out and there are lots of happy dogs and people.”

At noon, walkers, runners and dogs all lined up at the start and were off on the five-kilometer route.

The first runner, seventeen-year-old Bradley Bozzuto, returned 16 minutes at 16 seconds later. He broke the previous individual record of 16:24 set in 2015.

The first dog-human team to finish was four-time winner, Brittany Telke with her basenji, Mazikeen from Bristol. Their time was 19:02.

Brittany said of the run, “The challenging part is that she gets a little distracted (by other dogs) during the sec-



Toby, a husky/chihuahua mix wore bat wings for extra speed at the Run and Wag 5K on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Cornwall.

ond part of the race. But she was better this year.”

Winners in the men’s team category were Michael Geschwind and Thor the great dane-mix with a time of nineteen minutes, thirty seconds. Tara Geschwind, who also ran, said, “I just love it. I’ve been donating to Little Guild for years and years.”

John Guenther, a former president of Little Guild’s board, came in with a time of 22 minutes. He walks 12 miles daily with the little



Thor and Michael Geschwind, winners in the men’s category for human-dog team at the Little Guild’s Run and Wag 5K. Their time was 19 minutes, 30 seconds. Also pictured is Tara Gres.

guild dogs awaiting adoption. He said the event was “A wonderful celebration of dogs and the connection people have with their animals.”

Toby, a husky/chihuahua, wore a costume of bat wings and ran with Kristin Wheeler. “It was hot. He pulled me along with his wings. It was lots of fun!”

This was a sentiment all seemed to agree with, spectators, runners, walkers, and dogs alike.

BROADBAND

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Frontier Communications was granted \$954,909 to install fiber optic cable to 148 locations in Sharon, with some abutting the Cornwall town line.

“The expansion of broadband infrastructure will make Connecticut’s towns and cities stronger, more resilient, and better positioned to engage in today’s increasingly digitized world,” Governor Lamont stated in the press release.

Sharon

While Jill Drew, co-chair of the Sharon Connect Task Force (SCTF), was pleased to see money allocated towards improving her town’s high-speed internet, she was surprised that Sharon’s application was denied to reimburse most of the \$1.6 million the town spent on its own project to bring broadband to unserved residents.

“We are disappointed that the state chose to put off the decision of whether to reimburse the town,” Drew said in a statement.

Of the \$40.8 million in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Project Fund, \$12.8 million remains, which DEEP will administer for a second round of grants on a first come, first serve basis. Drew maintained that Sharon will quickly resubmit.

After hearing stories about Sharon residents suffering from lacking high-speed internet, such as a school teacher teaching zoom classes during the pandemic from a parked car outside J.P. Gifford in Sharon, the SCTF dedicated itself to bringing “universal access to people who lived in Sharon who otherwise it would make no business sense for a company to pay to connect them.”

“That’s why we need government funding,” Drew added.

In 2023, Sharon partnered with Comcast to “provide high-speed internet connections to 272 homes along 28.5 miles of Sharon roads that had previously not had broadband access,” according to the SCTF. By the time the ConneCTed Communities grants applications were open, the project was largely complete, which is why Sharon’s application was denied in the first round, Drew explained. While there are no guarantees, she said, she hopes for better results in the second round.

As for Frontier’s fiber optic project, she is excited about the prospect of competition between providers in

town, which will bring better service, she said. On the other hand, though, she hopes that Frontier’s award doesn’t “box out the town receiving funding for its own successful project getting everybody connected.”

“The Town of Sharon welcomes competition so our residents can decide which internet provider has the best service at the best price,” said Casey Flanagan, Sharon’s First Selectman, though he also maintained he is hopeful the new application for reimbursement will be accepted.

Drew noted that Frontier owns all the copper wire landlines in the state, and she’s wary of the ISP using the project to try and edge out telephone landlines in favor of fiber optic cable.

“Frontier will need to keep its copper wire for rural residents,” said Drew, citing the need for alternative communications measures in households without reliable cellular service.

Kent

Other town leaders found themselves looking at these grants from the sidelines. Lynn Worthington, selectman and chair of the Kent Broadband and Mobile Communication Working Group, pointed out that the funding opportunities have “rules [that] make it difficult for municipalities to apply.”

In Kent’s case, Spectrum and Frontier have been unresponsive, so the town has been ineligible to apply for the ConneCTed Communities grants. Worthington said that Spectrum has always been difficult to reach, as has Frontier since a merger was announced with Verizon.

Another funding pathway, called the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, has been held up during a data review by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

“Basically, nothing has happened with BEAD since July,” remarked Worthington.

To engage the public, the Kent group will focus its efforts on outreach strategies to educate residents on the costs of being left behind. “Fiber optic is the future,” Worthington said. “The existing service isn’t going to be adequate in four to five years.”

Overall, Worthington believes that discourse between towns and across the state is paramount to a better connected future: “We could all learn from each other,” she said.

BD

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clock, producing more than 2 billion medical devices each year that are sold in every region worldwide.

Responding to consumer needs

In March, Eric Borin, president of BD Medication Delivery Solutions, announced a statement saying: “BD has the capacity to support additional

syringe demand and is further increasing U.S. production to help ensure continuity of patient care.”

Since the initial FDA safety communication in November 2023, he noted, “BD has increased domestic manufacturing of syringes in our Nebraska and Connecticut facilities to respond

to customer needs. Ensuring the safety and quality of our products is the top priority at BD.”

Borin further noted at the time that “The latest FDA safety communication does not include any BD syringes. Over our more than 125-year history, we have served the health care system’s need for essential high quality medical products, including manufacturing 2 billion additional syringes and needles to support the global pandemic response to COVID-19.”

Syringe manufacturers in China cited

In late November 2023, the FDA announced its probe into reports of leaks, breakages and other quality problems with plastic syringes manufactured in China “that are used for injecting fluids into or withdrawing fluids from, the body,” according to the health regulator.

On March 14, the FDA issued an update on warning letters sent to three entities: Jiangsu Shenli Medical Production Co. Ltd, Medline Industries, LP and Sol-Millennium Medical Inc., describing violations related to the “sale and distribution of unauthorized plastic syringes that had not been cleared or approved by the FDA,” according to a new release.

“In addition, we are actively evaluating quality issues and performance testing

failures with plastic syringes made by Jiangsu Caina Medical Co Ltd., a China-based manufacturer sited in the warning letter issued to Medline Industries, LP. The FDA will take additional steps as appropriate,” the FDA stated.

In its August 16 update, the FDA continued to recommend that healthcare providers “use syringes not manufactured in China, if possible.

“At this time, glass syringes, pre-filled syringes or syringes used for topical purposes are not included. If you only have syringes manufactured in China, then continue to use them as needed until you are able to use alternative syringes and closely monitor for leaks, breakage and other problems,” the FDA announced.

In March, BD was named to Fortune’s 2024 list of America’s Most Innovative Companies, and in September, the company announced that it had been named to TIME’s 2024 list of the World’s Best Companies based on employee feedback.

BD’s operations in North Canaan have also been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for achieving the Energy Star Challenge for Industry for energy reduction. The site is a landfill-free site where waste is reduced, recycled or converted into energy.

SHEIL

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jumping competition was held in January of 1927.

The Sheils discovered the ski jump in December of 2020, when they came to Salisbury from New York City to escape Covid and find a “sense of community” during the pandemic. Their thoughts went to downhill skiing, but Billy Sheil read an ad about Holiday Ski Jump Camp in The Lakeville Journal and the family decided to see what it was about.

From that start, Islay began her path to competition with the help of longtime Junior Ski Jumping Coach, Larry Stone of SWSA. She made the Junior National Team in February of 2024 and went to Anchorage, Alaska to compete in March. She earned a bronze medal in the team event with Caroline Chor, teammate from the Ford Sayre Ski Club in New Hampshire.

Islay explained about ski jumping, “I like being in the air and flying. It is super cool.” She also “likes the sense of community.”

According to her father, “Islay trains in Lake Placid around twenty weekends a year.” This winter, Islay will go to Lake Placid for the months of January and February and train six days a week there. She will keep up her studies with tutors. “Ian Strever, principal of HVRHS, has been incredibly supportive,” commented Billy Sheil.

Islay has no problem with her schedule of training and school. “It’s not hard to fit everything in. I’m never behind in school. I make time for it all.”

Islay spends ten months a year training. “When there is no snow, ski jumpers train

on aluminum or porcelain tracks, and the hill is covered with plastic. Sprinklers wet the surface to replicate conditions,” explained her father. “She also does dry land training, working on stretching and imitation moves called IMO’s that replicate jumping, along with light weight training and playing soccer and lacrosse to stay fit.”

It is a male dominated sport, “but the East has a great group of committed female jumpers who are making strides and supporting one another,” said Billy Sheil. “Islay really likes these girls and respects them.”

Islay feels that ski jumping attracts more males because “It’s the fight or flight risk. Your mind thinks it’s unsafe.” Referring to jumping from a height that most people would shy away from. She feels “Younger boys are less cautious, more fearless.”

Does her mother, Kristin, ever worry, seeing Islay poised to jump? “I have faith in her coaches.” She is confident they would not ask Islay to do something for which she is not ready.

“Islay recently returned from a ski jumping tournament in Chicago where she got to jump on a 70-meter hill, which “we don’t have in the East,” said her father. There she competed against girls from across the United States. On October 19-20 she went back to Lake Placid to train with U.S. National Team jumper Paige Jones.

Her goals for the future? “I want to be able to jump the 120-meter jump and to make the National Team.” But she added, “In a while, not right away.”

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PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Above, Bearett and Wesson O'Dell complete the corn maze at Falls Village Fall Fest, Oct. 19. Left, Best Overall Pie winner Eileen Kinsella presents her award.



LIFESTYLE: LANS CHRISTENSEN

Falls Village: Autumn delights

The spacious and inviting Falls Village Recreational Center was site of the Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19.

A truly gorgeous day welcomed visitors to the afternoon gathering surrounded by fall foliage. The Recreation Department and David M. Hunt Library put together the festival and offered games, music, and food for all ages.

Kids could paint pumpkins or, if they chose, could have their faces painted. Music was provided by John Stey and Rachel Gall, who laughingly said, "I'm also known as the Falls Village Fiddler."

The premier draw was definitely the "Pie Contests. Open to all, "baked from scratch" pies filled the judging table and there were 14 mouthwatering entries.

Apple and pumpkin were the majority of entries, with a strawberry rhubarb in the mix as well. Four judges eagerly



Above, Falls Village Recreation Director Emily Peterson cuts pies for eager guests and judges. Below, children paint pumpkins.

sampled the pies and made detailed notes on taste, originality, and presentation.

Judge Denny Jacobs said he was "amazed at the variety and differences in just the apple pies" and added, "All the pies tasted great but there were a couple of outstanding ones."

Results were tabulated and Emily Peterson, Falls Village Recreation



Director announced the winners: Piper Peterson's pumpkin pie took third, Tamara Polk's pumpkin took second, and the grand prize went to Eileen Kinsella and her

apple pie. The eager public was then offered a tasting and loved every entry and gave the "Peoples Choice" award to Katlyn Kinsella.



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Can Can Carl, the scarecrow made out of recyclable materials, at Lawrence Field.

LIFESTYLE: ALEC LINDEN

Fall fun in North Canaan

The North Canaan Pumpkin Fest occupied the expanse of Lawrence Field with spectacular weather on Saturday, Oct. 19.

While sporting a new name, North Canaan Events Committee Chair Jenn Crane assured that this year's festival was a continuation of previous autumn celebrations organized by the Committee. It was the first year the event has been located at Lawrence Field, which Crane said was a welcomed change from the more restrictive sites of previous iterations.

"This is really about collaboration," Crane said, highlighting the many partnerships that enabled the festival to go forward. The Committee joined with many local nonprofits and businesses to bring the action to Lawrence Field, including the Housatonic

Valley FFA Chapter, the Scouts, Saint Martin of Tours church, The Music Lab, and the Cranford Club. Local farms also joined in, with Freund's, Ford and Carlwood farms contributing to the festivities.

Vendor tents lined the field selling various crafts and trinkets, while activities for families included pumpkin painting, regular painting, face painting, kids karaoke and a petting zoo. The festival ran an emergency relief drive for communities in the Southeast impacted by Hurricane Helene, which was continued at town hall on Sunday.

The petting zoo was operated by the Housatonic Valley FFA and included two alpacas and several pint-sized goats in a small pen. Chris Crane, president of

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SOAR, a community-funded organization providing enrichment programs to students of Salisbury Central School, will takeover The Moviehouse Oct. 27.

FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

SOAR student film to showcase at The Moviehouse

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, The Moviehouse in Millerton will host the SOAR Student Film Showcase, featuring a spine-chilling lineup of Halloween and horror short films crafted by SOAR students. This free event offers a unique opportunity to experience the creativity and talent of young filmmakers from Salisbury Central School. Following the screenings, viewers are

invited to stay for a Q&A session with the filmmakers.

SOAR, a community-funded initiative, provides enrichment programs beyond the standard school curriculum, ensuring equal access for all students.

"This is the second year of collaborating with The Moviehouse," said SOAR's executive director, Lauren Brown. "From brainstorming the concept to editing the

final cut, this workshop gives children an opportunity to work alongside Hollywood directors, screenwriters, producers, and actors to learn what it takes to make a movie."

"This originally came about in the Spring of 2023 when SOAR reached out to us looking to collaborate in some capacity," explained The Moviehouse's General Manager, Jeremy Boviard. With

a background in horror films writer, director, and Moviehouse board member Tod "Kip" Williams pitched the idea of doing a class centered on creating horror shorts. Williams led the program last Fall. "I came in to help about halfway through and had a lot of fun getting involved," said Boviard. "This session I've essentially led the class, with involvement from Kip, his wife Gretchen Mol (also a board member), their son Ptolemy, other Moviehouse staff (Tom

Cloutier and Kevin Pa-krad), and local filmmaker Keith Boynton." Many students returned for the second year of the class and have been able to build on their previous experience. "Working with each student to craft their stories and support their vision throughout the filmmaking process has been a lesson for all involved in

adaptability and using the resources available to the best of your ability," Boviard said.

No tickets are required—just come, enjoy, and be ready for a frightful afternoon. Please note the horror theme when considering younger children. Don't miss this chance to support local youth in their creative pursuits.

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...Pumpkin Fest

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the chapter at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, said they're "just trying to get outreach to the community" about opportunities with the FFA.

Other features included Heather Matthews' "mobile classroom and book bus," where she gives away donated children's books. Based in Sharon, it was her first time bringing the book bus to North Canaan, and the day had been fruitful. "My goal is to give away as many books as possible," and she had donated several hundred



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Alpacas bask in the autumn sun at Pumpkin Fest.

at the festival, Matthews said.

Another popular booth was run by national art honor society students from Mount Everett Regional School,

providing face painting, painting lessons, and even caricatures for participants. Some 25-30 kids had stopped by, the students said, "and some adults too."

Fall Festival Thank You

Thanks to all the organizations, churches, schools, and businesses who contributed to making the 67th Salisbury Fall Festival a huge success! Visitors from near and far filled the town, enjoying the many activities and events, on a gorgeous autumn weekend.

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BOOKS: PETER B. KAUFMAN

Examining 'dignity in the digital age'

Former president Donald J. Trump's October 2024 call to revoke the broadcast license of CBS for election interference put the spotlight (perhaps just for a hot second) on another place it belongs in American culture: our government policy toward media and the technology overrunning our lives.

"TAKE AWAY THE CBS LICENSE. Election Interference," the ex-President posted, evidence-free, on his own platform, Truth Social. "An UNPRECEDENTED SCANDAL!!!"

"[T]he Greatest Fraud in Broadcast History"

At the end of the 19th century, the Lumière brothers premiered the first moving image film in Paris and Thomas Edison figured out electricity, the light bulb, and the phonograph. Advance the clock 130 years and toss in the advent of computational power and you get the technology steering our present moment: one where Alphabet (the parent company of Google), Amazon, Apple, Meta (Facebook), and Microsoft have a combined market capitalization of \$10 trillion but hardly any regulations over how they control our society.

Author Frank McCourt knows. A billionaire investor turned philanthropist and author, McCourt presents us with details about

how our information system has failed us, but brings with them a game plan for urgent reform – what he calls, rightfully and with no exaggeration, "a once-in-a-civilization opportunity."

We've become enthralled to our digital overlords, McCourt (and his co-author William J. Casey) tell us, each of us the digital equivalent of a feudal serf working land we don't own.

When Amazon Web Services, for example, hosts a third of all websites; Google (with its 4+ billion users!) dominates search, email, video hosting, GPS services, document sharing, and smartphone software; Facebook collects 50,000 data points on each user; and Amazon and Facebook together take in "fully half" of all online advertising dollars, we've let our modern Rockefellers and Carnegies rule the roost.

"Our Biggest Fight" explains how these companies and the Internet as a whole have "evolved away" from earlier ideals into a system that is choking us. Inspired by Thomas Paine and his pamphlet Common Sense and the trust-busting of Teddy Roosevelt, McCourt presents plans for the "NewNet" and what he calls Project Liberty at www.projectliberty.io/

We need to "re-architect" our media and technology ecosystem,

McCourt says, with deeper and systematic consideration of data storage and portability and ownership, cybersecurity, and digital property rights. And it's not just about the money. People and machines are now sliding "an array of racist, misogynist, judgmental, bullying, reductionist, untruthful content into our increasingly toxic online environments."

He's right. And how about the math? In 2022 we each spent 151 minutes a day on social media. If you figure five billion people are online, and add up all the days in a year, that's a lot of time that these companies have "sucked out of our lives" and "converted into advertising dollars."

"We have a serious, global addition problem," McCourt writes. "A public health threat that overshadows even the recent global pandemic." "Society is shaped by information," McCourt tells us. Letting everything get away from us may turn out to be "one of the greatest mistakes human civilization has ever made."

Frank McCourt one of the few who can see the symptoms of crisis today, diagnose it, and propose and help administer treatment. Those interested in building a new "social contract" for the Internet age should dive into his plan of action to-

day. And now's the time, before others with other plans, or concepts of plans, start taking away our broadcast licenses and more – by force.

*Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT. His new book, *The Moving Image: A User's Manual*, comes out in February.

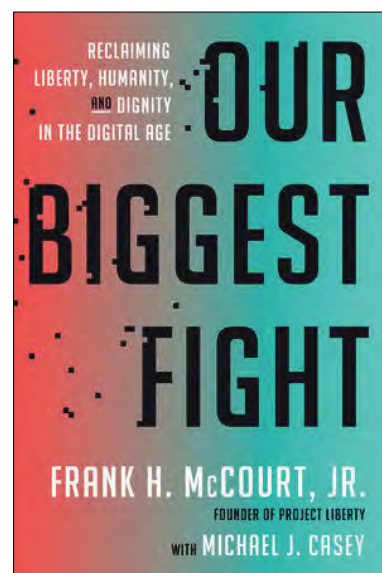


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Hotchkiss Philharmonic returns Nov. 2

By Ira Buch

The Hotchkiss School will kick off its 2024-2025 Philharmonic season on Saturday, Nov. 2, with a special performance headlined by internationally acclaimed violinist Siqing Lu. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and will run till 8:30 p.m. in the Katherine M. Elfers Hall.

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic was established in 2018 by Barbara Walsh Hostetter (class of '77) and Amos Hostetter to provide gifted young musicians with an opportunity to perform alongside successful professionals. The concerts remain free and open to all community members—no registration required.

The November Philharmonic will be marked by a solo from influen-

tial Chinese violinist Siqing Lu. With over five decades of experience, Lu made history in 1987 as the first Asian violinist to win the prestigious International Paganini Violin Competition. He has since served as the first Chinese soloist-in-residence with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 2019-2020 and has been a judge for numerous prestigious musical competitions. He is currently the Artistic Director of both the National Center for the Performing Arts May Festival in Beijing and the Siqing Lu Shenzhen Futian International String Festival.

At Hotchkiss, Lu will perform Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 – one of the most popular violin concertos in solo violin repertoire.

Complementing Lu's

performance, Fabio Wirkowski, a head of the Hotchkiss visual and performing arts department and a founder of The Hotchkiss Philharmonic Orchestra, will conduct Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet and Mascagni's Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana, an Italian one act opera.

Hotchkiss student musicians, 22 in total, who are a part of the orchestra will play the two pieces along with local musical professionals and teachers.

The next performance as a part of the Philharmonic season will be orchestrated on April 3, 2025. The upcoming concert on Nov. 2 will mark the beginning of a season rich in musical excellence and inspiring performances at Hotchkiss.

Kidsdale Halloween Monster Mash

The festive spirit is set to come alive at Hillsdale Hamlet Park on Saturday, Oct. 26, with Kidsdale: Halloween Monster Mash Edition. This free, family-friendly event will take place from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m., offering live music, games, Halloween costumes, prizes, and a variety of food and beverages. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 27, at the same time.

Attendees can enjoy tunes from Count Slinkula and his Muhmys, savor fresh cider from Little Apple Cidery, and grab a bite from the Half Moon Pizza Truck. Local merchants will also join the celebration with a Pumpkin Festival, featuring face painting, giveaways, and in-store contests throughout the day. Costumes are encouraged for children, adults, and even pets, as they join in the Halloween fun.

The day will wrap up with the Hillsdale Fire Company #1's annual children's hayride at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Halloween party at the firehouse, located at 9387 State Route 22.



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Sponsored by the Hillsdale Hamlet Committee, Kidsdale aims to bring the community together while gathering feedback on enhancing Hamlet Park. "Our Hamlet Park is a vital but underused asset," said Shannon Bell, chair of the Hamlet Committee. "Our goal is for Kidsdale to be just one of many events that bring people

to the park throughout the year."

"This Halloween edition of Kidsdale is going to be great fun with costumes, candy, live music, and the community," added Hillsdale town board member Joanna Virello.

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OCTOBER 25

Salisbury Forum Presents "The News on Trial" with David D. Kirkpatrick

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn.
The Salisbury Forum will present "The News on Trial," a talk with "The New Yorker" writer David D. Kirkpatrick, on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn. Admission is free. David Kirkpatrick is returning to the Salisbury Forum after hosting popular talks in the past.

CCS Walkathon

Cream Hill Road and Cogswell Road, Cornwall, Conn.
Cornwall Consolidated School's 20th Walk-A-Thon will be Friday, Oct. 25. The walk will begin at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Cream Hill/Cherry Hill & Cogswell Road. The event raises money for school programming.

OCTOBER 26

Apple 'n' Things Fair

Falls Village Congregational Church, 16 Beebe Hill Rd. Falls Village, Conn.
The Apples 'n' Things Fair at the Congregational Church in Falls Village will take place on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a hot lunch of chili, cornbread and apple crisp served, \$8 adult/\$4 child, apple pies and other bake sale goodies for sale, with an autumn sale item table and hayrides.

Chocolate Making Workshop with Flora Lazar

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
On Oct. 26 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., make chocolate with chef Flora Lazar.

Register: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13189296

Norfolk Lion's Club Lasagna Dinner

Botelle Cafeteria, 128 Greenwoods Rd E, Norfolk Historic District, Conn.

There will be a Family and Friends Lasagna Dinner on Oct. 26 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of hearty food, fun, and friendship together. \$10 adults - \$6 children under 10. Take out available. 860-866-7923 for info and tickets.

Kidsdale: Halloween Monster Mash

Hillsdale Hamlet Park, Hillsdale, N.Y.

Kidsdale: Halloween Monster Mash returns to Hillsdale on Sat., Oct. 26, with live music, games, costumes, and food from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m. at Hillsdale Hamlet Park. Rain date is Sun., Oct. 27. Enjoy music, kids' activities, and treats, including food from the Half Moon Pizza Truck and cider from Little Apple Cidery. At 5:30, the Hillsdale Fire Company hosts a children's hayride and party. Sponsored by the Hillsdale Hamlet Committee, the event includes a survey to improve Hamlet Park.

Old School: Visions of Local History and Personal Pasts

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

On Oct. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum, come see an exhibition by The Beard Collective (Theo Coulombe & Katro Storm), which explores how personal and local histories blend into a creative dialogue. Join us for the opening reception!

Story Time

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

Visit David M. Hunt Library for a musical story time with local author Gabriele Davis on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. Davis will read from her new book, "Our Joyful Noise," before teaching guests how to make maracas to create a joyful noise.

Community Conversation: Are Heat Pumps Right for Me?

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

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Hosted by Climate Smart Millerton and NorthEast-Millerton Library

Community Health Day

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Rd., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon Hospital and its staff will play host to a Community Health Day on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place in Sharon Hospital's rear parking lot behind the hospital near surgical services. The day is intended to bring together local families and children of all ages to meet and interact with staff and physicians of the hospital while enjoying a few seasonal treats and activities.

Fall Craft & Vendor Sale

Amenia Fire House, Mechanic St., Amenia, N.Y.

On Oct. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. fall into the holiday season with our Fall Craft & Vendor Sale. Located at the Amenia Fire House. Contact Stacie for a table 845-421-4953 \$25.00 per table. (This will take place of our regular December craft fair.)

OCTOBER 27

Film Screening

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

Kinetic sculptor Tim

Prentice looks back on his career and the influences that shaped him in the film "The Air Made Visible." A screening will play at Cornwall Library Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. on Zoom. In-person seating is full. Registration is required for the Zoom event at cornwalllibrary.org

Apple Cooking & Baking Contest

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

Enter your best apple dish for a chance to win!

Drop-off: 1 to 3 p.m.; Judging: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Par for the Corks

Silo Ridge Field Club, 4651 NY-22, Amenia, N.Y.

Join the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization for a golf scramble and a day of fun at Silo Ridge Field Club. All event proceeds to benefit the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization and the local community.

OCTOBER 29

Salisbury READS: North Woods Discussion

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

Another chance to discuss North Woods. This event is from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 29.

Wickers Creek Band at the Copake Grange

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

Oct. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Wickers Creek Band performs an eclectic mix of traditional American music, primarily in the Bluegrass tradition. The five-person group sings in close harmonies backed up by fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass. The band's repertoire includes classic and contemporary Bluegrass, country and Appalachian music, with a dollop of French Canadian, Celtic and New England dance tunes thrown in for good measure.

(wickerscreekband.com) \$20 at the door or pay what you can.

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT: Annual Costume Competition!

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

The Moviehouse is hosting a movie trivia night on Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.

FREE - No ticket or advance registration required.

Play solo or get a team together of up to 4 people. Come early & snag your spot. Space will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a prize for the most imaginative costume.

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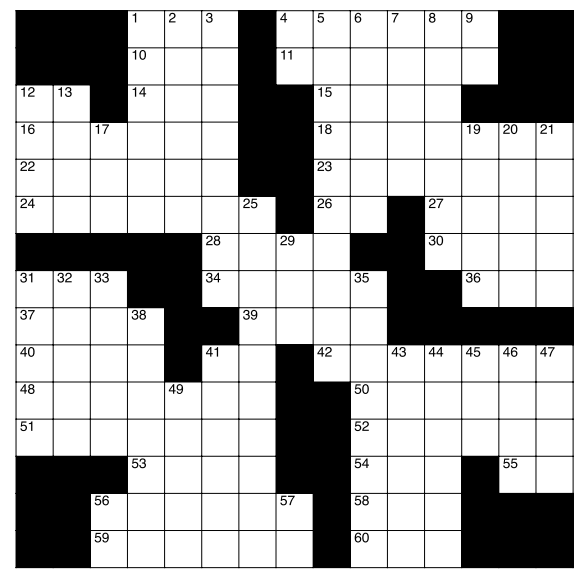
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- Hot water vapor
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- Train ticket prices
- Autumn garden tools

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- "60 Minutes" network
- Train line
- Go quickly
- Canadian province
- At any rate (abbr.)
- Genealogy
- Make changes
- Utter repeatedly
- In a way, turned up
- Type of ship
- Agents of one's downfall
- Not out
- Something to scratch
- Round water pot
- Refreshing green fruit (slang)
- Promotions
- Primordial matters
- One-time world power (abbr.)
- Source of illumination
- The content of cognition
- An Arab ruler
- South Dakota
- Gnawed at with teeth
- Hawaiian island
- Smaller
- Of a single person
- Rigid bracelet
- Barbary sheep (Fr.)
- Not even
- Specific gravity
- Engage in petty bargaining
- Boxing's "GOAT"
- Split between parties
- Notable offensive



- Flesh covering some birds' beaks
- Energy
- Night monkeys genus
- Small, sharp nails
- Pleasant-smelling liquid
- Affirms one's hold
- CNN's founder
- Texans can't forget it
- "Oppenheimer" actor
- Matt
- Expression
- Vessel
- Lacking poetic beauty
- Tall, swift and slender dog
- Sports personality
- Michelle
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- Liquefied natural gas
- Snakelike fishes
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- City in Crimea
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Sports

HVRHS and Thomaston split series in battle for Berkshire League

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — The top two girls varsity soccer teams in the Berkshire League went back and forth last week in a two-game series to decide first place for the tournament.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School hosted Thomaston Oct. 17 in Falls Village for the first meeting of the one and two seeds in BL standings. The back-and-forth game ended in a late 3-2 victory for Thomaston.

Thomaston briefly sat atop both BL and Class S state rankings, until the two squads met again on Oct. 19 in Thomaston. HVRHS responded with a 2-1 win to reclaim the no. 1 seed in BL standings.

The rematch game reshuffled the Class S state rankings as well, moving HVRHS to second place and bumping Thomaston to third place. Windham Technical High School currently sits atop Class S with a record of 14-2 and no games remaining.

Thomaston and HVRHS each have one regular season game to play before the post-season begins. HVRHS will host Lakeview High School (4-8-2) on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Thomaston will host Terryville (10-5) the same day.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Above, Lou Haemmerle sets up the Mountaineer offense. Right, HVRHS celebrates a goal by Ava Segalla.

Berkshire League playoffs begin Thursday, Oct. 24. The championship is scheduled for Oct. 29 at Nonnewaug High School's athletic complex.

The Class S state tournament starts Nov. 1 and the championship will be played Nov. 16 or 17 at Trinity Health Stadium in Hartford.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Millbrook School and Salisbury School duked it out Oct. 18 in a high-octane soccer match under the lights.

Millbrook squeaks out win against Salisbury School

By Nathan Miller

MILLBROOK, N.Y. — Millbrook School beat Salisbury School 4-3 in a heated soccer match Friday night, Oct. 18.

A scoreless first half gave way to an action-packed second half that came down to the final minute.

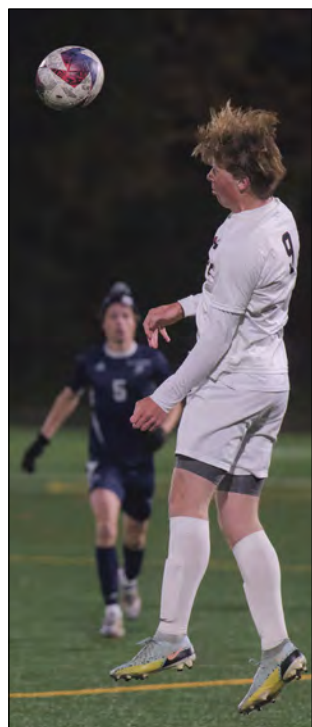
Tensions ran high during the first half. Both teams played aggressively, resulting in a number of time stoppages for fallen players. No one was injured during the intense game, but Salisbury's coach did face a slight reprimand from the referee for yelling out and asking for a foul call.

Play heated up significantly just after half-time. Millbrook took back the field and, in their first possession of the second half, sneaked a goal past Salisbury's keeper in the first thirty seconds.

Salisbury responded to the falter in their defense by increasing their offensive intensity.

That intensity helped the team at first, and about 15 minutes into the second half Salisbury scored to bring the game to 1-1. That tie was short-lived as a foul awarded a penalty kick to Millbrook that sailed into the back of the goal, bringing the score to 2-1.

Salisbury maintained the intensity, but every time the



Salisbury senior Nick Hussar elevates for a header against Millbrook School Oct. 18.

Knights tied the game up the Mustangs found another opportunity to take back the lead. With just 90 seconds left in the game and a tied score of 3-3, Millbrook was granted a free kick that squeaked by Salisbury's keeper, eliminating any hopes of the Knights taking the win back home to Connecticut that chilly Friday night.

The Fall Family Weekend game at Millbrook's campus ended with a Mustang win 4-3.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Northwestern tops HVRHS volleyball

Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity volleyball hosted Northwestern High School Wednesday, Oct. 16. Strong rallies by both sides created streaks of excitement for fans cheering on the teams. Northwestern won the first set 25-22. HVRHS pushed the second set into extra points but ultimately Northwestern on 31-29. HVRHS took the third set 25-22 before Northwestern finished the job in the fourth set 25-15.

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