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

Third month of job losses stalls state's economic momentum

By Debra A. Aleksinas

A third consecutive month of job losses in Connecticut and continued declines in the state's labor force are raising concern about the state's economic outlook.

Payrolls shrank by 300 in September, following the loss of 2,200 jobs in August, according to the state Department of Labor's Oct. 21 monthly employment report. That brings 12-month job growth to a modest 0.7%, the slowest in the region and 42nd in the country.

Patrick Flaherty, research director for the labor department, said the economy is following the "new normal" of strong early year growth that tapers off by end of year.

"This market continues to



present challenges for recruiters," Flaherty said. "Stronger economic growth is constrained by the size of the work force and high retirements in key industries such as manufacturing."

"The very low unemployment

rate is an indicator that the labor market remains healthy despite monthly job declines," Flaherty said.

A "concerning" trend

The Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the state's

largest business organization, expressed concern over the September employment report.

"It's concerning to see the positive economic momentum that highlighted the first half of the year has stalled," said Chris Davis, vice president for public policy for the association.

Davis noted that the demand for workers remains strong, highlighted by strong gains in the professional and business services sector and the state's low unemployment rate. "However, the falling unemployment rate is actually being driven by Connecticut's shrinking labor force, which declined by 2,000 people in September, the

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Municipal burn bans in place across Connecticut and New York

By Alec Linden

"The little bit of rain we got overnight won't put a dent in this," said Kent Fire Marshall Timothy Limbos about the light showers that fell on the Northwest Corner on the night of Oct. 29.

Historically dry conditions persist across much of the Northeast, prompting officials in many municipalities to prohibit outdoor fires of any kind. As of Nov. 5, Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection lists all counties in the state as facing "extreme" fire danger, while New York's Department of Environmental Conservation classifies the southern part of the state as under "high" fire risk, with northern and western regions under "moderate" and "low" designations.

In his 20 years as public information officer for Norfolk, Jon Barbagallo has never seen fire conditions as perilous as those that have developed this fall. "Fires happen every year in Connecticut, we just don't see them to the extent that we see them now," Barbagallo

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Housatonic Valley students earn honors at 97th National FFA Convention

By Danielle Melino and David Moran

FALLS VILLAGE — The National FFA Organization recently held its 97th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, attracting more than 70,000 dedicated student members from across the country. This annual event aims to foster leadership, personal growth, and career success in agricultural education, and this year's theme, "Engage," served as a powerful reminder to members that by actively participating in FFA and embracing larger community initiatives, they have the capacity to enact meaningful change in the world around them.

Among the standout participants from the Housatonic FFA was Riley Mahaffey, who showcased her public speaking skills on the national stage. After excelling in multiple contests at the chapter,

district, and state levels, Mahaffey competed in the Prepared Public Speaking Contest, delivering a well-researched speech on the impact of the beef industry on the environment. Her meticulous preparation over the course of nine months culminated in a well-researched, engaging presentation that earned her a bronze level recognition at the national competition, highlighting her commitment and talent.

Madison Melino also shone during the convention, performing as a bassoonist in the National FFA Band. Selected from a national pool of applicants, Melino contributed to the band's full instrumental balance, participating in nine performances throughout the event.

The Nursery Landscape Team from Connecticut made waves at the national competition, achieving silver medalist status. Team members Brandt Bosio, Tyler An-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Taylor Green, Alanna Tatro, Hayden Bachman and Lauren Sorrell competed as communication consultants at the FFA convention.

derson, Blaine Curtis and Chris Crane built on their previous first-place win at the University of Connecticut by demonstrating their knowledge and skills in a variety of areas, including problem-solving, financial challenges, and teamwork. This achievement came after a year of dedicated preparation,

emphasizing the hard work and collaboration necessary for success in agricultural competitions.

The Agricultural Communication Career Development Event team, comprised of Lauren Sorrell, Hayden Bachman, Alanna Tatro,

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Tom Zetterstrom receives award for work managing invasive plant species

By Alec Linden

STORRS, Conn. — "Tom Zetterstrom is a name that has become synonymous with advocacy," said Jessie Mehrhoff-Peters while introducing the Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award, named after her father.

Zetterstrom, a North Canaan nature photographer and tree preservationist, received the hon-

or at the 12th Biennial Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group Symposium on Tuesday, Oct. 29. A crowd of naturalists, educators, and policy-makers filled the venue, a large auditorium at the University of Connecticut Student Union in Storrs, Connecticut, as Zetterstrom received the accolade.

"It's the most tasteful award I've ever seen," Zetterstrom said, hold-

ing the engraved slab of dark Connecticut cherry wood up for the audience to see.

The award is granted to individuals, groups or organizations that have demonstrated leadership in invasive plant management in Connecticut. Mehrhoff-Peters upheld in her introduction that her father, a renowned botanist and co-founder of the invasive plant

group who died suddenly in 2010, was also a teacher. "Tom embodies this spirit of mentorship in his own work," she said.

Mehrhoff-Peters listed Zetterstrom's many accomplishments fighting invasive species in the Northwest Corner, including saving nearly 200 trees from invasive bit-

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Election winners

Final results for the 2024 election were not available at the time of print for this issue of The Lakeville Journal. Full results can be found online @lakevillejournal or lakevillejournal.com.



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Online This Week

Salisbury town meeting Nov. 12

Residents will vote on turning over town-owned land at Undermountain Road to the Salisbury Housing Trust. Learn more at lakevillejournal.com.

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Unknown driver spills gravel onto other vehicle

On Oct. 31, Douglas Sitter of Norfolk (57) was driving a 2000 Chevrolet Corvette westbound on Route 44 in North Canaan when gravel fell from the truck bed of another vehicle onto the front of his car. Sitter was uninjured and the vehicle did not suffer disabling damage. The owner and operator of the second vehicle remain unknown, and the incident remains under investigation. Anyone who believes they may have relevant knowledge is encouraged to contact TPR Begley #868 by phone at (860) 626-1820 or via email at Kathleen.Begley@CT.gov.

Driver exits roadway, strikes tree

Stefan Wisdom (31) of Canaan was travelling northbound in a GMC Sierra K1500 on Route 7 in Sharon on Oct. 31 when he

ran off the roadway while negotiating a curve. The vehicle struck an uphill embankment and subsequently hit a tree. Wisdom was transported to Sharon Hospital by Cornwall EMS for minor injuries to the head and legs, and the vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Wisdom was issued a written warning for failure to maintain proper lane.

Disorderly Conduct Arrest

Just after midnight on Nov. 3, troopers responded to an active disturbance on Pierce Lane in Cornwall. Roy E. Bronson (47) of West Cornwall was determined to be the aggressor, and was processed at Troop B for disorderly conduct. He was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Superior Court in Torrington on Nov. 4.

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

Cornwall launches take-home meal program for seniors

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Homemade Meals 2 Go began providing frozen dinner to seniors living in Cornwall this month.

The new program, under the leadership of Selectman Jennifer Markow and Park and Recreation Chair Michelle Shipp, allows senior citizens to order three entrees and six side dishes from a menu of options.

Park and Rec has hosted senior luncheons and breakfasts for more than a year prior to launching the take-home program. Markow and Shipp said they noticed how appreciative the recipients were for getting "real, homemade meals" and decided to expand the dining options to include grab-and-go freezable dinners.

Shipp and Markow do all the shopping for local ingredients and then cook the



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Recipients pick up prepared dinners at the first installment of Cornwall's new senior meal program.

meals at the Parish House. Both are licensed through Torrington Area Health for the meal program.

The first round of distribution took place at the United Church of Christ's

Parish House Sunday, Nov. 3. In total, 31 seniors came to pick up dinners.

Resident Pat Thibault found the program "exciting" and was looking forward to eating the food. "They are good cooks so I know the

food is going to be delicious." "It's wonderful," said resident Lynn La Porta. "Just knowing those meals are there during bad weather, you know we're out in the country... and this makes a huge difference."

The November menu included pulled pork, meat lasagna and vegetable lasagna as the main courses. Side options were mac 'n cheese, roasted veggies, seasoned corn and green beans.

Homemade Meals 2 Go provides the dinners free of charge to senior Cornwall Food Pantry clients. For all other Cornwall seniors, the cost is \$15 per order.

A grant from the Cornwall Foundation and sponsorship from the Cornwall Association helped bring the effort together.

The program will return in December with a new menu. Visit cornwallparkrec.org/seniors for more information.

All Saints clothing drive accepts donations until Nov. 15

SALISBURY — All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church will again hold its annual winter clothing drive on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, located at 313 Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury.

Winter clothing may be donated and dropped off at the church at any time between now and Nov. 15.

Please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition. We will accept winter cloth-

ing for all ages, including coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves and boots. For more information call (860) 820-1340.



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Please join us in welcoming Dave in the upcoming months.

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Our Towns

Cornwall home prices continue steady climb in late summer

By Christine Bates

With three transfers in September and three in August Cornwall's real estate market shows no sign of slowing down. Since May, median prices have continued to hover over \$1 million with a cost per square foot of over \$400. Inventory continues to be flat with fewer than 10 houses listed for sale each month since December 2022. Half of the properties sold in August and September were purchased for less than \$500,000. At the end of October only six homes were listed for sale and five of them were asking more than \$1 million.

August Transfers

94 Cemetery Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch sold by Gene K. and Anne H. Ingvertsen to David Willis and Jessica Tahirih Landau for \$385,000.

Pierce Lane — parcel of land sold privately by Estate of Sally Ann O'Shaughnessy to Cornwall Housing Corpo-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Close to Cream Hill beach, 42 Scoville Road on 7.42 acres sold for \$500,000 in September.

ration for \$183,130.

144 Kent Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold privately by Ruth Charny Rotko to 144 Kent Road LLC for \$291,745.

September Transfers

332 Sharon Goshen Turnpike — 3 bedroom/4 bath home on 11.57 acres sold by John Marcus Phillips III and Kara Brothers-Phillips

to Michael and Heidi Rick Stefanski for \$1.3 million.

410 Town Street — 10.07 acre residential lot sold by Christopher Choa to Wickwire LLC for \$370,000.

196 Warren Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3 bath home sold by William P. Bartel, Karen Lynn Staville and Charles Christopher Alberti to Lydia Jensen Lancaster and Maximilian Peter Lancaster for \$665,000.

73 Scoville Road — 5 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 4.56 acres sold by David M. and Sandra Dolinsky to Michael W. Jones and Jennifer L. Bahn for \$1.25 million.

42 Scoville Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 7.42 acres sold privately by Mary L. Twaddell to Siegal & Twaddell Properties LLC for \$500,000.

* Town of Cornwall real estate sales recorded as sold between Aug. 1, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2024, provided by the Cornwall Town Clerk. Property details from Cornwall tax cards and CT MLS where available. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Public hearing set for SWSA pond

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — A public hearing will be held on the construction of a snowmaking pond at Satre Hill at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 13, as scheduled by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission at the regular Oct. 28 meeting.

Commission alternate John Harney, who raised the motion to call for a public hearing on the basis on significant impact, expressed concerns about the environmental repercussions of the project.

"If we can't even protect our own wetlands and wildlife habitat we might as well fold up our tent and watch Monday night football," Harney said to the commission members.

Harney encouraged the applicant, the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA), to either abandon the pond project and continue its current snowmaking program or seek alternatives. Project engineer Pat Hackett said alternatives had been researched and were found to be prohibitively expensive.

Harney acknowledged the high price tag. "In this town, money's like water," Harney said. "I just think it needs a broader discussion."

Other commission members questioned the extent and value of the wetland that would be affected by the development of the pond. "He's digging up a wetland area that's full of phragmites," alternate Russ Conklin responded, referring to the invasive reed that has taken over part of the proposed project area.

The plans, as presented by Hackett, show that an area of 0.4 acres, a little over half of the current extent of the wetland, would be altered by the construction. Of that area, the pond's surface would occupy about 0.27 acres. The plans include a shallow water "emergent wetland" zone for new plantings, which Hackett said would add value and diversity to the ecosystem. In addition to removing the phragmites, Hackett also proposed an invasive species management program.

Hackett explained that warmer winters have necessitated the development of better snowmaking infrastructure. "The issue now is having the proper weather to make snow and [that period] is getting shorter and shorter," he said.

SWSA President Ken Barker, who was present at the meeting, expressed frustration that a public hearing was only just now being discussed after several rounds of back and forth with the Commission. "We've done our part," he said.

Members of the commission agreed that it's been a long process. "What are we, on our second year with this one?" said Conklin. "This is a painful trip."

"For everyone," added Director of Land Use Abby Conroy with a laugh.

Corrections

We correct errors in news stories when they are promptly brought to our attention.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Runners depart from the Cannonball 5K starting line.

Record-setting 94 people run Cannonball 5K

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Ed McGuire Memorial Cannonball Run 5K road race was won by Silas Tripp, who led all runners with a time of 18 minutes 10 seconds.

The Housatonic Valley Regional High School junior is a member of the cross-country team.

His mother, Letitia Garcia-Tripp, was the first female finisher at 23:55 (seventh place overall).

Other Falls Village finishers in the top 10 were Dane Graham, the second place runner at 20:10 and Carlos Castellanos in fifth place overall with a time of 23:41.

The oldest runner was Bob Dacey, age 75, of Ver-

non-Rockville who ran the course in 27:03, good for 16th place overall.

Maggie Rose, age 72, of West Hartford was the senior female finisher, coming in 50th overall with a time of 37:41.

The youngest runner was Maximilian Tripler, age 8, of Lakeville, who completed the course in 41 minutes flat (59th overall).

Emma Kinsella, age 9, of North Canaan finished 22nd overall with a time of 27:41.

The weather was clear, dry and chilly. Some 94 runners and walkers participated. Organizers were rooting for 100 but 94 represents a new record.

It was the 24th year of the event.

South Farms to host HVA's Auction for the Environment

Gourmet dining experiences, getaways and local adventures are up for bid at the annual Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) Auction for the Environment on Saturday, Nov. 23, at South Farms in Morris, Connecticut.

As HVA's largest fundraiser of the year, the event has a profound impact on the organization's work to restore and protect clean, cold waters and a sweeping woodland corridor across the entire Housatonic Valley, from the Berkshires through eastern New York and western Connecticut, down to Long Island Sound. The event begins at 3 p.m., and tickets are available in advance online.

In addition to the live auction's in-demand and exclusive items, a silent auction, which opens online on Monday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. and concludes during the event, features enticing packages including regional trips, restaurant certificates, museum and performance tickets, signed books and original artwork. HVA invites everyone to sign up for

online bidding at hvatoday.org (at no cost).

Seating is limited. Visit hvatoday.org to purchase tickets or to register for the silent auction.

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Brothers Paul and John Stefanopoulos at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, NY

Our Towns

Tax collector becomes appointed position in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The annual town meeting Nov. 1 saw the approval of an ordinance to change the tax collector position from an elected official to an appointed role.

Jean Bouteiller has served in the role for 17 years and will retire in 2025 at the end of her current term. With no qualified residents stepping forward to run in her stead, Bouteiller suggested Cornwall make the change enabling the Board of Selectmen to appoint the next tax collector.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted many other Connecticut towns have already adopted such ordinances due to the increased training and certifications required to serve as tax collector.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Selectman Rocco Botto, Selectman Jen Markow, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway and Moderator Scott Cady at Cornwall's annual town meeting Nov. 1.

Ridgway said the requirements make it "unlikely that there are people out there in [Cornwall's] electorate that have this training." He added, "It's a part time position and there are people out there who do this part time for several towns."

The motion passed unanimously with all three select-

men and eight residents in attendance voting to approve the ordinance.

Three other items passed unanimously at the town meeting in Cornwall Consolidated School, moderated by Scott Cady.

The 2023-2024 Town Re-

port was reviewed and accepted. Cornwall ended the fiscal year with a surplus as revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$409,571.

The Five Year Capital Plan was reviewed and accepted. A single line item increased for 2025-2026 in the area of storm damage repairs. An additional \$50,000 was allocated to increase reserves.

An amendment was approved to increase the total number of commission members on the Cornwall Conservation Commission from six to eight. The request was submitted by the CCC after three qualified residents stepped forward to fill a single vacant seat.

"We are fortunate to have more people want to be on the commission," said Ridgway.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Gavin Mechare (left) and Tanner Spear sold baked goods on behalf of the eighth grade class.

Crowds drawn to downtown Falls Village for first 'First Saturday'

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Saturday, Nov. 2 was a busy day in Falls Village.

It was the first First Saturday in Falls Village, a new event designed to showcase the businesses and activities in town.

The David M. Hunt Library had its monthly book sale, plus a Dia de Muertos story time for the younger set. Eighth graders Gavin Mechare and Tanner Spear sold baked goods for their class at the Lee H. Kellogg School, and in the evening the library held a reception for artist (and Lakeville Journal cartoonist) Peter Steiner and his new show, All Over the Place, which runs through Nov. 29.

The Center on Main had an art-making workshop in the morning. Jane Parenti, age three, was laser-focused

on her painting when a reporter wandered in.

In the evening, the Center hosted the Twelve Moons Coffeehouse open mic and the HBH Band with Wanda Houston.

Businesses including Marche, John Robshaw Textiles, Furnace - Art on Paper Archive and 100 Main were open for the holiday shopping crowd.

And the Ed McGuire Memorial Cannonball Run 5K road race drew some 94 participants, a new record. Silas Tripp was the overall winner and his mother, Letitia Garcia-Tripp, was the top female finisher. To add to the hometown vibe, the finish line was directly across Main Street from their home.

This first First Saturday in Falls Village was the first of what will be a regular event on the first Saturday of every month.

Holiday assistance programs available

Salisbury Family Services is preparing for its annual holiday giving programs. Turkeys will be provided at Thanksgiving, grocery gift cards and gifts for children will be provided at Christmas.

The deadline to register for the Holiday gift program is Monday, Nov. 18.

The deadline to register for the Thanksgiving program is Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Keep in mind that fuel

assistance applications are currently being taken for fuel deliveries made between Nov. 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025. Apply soon.

You may qualify for fuel assistance if your income is under:

\$59,507 for a household size of two, \$73,509 for a household size of three, \$87,511 for a household size of four.

Families who are in need should contact Patrice McGrath, at (860) 435-5187.

Canaan food drive collecting donations through December

CANAAN — A food drive will be accepting donations until the end of the year.

The Canaan Child Care Center, Salisbury Rotary Club, NBT Bank in Canaan, Lakeville and Salisbury and Litchfield Bancorp in Lakeville are collaborating on the food drive to provide much needed household essentials to families in our communi-

ties through the months of November and December.

Drop off locations include the organizations above and Stop & Shop in Canaan. Monetary donations can be sent to the Salisbury Rotary Club Foundation at P.O. Box 287, Salisbury, CT 06068. Please contact Fran Chapell at 860 824-0597 for more information or to pick up items.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

A meeting of the plot owners of the Amenia Island Cemetery Association will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the plot owners.

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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 29, 2024:

Approved - Two-Lot Subdivision Application #2024-0263 by Bodwell Engineering and Surveying. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 03 as Lot 26 and is located at 143 White Hollow Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Eleanor A Sternlof.

8-24 Referral deemed not consistent with the POCD An Easement for a wall in a Town right of way at 331 Housatonic River Road. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 08 as Lot 52.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the

provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
11-07-24

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SALISBURY NOVEMBER 12, 2024 7:00 P.M.

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings in the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut, will be held both virtually and in person at Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut, on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To act upon a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 55, Section 4.5(a), to read as follows: "Any unsewered property hooking into an existing sewer will be charged a hook-up charge of \$5,000."

2. To act upon a proposed conveyance for \$1.00 to Salisbury Housing Trust, Inc. ("SHT") of a parcel of real estate on Undermountain Road, shown as "Town of Salisbury Vol. 30, Pg. 616 0.813+ acres" on a map entitled "Map Prepared for Salisbury Housing Trust Undermountain Road Route 41 Salisbury, Connecticut Scale 1" = 20' January 31, 2008 Total Area = 0.813+ Acres", prepared by Lamb Kiefer Land Surveyors, LLC, Salisbury, Connecticut, a copy of which is available at the Office of the Town Clerk. The conveyance to SHT will include reservation of

an easement in favor of the Town for maintenance and access to the western portion of the property. A copy of the proposed easement language is available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

3. To act upon the proposed transfer from the Town's Undesignated Surplus of up to \$200,000 to fund (a) additional remediation costs at the Town's former Transfer Station, (b) funding for Twin Lakes Association for control of invasive species, and (c) the purchase of two sidewalk tractors.

4. To act upon the proposed grant by the Town to James H. Cohan and Jane S. Cohan of an easement over an area lying contiguous to the easterly boundary of lands of James H. Cohan and Jane S. Cohan located at 331 Housatonic River Road for the purposes of maintaining, repairing and replacing a stone retaining wall, fill and plantings and other improvements. A copy of the proposed easement is available in the Office of the Town Clerk.

5. To act upon a proposal to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and related documents for a DEEP grant to the Town in the amount of up to \$50,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Town's Railroad Street Multi Modal Pathway and Design project. Details are available in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Members of the public may attend the Special

Town Meeting in person at Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, Connecticut, or remotely. The Board of Selectmen will post a notice on the Town's website (<https://www.salisburyct.us/>) not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Town Meeting providing instructions for the public on how to attend remotely and provide comment or otherwise participate in the meeting.

Dated at Salisbury, Connecticut this 28th day of October, 2024.

Curtis G. Rand
First Selectman
Christian E. Williams
Selectman
Katherine Kiefer
Selectman
10-31-24
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RAYMOND SHERIDAN Late of Sharon (24-00405)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 22, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-07-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF BARBARA J. MOECKEL AKA Barbara June Moeckel Late of North Canaan (24-00424)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAY RUSS AKA Dorothy I. Russ Late of West Cornwall (24-00414)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 24, 2024, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss

of rights to recover on such claim.

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33410

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SHARON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern, notice is hereby given that on November 18, 2024 at 6:00PM, at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following Appeal following:

Appeal #191 of Gregg Bochnovich for a variance to allow the change of use of an existing building to a dwelling with a street setback of twenty feet where the Regulations require fifty feet, Article IV. The property location is - Assessor Map 13 Parcel 4-1, corner of Butter and Sharon Mountain Roads, in the Rural Residence Zone.

At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communication received. The application is on file at the Selectmen's Office, Sharon, CT.

Dated at Sharon, CT this 23rd of October 2024.

William Trowbridge,
Chairman
Sharon Zoning
Board of Appeals
11-07-24
11-14-24

OBITUARIES

Mary A. Whitbeck

SALISBURY — Mary A. (Baumann) Whitbeck, formerly of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and longtime resident of Salisbury, was called home to our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, where she will experience communion with God and all her departed loved ones.



Mary was born on Dec. 19, 1937, in Housatonic, Massachusetts to the late George M. and Louise M. (Maier) Baumann. She was the baby of thirteen brothers and sisters whom she celebrated and adored throughout her life. She continued this love and sense of community into her beloved Salisbury and all her relationships with abundant generosity and joy.

Mary is survived by her son, Peter M. Whitbeck and his wife Trina of Bethpage, Tennessee, her daughter Kim W. Isabelle and her husband David of West Hartland, Connecticut; her beloved grandson David C. Whitbeck and his partner Jennifer Gwinn, and their children, Tucker D. Whitbeck and Kaelary Gwinn of Madison, Tennessee; her surviving brothers Gerald R. Baumann of Lee, Massachusetts, and M. Peter Baumann of Great

Barrington, Massachusetts. The family also wishes to honor Dominic Franzoso of Everett, Massachusetts, for the joy and friendship he brought to Mary's life.

Mary is predeceased by husband, Charles E. (Tuck) Whitbeck, her brothers Thomas W., James A., Paul M., George R. (Bob), John F., Joseph P., and her sisters Patricia Ciolina, Ann Costa and Joan Clark.

Mary was a communicant of St. Mary's Parish in Lakeville, where her Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at 11 a.m. A Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Salisbury will follow. Ryan Funeral Home, Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's memory to Nobel Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury or the Salisbury VNA Hospice, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

The family expresses their deepest gratitude for Mary's team of caregivers who tirelessly honored her and her daughter with tender merciful care during her infirmity at Noble Horizons.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com

LAKEVILLE — Joan H. Wallace, artist, political activist, and long-time resident of New York City and the Northwest Corner died at home in Lakeville, at age 93, on Oct. 30, 2024.

Ms. Wallace, née Joan Elaine Hochstuhl, was born in 1931, the daughter of Elsie Wibben and Ernest Hochstuhl, both the offspring of German immigrants. Much of her childhood was spent in Syosset, Long Island with a couple of years in the Adirondack town of Bloomingdale where she sought relief from severe childhood asthma. She attended secondary school at Friends Academy in Locust Valley, New York, and received an associate degree from Lasell College.

Fresh out of college, Ms. Wallace moved to New York City where she worked in public relations for The New Yorker magazine and dabbled in creative writing. A couple of her stories were published in Esquire magazine, something viewed by her parents as scandalous for a young lady. In 1956, she met a young engineer, George A. P. Wallace, and they married in 1957, had three children, and remained together for 54 years, until Mr. Wallace passed away in 2011.

Although Ms. Wallace returned to work in public relations for the Museum of Modern Art during the 1970s, she was above all an accomplished artist and lifelong student of art, specializing in oil painting, drawing, pastels, and photography. In New York City, she studied art history at Columbia University for three years, completed a four-year certificate program at the Art Students League, two years of study in composition and art analysis at the National Academy School of Fine Arts, and studied advanced photographic and dark-room techniques at the New

School-Parsons School of Design. At one time, six mural-sized versions of her New York City cityscape photographs were on permanent exhibit in the New York City headquarters of Blue Cross Blue Shield. Her work was shown in various galleries and exhibits, and she sold works to private collectors.



Ms. Wallace and her husband were active art patrons during their time in New York, as well as the brief years they were residents of Portland, Maine, Boston, Massachusetts, and finally in the Northwest Corner where they lived permanently from 1998 onwards. In addition to fine arts, they supported theater, opera, and early music. Ms. Wallace was passionate about politics, the positive role of government, and a firm believer in active participation in the democratic process. She worked on several political campaigns, notably those of John Lindsay for mayor of New York City and Hubert Humphrey for president, including hosting campaign events in her home. She encouraged her children to also volunteer in political campaigns. Ms. Wallace was an ardent feminist and early supporter of National Organization of Women (NOW) and worked steadfastly on their behalf for many years. She was also a devoted pacifist and threw herself into opposition of the Vietnam War, including helping to organize the huge New York City march in October 1969 that made up part of the national Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam.

Certainly, a highlight of her life was her fascination with Italy, including its long history, art, architecture, religious evolution, and pres-

ent-day society. In 1988, she and her husband purchased a property in the medieval hill town of Casole d'Elsa. Together they renovated the house, a slice of the wall built in the 11th century with the village on the inside and sweeping views of Tuscan farmland on the outside. Their many trips to Casole were the springboard for extensive travels in Italy, Greece, Turkey, many friendships, and a window into the rather frenetic, but wonderful, chaos of present-day Italian society.

Philanthropy was important to Ms. Wallace and, in addition to her support for the arts, she and her husband supported many national and local environmental organizations, including Salisbury Land Trust, Sharon Audu-

bon, Appalachian Mountain Club, American Bird Conservancy, and Sierra Club. She is fondly remembered by her family and friends as an active conversationalist, an avid reader, and one who was always sensitive to the beauty around her. Ms. Wallace is survived by a son, George E. Wallace of Salisbury, a daughter, E. Ainslie Wallace of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and eight grandchildren, four of whom are the offspring of her daughter Elaine who passed away in 2019.

A private memorial service is planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Union of Concerned Scientists either via their website at www.ucsusa.org or by mail to Union of Concerned Scientists, 2 Brattle Square, Cambridge, MA 02138.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services

Week of November 10, 2024

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p>
<p>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 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors CTeen YJP</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

REGIONAL

Dutchess County executive outlines EMS funding aid plan

By Colleen Flynn
colleen@millertonnews.com

POUGHKEEPSIE — Sue Serino, Dutchess County Executive, announced a \$2 million investment in emergency medical services before the release of the 2025 executive budget.

This funding will be used to support the launch of ambulance coverage, a public awareness campaign and to address the workforce shortage the county has been faced with recently.

The county plans on partnering with municipalities to set in motion the supplemental ambulance coverage program, hoping to improve emergency medical service reliability and response time with commercial providers. This program will not only provide relief to the county, but will also help keep medical service providers diverse with competitive costs. With

more competition in the mix, companies and municipalities could potentially lower their service costs.

Dutchess County is also working on recruiting more staff and attracting job seekers to the field and implementing first responder resiliency training and peer-to-peer support network for the mental and emotional well-being of first responders.

Sue Serino has previously released an outline of the EMS crisis in March. She has met with the Department of Emergency Response, supervisors, mayors, municipality representatives and many other professionals to help her find effective solutions.

Though this will serve as a temporary aid, it will help the county find long term solutions for the EMS crisis many towns have been challenged with.

Elizabeth Blodget Kent

LAKEVILLE — Elizabeth (Betty or Bebe) Blodget Kent, passed away Oct. 27, 2024, in Essex at the age of 105. She was born in New York, New York, on Aug. 4, 1919. Prior to moving to Essex in 1989, she lived in Lakeville.



She was predeceased by her loving husband, Fred I. Kent II, in 2002, her parents Eleanor and Francis Malbone Blodget and her brother, Francis (Tod) Malbone Blodget, Jr.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses; Fred I. Kent and Kathy Madden from Brooklyn, New York, Nancy and Tom

Henry from Tequesta, Florida, and Peter and Alice Kent from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire; 6 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Essex Meadows Employee Appreciation Fund which supports the many wonderful employees who supported her since 1989, and cared for her over the last few years in the health center. Essex Meadows, 30 Bokum Road, Essex CT 06426.

A memorial service will be held for Elizabeth at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme at a later date.

Flu and COVID vaccine clinic

Cornwall Park and Recreation will host a flu and COVID vaccine clinic at the United Church of Christ (8 Bolton Hill Rd.) Parish House Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will be open to anyone above the age of 18. All insurance will be accepted. Bring insurance card to the clinic.

Contact park.recreation@cornwallct.gov for more information.

NECC food pantry volunteers needed

MILLERTON — Volunteers are needed on Monday, Nov. 18 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. to help feed the hungry through food pantry at the North East Community Center at 51 S. Center St..

Workers able to lift 30 pounds will unload and organize pantry supplies. To help, call 518-789-4259, ext. 130, or go to www.neccmillerton.org/volunteer-now.

According to NECC's website, volunteers may also sign up there to "transport people to appointments or to purchase food and supplies, deliver food or supplies to the home-bound, assist at our food and supply pantry, volunteer in our tax assis-

tance program, and work with children in our NECC community."

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Back to the future in nuclear energy

In the 1950s, nuclear was deemed the energy of the future. Unfortunately, the world's ardor for replacing fossil fuels with clean atomic energy hit a brick wall in the 1970s. It is only recently, after decades of false hopes, that we may be entering a new age of U.S. nuclear power.

Today, nuclear power represents no more than 20% of U.S. electricity, and that may be an overstatement. The industry's brick wall occurred in March 1979 at Three Mile Island in Middletown, Pennsylvania. A partial meltdown of their Unit 2 reactor released a small amount of radioactivity.

I remember it well. The leak resulted from equipment malfunctions, design-related problems, and worker errors. At first, no one knew the extent of the problem. Fears that we were facing a major nuclear disaster only 75 miles from Philadelphia swept the country. Despite the initial panic, the accident had no detectable health effects on plant workers or the public. It didn't matter. It set in motion a deep and long-lasting distrust of nuclear energy among the population.

The public's fears seemed justified when just seven years later, the Chernobyl disaster of April 1986 in northern Ukraine created the costliest nuclear disaster in history. It is estimated that the cost was more than \$700 billion and caused the evacuation of 70,000 people.

In the mid-2000s, there was an effort to revive the industry. A flood of proposals to restart nuclear energy in the U.S. was short-lived. A combination of the fracking boom, which brought in quantities of cheap natural gas, and yet another nuclear disaster sidetracked that effort.

In 2011, an earthquake and tsunami sparked a nuclear disaster in Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant. Three of the plant's six reactors sustained damage and released both hydrogen and radioactive materials. There were no deaths and no adverse effects among non-worker residents, but it is regarded as the worst nuclear incident since Chernobyl.

Construction of nuclear plants has been at a standstill in the U.S. for a generation until now aside from one huge project. The Southern Company's two new reactors in Georgia took two decades to complete and ran massively over budget.

What has changed? Electricity demand for one. U.S. electricity use is exploding after going nowhere for 15 years because of new factories, EVs, climate change, and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The AI revolution, for example, is being created on the backs of countless data centers throughout the country. Those data centers require enormous amounts of electricity. The Energy Department projects that almost 25 gigawatts of new data center electricity demand will hit the grids within the next six years.

The major players in AI see the obvious choice to supply that power as the construction of new nuclear facilities. This future demand would be the equivalent of

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BILL SCHMICK

the output of roughly 29 average nuclear power plants.

Their idea is to place as many new AI data centers near start-up nuclear plants as possible. That way it saves companies billions of dollars in grid upgrades such as new transmission lines, rerouting power lines, etc.

Last month, Open AI pitched a plan to the White House to build multiple, 5-gigawatt data centers across the U.S. Each would require the equivalent of five nuclear plants to fuel those centers. The Biden Administration was receptive to the idea given that it had just finished closing on a loan to resurrect the decommissioned Palisades nuclear plant in Michigan. That project will take two years to reopen.

Microsoft and Constellation Energy also announced a \$1.6 billion power purchase deal to restart the Three Mile Island plant in 2028. And 14 of the world's largest banking institutions pledged to support tripling global nuclear energy capacity by 2050.

While all the above is commendable and maybe even doable, the facts are that nuclear energy is expensive. It is both costly to build and to operate. It doesn't have to remain that way. Back in the 1950s and 1960s, construction costs were declining rapidly. The more we built, the more we learned. Production increased and costs went down.

After Three Mile Island, safety became the primary objective and of paramount importance. The public demanded it and the disasters at Chernobyl and Fukushima reinforced those demands. As such, new and stringent rules were applied to plant construction.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the EPA became far more concerned with the safety factors of the industry and much less about the economic viability of nuclear power generation. Regulations proliferated. Neither agency has any mandate to increase nuclear power generation, nor any goals based on its growth, nor do they benefit when power plants come online. The approval process now takes several years and costs hundreds of millions of dollars.

The Biden Administration is working on a plan to bring additional decommissioned nuclear power reactors back online. That is in addition to developing small modular reactors (SMRs) for certain applications and building advanced nuclear reactors.

The benefits of a revival of nuclear power generation are obvious. It is a scalable source of on-demand, emissions-free energy. It takes up little land, consumes a small amount of fuel, and produces little waste. It is a technology that could solve the world's need to beat back climate change and energy poverty. The question is will we be willing to take the risk that future accidents in the industry are worth the benefits.

Bill Schmick is a founding partner of Onota Partners, Inc., in the Berkshires.



"I know it's early but we could just sleep through the election..."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote to support Salisbury affordable housing

The Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission would like to express our strong support for the proposed transfer of town land to the Salisbury Housing Trust for the purpose of constructing two affordable homes at 26 & 28 Undermountain Road. Please join us at the November 12, 2024 Town Meeting and vote YES to the proposed conveyance. The hybrid meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is being held in-person at the Salisbury Town Hall and virtually on Zoom.

The demand for affordable housing in Salisbury has reached critical levels, and this project represents a meaningful step toward providing a viable path for

families seeking to establish their roots in our town. Many of the hardworking citizens of Salisbury have few options if they want to live in town without paying more than 50% of their income on housing. By facilitating homeownership opportunities, we can help build a more diverse and resilient community.

Known locally as "the Grove Street School parcel," 26 & 28 Undermountain Road has been a part of the Town's Affordable Housing Plan since 2018, and the proposed development of the site has been approved by the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission after several public hearings with robust community in-

put. The Salisbury Housing Trust's proposal to build two single-family homes here is in keeping with the character of this residential neighborhood. The addition of two homes will marginally increase the density of the village center, which will strengthen the retail and business community already established here. This initiative not only addresses the pressing need for affordable housing in our community but also includes provisions for creating public open space, ensuring that both new residents and existing neighbors will benefit from this development.

The need for these homes is urgent and well-documented. By transferring

the land to the Salisbury Housing Trust, we can take an important step toward addressing the housing crisis while preserving our community's character. Together, we can create a future where everyone has the opportunity to call Salisbury home.

The Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission:
Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Chair
Abeth Slotnick, Vice Chair
Jim Dresser
Vivian Garfein
Pat Hackett
Jon Higgins
Mary Close Oppenheimer
Lee Sullivan
 Salisbury

Disappointment over Paley land outcome

I am profoundly disappointed that the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOA) does not honor intent.

The Morris Paley land and again the Sharon Mountain Rd. land have been despoiled by the DOA's approving development on these two "preserved" farmlands—despite the good faith of the easements—claiming in effect a multimillion-dollar mansion on each property is exempt. So the providers' INTENT means nothing to the CT

DOA!

This dereliction of responsibility wastes taxpayer money which purchased the now ineffective easements, brings critical doubt on the DOA's intentions and veracity, puts at risk the CT State objective of preserving its open-space at these critical times of population growth and increasing costs with land scarcity—trust the State's assurances?

To provide perhaps a somewhat uninformed resolution: can't the Legislature

engage the wisdom of Representative Horn and Senator Harding in making the law retroactive thus recanting the DOA approval; wasn't the Commissioner's interpretation and decision clearly not in keeping with providers' intention: to have their properties remain wholly en-

gaged in agriculture, at least without development—a question of justice, irrespective of "standing". How is this egregious flagrance righted, as it must be?

Ellery W. Sinclair
 Falls Village

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

Letters and Trump's lies

As much as it pains me to type the word "cat," I would like to commend the Lakeville Journal for printing my friend Anne Day's letter about black cats.

Let me explain. I dislike cats intensely. Black cats are marginally better because they are harder to see. There is nothing about cats that appeals to me — their looks, their manner or their representation in porcelain. They destroy billions of songbirds annually (Note 1), smell bad, and trigger allergic reactions in many people (including cat owners), adding to the already sky-high healthcare costs in this country.

But whether to love cats or to hate them is a valid topic for discussion, and dueling letters to the editor are a fine

way to bring the topic to public consideration.

On the other hand, I deplore the publication of the mean-spirited lies in the form of letters of Trump supporters by The Lakeville Journal and other newspapers for which I otherwise have great respect. Democracies thrive on the civil discussion of different opinions, as long as they are based on facts. To publish lies without calling them out does the community and the nation a great disservice.

At the very least, Lakeville Journal, please limit venomous, misleading letters from certain readers to one per election cycle. Unless they wish to discuss cats.

Robert Bettigole
 Lakeville

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago —
November 1924

It was regular Republican weather on Tuesday and the town polled a strong vote, strongly republican in every way. 967 ballots were cast, the straight vote being 694 republican, 252 democratic, 15 LaFollett, Socialist 2, Workers 2.

Some sort of a curb should be put upon speeding through the main street of this village. Now that the school children are in the street in numbers several times daily, it is a wonder that some of them have not been injured. There is altogether too much fast driving through the streets and some one is going to “get it” one of these days. There is something about getting back of a wheel that causes many a fairly reasonable individual to forget time and place and lose his or her good judgement. As far as we can see the question of speeding through our streets has thus far been left solely to the drivers of cars. There is not a sign of any kind to warn the passing tourist, but our own local drivers are just as careless as anyone else. It seems to us that in view of the dangerous corners and intersecting streets that some sort of a regulation should be enforced. We recommend that some of the state police appear here occasionally and thus exert a wholesome influence upon reckless drivers. If this does not serve the purpose then more drastic measures should be taken.

LIME ROCK — Philo Lyon and George Belcher have both had radios put in this week.

Mr. George E. Parsons has had a telephone installed in his home.

Miss Berge's residence is being connected with Lakeville Water Co.'s mains.

FOR SALE — One 1921 Reo Speed Wagon in good condition. Price \$250. One ton and a half 1923 Thomart truck, perfect condition, all new tires — a wonderful bargain. One Buick truck with dump body and tractor attachment — just the thing for hauling lumber, ties and wood. H. Roscoe Brinton, Salisbury. Phone 93.

ORE HILL — Daniel Maloney returned last Thursday from New York, where he had been for some time studying electrical engineering.

A pet dog belonging to C.H. Barnum was killed at the foot of Bostwick Hill last Sunday. The auto driver did not have the decency to even stop.

Raking up leaves and building bon fires are very

fashionable these days.

50 years ago —
November 1974

The defense fund for Peter A. Reilly received a surprise bonus in the last two weeks when two film stars contributed close to \$1,000 to the fund. Film stars Dustin Hoffman and Elizabeth Taylor gave a total of \$950 to the defense fund. The money was received at the New York office of motion picture director Mike Nichols, another prominent person in films who has joined the Reilly cause. Other prominent celebrities include playwright Arthur Miller, actor Richard Widmark, and writers William Styron and Philip Roth. The celebrities are planning with the local Reilly committee to hold a “celebrity auction” early next year, where they plan to auction off items contributed by the celebrities.

Claudia G. Roraback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Roraback of Salisbury, has been named a recipient of the 1974 Good Citizenship Award of the Daughters of the American Revolution by vote of the senior class and the faculty at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

A partnership formed by Geoffrey Smith of Lakeville, James T. Metz Jr. of Salisbury and William Schnurr of Sheffield, Mass. has purchased the Lakeville Transportation Company Inc., also known as Lovell's Lakeville Livery, from Peter Lovell of Lakeville. The new owners, who took over on Nov. 1, will operate five taxis and limousines from headquarters in both Lakeville and Canaan.

Canaan selectmen are going ahead with a plan to lease 5.25 acres off East Main Street from the state Department of Transportation. The land, the former Lawrence Playground, will be leased for a five-year period, with a possibility to renew the lease at the end of that time.

A state highway crew has been active in Canaan this past week lowering the former rail crossing on Church Street. The move was undertaken at the suggestion of the town to improve highway visibility and to create a better path for the town's new sidewalks along that street. The “hump” in the road is being lowered about 13 inches and will be graded for about 200 feet in both directions. The tracks which were formerly used by the trains of the Central New England Railroad had already been removed.

The Falls Village Fire Commissioners moved closer Tuesday night to the installation of the town's first

dry hydrant. The hydrant will supply better protection for those living above and along Route 7. The commissioners have found storage for the town's Fox fire engine in a barn owned by Claire Schmidt on Route 7. The fire truck has been removed from the firehouse to make room for emergency equipment used more frequently.

A 27-year-old Sharon man has been arrested and charged with the arson of a Sharon building on Aug. 31. The organist and director of the church choir is accused of setting a fire in a house on Hospital Hill owned by Dr. Richard Westsmith. The case has already aroused and divided local opinion. His arrest has prompted some Sharon residents to rally to his side, and they have undertaken a campaign to raise funds for his legal and bail bond expenses.

25 years ago —
November 1999

Hearts are heavy in Norfolk as the community struggles to deal with the news that three well-known residents are presumed dead after their airplane plummeted into the Atlantic Ocean. Henrietta “Henny” (Mills) Mead and Arthur E. “Gene” and Barbara G. Billings were on EgyptAir Flight 990, bound for Cairo early Sunday morning. The retired couple and their friend were to join an Elderhostel educational tour of Egypt. With no distress messages issued from the flight crew, the plane made a rapid descent and disappeared from radar south of Nantucket Island. Investigators believe the plane may have broken apart in flight. By Monday night, rescuers had given up hope of finding survivors in the chilly waters.

Marguerite “G” Gulotta is back from Dublin, Ireland, victorious after having completed a 26.2 mile marathon as a walker, but more importantly, having raised an impressive amount of money for research for a cure for leukemia. As part of the Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training, the Torrington resident who calls Canaan her hometown went to Dublin with 785 other team members from around the country. Each was required to raise at least \$4,000 in pledges and donations. Ms. Gulotta has raised double that -- about \$8,000 — and donations continue to come in from generous local residents and others who have heard of her remarkable efforts.

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

Older adults and cybersecurity

GUEST
COMMENTARY
TERRA CARNRIKE-
GRANATA

‘friend’ invitations you receive.

But increasingly sophisticated scams — some using artificial intelligence — continue to target older adults. A recent article in Psychology Today showed that older adults' vulnerability to scams like these can be exacerbated by social, emotional and cognitive problems, and that limited social network size, loneliness and social isolation also increase risk.

One sinister development is the rise in sophisticated ‘vishing’ or ‘voice phishing’ scams.

One sinister development is the rise in sophisticated ‘vishing’ or ‘voice phishing’ scams, in which fraudsters use voice messages or phone calls to trick people into sharing personal information. AI is now making it possible for bad actors to mimic people's voices and even respond to questions in real-time. Older

adults are especially vulnerable to this scam.

If you receive an unexpected call, even from someone you know, always verify their identity through another method like texting or emailing them, and never give out personal information.

Having a conversation with your parents, grandparents or other older adults in your life about recognizing and avoiding cyber threats can be difficult — for you and for them — and even a little intimidating. But it's critically important, and there is easily accessible help online.

NBT Bank offers online resources for recognizing and avoiding online threats. Other organizations such as NCA, the National Institute on Aging, the National Council on Aging, the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the FBI, and the American Bar Association have increased their focus on cybersecurity for older adults.

Information is power and armed with resources like these, we can help older adults stay safe and protect them from fraud in an ever-complex digital world.

Terra Carnrike-Granata is Senior Vice President and Senior Director of Information Security at NBT Bank.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Regarding plans for Wake Robin

The Wake Robin Inn has been in the news. Those of us living nearby were surprised. The proposed plan is to turn this friendly country inn into a very large event space. Surprise seems to have been part of the plan. ‘Let's do as much as we can before word gets out.’

It all started more than six months ago. ARADEV LLC approached PZC to change regulations for non-conforming hotels, in particular the Wake Robin Inn, which is in a residential zone (RR1). What was the issue needing a zoning solution? ARADEV LLC has been working on plans to turn the Wake Robin Inn and surroundings into a very large event space (9,800 sq. ft), with an enlarged hotel, a swimming pool, spa, restaurant and 10 separate motel units off the ground; all being open until one in the morning with hundreds of people partying. The whole space is four times the existing space.

Salisbury's Land Use Director and Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission described how ARADEV LLC “drafted changes to the regulations,” “as is allowed.” During discussions, the Land Use Office

and PZC Chair determined that the changes were not good because they were too targeted toward the Wake Robin, and therefore, were, “not an acceptable solution.” So PZC took charge and changed the relevant regulations. The date of the relevant zoning changes and the description of those changes is May 6, 2024.

The changes would meet all of ARADEV's needs for scaling to a size uncharacteristic of our neighborhood, laying the foundation needed to add an event space and dozens of rooms and cabins.

On Aug. 27 neighbors received certified letters that the Wake Robin project was planned. The first PZC meeting with a public hearing took place on September 3, 2024. The first Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Commission meeting was July 22, 2024.

This hotel and event space would:

- create excessive light and noise to the neighborhood;
- destroy wildlife habitat;

- add traffic to our winding roads, endangering walkers and bikers;

- dump thousands of gallons of waste into our limited treatment plant;

- provide unprotected runoff to our roads and our lake;

- tax the volunteer ambulance and fire departments;

- burden our resident police officer.

We are not against improving the Wake Robin. But let's have some real discussion. ARADEV LLC hopes that they have done things quickly enough to win-over the Land Use and PZC. It is up to us to say no. We have the signatures of several hundred people who agree with us. Stay tuned.

Judy and Leo Gafney
Lakeville

(Editor's note: The quotations cited above from the Land Use Director and Chair of the PZC can be found at: www.salisburyct.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Memo-Hotels-Regulation-Amendment.pdf)

More letters appear on page A6.

Status Report

NORFOLK — The World War One monument at Norfolk's Memorial Green will host a memorial ceremony on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m. The re-lighting of the monument will serve as a symbol to honor those who died in service to the United States of America.

CORNWALL — Optimus Prime lost his helmet in Cornwall Village Halloween Night. Park

and Recreation members found the headpiece in a front yard. A social media effort saw the helmet safely returned to the Autobot leader's head.

NORTH CANAAN — Santa's mailbox has arrived at Douglas Library. Letters to Santa can be dropped off through Nov. 30. Santa will come to town Dec. 1 for a visit to North Canaan Elementary School after the Light Parade.

Women

With diplomatic tools long gone astray, (and manly force the choice we've had to face,) should chaos be allowed to rule the day, or is it time, might dialogue take place? Might women's words, as powerful as guns, regain the strength we need to coalesce, and save, around the globe, ten million sons; could words, instead of bloodshed, be our quest? Is this our chance to lift guns from men's hands? The question is: could women change the way we calculate our enemies' demands? Could their linguistic weapons save the day? For God's sake, light the torch long in her hand—that warmth allowed to seep from land to land.

Betsy Sprague
Salisbury

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CTDEEP has an excellent resource section on both winter bird feeding and how to enhance your backyard habitat to be wildlife friendly. It is recommended that December to March are good times to feed the birds to help them through the winter, which is also the time that black bears are in their dens. With regards to habitat, one should address the needs of water, food and cover that most wildlife require. The guidebook is very instructive on the planting of native plants to attract birds and how to construct proper brushpiles to give wildlife cover from both the weather and predators. For more information, please go to: portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/learn-about-wildlife/guide-to-winter-bird-feeding.



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JOBS

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fourth consecutive month of losses," he said.

The industry association official noted that job openings are up 10% since February 2020, while the number of those working and actively looking for work fell by 30,600 over the same period, "in stark contrast with what's happened in most of the region and nationally."

In response to the third straight month of job losses in the state, the Connecticut Senate Republican Caucus issued a statement on Oct. 22 rejecting the notion that the job losses are "a new normal."

Senate Republican Leader Steve Harding (R-30) said while the most recent labor department numbers are "not necessarily bad, I think we can do far better."

He pointed to a need for boosting manufacturing and trades job growth, by "connecting with our vocational programs to set up a stronger manufacturing base here in Connecticut."

Harding also called on greater collaboration between the Governor's office and lawmakers aimed at increased regulatory fairness for businesses.

"We in Connecticut still have not fully recovered from the 2008 recession job losses, and when 2020 hit, obviously it was another setback," Harding said. "Almost every other state, prior to COVID, recovered from job losses, but Connecticut and one other state never recovered."

Labor Commissioner Dante Bartolomeo said while Connecticut was hit harder by the pandemic than most states, "our recovery is steady, and the overall economy is moving at a stable and sustainable pace."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) noted that the monthly economic numbers are "quite complex," and often follow a pattern. "There have been stronger losses in the second half of the year."

She pointed to workforce development and housing as key factors.

"I hear all the time that people can't afford to live in our neck of the woods or attract and retain a talented workforce," she said. "We have to be sure to look at the tangibles and the intangibles."

Horn attributed some of the job losses to large cuts in government positions.

"Some people get all excited when the government has fewer employees," Horn said. "We trimmed a great number of workers over the

past decade, and then during the pandemic they said we didn't have enough workers to respond, so it's a balancing act."

Six-month growth streak ended this summer

Connecticut lost 3,100 jobs in July and August, ending a six-month growth streak as most industry sectors saw decline.

The labor department reported 3,200 job losses for August and revised its preliminary July numbers lower by 1,600 to a loss of 90 positions.

August also saw another 5,295 people leave the labor force, with the numbers of those working and looking for work declining 11,965 in the last three months, according to the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

"The August losses and revised July numbers highlight the volatility of Connecticut's job market and the structural issues impacting economic growth," industry association President and CEO Chris DiPentima said.

"CBI's 2024 Survey of Connecticut Businesses showed that 91% of business leaders say the cost of doing business is increasing, and only 10% believe the state's business climate is improving," DiPentima said.

On Oct. 9 the Connecticut Business and Industry Association Foundation released its 2024 legislative policy pledge, a 12-point package of solutions designed to unlock and reimagine Connecticut's economy.

CBI officials said the policy pledge is a roadmap for boosting the state's competitiveness, retaining and attracting investment and talent, fostering innovation, expanding career pathway opportunities and growing a vibrant economy.

"Connecticut is at a critical point in its post-pandemic growth," DiPentima said. "Rather than endorse candidates for elected office, CBI is encouraging them to sign the ReimagineCT policy pledge."

He said the policies, developed with the input and engagement of a diverse group of stakeholders, including business, nonprofit, education and community leaders, will help retain and attract residents, enhance and protect the workforce's well-earned reputation for innovation and productivity, and promote the state as a destination for businesses of all sizes.

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and Taylor Green, competed as communication consultants. Their task was to develop a comprehensive written media plan, which they then presented to a panel of judges. This competition challenges students to effectively advocate for agriculture while utilizing a variety of media platforms, including social media, print advertising, and blogging. Their team's creative approach and collaborative effort earned them a bronze level recognition after five months of intense preparation, showcasing their skills in communication, collaboration, and creativity.

The convention honored

scholarship recipients Delanie Keeley, Cole Dennis and Olivia Robson for their commitment to the organization and their promising futures in agriculture.

Finally, alumni Justine Allyn and Robert Murtagh received the prestigious American FFA Degree, a recognition given to less than one percent of members. This degree acknowledges their academic achievements, extensive community service, and leadership capabilities through their Supervised Agricultural Experience programs.

The authors are teachers at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

DROUGHT

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said.

On Oct. 25, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont declared a State of Emergency due to the critical fire conditions as the dry weather continues.

The National Weather Service predicts little to no rain over the next week for the region alongside unseasonably warm temperatures.

"It may stay this way for a while," said Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who is also a volunteer firefighter. "The woods are much more volatile with the leaves on the ground," he said, indicating that the recently fallen foliage has added another fuel source to the tinder-dry forest floor.

On Oct. 30, Ridgway issued a burn ban for the town of Cornwall, joining many other municipalities in the region that have placed similar restrictions. All Litchfield County towns except Hartland have declared burn bans as of Nov. 1 according to an NBC Connecticut Report, and the environmental protection department has imposed a burn ban on all state parks, forests, and wildlife management areas. In New York, the towns of Hillsdale, North East, Pine Plains, Amenia, Stanford, and Washington have also enacted emergency burn bans, barring

all outdoor fire activity and nulling burn permits while the order is in place.

North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said in a public communication on Nov. 1 that "the town of North East, along with all the other towns around us, has issued an order prohibiting outdoor burning," which will remain in effect until further notice.

In her Oct. 25 announcement, Stanford Town Supervisor Wendy Burton urged residents to keep their neighbors and first responders in mind as the unusual weather conditions continue. "Let's protect our community and firefighters," she said in the notice.

Legislators and fire officials were careful to drive in the message before holiday excitement distracted residents from the danger. "Please do not have any campfires during the Halloween festivities," Limbos said.

A red flag warning was issued again for all of Connecticut and the lower Hudson Valley on Friday, Nov. 1, following an Oct. 26 red flag warning for all of southern New England. The warnings are short-notice alerts meant to notify fire officials that conditions are highly conducive to wildfire ignition and rapid spread, and are rare in

the Northeast.

As of Nov. 3, the environmental protection department identifies two active fires in Connecticut, the fire burning on Lamentation Mountain in Berlin known as the Hawthorne fire, and a smaller blaze in Lebanon which is managed. The organization is also monitoring 95 fires across all regions of the state.

"It's really good that this region has mutual aid," Ridgway said.

Barbagallo is a testament to the collaborative nature of Connecticut's response force, having been part of the Incident Command Post at the Hawthorne Fire since the Post was activated on Oct. 22.

Barbagallo said he was helping plan the wake and funeral for Wethersfield firefighter Robert Sharkevich Sr., who died while combating the Hawthorne Fire on Oct. 22, when he got a call that a car accident had ignited two brush fires on Route 44 in Norfolk. "I left the meeting that evening to go to Norfolk when I heard how big they were getting," he said.

The Route 44 fires, which were caused by downed electrical wires, were extinguished after two hours, but their rapid growth left an impression on Barbagallo: "It really shows

how dry the conditions are across the state."

A swath stretching across the entire northern border of Connecticut, as well as a corner of Fairfield County, is currently experiencing "moderate drought" (D1) conditions, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System, a subsidiary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The area comprises 13.8% of the state's land area and includes approximately 400,000 residents. The rest of the state is categorized as "abnormally dry" (D0) by the drought information system, alongside most of southern New York.

A small area surrounding the tri-state border in New York is also experiencing moderate drought.

NIDIS predicts that drought will persist in areas already experiencing D1 conditions in the region through November, and that drought conditions will continue to develop in D0 zones.

Until substantial rainfall arrives, Barbagallo asks residents to "be respectful of the guidance from the state and the local fire department."

"We're going to be the ones who have to put [the fires] out," he said.

ZETTERSTROM

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Tom Zetterstrom, behind podium, was honored at the 12th Biennial Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group Symposium on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

tersweet on the Sharon Land Trust's Hamlin Preserve and fighting Japanese knotweed in North Canaan. She also lauded his marriage of art and environmentalism, saying that his photographs and illustrations "serve not only as scientific documentation but artistic expression."

"You embody the essence of this award," she said to Zetterstrom as he sat at the front of the crowd.

After receiving the plaque, Zetterstrom gave a prop-intensive speech that was appropriately educational rather than self-laudatory. He used his brief stage time to relay the necessity of using more powerful — and more controversial — measures to combat invasive species spread, such as the use of herbicides.

"Nature can no longer take care of itself," he said. "Human intervention has become essential."

He showcased his arsenal of invasive species management tools to the crowd, including a "buckthorn blaster," a tool used to apply herbicide to cut stems. He also held up calf-thick cross sections of bittersweet vines recently taken from the Hamlin Preserve.

"I have become a supporter of open carry," he said to a flurry of laughs from the crowd, referencing the tool kit he keeps on hand to combat such formidable adversaries.

Zetterstrom said in a follow-up interview that his goal in his acceptance speech was to bring his experiences at the Hamlin Preserve to the Symposium audience. He said that the work that he and the land trust's robust team of volunteers has been

doing is "grabbing these trees from the brink of bittersweet death."

He relayed a story to the crowd about his work saving a Chinkapin Oak on the land trust's Mary Moore preserve from bittersweet. The tree, which was declared a state champion of its species by Connecticut Notable Trees, "would have been dead five years later" if not for the work he and a group of volunteers put into freeing the tree of bittersweet, he said.

Bittersweet, he said, poses an existential threat to New England's forests, and must be addressed forcefully. "These are the trees and forests that we're counting on to capture and store carbon, not topple and rot," he said.

Christian Allyn, who owns and operates the company Invasive Plant Solutions out of North Canaan and who presented at a later session at the Symposium, agreed that herbicides were a major theme of this year's conference.

"It's not a question," he said, referencing the necessity of using herbicides in today's fight against invasives.

Zetterstrom expressed that many environmentalists have historically shied away from herbicide use due to concerns about ecosystem impacts, but his presentation emphasized the need for a shift in perspective. It seemed to work: Zetterstrom said that an herbicide skeptic approached him after the speech, telling him, "you may have convinced me."

"Les Mehrhoff was not only a scientist and researcher, but an educator," Zetterstrom said. "I'd like to think that my presentation was in the spirit of his profession."

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STYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Abigail Horace makes Frederic's IT List

Abigail Horace, the creative force behind Casa Marcelo Interior Design Studio in Salisbury, has recently earned a coveted spot on Frederic Magazine's second annual IT List, marking her as one of 12 up-and-coming designers redefining the design landscape. With a style that values functionality, spaciousness, and beauty, Horace's work embodies a refined approach that has made her a standout in both Connecticut's Northwest Corner and beyond.

"I didn't know about Frederic until recently," Horace admitted. "It's very well done. A lot of designers I speak to say it's their new favorite magazine, so it's a really big honor to be in here." Looking through the thick pages of the magazine — a lovely, lush, quietly powerful publication backed by the textile giant Schumacher— Horace reflected on her journey from Queens to Lakeville, from the constant rush of high-end design in New York City to this place, her place, which she has shaped, and which shapes her.

Horace grew up in Queens and tributes her father, a hobbyist photographer from the Dominican Republic, with much of her early inspiration. "He was only 20 when he moved to New York, so it was still so new to him." Her father, full of enthusiasm for his new city, would take Horace with him on weekends to visit New York landmarks like The Chrysler Building, Radio City Music Hall, and the World Trade Center "which was my backyard," said Horace. Horace also recalled a memorable trip as a child to Kew Gardens, a small, residential neighborhood in Queens. "It's all mansions, beautiful homes with spiral staircases and gorgeous details," Horace shared. "I remember one of our family friends was house-sitting and we went to the house for something, I can't remember what exactly, but the entry was just so grand."

These days, grand entryways make up a large part of Horace's diverse design portfolio, a portfolio with an attention to detail that sets her work apart. Named after her family, Casa



PHOTO BY REBECCA BROOMFIELD

Abigail Horace

Marcelo reflects Horace's design philosophy: a space must not only look beautiful but should also resonate personally with those who live in it. "I like figuring out who [my clients] are," she said. Her process involves an in-depth questionnaire that delves beyond color schemes and materials to uncover clients' routines, travels, and cherished memories, folding these elements into each design. Horace also relies on clients' artwork and often, on their book collections to give her tips on who they are. "There are a lot of people who are book people, that collect different types of books," she said. "I'll have clients who have a lot of political books, or autobiographies, or clients that have a lot of self-help books, or visual art books. So, you can really get a sense of what people like and what they like to do. I also like to know if my clients are entertainers, if they like to host or if they like to be homebodies. And I can tell a lot about people when I walk into a space."

This personal touch has earned Horace a growing reputation through word of mouth, recently prompting Casa Marcelo to implement its first marketing strategy. Being centrally located in Salisbury (Casa Marcelo is at 7 Academy

Street) has also bolstered Casa Marcelo's visibility, attracting new clients and collaborators. Horace also sources locally whenever possible because, she said, "There are just a lot of great makers in this area." Some of the sources she highlighted are DBO Home in Sharon, Ian Ingersoll in West Cornwall, and Elizabeth Eakins in Norwalk of whom Horace said, "she has the most amazing rugs and they're all handmade. I love custom or handmade things and people who put love into their products."

There's a lot of love in Horace's work but there's also a lot of hard work, dedication, and an impressive amount of experience. At 37, Horace's resume reads more like that of an industry veteran. "I don't come from

money or anything like that. Everything I have is because I've put my ambition into it," Horace shared.

As she continues her ambitious work, Horace looks forward to embracing larger, ground-up renovation projects and expanding her presence within the community. She's even co-founded a women's business support group in Litchfield and Millerton with her friend Nina Embiricos who owns nearby Riga Yoga. "It's an opportunity to mix everyone together, to help one another. I mean running a business up here is difficult in general so if we can help one another and promote one another,

even if we're just venting to each other, we can cross pollinate and share resources."

Being named "a style trailblazer" by the Frederic It List may have come as a surprise to Abigail Horace but having worked for high end firms for ten years before launching her

own business did more than prepare her for the demands of entrepreneurship— it sharpened her vision and deepened her sense of purpose. "I feel like I've always known I was going to have something bigger," Horace shared, "but it's kind of just starting now."

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South Kent overrun with zombies Halloween night

The living dead broke into dance at Falcon Field Thursday, Oct. 31, when South Kent School's Thriller Flash Mob returned for its annual night in the moonlight.

HALLOWEEN: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Costumed kiddos swarm Falls Village and Lakeville on Halloween

Downtown Falls Village was chock full of trick or treaters on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31.

Assorted superheroes, sea creatures and at least one bush rollicked around the downtown area, taking time out from collecting candy to be wowed by Sandy Rhoades doing magic tricks, drop in at the Center on Main for a refreshing glass of cider, and to chase each other around.

There was a Jurassic Park setup, a sea anemone with accompanying



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Magician Sandy Rhoades delighted a young Spiderman on Halloween in Falls Village.

jellyfish, and somewhat less esoteric displays from Great Mountain Forest and Adamah

Farm. Children also plied the residential streets for candy.

Over in Lakeville, streets were blocked off and children in costume were everywhere as darkness fell.

The children knew to make their way to the Grove around 7 p.m. for hay rides, cider and doughnuts, and, most importantly, a massive, free-form shaving cream fight.

The Grove was abundantly adorned with Halloween props, and Stacey Dodge, Grove manager, and Lisa McAuliffe, Recreation director, awaited the shaving cream com-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Shaving cream was flying at the town Grove Oct. 31.

batants.

The children brought their own shaving cream. The Grove supplied towels.

This was a good thing, as by 7:30 p.m. there

wasn't a youngster in sight who wasn't liberally coated with the stuff.

Somehow a reporter managed to get in the middle of it and emerge unfoamed.

LIFESTYLE: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Paranormal Society seeks to explain the unexplainable

The night after Halloween, the team from the Eastern Connecticut Paranormal Society regaled a receptive crowd at the Scoville Memorial Library with their experiences investigating paranormal phenomena.

Paranormal society co-founder David Bray, with investigators Ursula Wiebusch and Trish Blanchette, described the methodology and results of their investigations in considerable detail.

Bray started off with the paranormal society's simple mission statement: "To find the truth."

The paranormal society does not charge for investigations, and Bray said the group has turned down television offers.

The paranormal society is "about educating and validating people, as opposed to sensationalism."

They are a hard-headed bunch. Bray recalled one person who was convinced the house was haunted because of a recurring, eerie noise in the night.

This turned out to be a tree limb.

"We cut the branch,

and no more paranormal activity," Bray said.

Bray said the team is keenly aware of investigative pitfalls, such as confirmation bias. As an example, someone with deeply held beliefs might be inclined to interpret phenomena as "demonic."

Bray said he considers himself to be a "clairsentient medium."

He said he doesn't see spirits, but he can pick up on "feelings, sensations, emotions — what spirits want."

An example: When investigating a house in Waterbury, Bray was in the kitchen when he experienced a sudden,

intense pain on the left side of his head. When he went into another room, the pain was gone.

In the course of the paranormal society's routine background investigation, the team discovered that a deceased woman who lived in the house had suffered a fatal injury in the kitchen. The injury was to the left side of her head.

Wiebusch is the group's photographer, and Blanchette, who freely admits to having "no psychic ability," said she conducts the initial interviews and does the background research.

Standard procedure is to "keep David in the

dark," before conducting field work, to avoid planting any suggestions in Bray's mind.

If the paranormal society agrees to take on a client, the routine is to first find the nearest Dunkin' Donuts.

Thus fortified, the team meets with the owner of the property and takes a tour.

With the owner not present, the team walks through and gets a base-

line, using photographs and video.

They set up the equipment, take a few moments for prayer and meditation, and then they turn the lights out and wait.

Why do they do this at night? "Because that's when we are available," said Bray.

With video, photographs and audio clips, Bray took the audience through some of the

team's more notable investigations.

The settings varied: Private homes, bars, churches, hotels.

Asked what percentage of the subjects turn out to be something other than paranormal, Bray said about 70%.

The remaining 30% involve "responses that match the history" of a site. "These are things we can't explain scientifically."

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Proclaimed eggs, leaky waders and lost boots

I spent the third week of October at the Tangled Lines Western HQ, in Phoenicia, New York. Everything was low, even the Esoopus tailwater, so there was a lot of making do.

One morning I spent dredging the famous Chimney Hole on the Esoopus, hoping to provoke hits on streamers, junk flies and big nymphs in the depths. This produced precisely bupkis.

I noticed some splashy rises in the shallower water and switched gears, abandoning the sink tip/short leader for a nine foot 4X leader with an extra two feet or so of 5X tippet. Naturally I forgot to bring a box of specks. Thank you, Dr. Boing-Boing.

The closest thing I had to a speck was a size 18 standard Adams dry fly.

It was maddening. The closer I got to the strike zone, the more the



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zone shifted.

Finally I hit it. Lo and behold, instead of the shiners I was half expecting, a wild rainbow came to hand. Nothing spectacular in terms of size, maybe 11 inches if I squinted, but feisty and seriously reluctant to be caught and admired.

These are the “silver bullets” of yore, and in the three or four years since New York stopped planting thousands of brown trout in the river, they have increased in size. So where I used to catch a mess of six to eight inches, now they are 10-12 inches.

And they have an almost entirely silver body, with just a faint red line. Hence the name.

Gary Dodson picked me up one morning early and we went on

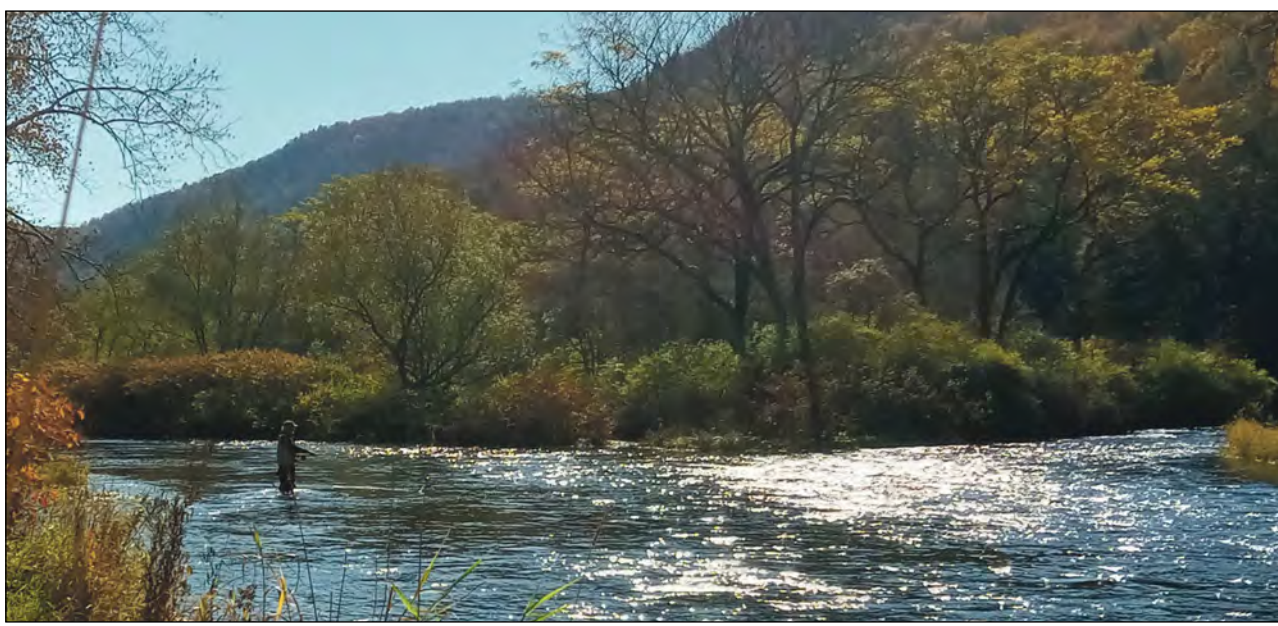


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Gary Dodson worked the East Branch of The Delaware River in late October.

the long drive to the two Delaware tailwaters. The West Branch was too high and murky for our delicate sensibilities, meaning we were afraid of falling in and drowning.

The East Branch was crystal clear, and low. We worked a stretch where we tried everything, and failed. Some graffiti on a sign in the parking area warned us about this but we

chalked it up to sour grapes.

Dr. Boing-Boing struck again — three times. First Gary was disassembling his breakfast sandwich as he drove (he doesn't eat a lot of bread, and definitely not the kind from McDonald's). The egg fell out and disappeared under the driver's seat.

Since it was quite warm and sunny, and when we were fishing the truck was locked up, I reminded him several times to retrieve the egg before it proclaimed itself.

Then I discovered my waders were leaking. A post-mortem revealed the good news — an easily patched puncture, instead of an insidious and ultimately unfixable seam leak.

Finally, as we rolled into the gas station in Margaretville to refuel and plan the next move, we noticed we'd just driven 75 miles with the truck tailgate open. I panicked for a moment, thinking my boots were gone.

Then I remembered I was wearing them.

Back at HQ, my all-purpose guy came and took down a dozen dead ash trees that were menacing the new roof.

We have a new roof because a dead ash tree fell on it two years ago. There is nothing like waking up at 3 a.m. to a waterfall coming out of the ceiling.

This fellow plays the excavator like a musical instrument. Observing, I had several anxious moments but Dr. Boing-Boing did not make an appearance.

And they left me with a lot of firewood to split in the spring.

Over the years I have assembled quite an angling library. My late father bought and read widely, and I have added to the collection. It could fairly be described as “swollen.”

I was bemused when browsing George M.L. LaBranche's “The Dry Fly and Fast Water” (1914). The author was complaining about specks (the tiny flies that cause so much consternation to the angler), drought, and having to fish with long leaders downstream so the fly is the first thing the trout sees.

If you pared down the prose and added a couple of bad jokes, it could have been a Tangled Lines column.

Back in Northwest Connecticut, I noticed that the state went

ahead and stocked the Blackberry, despite the lack of water.

It's worth a quick prowl, if for no other reason that the bones of the stream are exposed. Assuming I remember what I saw, this knowledge will come in handy once normal service is restored. (Same goes for the Housatonic.)

I spent a thoroughly frustrating 90 minutes chasing trout up and down the Silty Pool. Similar to the Chimney Hole experience, the trout were making a visible fuss, although it was directed downwards. I could see their fins and tails as they nosed around gobbling whatever was on the menu.

I drifted an assortment of speckly things down to them on a long, fine leader. The more I drifted, the more they shifted downstream a few yards.

Finally I said to hell with it and Woolly Buggered them. This can go one of two ways.

Either they say “Hallelujah! A square meal at last!” and hit the fly so hard the knot breaks.

Or they say “Eek!” and go into Witness Protection.

Guess which option they chose?

ART: ALEC LINDEN

Bright colors pierce the November chill at Norfolk Library art show

The full breadth of New England's seasons are on display at the Norfolk Library for this month's art exhibit “Changing Colors”, showcasing the work of New Hartford based artist Jessica McGarry Bartlet.

The show debuted with a reception in the Library's Great Hall on Sunday, Nov. 3. It features watercolors, oil on panel and oil on canvas paintings, depicting scenes ranging from vibrant, bursting summer landscapes to more austere depictions of craggy mountainsides in Iceland.

“I want my audience to live in the moment,” Bartlet said of her work. Many of her pieces portray scenes from her own backyard, and she hopes that those who see her work will understand the value of staying present and “being where you are,” in her words.

While there is a distinct wildness to the work — there are few traces of human influence in her landscapes — she wants her paintings to convey that the wonder of the natural world exists everywhere.

“You don't have to travel to find the wilderness, it will come to you,” she said.

While several pieces feature the vast North Atlantic expanses of Iceland and Ireland, most are inspired by the woodlands and meadows of New England. Some pieces focus on tangible subjects such as individual trees or ponds, while others are more abstract explorations of natural shapes. They are united by a highly textured style that at times borders on impressionistic.

Bartlet was first introduced to the Library by a former student, Norfolk resident Janise Graham-Jones,

who took a watercolor course that Bartlet runs through EdAdvance, a Litchfield based education non-profit. Bartlet's work, which will be displayed through Dec. 5, follows a 50 year monthly tradition of showcasing fine art on the Library's walls.

Approximately 25% of the proceeds from sold works will be allocated to the Norfolk Library Associates, the organization that provides funding for all of the Library's programming. The Art Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Associates, organizes each month's art exhibit.

Kristin Mudge, chair of the Committee, said that the shows are organized around a three-pronged mission: “supporting local artists, providing cultural experiences for the local population, and fundraising for the library.”

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NOVEMBER 7

Finding Bigfoot

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

Join producer, lead investigator and New Jersey native Mike Familant at the David M. Hunt Library on Thursday Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. as he shares his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America's most iconic cryptid, Bigfoot.

Salisbury READS: North Woods Discussion

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

Final chance to discuss North Woods on Nov. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Register online.

Speed Dating

Housatonic Brewery, 30 Kent Road, New Milford, Conn.

Seeking singles ages 45 and up to join a speed dating event starting at 7 p.m. at the Housatonic Brewery. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds benefit NM Social Services Thanksgiving Fund. Contact nmdatingforacause@gmail.com to RSVP.

NOVEMBER 9

Salisbury Association Community Events Presents: Get Your Knives Ready for Turkey Day!

The Academy Building, 24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

On Saturday, Nov. 9 from noon to 2 p.m., the Salisbury Association Community Events Presents: Get Your Knives Ready for Turkey Day! Sign up for knife sharpening with Nick the Knife! \$1.25 per inch, up to 4 knives. While you wait, check out our new exhibit, "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection."

NCLC Annual Meeting

Judy Black Memorial Park and Gardens, 1 Green Hill Rd, Washington Depot, Conn.

Join Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy's annual meeting Nov. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. for a celebration of 2024 Conservation Hero, Hiram Williams. This special award from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council highlights outstanding achievements in conservation, and we can't wait to celebrate together. Enjoy delicious light refreshments and live music. The afternoon will include updates on our strategic plan and how you are making a difference in Northwest Connecticut.

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McEnroe Farm Market, 5409 Route 22, Millerton, N.Y.

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NOVEMBER 10

Photography Exhibit

UCC Cornwall Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Rd. Cornwall, Conn.

Photography by Steve O'Neil will be on display at the Parish House in Cornwall Nov. 10 to Nov. 30. The tribute show called "Thugs and Mugs" contains images taken over ten years at the Cornwall dump. An opening reception will be held to unveil the exhibit on Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wild Apples & Apple Culture with Matt Kaminsky (AKA Gnarly Pippins)

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

Discover the vast variety of delicious, little-known wild apples on Sunday, November 10, 2 to 4 p.m. Meet wild-apple expert Matt Kaminsky, ask questions, taste rare fruit, and learn about old and new traditions of foraging and apple growing. Register online.

Book Talk

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

Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m., meet Jessie-Sierra Ross, author of "Seasons Around the Table: Effortless Entertaining with Floral Tablescapes & Seasonal Recipes." Jessie-Sierra will offer a fall-focused talk, demonstrating how easy it is to bring the season to the table's design and menu. She will teach us the three rules of tablescapes and share ideas for entertaining-made-easy throughout the season. Register online.

NOVEMBER 14

Book Talk - Jonathan Alter, New York Times Bestselling Author

The White Hart Inn, 15 Under Mountain Road Salisbury, Conn.

Join us for an evening with bestselling author and historian Jonathan Alter, discussing his book *American Reckoning: Inside Trump's Trial - And My Own*. He'll share insights from covering Trump's criminal trial and reflections on U.S. democracy. Alter will be interviewed by John Hendrickson of

The Atlantic. Copies of American Reckoning can be brought for signing. Free event, RSVP required.

NOVEMBER 15

BINGO for Education

Lee H. Kellogg School, 47 Main St. Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Scholarship Association will host BINGO for Education on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at Lee H. Kellogg School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Only 25 cents per play with great prizes, popcorn, hot dogs, sweet and savory snacks, and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds provide scholarships to Falls Village students.

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to discuss Diane Seuss's poetry collection *Frank: Sonnets*. We'll talk about technique, form, and meaning. Come prepared to offer your thoughts, listen closely, and deepen your understanding of craft. Register online.

NOVEMBER 16

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 16, 4 to 5 p.m., to discuss current fiction. Led by Claudia Cayne, this informal group meets monthly and is open to all. Claudia's November selection is *The Wren*, by Anne Enright. Register online.

Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival

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

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will present Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival with the Institute for American Indian Studies. In this presentation, led by Educational Outreach Ambassador Darlene Kascak, of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, participants will be immersed in the lifeways of the Schaghticoke People in

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- SAG: Screen Actors _____
- At a lower level or layer
- Flat dish for food
- An armada of ships
- Vote

the past and present day. This program is free and open to the public.

NOVEMBER 17

Movable Architectural History Talk and Tour

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

Join the Hotchkiss Library on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. for a progressive architectural history tour to learn about the significance of the Gothic Revival St. Thomas Church. The program will begin at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon for an introductory talk with Katherine Crumm, then stop just down the road to look at the interior of Christ Church before proceeding to St. Thomas, five miles south on Route 41. Pre-registration is requested online.

NOVEMBER 20

Property Records 101: Researching Your Home's History with Salisbury Town Selectman Katherine Keifer

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

It can take some sleuthing to trace property history. Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., and learn how to research the history of your home's

ownership and other property information. After an introduction at the library, Selectman Katherine Kiefer will take us to visit to the Town Hall's records room. Register online.

NOVEMBER 22

Hockey Community Day

South Kent School, 40 Bulls Bridge Rd. South Kent, Conn.

All families are invited to South Kent School's Hockey Community Day on Nov. 22 for an exciting afternoon of hockey and fun! There will be two games in Stockdale Arena, starting at 3 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Stick around afterward to meet the coaches, players and Cardinal mascot. Hot chocolate and cookies served.

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Illustration exhibit

Peter Steiner unveiled a collection of illustrations at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village Nov. 2 and on display through Nov. 29.

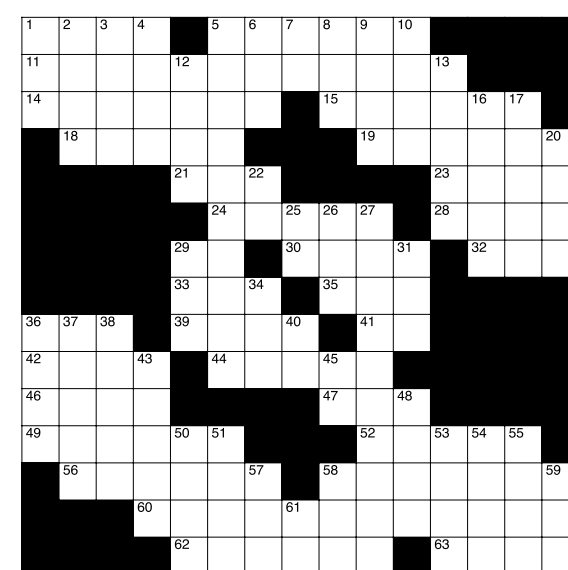
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Absence of effort
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- The act of coming together again
- Simpler
- Visionaries
- Large, fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- Former CIA agent and critic
- Icelandic poems
- Pop
- "Hammer" is one
- Senses of self-importance
- Thyrotrophic hormone
- Not around
- Electronic data processing
- Licenses and passports are two types
- Snakelike fish
- Air Force
- Popular computers
- Of a withered nature
- Wings
- Used in combination
- Laid back
- Jeweled headdress
- In slow tempo
- ___ Falls
- Assertions made again
- Periods of history
- Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- Body part
- Mimics
- Expel large quantities rapidly
- Sea eagle
- A type of subdivision
- Variety of Chinese
- Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees with creeping roots
- Fungal disease



- Impressionable persons
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Instinctive part of the mind
- "The First State"
- A way to develop
- Fraternities
- Woman (French)
- Sunscreen rating
- Beer
- Spiritual leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior's father
- Ray-finned fishes
- Morning
- Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- Double curve
- A small bundle of straw or hay
- Got older
- Crater on Mars
- Humanities
- Relating to the ears
- "To the ___ degree..."
- Residue of a burned product
- It cools a home

Oct. 31 Solution

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Sports

Coventry knocks Housy out of Class S tourney

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School soccer lost 1-0 to Coventry High School in the second round of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S tournament Nov. 4.

Coventry scored in the 10th minute and held on to the lead through effective ball control and precision passing. HVRHS's defense

played strong to keep the Mountaineers in the game despite the possession disadvantage.

HVRHS entered the tournament as the 2nd seeded team in Class S with a record 13-2-1. The Mountaineers earned a bye for the first round and opened the tournament in round two against Coventry.

Coventry (8-6-2) was ranked 15th entering the Class S tournament. The Pa-

trioti defeated 18th ranked Canton High School 2-1 in the first round.

Coventry came to Falls Village for round two on a cold, gray and windy afternoon Monday, Nov. 4. The game was well attended with students let out of class early to watch the 2 p.m. game.

HVRHS was without striker Ava Segalla, who broke her ankle Oct. 31.

Possession was dominated by Coventry through most



Striker Mazie Cox, no. 4, scored the lone goal of the game when HVRHS hosted Coventry High School in the state tournament Nov. 4

of the first half.

The goal in the 10th minute came from striker Mazie Cox on a fast break. She snuck a shot past HVRHS goalie Madison "Maddog" DeWitt.

HVRHS's defense started to click as the game went on and seized possession. The Mountaineers had a scoring chance late in the first half that ultimately did not connect.

HVRHS Coach Don Drislane encouraged his team. "Be positive girls. We can win this."

Coventry resumed ball control in the second half and sent several shots at the net. DeWitt saved the shots-on-goal and several others flew high above the crossbar.

With time ticking down, HVRHS pushed everyone forward but could not find the net. Coventry hung on for a 1-0 win.

The decision knocked HVRHS out of the tournament. Coventry advanced to play 7th seed Morgan High School (10-3-3) in the quarterfinal round Nov. 7.



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Above, HVRHS's Addie Diorio battles Coventry's Celina Cuhha for possession. Below, Georgie and Lola Clayton embrace after the loss.



Hotchkiss field hockey keeps rolling

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School's varsity field hockey team defeated Miss Porter's School 7-0 at Downing Field Oct. 30.

The win was the eighth shutout victory of the 2024 season for Hotchkiss. The Bearcats advanced to 9-1 and have let up just five points all year.

Captain Eleanor Helm secured a hat trick against Porter's with three dominant goals. Ella Johnson, Rowyn Pemrick, Mary Helen McCooey and Mia Griffith each scored once in the game.

Hotchkiss will conclude the season with an away game Nov. 9 against Taft School (11-2). New England Prep School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) tournament seedings will posted the following day.



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Hotchkiss's Eleanor Helm scored three times Oct. 30.

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