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

OHS hears case for Nuvance's merger with Northwell

By Riley Klein

HARTFORD — The Connecticut Office of Health Strategy held a Certificate of Need hearing on the proposed merger between Northwell Health and Nuvance Health Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Nuvance, parent company of Sharon Hospital, is seeking to merge with Northwell, the largest private health care system in New York state, primarily for financial stability. Nuvance has reported a deficit of \$99 million in 2024 and is in need of a partner to survive.

"The risks of trying to pull this off as a standalone system are simply too great," said Nuvance CEO John Murphy.

Murphy said Northwell was chosen from an initial pool of 25 potential partners. Northwell has had success reviving struggling hospitals in the past and claims to

have never closed down a hospital.

He said Northwell "demonstrated a willingness to make a significant capital commitment" to Nuvance's seven hospitals in Western Connecticut and New York's Hudson Valley. Murphy praised Northwell's "distinguished history of turning hospitals around that were facing financial distress."

If the merger is approved, Northwell will become the parent company of Nuvance Health. Nuvance's board of directors would continue to oversee its hospitals, but six new board members would be added from Northwell's team. Northwell will oversee approval of capital and operating costs.

Northwell CEO Michael Dowling explained his organization's values: "We want to be the best place to receive care and the best place

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PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Salisbury Selectman Chris Williams (left) and David Bayersdorfer (above), both veterans, addressed the crowd of about 50 people at Salisbury's Veterans Day ceremony.

Salisbury marks Veterans Day with ceremony at Town Hall

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Veterans Day was observed at the War Memorial by Town Hall in Salisbury on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

Sara Woloszyn read the invocation and her father, Salisbury Selectman Chris Williams (who served in the Marine Corps) read the benediction.

In between, another Marine veteran, David Bayersdorfer, gave

a speech mentioning the veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and more recent conflicts.

"And to all those who have served, in whatever capacity: Your commitment to our nation didn't end when you hung up your uniform. You continue to serve as leaders in our communities, as volunteers, and as mentors to our youth. You represent the very best of what it means to be an American.

"But as we express our gratitude, we must also recognize that many of our veterans face significant challenges. Post-traumatic stress, physical disabilities, unemployment and homelessness affect far too many who have served.

"On this Veterans Day, let's renew our commitment to supporting our veterans in deed as well as in word."

For more Veterans Day coverage turn to Page A9.

State allocates \$9.39 million to farmland preservation

By Taylor Plett

HARTFORD — The State Bond Commission approved an allocation of \$9.39 million to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's farmland preservation efforts at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The allocation will support the department's Farmland Preservation Program, which places prime farmland under protective conservation easements through the acquisition of farm owners' development rights.

Since its inception in the late

1970s, the preservation program has preserved over 50,000 acres of working lands in the state. That work has been largely funded by taxpayer dollars. According to Rebecca Eddy, agricultural department

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Mountainside scholarships empower students affected by addiction

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — For the fourth year in a row, Mountainside Treatment Center is providing \$10,000 worth of academic scholarships to 10 high school juniors and seniors living in Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The substance abuse treatment provider created the Mountain-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mountainside Treatment Center on South Canaan Road in North Canaan.

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Family and loved ones gather on the ice at the memorial for Owen Simmons as Berkshire Rattlers Youth Hockey retire jersey no. 9.

Owen Simmons memorialized by Rattlers Hockey

By Riley Klein

SHEFFIELD — A touching ceremony was held ahead of the first game of Berkshire Rattlers Youth Hockey Nov. 9 in the memory of former player Owen Simmons.

The number 9 was retired by the Rattlers and enshrined in the ice in front of the team bench.

Rattlers Youth Hockey Board

President Katrina Wilber presented the honorary no. 9 jersey to Simmons' family at the site of the memorial in the ice.

"Owen was a Berkshire Rattler who embodied the idea of who we are as an organization," said Wilber. "His light will forever shine down on us. May number nine forever be at peace."

Simmons, of North Canaan, died suddenly in June 2024 at the age of 13. He had recently completed seventh grade at North Canaan El-

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Online This Week

State awards \$2M to Kent Memorial Library
The Connecticut Bond Commission approved funding for Kent's library renovations. 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.

Stop sign collision

On the evening of Nov. 4, David Waugh (48) of Sharon approached the intersection of Amenia Road and Route 41 in a Ram pickup truck. He made a complete stop at the stop sign when David Paton (66) of Lakeville approached the intersection from the south in a Toyota Rav4, also stopped, and then continued straight resulting in a collision with Waugh's vehicle. No injuries were reported and Paton was issued a written warning for failure to grant right of way at an intersection.

Fender bender at Sharon's four corners

Timothy Murphy (68) of Pleasant Valley, New York, was stopped on Amenia Road at the intersection with Main Street in Sharon in a Jeep just after noon on Nov. 6. As he started to pull forward into the intersection, a Subaru Forester collided with his rear bumper and issued minor damage to

the rear end bumper of the Jeep and minor damage to the front end bumper of the Forester. No injuries were reported. The operator of the Forester, Josselin Caclima (18) of Amenia, was found at fault and issued an infraction for operating a motor vehicle without a license and failure to remain reasonable distance apart.

Car rolls in Cornwall

At 4:19 a.m. on Nov. 9, troopers responded to a report of a 1999 Ford Ranger that had rolled off the roadway on Route 45 near Pritchard Road in Cornwall. Stefan Haakon Eriksen (30) of Canaan was driving north when the car left the roadway, struck a dirt embankment, and flipped. Eriksen was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries, and his vehicle was towed from the scene. Eriksen was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

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 jhnc@lakevillejournal.com

Sharon real estate sales in Sept.

By Christine Bates

SHARON — For a town with an average of four monthly real estate closings, September 2024 with 13 recorded sales was especially busy. Since recording with the town clerk occurs after the actual closing when money and keys are exchanged, it's possible that real estate attorneys were all on vacation at the end of August and slow to record sales or that home sales have accelerated in Sharon.

Properties were exchanged across a range of price points with five under \$500,000, five between \$500,000 to \$1 million, and three over a million dollars.

Despite September's activity there are still houses for sale with eleven new listings since Sept. 30. As of Nov. 7 there were 56 properties for sale including 24 single family homes with only five un-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Renovations have already begun at 93 Amenia Union Rd. In November of 2020 it was listed for sale at \$6,485,000 and after many reductions for \$2,845,000 in May of 2024. It sold in September for \$2.1 million.

der \$500,000. Roughly half of properties listed for sale currently have been on the market for over 100 days.

Transactions

2 Hidden Ln. — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 2 acres sold by Elizabeth O'Connell to Gianluca Vergona and Federica Portolano for \$425,620.

145 Gay St. — 3 bed-

room/2 bath home on 10.3 acres sold by Robert G. Wilbur to Meredith Kahn Rollins and Thomas Conley Rollins Jr. for \$900,000.

44 Gay St. — 2 bedroom/1 bath bungalow on .2 acres sold by Estate of Dorothy McWilliams to Scott A. Flint for \$160,000.

120 East St. — 2 bedroom/1.5 bathroom sold by Michael D. Lynch to John M. Lynch for \$63,729.

15 Herrick Rd. — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath house on 2.3 acres sold by Louise F. Brown Trustee Cloney 2008 Children Fund to Jesus Desantiago and Carol Haug for \$774,000.

107 Amenia Union Rd. — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 10.6 acres sold by Sunnyfield Farm LLC to Steven and Susanne Vantongerren for \$705,000.

367 Route 7 — 1 bedroom structure on 1.5 acres sold by Michael R Mele to Michele Paladino for \$120,000.

33 Tichnor Rd. — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home built in 2003 on 4.46 acres sold by Matthew W. Mayer and Laurence A. Lopez to Charles W. Burson Trustee and Marion C. Burson Trustee for \$2,195,000.

8 West Mountain Rd. — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 5.2 acres sold by Susan A. and Michael S. McKenna to Reed Lang Shapiro and Ghazal Vaisi for \$560,000.

93 Amenia Rd. — 5 bedroom/8.5 bath home on 23.9 acres sold by Sunnyfields Farm LLC to Thomas Costigan and Roger Hedman for \$2.1 million.

35 Benton Hill Rd. — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 5.9 acres sold by Virginia D. Norris Trustee to Daniel Seltzer and Hillary Newton for \$1,425,500.

124 Douglas Rd. — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on .22 acres sold by Junes Cottage LLC to Jennifer Kozak and Laurent Couchaux for \$455,000.

530 Cornwall Bridge Rd. — 3 bedroom/3 bath house on 3.7 acres sold by Anne W. Ball to Thomas Jack and Emily Jane Hall for \$575,000.

* Town of Sharon real estate sales recorded as sold between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 2024, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Property details provided in town tax cards. Note that recorded transfers occur after the actual real estate closing and may also include private sales. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Ski Swap and Sale Dec. 7

LAKEVILLE — Salisbury Winter Sports Association's annual SWSA Ski Swap and Sale returns Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Lakeville Hose Company.

As always the sale will include a huge display of new winter sports equipment and clothing including ski hats, gloves, goggles, socks, as well as downhill and cross country skis boots and bindings. Snow shoes, parkas and other winter wear will also be on display at discount prices.

Of course there will be the usual inventory of used equipment: skates from \$2 and up, skis and snowboards starting around \$50 and ski boots for \$10 and up.

Used eligible equipment includes downhill skis, boots

and poles; cross country skis, boots and poles; ice skates, hockey equipment (but no sticks), snowboards and boots and snow shoes. No clothing.

Bring equipment to be sold Friday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. No equipment will be accepted on Saturday. The sale on Saturday will run from 8 to 11 a.m. From 11 a.m. to noon residents can pick up their money or unsold equipment. Any money you make selling your equipment, you keep — SWSA doesn't take a commission.

Any remaining equipment after noon Saturday will become the property of SWSA. Proceeds from the sale will benefit several SWSA youth ski programs.

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HELP PROTECT OUR FARMLAND FOR FARMERS

Farming has always been at the heart of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. But that way of life is more at risk than ever, thanks to rising land prices and aggressive residential development. Now, the agricultural conservation easements that were put in place to safeguard farmland for our farmers are coming under attack.

The Sharon Land Trust is working to hold the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) accountable for enforcing an agricultural easement that was supposed to protect fields once owned by local farmer Morris Paley. In 1984, Paley wanted to ensure that his family property would be used for agriculture for generations to come. The state used our tax dollars to pay for an easement restricting development, so that it could stay farmland forever. But today that protected land is being developed for a large private residence.

It's not the only one. DoAg has also approved the construction of a similar private residence on another historic Sharon farm with a similar easement from the 1980s. There are many others at risk across CT. **We believe that DoAg has a duty to enforce these easements. Otherwise, our local farmers will be priced out of the land that was meant for them, and we will fail to honor our commitments to the farmers who were on the vanguard of conservation 40 years ago.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your support is crucial.

There are many ways to take action together.

Sign and share our online petition. You can find it at:

www.change.org/ProtectCTFarms

Online petition:



Write, call or email DoAg.

Express your support for the preservation of the historic Paley Farm and urge it to uphold the agricultural easement on this property, as well as all the others.

Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
450 Columbus Blvd, Suite 701
Hartford, CT 06103
PHONE: (860) 713-2501
EMAIL: Bryan.hurlburt@ct.gov

Write, call or email Governor Ned Lamont, State Representative Maria Horn, and State Senator Stephen Harding.

Ask them to advocate for the protection of Paley Farm, and to press DoAg to retract its approval of the proposed construction.

Governor Ned Lamont

Office of the Governor
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
PHONE: (860) 566-4840
CONTACT: portal.ct.gov/governor/contact/email-governor-lamont

Contact Governor Lamont:



State Representative Maria Horn

Legislative Office Building, Rm 3704
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1591
PHONE: (860) 240-8585
EMAIL: Maria.Horn@cga.ct.gov

State Senator Stephen Harding

Legislative Office Building, Rm 3400
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
PHONE: (860) 240-8800
EMAIL: Stephen.Harding@cga.ct.gov

Go to Sharonlandtrust.org/protectfarms to find letter templates, contact information, and more ways to help.

Together, we can keep our corner of Connecticut farmer-friendly!



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OBITUARIES

Hazel G. Trahan

NORTH CANAAN — Hazel G. (Bushey) Trahan, formerly of Barlow Street, Canaan, passed away Nov. 6, 2024, at the Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. Born in Swanton, Vermont on March 4, 1927, she was the eighth of nine children of Royal and Cora (Raymond) Bushey. Hazel was the wife of the late Robert Napoleon "Nappy" Trahan, and worked for many years at Litchfield Bancorp where she rose to the position of Assistant Vice President before retiring in 1992. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church in North Canaan, a member of the Daughters of Isabella and a member of the Berkshire Career Women's Club. Hazel enjoyed crocheting and cooking — her doughnuts were always in demand — but her greatest pleasure was spending time with her grandchildren.

Hazel is survived by her children; Cora Waldron of Cherry Valley, New York, Robert (Jr.) and Jean Trahan of Newport News, Virginia, Beatrice and Cricket Trotta of Salisbury, Kathryn Trahan, also of Salisbury, Tina and Donald White of Fairfield,

and her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Trahan of Torrington. Hazel was predeceased by her son, Charles and her son-in-law, Edward Waldron. She lovingly leaves behind eight grandchildren; Jennifer Waldron Martinez, Robert N. Trahan III, Cassandra Trahan Simoncelli, Joseph Trahan, C.J. Trotta, Phoebe Trotta Vernall, Catie White, and Ben White; as well as thirteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Nov. 21, 2024, at 10 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph Church, 4 Main St., North Canaan, Connecticut. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Nov. 20, 2024, at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, Connecticut from 4 to 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Isabella Scholarship Fund, 4 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018. Hazel's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Geer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, especially those on Harmony Lane, for the care and compassion that was given to their mother.

David H. Wheeler

CRARYVILLE — David H. Wheeler Jr., 66, of Craryville, passed away on Nov. 8, 2024 at Albany Medical Center. He was born in Sharon, Conn. on June 29, 1958, to the late David H. Wheeler Sr. and Lorraine (Greene) Wheeler. He spent most of his life in and around the Harlem Valley area where he attended trade school to become a carpenter and tradesman. He started out doing framing, roofing, and general repairs. Being a skilled craftsman led him to become caretaker for the Rheinstrom farm in Copake. Which is known today as the Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Sanctuary and Center.

David was a hard worker who dedicated himself to the property. This coupled with his love for the outdoors and being an avid sportsman he enjoyed the wildlife and the ponds thoroughly. As a fisherman he enjoyed both cast-

ing a line and using a fly. A true conservationist, he also enjoyed hunting deer and turkey. He was also a loving father, brother and friend.

David is survived by his son, David Wheeler III, of Sharon, his brother and sister in law, Richard and Gail Wheeler, also of Connecticut and his nephew, Adam Wheeler, of Utah.

In addition to his parents, David was also predeceased by his brother Brad Wheeler.

A time for sharing memories and offering condolences will be on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Homes, 8063 Route 22, Copake, New York. Donations in his memory may be made to the Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Research, 504 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.peckandpeck.net

All Saints clothing drive Nov. 16

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

NEW HARTFORD — Peter L. Hawley of New Hartford, died on "Kilobyte Day," Oct. 24, 2024. Even though he loved and understood how digital machines work, Peter would have cared little that his earthly life ended on 1024. He was practical and not sentimental. Peter cared deeply about others and lived for three things: To race, to ski, and most of all, to be helpful to others.

The meetings of the Hartford Track Club, of which he was president for over 20 years, and of the Hartford Marathon Foundation will be a little shorter, without Peter to remember the nuances of the myriad details of conducting a road race.

Peter served on the ski patrol of Ski Butternut for 44 years following college and three years in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Since 1990, Peter had been a first aid and outdoor emergency care instructor. In 2014, he achieved a national ski patrol appointment. His patrol director said Peter was the first to report to work, every day that he was on duty with the patrol.

Peter began running at age 35, briefly following in the footsteps of his brother, Tim, and then soundly beating him for 37 years. Many are the runners who were out-kicked to the sound of Peter's size 12 Brooks Beasts coming out of nowhere. Pe-

ter completed 49 marathons including several Bostons and every Hartford Marathon from the inaugural race in 1996 through 2022. He always helped set up the course, too. He "did" the Mt. Washington Road Race three times and ran probably more than a thousand other races.

We are thankful that he was not hit by a car while training for a marathon before dawn or when crossing the Founder's Bridge on his bicycle to certify the Hartford Marathon course. And that he fully recovered from the mild stroke he had a few years ago. We are thankful for the many years he was a friend, co-worker, mentor, and brother.

Peter graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1967. He became an FCC-licensed radio technician, then served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps (graduating first in his class at signal school), and graduated from Wabash College in Indiana. Together with his father and brother, Peter built a house where he lived for 35 years.

At Al's Seafood, he applied his listening and computer skills to improve processes. As an astute IBM AS400 tech with business knowledge, Pe-

ter found a role at Hartford Technologies and worked there until he retired in 2019. Peter volunteered to help CFPA maintain CT Blue Trails.

Peter was the eldest son of Kathleen Lamphier Hawley and Samuel Seymour Hawley. He was predeceased by his parents, brother John, and sister Karen. He is survived by his brother Tim, nephews Sam and John, niece Kirsten, and many friends in the Butternut Ski Patrol, Hartford

Track Club, and Hartford Marathon Foundation.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., Rocky Hill Congregational Church, 805 Old Main St., Rocky Hill, CT. Reception at the church to follow. Remote access at <https://bit.ly/4fCJe43>. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Great Mountain Forest Foundation in Norfolk, CT or volunteering to help the Hartford Track Club conduct a race would be welcomed.

Kindly visit www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com to send the family an online condolence.



LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2024-IW-040 by Great Falls Construction to relocate a portion of Between the Lakes Road at 280 Between the Lakes Road, Salisbury, Map 67, Lot 07-2. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Sally Spillane, Secretary

Cheshire, CT 06410

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
11-14-24

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 TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF THOMAS EDWARD PAVIOL

Late of East Canaan AKA Thomas E. Paviol (24-00441)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 29, 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:
Amy E. Davis
c/o Linda M. Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street
P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-14-24 656609

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
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOHN M. PETERSON

Late of Sharon AKA John Melvin Peterson (24-00431)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 29, 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:
Lynn P. Kent
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz, Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street
P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
11-14-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ISABELLE R. WALLACE

Late of Lakeville (09-00154)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 31, 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:
Andrew Stephen Knott
Knott and Knott, LLC
125 Main Street

Janet Lynn MacRitchie

KENT — Janet Lynn MacRitchie, age 67, died on Nov. 5, 2024, near her home in San Francisco, following a brief battle with cancer. Janet was born in Sharon, on Aug. 4, 1957, the daughter of the late Bruce Wellington MacRitchie, Sr. and Gladys Kopf MacRitchie. Janet grew up in Kent, and attended Kent Center School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and Western Connecticut Community College. In her 20's Janet and several close friends worked at Yellowstone National Park following which she moved to San Francisco working as a design specialist on commercial furnishings. Janet returned to Kent every year to visit with family and friends, and to spend time at the family cabin in Mount Tremper, New York.

Janet is survived by her brother, Joseph H. MacRitchie and his wife Dottie, sister, Penny L. MacRitchie, sister, Amy L. MacRitchie Aakjar and her husband Ron,

sister-in-law Carol Gordon MacRitchie; nephews Joseph M. MacRitchie, Scott MacRitchie and his wife Sue, Steven D. Williams, Daniel W. Williams Jr, and nieces Cheryl L MacRitchie Burke and her husband, Ed, Annette L. Williams Euell, Susan L. Williams Fortier,

and Amy M. Williams; great nieces Melanie Burke, Kelsey Burke, Melissa L. Euell, Holly Fortier, Hailey Fortier, Keisha Williams, Ann Marie Williams, Heidi Williams, Alexandria Williams, and great nephews Clinton Williams, Daniel Williams III, Jesse Williams, and Laurence Williams.

Janet was predeceased by her brother, Bruce Wellington MacRitchie Jr, sister Charlotte A. MacRitchie Williams, and nephew Mark C. Williams.

Janet was an animal advocate, avid reader, and enjoyed travel, her precious cats, and spending time with family and friends.

Services will be private.



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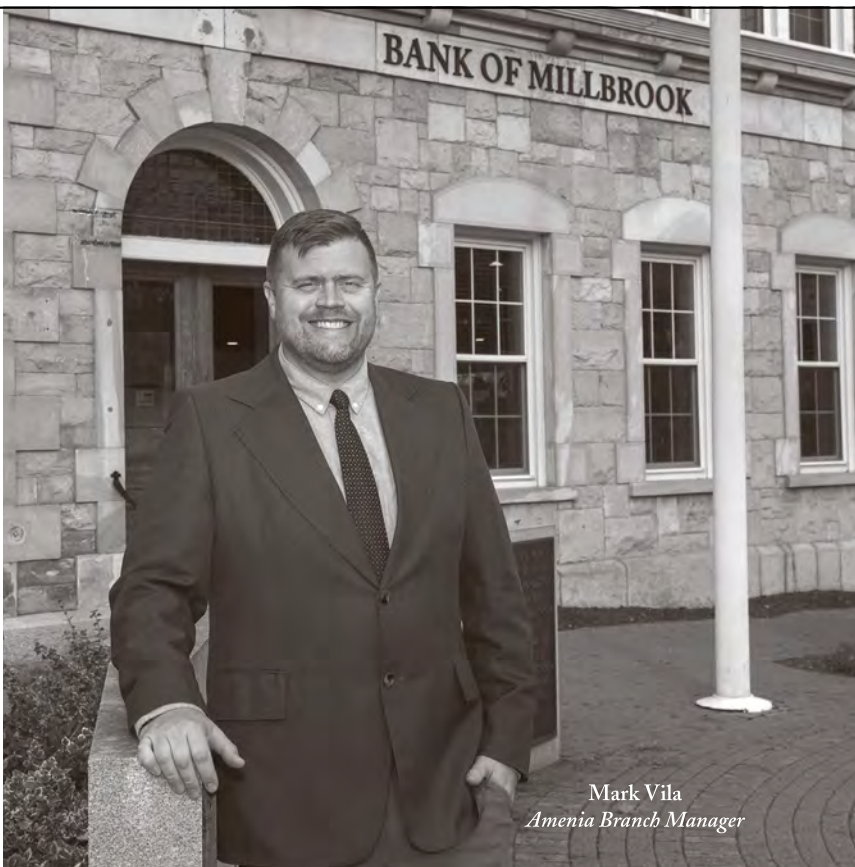
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OBITUARIES

Catherine Elizabeth Sherwood

SALISBURY — Catherine Elizabeth “Cathy” (O’Loughlin) Sherwood, 71, of 1 Fowler St. passed on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024, at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was the wife of the late Robert P. “Bullett” Sherwood who passed on May 31, 2019.



Cathy was born Oct. 16, 1953, in Sharon, daughter of the late Thomas and Elvira (Peixeiro) O’Loughlin.

Cathy graduated from Salisbury Central School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village in 1972. Cathy worked for many years as a Rural Route Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Salisbury. She retired July 31, 2013. She was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Mary Church. Cathy loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She was remembered for her sense of humor, and her ability to be a mother to everyone. She loved the beach, watching the ocean and visiting light-houses.

Cathy was predeceased by her son, Joseph Sherwood in 2015. She is survived by Joseph’s family, his wife Joy,

and sons Joseph Jr. and Colin of Salisbury, her son William Sherwood and his late wife Katy (Roussis) and their family, Jase, Abigail, and Carter of Salisbury, her son Thomas Sherwood and his wife Marie (Castagna) and their son Jaycob of Salisbury, and her daughter Jessica

Sherwood and her husband Moussa Djiba of Salisbury. Cathy is also survived by her brother, Thomas O’Loughlin and his wife Ann and daughter Amanda, and her sister Karen Ligi and her husband Mark and son Dylan all of Newport, North Carolina.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Mary Church 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Connecticut. Burial will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Cobble Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. Calling hours will be held at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St., Canaan, Connecticut on Friday, Nov. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. Memorial donations may be sent to the Jane Lloyd Fund c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation 800 North Main St., Sheffield, MA 01257-9503.

Alan Honour, Jr.

SHEFFIELD — It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Alan Honour, Jr., 49, who passed away Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, with his family by his side.



Alan was born in Hudson, New York, on March 5, 1975, son of Anne (Saunders) Honour of Sheffield and the late Alan Honour, Sr. He graduated from Dutchess Community College, and SUNY Binghamton with a degree in Economics and Business. Growing up involved with the family dairy farm in Millerton, New York, Alan was often there to ensure that the cows were milked and carried out duties throughout the farm. Though he spent most of his life in New York state, Alan spent his last few years of life residing and caring for his parents in Sheffield, working within the community.

Alan, lovingly known as Uncle Alan, cherished his nieces and nephews. His nieces and nephews adored their Uncle Alan and will forever miss his warmth. Alan only had a short time to spend with his family, but he made sure to make the most of that precious time. Alan fought his battle against cancer with unwavering courage for the last year. Despite spending much of that time

in treatment, he never lost his infectious smile. Throughout his entire journey, he spread joy, made everyone laugh, and showed remarkable strength. His humor and bravery will be missed. His departure leaves an unfillable void in the lives of his family, yet they find comfort in the memories and everlasting love they shared.

Alan was preceded in death by his father, Alan Honour, Sr. Survivors, in addition to his mother, Anne, include two siblings, Holly Aragi and her husband, Louie, of Sheffield, and Adam Honour of Connecticut; three nieces, Rebecca Pratt and husband William, Abigail Finn and husband Mitchell, Hope Coon and husband Zach all of Sheffield; two grandnieces, Madalyn and Lily and two grandnephews Ochie, and Elijah.

A graveside service was held for family and friends, with Pastor William Mayhew officiating, in Smithfield Cemetery, Amenia on Saturday Nov. 9, 2024. The Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, is in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Alan’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org/donate).

To send condolences, please visit conklinfuneral-home.com

Marie Ann Benvenuti Orrell

LAKEVILLE — Marie Ann Benvenuti Orrell, 87, said her goodbye on Nov. 4, 2024, after a brief illness. Marie was widely known for her kindness. If someone needed something, she would make it her mission to scout it out and was always ready to lend a hand.



Marie was the daughter of Emo and Lea (née Arsenault) Benvenuti of North Brookfield, Massachusetts. In high school she became a basketball player dubbed “Sequoia” due to her height. Her husband David knew she was the one for him the day she made him stop the car so that she could leap over a fence in a dress and heels to collect some hickory nuts. He recognized in her an irresistible spontaneity and sense of fun that she brought with her to everything she did.

Marie had a natural talent for music and taught herself to play accordion, banjo, guitar, dulcimer and even the spoons. She participated in local theater by working as the sound master. Always active, she was a frequent hiker on the Appalachian Trail and a skier and member of the ski patrol at Mohawk Mountain Ski Area in Cornwall. She rode and enjoyed horses and even mucked the stalls at Old Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts. She was creative and a talented knitter, most recently of innumerable pairs of socks for her family and friends. She was an avid reader and naturally curious on many subjects, particularly archeology.

Marie came to love the geography and people of Eastport after moving there in 1995 from Connecticut where she and David raised their family in the town of

Cornwall then in Lakeville. She was not new to Eastport, and had been coming here to visit with David since they were married in 1962. She was a devout Catholic, a member of the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, and was proud of her French Canadian and Italian

ancestry and her connections to the community of Sipayik and Pleasant Point. She learned many words and phrases from the elders of the Sipayik Community, learned to pick and braid sweetgrass, and took great joy in the craftsmanship of sweetgrass baskets.

A sports enthusiast, she was a loyal Red Sox and Patriots fan through thick and thin. Marie looked forward to meeting her many loving friends for coffee, a meal, or to play Rummikub or cards. She kept in touch with her elementary classmates and nuns from St. Joseph School and classmates from North Brookfield High School (class of 1955).

Most importantly, Marie was the beloved wife of the late David Orrell, she was the mother to Jim, Tom and Elizabeth, grandmother to James and Lea and mother-in-law to Jody and Laurie. She leaves behind many other family members and friends and will be deeply missed by all.

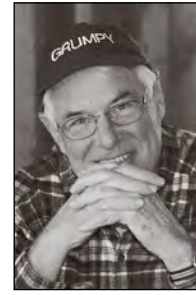
The family thanks all of her friends and those who provided health and pastoral care for their loving support and prayers.

Services will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Wolapen Center, care of Debbie Nicholas, Tribal Finance, 22 Bay View Drive, Pleasant Point, ME 04667.

Roderick Conover Lankler

TUBAC, Ariz. — Roderick Conover Lankler, devoted and very loved husband, father and grandfather died peacefully at his home in Tubac, Arizona, on Nov. 4, 2024. Rod graduated from St. Lawrence University (where he met his wife Barbara) and Columbia University Law School. Following



law school he began his accomplished legal career at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, rising to become the Chief of the Trial Division. Rod thereafter became the New York State Special Prosecutor for the Investigation of Corruption in

the New York City Criminal Justice System and Executive Director of the Liman Commission.

Following public service, Rod was a founding partner of the elite New York City litigation boutique, Lankler, Siffert & Wohl. While in private practice he also served as Counsel to the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Police Management and Personnel Policy, a member of the Mayor’s Committee on the Judiciary, a Commissioner on the New York City Commission to Investigate Alleged Police Corruption (the Mollen Commission).

More obituaries appear on Page A4.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Worship Services

Week of November 17, 2024

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

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God’s shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John’s Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville 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 <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God’s people</i> 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. 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 <i>A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount.</i> We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i> 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>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</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 lakevilleunited@snnet.net</p>	<p>Children’s Camp / Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors / CTeen / YJP</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville</i> 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>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!</i> 860-824-0194</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i></p>
<p>The 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>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>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service “Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors” Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i></p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-5158</p>
<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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With thanks to those who serve.

Civil discourse needed more than ever

Regrettably, heated and sometimes visceral debate during political campaigns is nothing new.

The animosity between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton grew beyond Hamilton's strong support for ratification of the Constitution and Jefferson's vehement opposition. Each paid newspaper editors to attack the other. Personal politics was introduced to our new nation. Issues regarding morality, race and loyalty were injected during their substantive debate over ratification. History certainly repeats itself.

Today, both political parties and their candidates encourage personal attacks instead of engaging in a serious discussion of issues. Advances in communication technology, beyond newspapers, such as the internet, television and radio, make it easier to spread toxic incivility. The media reap the financial rewards from provocation and controversy.

The lack of civil discourse extends beyond politics. Heightened animosity is felt throughout society. It exists in such disparate areas as: children's sports, local zoning, library content, and labor disputes to name just a few. More than ever we need to encourage civil discourse.

Among the goals of the Gov. M. Jodi Rell Center for Public Service at the University of Hartford, founded in 2011, is: "to foster environments where discussion — guided by courtesy, curiosity of thought and understanding, flourishes."

The first steps seem obvious:

—Listen attentively and seek to understand someone else's point of view.

—Assume positive intent. Assume others have an interest in the greater good.

—Consider how your behavior seems to others. While being passionate is a good thing, intimidation, shouting, threats and insults erode civility.

—Stay focused on the is-

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sues at hand. Avoid personalizing issues or using personal attacks when you disagree.

—Make room for respectful disagreement. Dissent is a democratic right.

—Share your perspective thoughtfully. Respect the time allotted to all members of the public and to meeting leaders.

While challenging a person's position on an issue certainly is appropriate, questioning their motive personalizes the discussion and is generally counterproductive. Similarly, after stating your position on an issue, or a candidate, to then say that you don't want to discuss it, indicates that you don't want to listen to the other person.

Unless we are willing to listen, we never can get to the point where we are able to say: That is a good point, I hadn't thought of that? Ultimately, we don't need to agree; but we always need to listen. And we need to remember that we have an obligation to make clear to our supporters or surrogates that civil discourse is required. How can we uphold a higher standard if we either encourage or knowingly allow others to make the personal attacks on our behalf?

Elections, state and federal legislation, court decisions and local issues are often complex. Our discussion of those requires starting from a position of respect for others. Of course, that respect can be lost depending on what others say and do but encouraging civil discourse will go a long way toward bringing us together.

Civility is needed now more than ever.

Marshall Collins is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Gov. M. Jodi Rell Center for Public Service at the University of Hartford.



"Switched to decaf. I'm gonna at least try not to bite his head off."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We've seen the cult of personality before

In the midst of all the Democrats introspection and self-blame, we shouldn't lose sight of something that is not the Democrats' fault: the cult of personality surrounding Donald Trump.

Trump has been stoking his cult of personality since his early days in New York, but the supporters who gather under banners that say "Trump will fix it" and "In Trump We Trust," who wear T-shirts blaring his image as an avenging superman, who gather in large crowds sporting his emblem hat, and believe that he is the anointed of God, chosen to lead America into a new golden age, have brought the Trump cult to a new pitch of hysteria, one that can only be explained by forces greater than the Democratic Party could have set in motion.

And we might do well to remember Nikita Khrushchev's address to the Communist Party Congress in 1956, "On the Cult of Personality and Its Consequences." Three years after Stalin's

death, Khrushchev defines the cult of personality as "the elevation of one person, to transform him into a superman possessing supernatural characteristics, akin to those of a god." The omniscience, omnipotence, and infallibility attributed to such a figure, he continues, led the Communist Party to "exceedingly serious and grave perversions" of its principles, its party democracy, and its legality.

Trump is not Stalin. But his understanding of power is certainly autocratic, and he has shown flashes of Stalinesque brutality, repeatedly documented though ultimately reined in by his aides. "Can't you just shoot them?" he famously asked his military about a group of protestors. And he has prescribed sodomy to bring journalists into line and hinted at unleashing a day of "really rough stuff" to deal with crime. Trump's supporters have reacted to these reports with approval or indifference.

Democrats, then, should not put all the blame for Kamala Harris's loss on the failure of their policies. Something else is going on here, and the cult of personality surrounding Trump attests to it. And while resisting Trump's gravitational pull, and calling it out for what it is, Democrats should also resist the over-simplification of America's problems that Trump has offered: the economy will not be essentially fixed by closing the southern border to immigration; cutting off benefits to low-income urban families will not restore prosperity to blue collar rural white America; tariffs are not a panacea.

But a time will come

when Trump's promises of a super-America will look hollow even to the most hopeful of his supporters, when his inevitable claims to have delivered on his promises will sound false, and when Trumpism will have to limp along without its "talented demagogue" to lead it forward. And for that moment, Democrats should be ready, not with gadfly criticisms, but with a program to actually improve the lot of the electorate, addressing this country's massive economic inequality, its poor record on tax fairness, and the very real issue of immigration.

Wiley Wood

Norfolk

Thanks to everyone for support in 2024 race

Having run for my first time for State Representative, I would like to thank everyone for their support. It was an invaluable opportunity to meet and listen to such great people and their experiences. We share interest in our communities and the knowledge to work together to make things better. All of our voices matter and it starts at a local level. Please continue to show unity and support

next November during the municipal elections. Consider becoming active in your town by contacting your party's local Town Committee. We all matter and you can make a difference in your community.

Barbara Breor
2024 Republican
Candidate for the 64th
State House District

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Proud to the part of the election process

A few years ago, I had the honor and privilege to be the keynote speaker at a Naturalization Ceremony in Dutchess County, NY probably because I had just written a book about being a first generation American on my father's side. I told the story of one grandmother coming from Iran and the other whose ancestors landed in Newburyport, MA in the late 1700's. At the end of the speech, the elected officials and I stood in a receiving line and handed out small American flags and almost every single new citizen had tears in their eyes.

Many of us are not exactly thrilled with the outcome of the presidential election but I bet we can all agree that we are glad this election cycle is over. With all of the ads on radio, tv, internet, it seemed interminable, fractious, ironic, dramatic and difficult - I can't even imagine what it must have been like to live in a 'swing' state. As the results come in, as states sub-

mit their bonafide, approved and certified results, the irrefutable fact is that the people have spoken. It would be easy to say 'not my clowns, not my circus' but it is our circus and while we may not agree with every citizen, I would fight to the death for their right to vote. To call it a privilege is to undermine its significance. It is the hallmark of our democracy and should never be taken for granted.

In the end, what I will take away from the past few months is that I voted unencumbered, in our small New England town in a comfortable setting with dedicated town employees and happy volunteers. I will forever be proud to be a part of the process and to share that with my fellow Americans. Despite the outcome, we must always remember that we share the ability to shape our future.

We, the people.

Pari Forood

Lakeville

On the outcome of the recent election

Democracy means that the people of a country decide their own future by their votes. Here in the United States of America we are about to see that concept move us in an alarming direction. There was more at stake in this election than the short term benefits of a low cost of living and status.

The great unmaking of what Franklin Delano Roosevelt called The New Deal and Lyndon Baines Johnson called The Great Society — along with separation of Church and State, our equal justice under the law judicial system, our healthcare system, our educational system, our rights of assembly, our free press, civil rights, environmental safeguards, social equality and more will all be unmade — due to the choices we collectively made on November 5, 2024.

Our movement as a country to a more just and equitable future for ourselves and the world have been unquestionably altered.

For almost one hundred years we have been on this journey from The New Deal to November 5, 2024 — taking us all toward our stated goal as a nation of, "We the

People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..." — now it will be unmade.

The vision of a "...perfect Union..." that won out yesterday was not one that takes us toward a greater Justice, Tranquility, general Welfare, Liberty or better future for our Posterity — our children and grandchildren. Nor does it take us toward greater compassion, decency and equality but further away from it.

How will this unmaking effect our country? What will the effect be on our ecosystems? Our health. Our Planet? Our world community? The unmaking of the progress of our nation toward its stated goals can only make us lesser — not greater. The election on November 5, 2024 was not a victory for the USA, it was a ignoble defeat for our nation by our own hands.

Bernard Re, Jr.

North Canaan

Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago —
November 1924

West Cornwall was visited by a very disastrous fire last Sunday morning at about 7 o'clock, at which time the hotel, Judge Nickerson's law office, which building also houses the post office, and three or four barns and sheds went up in smoke and flames. The fire is thought to have started from the explosion of an oil heater, which had been left burning in a room in the hotel, and as everything was unusually dry, owing to the prolonged drought, the fire spread with amazing rapidity. West Cornwall has no means of fighting fire, but calls were sent to surrounding towns for aid. Chemical trucks from Torrington, Canaan, Sharon and Lakeville were rushed to West Cornwall and all made good time. The Torrington, Canaan and Sharon companies had pumping outfits on their trucks, and Lakeville aided with hose and chemicals. Soon streams of water were being drawn from the Housatonic river and the flames were gradually beaten. A considerable part of the village was thus saved from destruction through the effective work of the firemen. It is rumored that Judge Nickerson does not expect to rebuild, and thus West Cornwall sustains a permanent loss in many respects.

SALISBURY — Last week Tuesday, Nov. 4th, William Conklin cast his eighteenth presidential vote. His first vote was for John C. Fremont, first candidate of the then newly organized Republican party. Since that time he has voted at every presidential and state election in this town.

Mr. Samuel F. Holman, formerly a member of New York Republican County Committee, but now a resident of Salisbury, made a special trip to New York city election day to cast his last republican ballot in New York state. Mr. Holman is a dyed-in-the-wool republican, having cast his first vote in 1896.

Tuesday morning was the coldest of the season, the mercury registered about 25. The ground was frozen for the first time.

From the New York Tribune — Announcement has been made that Julian K. Sprague, twenty-one-year-old son of Frank J. Sprague, one of the foremost electrical engineers and inventors of the country, pioneer trolley road builder and past president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, had eloped on Saturday night with Miss Deleamar Palmer, seventeen years old, daughter of Ray Palmer, president of the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company. According to an announcement made by a friend of Mr. Sprague, the couple went by automobile from the Sprague country estate at Sharon, Conn., to Brewster, N.Y., and were married by the Rev. Herbert Hazard, pastor of the Brewster Presbyterian Church. Neither Miss Palmer nor Mr. Sprague told their parents of their plans nor had any engagement been announced.

Mr. Peter C. Wick, who spent last summer here, being employed as chauffeur by Mr. C.F. Rogers, writes as follows from Santa Barbara, California: "We are now all out here, but somehow we

all miss Lakeville. More so the boys. Expect to be back in the spring. We also miss the Lakeville Journal, so please send it along. I wish to be remembered to the boys in Lakeville."

Mrs. Wm. Fenn of Lime Rock is visiting her daughter in Torrington.

Mr. M.B. and Edward Richardson with party of men are camping at Cornwall pond.

50 years ago —
November 1974

State conservation officer Peter Begley of Canaan suffered two fractured ribs and bruises Saturday afternoon when a hunter scuffled with him after being stopped for a routine check. The incident occurred on private land on Canaan Mountain after Begley and another officer were investigating a complaint of possible illegal hunting on state-owned land on Canaan Mountain. Stanley Civco, the other officer, said "It's unbelievable what a guy will do to bag a deer."

Volunteer firemen from Lakeville and Millerton responded to a fire Friday evening in a converted barn owned by John and Barbara Niles on Selleck Hill Road in Salisbury. State fire marshals inspected the remains of the building Wednesday after local officials ruled the origin of the fire "suspicious." The blaze apparently started in an upstairs section of the one and one-half story building.

A quitclaim deed was filed last week for the strip of land which the town has purchased from the state in connection with the site for the proposed solid waste transfer station. The price was \$750.

A teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School extinguished a small fire in a book room Tuesday. Principal Edward Kirby termed the fire of suspicious origin and said that the State Police had been informed. The fire caused no damage and the school was not evacuated.

CORNWALL — Harriet Clark's 80th birthday was noted by radio personality Bob Steele on his radio program on Monday morning of this week.

The Winsted Mini-Mall, 368 Main St., will hold its official Grand Opening Friday at 6:30 p.m. The mall is located in the former W.T. Grant store which had been empty for some 24 months. The mall's three owners, Al Nicosia, William Martin and E. John Ducci, have turned the abandoned 12,000 square foot structure into an attractive honeycomb of small specialty stores, completely housed within its walls, and accessible to the public from one main corridor.

Stan Rivard of Wells Hill, Lakeville, has produced more than \$1 million of new life insurance business in 1974, it was announced by Sales Manager Richard M. Dings of Prudential's Torrington office. This is the third year Rivard has surpassed the million mark.

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FALLS VILLAGE — At a town meeting that was short, but not always sweet, voters agreed unanimously to accept once and for all the gift

of the National Iron Bank building at 108 Main St. Activity at the bank branch had decreased to the point where it no longer made sense to maintain it and bank directors chose to close that office and donate the building. That location contained the original offices of the bank, which was founded in 1847.

WEST CORNWALL — The bid opening for the repair of the covered bridge over the Housatonic River on Route 128 has twice been postponed. Initially the bids were to be opened Oct. 27, but the date was pushed back to Nov. 3 and was again postponed. The project is expected to cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000 and will be done by an independent contractor rather than by the state Department of Transportation crew due to the scope of the project. Due to a problem with state funding the starting date for the project was pushed back to the spring of 2000.

SHARON — After a lapse of nearly a decade since the town last named a road scenic, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously at a meeting Tuesday to give Modley Road such a designation. The road, located in the Ellsworth section of town close to the border of Kent, is unpaved and is bordered by scenic views, trees and stone walls, according to the application for scenic designation.

For the first time in history, the Sharon Hospital Auxiliary Bargain Barn has reached \$100,000 in annual gross sales.

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

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With dry conditions continuing across the state and higher than average water demands, Aquarion Water Company requests that customers throughout its service territory in Connecticut turn off irrigation systems for the season.

Salisbury-Sharon Restaurant Week is in full swing until Nov. 16. Between the two towns, 13 eateries are offering meal deals. Visit litchfield.co for more information.

CORNWALL — A post-election community gathering was held to reflect on the presidential results at Cornwall Library Nov. 8. Those "mourning, despairing, angry" were invited to "encourage each other to take action." About 25 attendees were reportedly present. Cornwall Library noted this was not a library-sponsored event.

NORTH CANAAN — Paul Lavalette will become North Canaan's newest town crew member Nov. 18. First Selectman Brian Ohler said Lavalette was selected from a large pool of qualified applicants.

Let's discuss the weather

Hurricane Helene was the deadliest storm to hit the U.S. mainland in nearly two decades with the worst flooding in North Carolina since 1916 due to a confluence of factors including record breaking high water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico; it was followed just two weeks later by the equally destructive Category 3 storm, Milton.

Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor-Greene of Georgia was in the national spotlight again, this time for her baseless claim that "they" (presumably the Biden administration) had manipulated hurricanes Helene and Milton to serve as weapons to punish Florida, North Carolina and the Southeast's "MAGA" Republicans therein. Her wild assertions spread rapidly and set off a flurry of angry responses across the internet's social media sites. Officials and climatologists throughout the country quickly went public to explain that "we aren't able to control the weather even if we wanted to"; and President Biden denounced these rumors harshly over national TV. But a large proportion of Trump supporters remained unconvinced, especially since Trump himself and his running mate J.D. Vance failed to denounce weather tampering claims and added other false assertions about the Federal government's response even though they knew them to be untrue.

Of all the conspiracy theories and disinformation that have circulated, meteorologists say one falsehood that has especially gotten out of hand is the claim that the government is creating or controlling the storms. Forecasters have been harassed for either failing to promote these claims or for disseminating accurate information that counters them.

Delivering weather forecasts and explaining climate science have recently made meteorologists targets of climate deniers and conspiracy theorists. Matthew Cappucci, meteorologist

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for the Washington Post, said he received hundreds of comments and dozens of messages during the recent storms about how the government had modified the weather and that accused him of helping cover it up. Marshall Shepherd, former president of the American Meteorological Society said that the scrutiny he faces during major weather events combined with the current political climate may have created "conditions ripe for abuse." The disinformation around Helene and Milton has become so overwhelming that even public officials linked to other conspiracy theories — such as election denial — are trying to beat back rumors and underscore the severity of the storms.

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Meteorologists giving forecasts and explaining climate forecasts have been targets for harassment for years but amid the conspiracy theories and falsehoods that have spiraled online after hurricanes Helene and Milton, the attacks and threats directed at them have reached new heights.

Emergency workers have also been targeted with abuse. In the aftermath of Helene, Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel received a significant amount of harassment, including false claims that the agency was stealing donations and diverting disaster aid to Ukraine. Both

Trump and Vance repeatedly claimed, falsely, that funds earmarked for storm relief had been transferred to a program to benefit illegal immigrants. This lie was denounced by various public officials but fueled anger and resentment, particularly in rural areas.

Calls were made for residents to form militias to defend against those workers (who also faced antisemitic and misogynistic threats). FEMA's current administrator Deanne Criswell told ABC in early October that the rhetoric was "demoralizing" and had created "fear in our own employees." Many of the falsehoods about the hurricanes have been spread by supporters of former President Trump and by Trump himself.

Congresswoman Greene's unsubstantiated assertions claiming that "they" had created and were manipulating hurricanes Helene and Milton, directing them to strike predominately Republican areas was totally false. However, her assertions possessed a loose connection to experimental science. Since the Second World War, a variety of scientists and governments have been pursuing experiments in geoengineering, a field which has been lately preoccupied with installing certain chemical particles into the atmosphere to create areas of sky that would reflect the sun's rays back thereby keeping them from heating the earth and oceans, thus lowering earth's temperature. However, climate scientists around the world have insisted that there is no way to control hurricanes or other fierce windstorms (cyclones, tornados, typhoons, etc.), at least at this time; and no one is trying to do so.

However, the thought of hostile foreign powers trying to manipulate the climate in a nefarious way sounds like the premise for a dark dystopian nightmare of the future. Let's hope it's nothing more.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Noble Horizons sets Holiday Market

The Noble Horizons Auxiliary will host a Holiday Market on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Noble Horizons' Community Room (17 Cobble Road in Salisbury).

Join us for this free, festive event and enjoy unique holiday shopping featuring some of our familiar holiday wares plus new gift ideas from area artists and crafters.

Sale items will include baked goods, hand-made knits, jewelry, jams and jellies, hand-made decorations, greenery and centerpieces, raffle baskets, holiday décor, wall art, and more.

Shoppers will be treated to free coffee, hot cider, and donuts while supplies last. Soup, sandwiches, and sweets will be for sale, and we will feature door prizes, a raffle, musical entertainment and kid friendly activities.

Bring your family and friends to meet Mrs. Claus who will share holiday stories with children young and old.

New this year, the Holiday Market replaces our previous winter fundraising offerings — the Festival of Trees and Holiday Fair — which after 25 years will not be held this year. With gentle regret we decided to open a new chapter in our fundraising this year with some fresh ideas.

A great start was last

spring's "Right to Bear Art" Come as you are party sparked and delivered by Mary Barton and Jean Saliter and to which many of you contributed art pieces and/or attended. First conceived as a contest to name Noble's local bears, the idea grew into what Salisbury's local writer and poet Peter Fitting, working as a volunteer bartender, deemed "the funnest party I've been to in 20 years".

As with all our fundraising events throughout the year, all proceeds from the Holiday Market will directly benefit Noble residents, pro-

viding everything from day trips, recreation activities, financial support for a variety of Noble pets, large-print books and periodicals for the library, to fresh flowers on the dining room tables, lobster dinners, and more.

The Auxiliary's commitment to supporting quality life in the Noble community is strong. To those who have been our wonderful supporters and volunteers in the past, we are so grateful! Please help to make the Holiday Market a great success!

Noble Horizons Auxiliary
Salisbury

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With the lack of rain since the beginning of September the state of Connecticut is experiencing drought conditions and an emergency burn ban is now in effect for all State Parks, Forests and Wildlife Management Areas. Many towns here in the northwest corner have also banned open fires. Please check your town's website for updates. Burn permits will only be issued once the forest fire threat is reduced to low. For more information, please go to: portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/forest-fire/forest-fire-danger-report



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Our Towns



The auditorium at Housatonic Valley Regional High School is brighter and has new, very comfortable seats.

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Housatonic Valley Regional High School renovations nearly finished

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At an open house Monday, Nov. 4, visitors took in the results of the \$5.64 million renovation project and chatted with teachers and staff in the various departments at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The auditorium was almost finished. (There is still some audiovisual equipment to be installed in the auditorium and cafeteria.)

There are separate rooms at the back for lighting and sound crews.

And the hall has new, comfortable seats.

The entire room is noticeably brighter.

Music teacher Tom Krupa was enthusiastic, noting with the new sound equipment he can record concerts and shows directly from the control board, instead of using a hodgepodge of devices.

He said he will now be able to put separate microphones on up to 256 musicians.

Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick listed the different projects, including the auditorium, cafeteria,

bathrooms, the cupola on the top of the building, HVAC, a new generator, fire alarms, circuit breakers and numerous masonry projects.

Herrick emphasized at several points that the items being replaced or areas renovated had not seen significant changes in as much as 60 years.

He thanked facilities Manager Jeff Lloyd for acting as “clerk of the works,” keeping track of numerous details and keeping in constant touch with himself, High School Principal Ian Strever and Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley.

He noted the original idea was that the overall project would take two years, but it was mostly completed in one year and “within budget.”

HVRHS seniors took small groups on tours. Harper Howe of North Canaan led a group that included two reporters and Pat Mechare, chair of the Region One Board of Education.

The tour included the new and improved cafeteria, which had new seating and tables and was also noticeably brighter.



HVRHS senior Harper Howe led a tour of the recent renovations.

Salisbury POCD prep continues

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Members of Salisbury’s Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) held another editing session of the ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), this time incorporating comments and critiques levied by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) at the Oct. 24 special meeting.

The draft, which has now seen review by the BOS and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG), will be reopened to public commentary on Nov. 18. The draft available to the public will be the same document presented to the two governing bodies for review. P&Z will accept written comments until the public hearing, which is scheduled for Dec. 16.

After the public hearing, P&Z will hold a special meeting to review suggestions and concerns raised by the public, BOS and COG, all of which will inform a draft for final review. The meeting, while not a public hearing, will be open to the public.

The POCD, which is a state-mandated document that must be updated every decade, is currently within a statutory 65-day review period which ends with the December public hearing.

In order to secure discretionary state funding, the POCD must be formally updated before the start of the new year.

At the Monday, Nov. 4 meeting of P&Z, members addressed the input gathered from the BOS, whose primary concerns echoed several of

those expressed by residents at the Sept. 30 public engagement meeting. Several complaints stemmed from unease with several engineering and governance reports which have proved controversial.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens expressed that the reports are meant to be advisory in nature. “It’s basically just an announcement,” he said of the Chester Report, which is a study conducted by the Town of Chester on alternative municipal government structures in the state. The report was mentioned in Chapter 4, which covers comprehensive planning, governance and administration and was a focal point of the BOS’s criticism.

Discourse between the BOS and P&Z has at times grown contentious — “There have been jabs,” said Commission Member Allen Cockerline, to which Klemens, who attended the Oct. 24 BOS meeting replied, “Oh, there were a couple of jabs, yes.”

Members generally agreed that the meeting brought valuable insight and ideas into the discussion, though, with Cockerline upholding that the meeting was ultimately “congenial.” “Allen, I agree with you that there was congeniality at the end of the meeting,” said P&Z Vice Chair Cathy Shyer.

The Commission said it welcomes and values the input of the public and other town commissions. “[The POCD] should include as many ideas as possible,” Cockerline said, to which Klemens replied, “I totally agree.”

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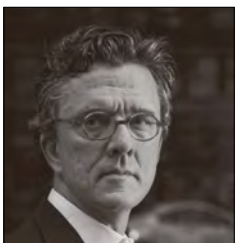


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Veterans Day

Cornwall salutes local veterans

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The students of Cornwall Consolidated School held a ceremony for local veterans Friday, Nov. 8.

In total, 10 veterans with ties to Cornwall attended the morning assembly. Some live in Cornwall, some attended CCS themselves, some have relatives who work in the school and some are proud parents or grandparents of current CCS students.

The veterans were Army Corporal Huntington Williams (served from 1953-55), Navy Lieutenant Guy "Max" Ule Jr. (1962-65), Army Specialist David Cadwell (1970-72), Army Specialist Joseph Gwazdauskas (1971-74), Army Specialist John Fox (1977-80), Navy Petty Officer Second Class Tim Naylor (1978-84), Army

Colonel Kirk Harrington (1990-2014), Air Force Senior Airman Daniel Rashkoff (2012-17), Army Specialist Jake Thulin (2015-20), and Army Specialist Caleb Boucher (2018-22).

The servicemen enjoyed breakfast with the CCS eighth graders before meeting the full student body in the gymnasium.

The seventh-grade class led a touching ceremony for the veterans and thanked them for their service to the nation.

When asked what inspired the vets to join the armed forces, a variety of answers were offered.

"I was inspired by the draft board," said Huntington Williams, Cornwall resident and veteran of the Korean War.

Jake Thulin, CCS night custodian, said he joined



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Korean War veteran Huntington Williams, right, of Cornwall, and other vets with ties to Cornwall received custom calendars from the CCS kindergarteners.

to continue a family legacy: "I'm a third-generation service member. My grandfather served in World War II. My father served in the Air Force for about 10 years. So, I just kind of wanted to maintain that tradition."

"I knew I wanted to be

part of something bigger than myself" said Daniel Rashkoff, whose mother is the nurse at CCS. "It's one of the best things I ever did in my life. I'm really grateful for the experience and I'm grateful to all of you for putting this on and honoring us."



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'Thank you' to veterans

Sharon Center School students thank veterans during a Veterans Day program at the school Friday, Nov. 8.

Kent Center School flies flag at half mast for Veterans Day

By Alec Linden

KENT — On Friday morning, Nov. 8, the students of Kent Center School gathered under clear skies for the Veterans Day ceremonial flag-raising.

A hush fell over the chattering crowd as the assembled representatives from Kent's American Legion Post, no. 153, strode across the lawn in ceremonial military dress. South Kent resident Donald Hicks provided traditional bagpipe accompaniment as the group took their positions adjacent to the flagpole.

Legion Post no. 153 Commander Sergeant First Class Brent Kallstrom led the en-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Veterans salute the flag as it is flown at half mast on Friday, Nov. 8, outside Kent Center School.

tourage, followed by Legion Post Adjutant Captain Kathleen Lindenmayer, Kent First

Selectman Captain Marty Lindenmayer, Sergeant at Arms Joe Benetti, and Petty

Officer Second Class Laurie Zidak.

Kent Center School Principal Michelle Mott offered brief opening remarks of

respect for the group and veterans across the country. "These individuals have made contributions and sacrifices," she said, and em-

body the ideals of "courage, selflessness, and dedication."

As bagpipe tones filled the still morning air, the retinue stood by, saluting the flag as it was raised to half-mast. The students then performed the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Principal Mott took the floor again to close the ceremony and to encourage the students to meet the veterans. "We are grateful for their commitment," she concluded.

First Selectman Lindenmayer made his way down the line of students, shaking hands and saying hello as the rest of the group mingled. Eventually, the students filtered back into the warmth of the school building and to their regular class schedules.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Hands cover hearts as veterans recite the Pledge of Allegiance Friday, Nov. 9.

Salisbury gives gratitude to veterans

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — A group of 19 veterans came to Salisbury Central School for a Veterans Day ceremony Friday, Nov. 8.

The veterans sat on a row of folding chairs in the gym, facing the students. Several students had fathers or grandfathers among the veterans.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, and the National Anthem, there were short speeches from the children.

The youngsters then sang and read their own poems to the veterans.

The band played the different service anthems, and the veterans stood according to which branch they served in.

Prior to the ceremony, Dave Bayersdorfer prepared himself for the singing with some tissue paper.

"I always tear up" he said. About 70 people filled the bleachers. Afterwards there were refreshments.

The veterans attending were:

David Bayersdorfer, Marines; Jerry Baldwin, Air Force; Don Hurlbutt, Army; David Aylward, Air Force; John Salatto, Army; Larry Conklin, Navy; Jason Pennella, Army; Bob Loucks,

Navy; Scott Salmon, Marines; Bill Wallace, Marines; Peter Oliver, Marines; Jay Rogers, Army; Joe Hennessy, Navy; John McGuire, Army; Chris Ohmen, Army; Jim Kennedy, Coast Guard; Brandon Kain, Marines; Randy Cannon, Air Force; Joe Power, Navy.

Thanking those who served 'from the bottom of our hearts' in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Students gathered to honor Falls Village veterans at a ceremony at Lee H. Kellogg School Thursday, Nov. 7.

First Selectman Dave Barger kept it simple: "We simply say 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts."

The children sang to the veterans, including a rousing version of George M. Cohan's "You're a Grand Old Flag."

The veterans attending were: Robert Christinat, Navy; William Fox, Navy; Matt Gallagher, Navy; Hope Gallagher, Navy; Patrick Hafner, Army/Army National Guard; Lara Mittaud Hafner, Army National Guard; Roy Jensen, Army; Jason Mechare, Navy; Peter Pixley, Marines; Mike Poole, Navy; Sandy Rhoades, Air Force;



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Veterans of the armed forces gather in the gymnasium on Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village (Canaan) Thursday, Nov. 7, for the annual assembly to recognize Veterans Day.

Ellery "Woods" Sinclair, Army; Doyle Barger, Army.

The veterans had the opportunity to pose for photos

with their children or grandchildren, and then repaired to the library for refreshments.



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Couch-Pipa VFW Post 6851 celebrates U.S. Marine Corps' birthday

The 249th Marine Corps birthday was celebrated at the Couch-Pipa VFW in North Canaan Sunday, Nov. 10. Pictured, from left, are Ted Marolda, Nick Gandolfo, and Baxter Keller. Marine gunnery sergeant Ted Marolda, 101 years old, served from 1941-'46 in numerous operations and battles including the Guadalcanal campaign. Sergeant Nick Gandolfo, 93 years old, served in the Marine Corps in Korea from 1952-'53 and fought in several battles and combat operations. Sergeant Baxter Keller, 36 years old, served as a Reconnaissance Marine in combat operations in Afghanistan in 2009.

FARMLAND

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director of communications, the state has footed the bill for about 51% of the farm parcels protected through the program over the past five years.

Eddy noted the preservation plan's benefits extend beyond local farmers to their broader communities, as the program helps ensure that "a food and fiber producing land resource base is available to provide residents access to Connecticut-grown farm products."

But whether the program's conservation easements do enough to maintain farmland in effect has been a source of recent debate.

"We are having, in my neck of the woods, a dispute about the enforceability of the easements that are being written here, to make sure that they actually preserve the farmland," said State Rep. and Committee co-Chair Maria Horn (D-64) at the Oct. 22 meeting.

Horn's comment referenced an ongoing dispute in Sharon about the department of agriculture's decision to approve the construction of

multimillion-dollar residences on two farms put under easement in the mid-1980s. The decision sparked legal pushback from Sharon Land Trust and led both Horn and State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) to challenge the department on its easement interpretation process.

"My concern is just making sure that the process for drafting these easements today actually has more teeth," said Horn.

Jamie Smith, director of the agricultural department's Bureau of Agricultural Development and Resource Conservation, responded assuringly.

"Our easements now look very different from the easements of the late 70s and early 80s," she said, noting the department "very much agree[s]" with Horn's concern for the program's efficacy.

Governor Ned Lamont (D) closed the discussion by suggesting that Smith have an agricultural department legal representative follow up with Horn on the issue.

"I understand that our

current easements are better drafted and very enforceable, but [we have] some questions about the earlier easements, and we want to make sure that they're enforceable as well," he said.

While the \$9.39 million allocation to the agricultural department represents only 1.5% of the general obligation bond funds approved at the meeting, farmland preservation was one of the select priorities highlighted by Gov. Lamont in his opening statements.

"We're preserving another 1200 acres of farmland, which I think is really important," said Lamont, referencing the 18 farmland properties poised to join the farmland preservation project with the new funding.

Agriculture supports upwards of 31,000 jobs in Connecticut and contributes an annual \$4 billion to the state's economy. At the same time, Connecticut is losing farmland to development at a startling rate, while untenable economic conditions and mounting real estate prices

threaten what remains.

For farmers like Terry Tanner, whose farm in Warren is one of the proposed additions to the preservation project, a farmland conservation easement is one of few options to safeguard one's agricultural heritage.

"The Tanner Farm has been here for almost 250 years, so it'll be preserved," said Tanner. After inheriting the farm from his father, Tanner ran a dairy operation with his wife, Tara, until the strain of the dairy market finally convinced them to convert to hay in 2017.

As the last in the family line interested in farming, the Tanners hope to soon preserve their 204 acres of farmland and transition them to a stewardship model under Warren Land Trust.

"I'm retired. I mean, I still take care of the land, I still do the hay and so forth, but I just don't milk cows there anymore, and I don't have anybody behind me that wants to be a dairy farmer," said Tanner. "So I'll be the first steward."

NUVANCE

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to work."

Northwell described a model of assimilating cultures with the hospitals it takes over, focusing on engagement with the staff to attract new professionals and minimize turnover.

Dowling said Northwell's health care network serves more than two million individuals annually and offers medical care from birth to the end of life.

Northwell currently operates 23 hospitals and more than 900 care locations. More than 85,000 individuals are employed by Northwell.

"We are not a hub and spoke system," said Dowling. "We have a record of expanding care as needed in each local community. We believe in providing care as close to where people live as possible as long as it can be done safely and with the highest quality."

The community-driven group Save Sharon Hospital was granted intervener status for the Nov. 6 hearing and expressed support for the merger between Nuvance and Northwell.

Sharon Hospital's Dr. Howard Mortman, labor and delivery specialist since 1991, stated his trust in Northwell to "do what is right for Sharon Hospital and our community."

Northwell representatives have visited Sharon to meet with the community group several times in the past year to discuss concerns and goals for the future of rural

healthcare in the Northwest Corner.

"They do not plan to cut any services and instead plan to grow services at Sharon Hospital," said Mortman. "[Northwell] has shown they greatly care about Sharon Hospital."

Dr. David Kurish of Sharon Hospital spoke in favor of Northwell's plans to increase intensive care services. In 2023, Nuvance applied for a certificate of need to replace the ICU with a progressive care unit.

Kurish said Northwell's pledge will "lead to fewer patients being transferred" from Sharon Hospital.

Overwhelmingly positive remarks filled the public comment session of the hearing.

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said, "This affiliation is in the best interest of my constituents." She felt Northwell demonstrated an "impressive record" of investing in community hospitals and praised its commitment to engaging with stakeholders.

Sharon Hospital board chair Richard Cantele said he supported the merger because "hospitals are the cornerstone of our communities" and Northwell will preserve "a long-term future for Nuvance Health and Sharon Hospital."

Following public comment the hearing was closed. The Office of Health Services will review the filings before making a ruling on the certificate of need.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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side Brighter Future College Scholarships to support students who have been impacted by substance use disorders in sharing their stories and raising awareness of addiction's impact on families.

Since the program's inception in 2021, nearly 350 scholarship applications were received, according to Mountainside spokesman Kevin Doyle.

"These stories carry a lot of weight and emotions. It's amazing to see children and teens overcome trauma and struggles," said Doyle, who noted that more than 200 applications for the scholarships were received in 2023.

Sobering statistics

Studies show that 21 million children in the United States live with a parent who misuses substances and more than 2 million live with a parent who struggles with a substance use disorder.

Young people also grapple with substance misuse firsthand due to factors such as peer pressure or the belief that substances will help them improve their grades or athletic ability.

According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, 62% of adolescents have abused alcohol by their senior year of high school and 46% have tried illicit drugs.

These substance use habits can have fatal consequences, with more than 11% of total overdose deaths impacting those aged 15 to 24, according to NCDAS.

In their words: winning essays

One scholarship winner's essay, titled "Papa, the Glass Cleaner," began: "The world feels small from 1,100 feet off the ground - small and light. My papa worked a job where he defied death every day in order to provide for my family. I am eight at the time and my Papa is my hero."

But by age 10, the student wrote, "for the first time, on Christmas Eve, I realize my father is not perfect. Every hero has their weakness. My father's kryptonite was a green bottle of Heineken."

Another winning essayist observed how the world seemed "perfect" as a youngster, but as the years passed, "I realized the world was never even good in the first place. My dad started his relationship with alcohol when I was born, so in a way I nev-

er got to meet the man my mom married.

"I grew up with him brewing his own beer in the basement and watching him stumble around in the evenings, but my mom always put me to bed before anything happened."

The Mountainside scholarship, the student wrote in her essay, "will allow me to pursue my dreams in criminal psychology and assist me in helping the people that need it most. I can ensure that they get it instead of being separated from society unjustly."

Another winning essayist wrote of her mother's addiction.

"The thing about addiction that people may not realize, is it can be a camouflaged agent of poison: unnoticeable and kills slowly.

"Growing up, my mom would enjoy a glass of wine once a night. However, as we have gotten older and she is by herself at the end of the night, that glass of wine slowly turned into a bottle. My mother's addiction to alcohol is apparent by all her family members, but not to herself."

The student noted how that addiction impacted not only her mother, but also those around her.

"My brother who still lives with my mom, gets the full effects of it ... When I found out that my mom would sometimes try to pick up my brother from work after having some wine, I immediately became concerned, and almost angered with her that she would put my brother at risk. I offered to pick my brother up from work whenever needed, and this continues today."

Mission to educate and empower

For Mountainside, the Brighter Future College Scholarship is just one step in a series of community efforts to educate and empower those struggling to reach out for help.

Joskar Yanes, who earned the scholarship last year and is currently a freshman at Tufts University in Massachusetts, said in a telephone interview last week that it represents more than just a monetary value.

"It helped me become more confident in embracing my past. You find a part of yourself" by completing the process.

Yanes recalled the "ripple effect" addiction had on his family.

"It also leaves invisible scars which are hard to see," Yanes said. "I felt like I had to hide it. It was a subconscious choice."

The college student, who is studying cognitive and brain sciences and social psychology, recommended that other high school students facing addiction challenges consider the application process.

"Regardless of the outcome of the scholarship, you may find and embrace a part of yourself."

Interested applicants are invited to submit a short es-

say explaining how they have been impacted by their own or a loved one's substance use disorder and how it has shaped their understanding of the disease.

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"Everybody has touched our family in a way that we will never forget and we are so grateful for it," said Kristine Simmons, Owen's mother. "From the bottom of our hearts we say, 'thank you.'"

Crossed hockey sticks and the outline of a turtle surround the no. 9 in the rink at Berkshire School's Jackman L. Stewart Athletic Center. The turtle is to honor Simmons' team nickname, Turtle.

"This would have been Owen's first game of his ninth season of hockey," said Kristine. "The friendships here ... you meant the world to him."

Players from the Salisbury Redhawks, the Rattlers' opponent for the season opener, presented the Simmons family with flowers.

Owen's uncle, North Caanan Selectman Craig Whiting, carried out a ceremonial puck drop before the game got underway.



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LIFESTYLE: NATHAN MILLER

Searching for Bigfoot

A group of nearly 30 squatchers and skeptics gathered at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village Thursday evening, Nov. 7, for a presentation from Bigfoot researcher Mike Familant.

Familant is the Bigfoot fanatic behind "In the Shadow of Big Red Eye," a weekly show he produces to document his hunt for Bigfoot in the Eastern U.S.

Familant said he began his Sasquatch hunting career basically on a whim. In 2011 he bought tickets to join fans on a Bigfoot research expedition at Torreya State Park in the Florida Panhandle, put on by the crew behind Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot."

That first trip was life changing for Familant. He and his friend Jimmy had set up their encampment away from the other guests on the trip, both to reduce the chances of bothering the other campers with late-night fireside chatter and to improve their chances of encountering the elusive Bigfoot. The woods were quiet until the last night of the trip. Early in the morning, as Familant and Jimmy were relaxing by the fire, they began hearing knocks on trees surrounding the tent. Frightened, Familant retreated to the car to avoid any wildlife that might want to hurt him. Undeterred, Jimmy coaxed him back to the campfire to experience the strange encounter. Shortly after returning, Familant said a series of fist-sized rocks flew through the trees and landed on the ground with solid thuds around their camp. Familant's friend then picked up one of the fist-sized rocks, and in an attempt to communicate with whatever might be throwing them, threw it back. "I knew it wasn't a person," Familant said. "Because at that exact moment a 15 pound, lap-top-sized boulder came crashing down and lands just five feet from us."

That night in the woods convinced Familant of the existence of Bigfoot, and he has been producing his show ever since. "I would still be sitting in an ambulance on the street corners of



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Mike Familant of Sussex, New Jersey, has collected casts of suspected Bigfoot prints from dozens of sights since he began researching the cryptid in 2011.

Tampa if that rock hadn't been thrown at me," Familant said.

Now, producing "In the Shadow of Big Red Eye" is Familant's full-time job. He spends over a hundred nights camping every year, collecting footprint casts, video and audio in his search for evidence of Bigfoot. Familant's travels have taken him across the Eastern U.S. into nearly every state east of Ohio.

Familant's mission in producing the show and touring the country for presentations is to "entice friends and families to get off the couch and into nature, to see something you wouldn't normally see."

"Growing up I was happiest in front of the TV playing a video game," Familant said. But now, he spends most nights in a tent or on the road, hiking or on his way to the next hike to find Bigfoot in the Appalachian wilderness. Whether or not Bigfoot really exists, Familant said what's important is discovery, curiosity and getting outside.



Familant said during his talk that getting friends and families outside is his biggest inspiration.

"Life with the possibility of Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster,"

Familant said, "is a hell of a lot better than life without it."



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Rebecca Churt

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Transforming collective healing

Rebecca Churt, a grief and death doula based in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, got her MBA at The MIT Sloan School of Management during Covid and immediately joined a Buddhist monastery.

"I think getting my master's degree was an exercise in highlighting just how much of the current way of doing things isn't working, is not meant for what needs to be happening going forward," Churt explained.

Churt's own journey into grief work has been shaped by personal experience, including moving from Germany to the United States at a young age. "Grief has kind of been a lifelong companion to me in lots of different forms," she explained. This early experience introduced her to the nuanced ways grief can manifest. The pandemic deepened her commitment, highlighting the urgent need for collective grief spaces.

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Luminaries Series welcomes Dan Harris for conversation and meditation at Troutbeck

Troutbeck's Luminaries Series continues this fall with a special appearance by acclaimed journalist and meditation advocate Dan Harris on Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Manor House Ballroom. Harris, a former news anchor who famously chronicled his journey to mental well-being in the No. 1 New York Times bestseller "10% Happier," will explore the power of meditation, a practice he credits with fundamentally reshaping his life.

The event promises an engaging discussion between Harris and Sascha Lewis, Troutbeck's director of culture and commerce. They will discuss harnessing the mind's potential to improve overall well-being, blending the timeless

principles of meditation with insights from modern neuroscience. Harris's own journey to mindfulness began after a highly publicized on-air panic attack in 2004 as Former ABC news anchor, prompting him to confront his inner struggles and seek tools for mental clarity and resilience. His experiences ultimately led him to write "10% Happier," which offers an accessible approach to meditation and self-awareness. Harris also developed the popular podcast and meditation app of the same name.

In addition to the conversation, the event will feature a brief guided meditation led by Harris, followed by a Q&A, allowing attendees to gain a deeper understanding of his approach to

mindfulness. This event builds on the success of a previous Luminaries Series gathering, the recent talk by Ian Tattersall, Curator Emeritus at the American Museum of Natural History, who, in August, shared insights on human cognition and its evolution in conversation with Dr. Scott A. Small of Columbia University.

Tickets for Harris's appearance are priced at \$30-\$40 and can be purchased through the Troutbeck website. Guests booking a room at Troutbeck for the evening will receive complimentary tickets to the event, enhancing the immersive experience. Troutbeck, known for its historic role as a gathering place for thinkers and visionaries, provides the ideal setting for

Dan Harris will join the Luminaries Series at Troutbeck in Amenia, New York, Sunday, Nov. 24, at 3 p.m. for an engaging discussion with Sascha Lewis on harnessing the mind's potential to improve overall well-being.

Harris's exploration of meditation's benefits.

With the 2025 Luminaries Series calendar forthcoming, Troutbeck continues its tradition of hosting distinguished figures, drawing on its rich history as a hub for intellectual and cultural exchange.



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Then, her time at the Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and her exploration of the concept of "hospicing modernity" (a thought-provoking guide to facing global pandemics, climate change, and other modern crises as outlined in the book by Vanessa Machada de Oliveira), influenced her to embrace a model of grief work centered around presence, not answers. Her new company, The Grievory, was born.

The Grievory is a communal approach to grief, primarily a virtual space where people can navigate sorrow collectively rather than bearing the burden in isolation. Her philosophy and methods represent a rethinking of this work, aiming to transform individual pain into shared healing. "As a death doula or grief worker, I don't interject solutions, I don't interject a potential outcome. The idea is for a community to get there together," said Churt. "Whether you're experiencing the loss or you're in the process of dying, the reality is we don't do any of it alone. We can't do it alone."

The Grievory is mostly virtual to accommodate people's busy schedules and minimize financial barriers, but there's also a deeper purpose behind this very intentional choice. Churt spent years holding space at Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, among other locations, and shared that "part of the idea behind The Grievory is that we want to remove

the sense of someone else having mastery over another person's experience. That's very common in traditional therapy sessions, which is really the only other place that people can have time to tend to their grief." Churt went on to describe a possible power imbalance in those traditional settings where "it's also more within a setting that tends to pathologize grief, where there's an intended goal or an objective to help a person get over something." At The Grievory, there is a set of community guidelines that are reviewed at the beginning of every session—there's no fixing, there's no saving, there's no implied approach to advice giving. "Most often, the way in which people respond

is either with a hand on heart or a 'thank you for sharing,' and then they go into sharing their own personal experience," said Churt.

In addition to communal gatherings, The Grievory also offers a specialized program called "The Grievory at Work," which provides grief support within professional environments. Recognizing the complex, often unacknowledged grief many healthcare workers face, Churt's team helps integrate grief literacy into workplaces, particularly in healthcare settings where grief training is often absent.

Upcoming offerings include an eight-week workshop exploring the "Gates of Grief," a framework inspired by Francis Weller's book, "The Wild

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Edge of Sorrow." With five established gates—everything we love we will lose; the places that have not known love; the sorrows of the world; what we expected and did not receive; and ancestral grief—Churt adds a sixth gate, exploring the harms individuals and society have caused, inspired by the work of Rachael Rice.

Through The Grievory, Rebecca Churt not only offers solace to those grieving but is also actively contributing to reimagining grief care itself. Her mission is to build a future where grieving together is normalized, where grief itself becomes a gateway to belonging, wholeness, and communal strength.

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Swing Dance at American Mural Project

Swing music and dance will take center stage on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the American Mural Project (AMP) in Winsted, Connecticut, as Eight to the Bar brings its energetic mix of 1940s jazz, 1950s jump blues, and Motown to the artsy club atmosphere. Founded in 1975, the band carries a legacy of family swing music, making every performance a lively celebration that's sure to have attendees on their feet.

Kicking off the night, Nate Evans of Hartford Ballroom will lead a swing dance lesson at 7 p.m., catering to both beginners and seasoned dancers. AMP's unique space, housed in a renovated mill and home to the world's largest indoor collaborative mural, offers three levels for dancing and mingling, along with a cash bar and food from The Colebrook Store. The mural itself, a five-story tribute to American workers, adds an inspiring backdrop to the event's lively atmosphere.

Founded in 2001, the American Mural Project (AMP) honors American workers through a massive, 3D mural—120 feet long and five stories high—depicting a century of work and dedication. Inspired by Boeing's 747 plant, artist Ellen Griesedieck created this unique artwork to inspire and involve young people, partnering with schools, nonprofits, and organizations like NASA and Habitat for Humanity. AMP has engaged over 15,000 students nationwide in creating the mural and offers year-round educational programs.

Tickets to Saturday's event include the dance lesson, and a limited number of balcony seats provide elevated views of the mural and the stage. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of swing music in one of Connecticut's most unique art spaces.

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FILM: MIKE COBB

'Covering Conflict' series continues at Norfolk Library

On Nov. 16 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the Norfolk Library is hosting the second part of a series called "Covering Conflict – Journalists on the Ground" with the documentary film "No Ordinary Life: The Camerawomen Who Brought the Frontlines to the Headlines."

Directed by Heather O'Neill, "No Ordinary Life" tells the remarkable story of five camerawomen: Mary Rogers, Cynde Strand, Jane Evans, Maria Fleet and Margaret Moth, who made their mark by capturing some of the most iconic images from Tiananmen Square, conflicts in Sarajevo, Iraq, Somalia and the Arab Spring uprising.

The film will be introduced by Cynde Strand, one of the featured journalists, who will answer questions following the screening. Mark Erder will be moderating the Q&A with Strand.

"We met in 1989 in Beijing while covering Tiananmen Square. She worked for CNN, and I worked for British TV. Our friendship continued over the years while she was based in Beijing, and I was based in Hong

Kong. We would cross paths covering various news stories across Asia," Erder said.

The preview of "No Ordinary Life," viewable on Apple TV and Amazon Prime, begins with a tense scene fraught with danger.

"The opening is in Cairo Egypt some years after the Arab Spring. My colleague, camerawoman Mary Rogers, is talking about how she was inspired as a young person by the National Geographic magazines her parents subscribed to. In the next scene she is caught in a firefight in Iraq," Strand said.

Beginning her career in journalism in 1981 as an entry level video journalist at CNN in Atlanta, today Strand is an award-winning journalist with 40 years of experience in international news gathering, including investigative and documentary work.

For more than 20 years, Strand traveled the world as a CNN cameraperson assigned to bureaus in Beirut, Beijing, Nicosia, London and Johannesburg. Strand covered major stories including the Tianan-

men Square protests and crackdown, the first Gulf War based in Baghdad, the first free and democratic election in South Africa, the siege of Sarajevo, the aftermath of genocide in Rwanda, and famine in Somalia. In 2004 Strand returned to Atlanta to join the team running international news coverage for CNN. Strand retired from CNN in 2019 but returned temporarily as part of the team directing CNN's coverage of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and later the Israel-Hamas war. Strand has won many industry awards including seven Emmys.

Regarding the title of the documentary "No Ordinary Life" and the pursuit of her profession versus an "ordinary life," Strand commented, "All five of us cared deeply about journalism and our craft. Can we make images that will get people to pay attention, document an injustice, expose a possible war crime, show a need after a natural disaster, get people to care about the environment, or make people curious about this big beautiful but

often troubled world?" Today, Strand teaches journalism at the university level and has developed a course on the history of women in journalism. This semester she is teaching at St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Though initially, some women were not quite sure how to interact with female journalists, ultimately their work won them respect, though it was not without challenges of equal pay.

"CNN was such a renegade operation in the beginning, I didn't feel sexism day to day and early on when a woman did a traditionally male job, the men didn't quite know how to deal with us: protect us, hit on us, or just let us get on with our jobs. There was however the issue of equal pay, and

we got tough about that. That battle continues for many women today. There were so many accomplished, incredible female photojournalists before us, and when we came along as camerawomen, most of our male counterparts, after some testing and teasing, welcomed us to the family," Strand said.

Strand believes there are new challenges in today's media landscape, including the quest for veracity.

"We have incredible news gathering tools today, to do research and to reach people. Nothing replaces going to a place, but today we can access eyewitness accounts and video, and we have ways to carefully vet and verify this content," Strand said.

"I think what is harder today is getting people

to pay attention to the truth. Newsmakers have gotten better at masking the truth and distracting by inventing false narratives. If a lie is repeated over and over again and amplified by social media, it takes on a life of its own and plays into an emotional experience. It is harder to keep people's attention on good solid reporting," she added.

Lastly, Strand's experience "covering conflict" has given her insights on human nature.

"I think there is a Pandora's box in all of us and given the right set circumstances it can open. We are all capable of doing horrible things, but I have also seen incredible moments of kindness and generosity. It is a big responsibility to tell other people's stories through pictures," Strand says.

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Book Talk - Jonathan Alter, New York Times Bestselling Author

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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. To register and learn more, please visit scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12862591

NOVEMBER 16

Historical Society Talk - "Violet H. Simmons: A Remarkable Teacher"

NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex will host the annual meeting of the North East Historical Society with a talk by Town Historian Edward Downey about teacher Violet H. Simmons, followed by a reception and exhibit tour. Ralph Fedele will be honored for his contributions to local history. Free admission, refreshments provided.

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. To register and learn more, please visit scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13147864

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

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NOVEMBER 17

Movable Architectural History Talk and Tour

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

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Art Show Reception

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

The Douglas Library of Canaan is featuring a retrospective of artwork by the late Mary Monnier. The show runs from Nov. 6 through Jan. 15. There will be a celebratory reception held on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Monnier was a local artist, with family roots dating back generations. Her artwork reflects her love of people, of nature, and the beauty of the Northwest Corner.

NOVEMBER 20

Property Records 101: Researching Your Home's History

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. To register and learn more, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Book Talk and Signing

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org

Tom Morrison will discuss his latest comic novel about the legal profession, "Who Put the Bots in the Torts?" at Noble Horizons Wednesday, Nov. 20, 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and copies of the book will be available for sale. Former Lakeville Journal executive editor Cynthia Hochswender will interview Morrison.

NOVEMBER 21

Art Talk

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

Peter Steiner will give an art talk at Hunt Library on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Known primarily for his cartoons and his novels, Steiner's paintings and drawings can be comic, surrealist, romantic, and fantastic.

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NOVEMBER 22

Salisbury Forum: "Following the Money: What Will Become of America"

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn.

The Salisbury Forum will present "Following the Money: What Will Become of America" on Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In a wide-ranging discussion after the historic 2024 election, authors Kurt Andersen and William D. Cohan will unpack its implications for American democracy and culture, the global economy, and world order. Admission is free.

Christmas Sale in Millbrook

St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y.

Uncle Al's Thrift Shop will have its annual CHRISTMAS SALE! on Friday and Saturday, (Nov. 22 & 23) at St. Joseph School gym (lots of room to shop; ample parking), 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook. The event will feature numerous Christmas and holiday items: decorations for your home (inside and outside), gift items, new and like-new toys, games and more. Hours for

the sale are Friday (Nov. 22) and Saturday (Nov. 23) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the Christmas Sale and from Uncle Al's Thrift Shop benefit St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook.

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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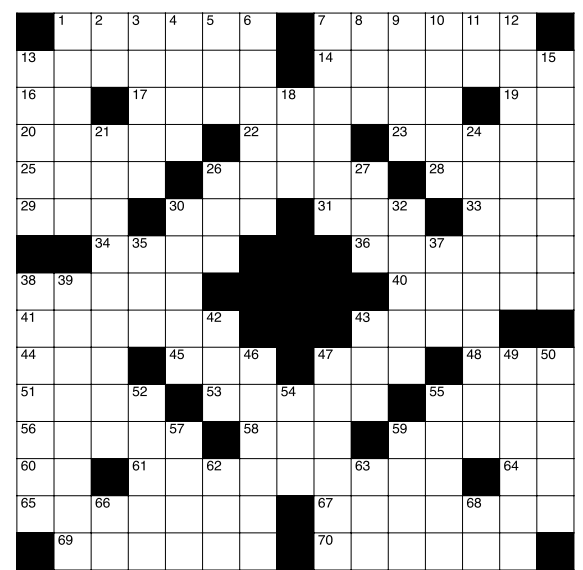
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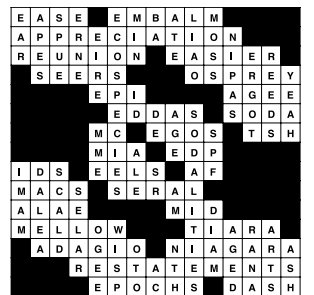
CLUES ACROSS

- Schoolhouse tool
- Martens
- Slags
- One who scrapes
- Centiliter
- White wine
- Of I
- Former Syracuse great Warrick
- Relating to the ear
- Sandwich shops
- Victories
- White (French)
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Genus of parrots
- Unhappy
- Talk incessantly
- Type of Squad
- Unit of perceived loudness
- Violent seizure of property
- Agave
- Sound units
- Removes from record
- Partner to Mama
- Mythological bird
- Dash
- Hair product
- Two-year-old sheep
- Signs a deal
- Conifer
- Autonomous republic in NW Russia
- Wife of Muhammed
- British Air Aces
- Ears or ear-like appendages
- Not caps
- Deep-bodied sea dweller
- Rural delivery
- Feeling
- Study of relations of organisms to one another
- Room to argue
- Question

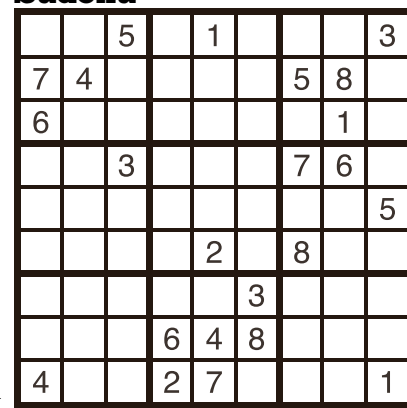


- "Westworld" actor Harris
- Smallest interval in Western music
- Unstressed central vowel
- Lives in
- When you expect to get somewhere
- Storage bags
- One who covers with plastic
- Cast out
- Automobile
- Repaired shoe
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Possesses
- Soda
- Programs
- In an unexpected way
- A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- For each
- Unbelief
- Seized or impaled
- Arrive on the scene
- Especially happy
- Classic western film
- Split pulses
- Frida ___ Painter
- Start again
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Young women's association
- Frozen water
- "The First State"
- Computers need one

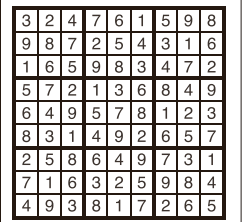
Nov. 7 Solution



Sudoku



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Sports

Varsity mountain bikers hit Norbrook Farm's trails for regional league championship

By Alec Linden

COLEBROOK — Sportsmanship was on display at the finish line of the Housatonic Mountain Bike League's (HMBL) culminating race of the season on Nov. 6.

"I've never seen a more collaborative, congenial group in 20 years of coaching many sports" said Salisbury School Assistant Coach Ian Johnson in a brief speech before announcing the season's winners.

"These guys are just having fun, that's the emphasis," said Kent School Head Coach Curtis Scofield. "It's the best kind of competition."

More than 80 riders from eight regional schools convened at Norbrook Farm Brewery's esteemed trails system on a warm and blustery Wednesday afternoon for the race, which snaked through varied topography in the forest behind the brewery. Out of four competition categories, category 1 holds the highest opportunity for points, and thus presents the most grueling course: three laps around a 3.3 mile loop that encompasses jumps, steep berms, and tough uphill climbs. The other categories follow variously abridged



circuits, though none escape the challenges of pedaling through unpredictable and exhausting terrain.

"It's one of the best networks in Connecticut — even New England," Johnson said of the brewery's extensive system. "It provides everything you could possibly imagine" for a cross-country mountain biking course, Scofield said, noting that it caters to "a nice cross-section" of abilities and strengths.

The Hotchkiss School, Kent School, Salisbury School, Indian Mountain School, Berkshire School, South Kent School, Trinity

Pawling School and Rumsey Hall School all provided energetic teams for the day's contest. Most participating institutions had hosted a race during the regular season, with the final occurring on neutral territory.

Despite the camaraderie and genial atmosphere, it was a competition, and there had to be winners. After a 54-minute ride, the top three competitors all finished within a minute of each other. Hotchkiss sophomore Thatcher Meili beat out Kent School senior Shaun Neary by about 20 seconds, while Cyrus Taber, a Berkshire se-

nior, finished closely behind in the bronze position.

True to Johnson's appraisal of the athletes, riders who finished stuck around and enthusiastically cheered on other competitors who crossed the finish line well after the podium spots had been claimed.

Neary won the overall individual title in Category 1 for the season after ending up second last year. Neary was humble about his achievement, quick to comment on the skill of his competitors, claiming that Hotchkiss rider Asher Frankel, last year's victor, might have taken it if

Housatonic Mountain Bike League's 2024 championship meet featured more than 80 competitors from The Hotchkiss School, Kent School, Salisbury School, Indian Mountain School, Berkshire School, South Kent School, Trinity Pawling School and Rumsey Hall School. In the end, Hotchkiss earned its third consecutive team victory in the league.



PHOTOS BY ALEC LINDEN

he weren't sidelined by injury. Neary was proud of his performance during his final year with the team, though: "I was consistent — I was second in every race," he said.

Meili finished second in the overall individual standings, with Taber taking the third spot. Each rider was satisfied with the day's conditions, comparing the unseasonable warmth to last year's race day which was plagued by flurries and frigid temperatures. "Last year I wore my ski gloves," Taber said.

Hotchkiss took first in the team rankings for the third

year in a row, despite having lost their top athlete halfway through the season.

Awards were doled out in the other categories as well. The trophies themselves were a stylish design, consisting of a bike gear mounted on a sleek wooden frame, which recipients proudly toted while a crowd of riders, parents and coaches cheered on.

The ceremony concluded under the darkening sky, and the riders wheeled and drifted back to their team buses in the carefree, contented manner that follows the end of a good season.

Bearcats advance to postseason tournaments

By Copey Rollins

LAKEVILLE — The Hotchkiss School is represented in New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) tournaments in three sports this fall.

Hotchkiss hosted the Division I NEPSAC cross country meet Saturday, Nov. 9. The team placed seventh among competing schools and Cooper Grace placed 15th individually.

Hotchkiss varsity field hockey finished the regular season with a record of 11-2 and qualified for the NEPSAC Class A tournament. The team ended the regular season with an overtime 3-2 win over arch-rival Taft School Nov. 9, which helped

earn Hotchkiss the number two seed in the upcoming tournament.

Hotchkiss field hockey got matched against seven-seed Loomis Chaffee in the opening round Wednesday, Nov. 13. Last year, the team lost in the Class A quarterfinal game to Noble and Greenough.

Hotchkiss varsity volleyball qualified for the NEPSAC Class A tournament for the first time in more than 10 years after handily beating Taft in straight sets Nov. 9.

The volleyball team ended the regular season with a record of 12-7, earning the number eight seed. Round one was set for Nov. 13 against King School, the number one seed, hosted at King School in Stamford.



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Hotchkiss varsity field hockey begins postseason play at home Nov. 13.

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