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The Cornwall-based Housatonic Valley Association has named Timothy B. Abbott as its new executive director. He succeeds Lynn Werner, who retired on July 1.

Abbott tapped as HVA's new executive director

By Debra A. Aleksinas

CORNWALL — Following a six-month national search, the Board of Directors of the Housatonic Valley Association has selected Timothy B. Abbott, a well-known conservation leader in the region, as its new executive director.

Abbott, 57, succeeds Lynn Werner, who retired on July 1 after 42 years with the Cornwall Bridge-based organization and 30 years as its executive director.

Abbott, who has been a resident of North Canaan since 2002, has focused on conservation leadership for 27 years in western Connecticut and eastern New York, with national and regional nonprofits, including 17 years at HVA, where he most recently served as conservation director.

James H. Maloney, search committee chair and president of the HVA board of directors, said Abbott was selected from a field of about 60 applicants from all over New England and one from the West Coast.

"We actually narrowed the field down to Tim and one other. Tim became the clear choice when it became clear that no one had a stronger background," said Maloney. He noted that the process of utilizing a formal search committee "was done deliberately, looking at the highest standards."

The committee, he said, narrowed candidates down to a dozen, and from that, five were selected for interviews, then the field was narrowed down to two, Abbott and one other. "The board really did think over this decision very carefully," Maloney explained. "We are convinced that Tim is the strongest candidate and the best candidate for us."

The HVA Board of Directors, said Maloney, is highly confident that Tim will make a "dramatic and substantial contribution" to the wellbeing of the tri-state Housatonic River Watershed as HVA's new leader.

"It is going to be an exciting time working with Tim and making, we hope, very significant progress. He has huge experience in environmental conservation and in the work that an organiza-

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Affordable housing bill veto draws mixed reaction in Northwest Corner

By Alec Linden

On June 23, Governor Ned Lamont (D) vetoed a contentious bill that would have significantly altered state policy on affordable housing; responses from local municipal leadership and housing advocates have run the gamut from gratified to frustrated.

"I'm disappointed by the result and I'm just disappointed by the process," said State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), positing that Lamont's decision was influenced by naysayers who refused to find mid-

dle ground.

"Middle ground isn't a glade in the forest that you suddenly come across," she said. "Middle ground is something that you work at energetically."

The bill in question was one of the most high-profile bills to be passed during the recently closed session, with the CT Mirror describing it as "the most significant piece of housing legislation to cross [Lamont's] desk since he became governor in 2019."

After being passed in early June, the bill was left in limbo for weeks

as Lamont weighed outcry from a contingent of municipal leaders, reportedly particularly in Fairfield County, who claimed it would strip autonomy from town governments and interfere with zoning discretion.

Known as House Bill 5002, the omnibus proposed law called for a number of policy reforms regarding affordable housing, among which were the "fair share" housing and "Work, Live, Ride" models which saw large-scale pushback from

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Lindenmayer to step down at end of first term in Kent's top post

By Jules Williams

KENT — First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer has decided to step down from the position after completing one term.

Nearing two years in office, he sat down to decide whether or not he wished to stay. He factored in the progress he had made, along with the time requirements of the job, describing his busy days at the office and meetings going until 10 p.m. some nights. He thought the town would continue to progress without him, describing, "I think that rock is rolling a little bit downhill, and people would jump on it and make it their own."

In an interview Wednesday, July 2, Lindenmayer cited the amount of

time necessary to fulfill the town's top position as his reason for not running for a second term, despite positive reception. In particular, he mentioned his desire to be more present for his family, especially his young grandson.

Elected as an unaffiliated candidate in 2023, Lindenmayer focused much of his attention on cultivating communication and transparency between the municipal government and the townspeople, all while he worked to create more affordable housing and propel economic development after Covid.

Lindenmayer touched many aspects of the town during his two-year term. In particular, he was

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN
Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer will vacate the office in Town Hall following the upcoming November election.

Freedom rings at Eric Sloane

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — For author and artist Eric Sloane, fireworks on the Fourth of July were reminders of noise and war, while bells were a symbol of peace and independence. So it is only fitting that at that time each year, the bell peals throughout the day at the Eric Sloane Museum.

On Saturday, July 5, the tradition of allowing guests to ring the bell atop the museum building continued. Curator and site manager Andrew Rowand, while showing the exhibit relating to Sloane and bells, explained Sloane had a fascination with early America and the fact that bells rang out in the city of Philadelphia when the Declaration



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN
George Crawford of New York City rings the bell at the Eric Sloane Museum Saturday in recognition of the Fourth of July.



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Online This Week

North Canaan selectmen meet

At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen Monday, July 7, the issues of electing versus hiring the town clerk, treasurer and tax collector were added to the ballot for the upcoming November election. 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.

Trailer detachment

On the afternoon of June 28, Gary Schoonmaker, 61, of Sheffield, Massachusetts was hauling a trailer behind a Ford 150 down Old Turnpike Road North in East Canaan when the trailer detached, colliding with a utility pole. Schoonmaker was found at fault, and was issued a written warning for operating with an unsecured load.

Disorderly conduct and restraint arrest

On June 29, Brian McDermott, 53, of Sandisfield, Massachusetts, was arrested on an active warrant for an incident dating to the late evening of June 4 on Joray Road in Sharon. McDermott was processed for disorderly conduct and unlawful restraint in the second degree, and was released on a \$2,000 cash bond. He was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on June 30.

Trespassing Arrest

On July 1, Steven Knox, 49, of Norfolk was arrested on first degree trespassing charges for an incident that occurred on June 21 at a Grant Street residence in Norfolk. Investigation yielded that no threats were made, although Knox had entered the residence without permission. Knox was released on a \$1,500 surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 15.

Vehicle scratched and dented at Town Grove

Between noon and approximately 2 p.m. on July 3, Samantha Zappia, 37, of Amenia had parked her 2019 Chrysler Pacifica in the Lakeville Town Grove parking lot, where it was scratched and dented by an unidentified party. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trooper Begley #868 at the Troop B barracks at Kathleen.Begley@ct.gov or Troop B Routine Line (860) 626-1820.

Thunderstorm crash

Late in the afternoon on July 3, Steve Zacarias, 23, of

Torrington lost control of his Honda Civic EX on Route 272 in Norfolk during heavy rain and hail. The vehicle slid from the roadway and collided with a utility pole, causing damage to both the pole and car. Zacarias was uninjured in the accident, but was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for conditions.

Domestic disturbance arrest

On the evening of July 3, Troopers were dispatched to a High Street residence in North Canaan on the report of a verbal altercation between a boyfriend and girlfriend. Upon investigation, troopers determined that Sarah Rakowski, 35, of Prospect, Connecticut, was the primary aggressor in the dispute and was transported to Troop B. Rakowski was charged for disorderly conduct and was released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond. She was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 7.

Patient steals car from hospital parking lot

At about 1:30 a.m. on July 6, Sharon Hospital phoned Troop B to report a missing patient who had left the hospital. Just after 3 a.m., another report notified troopers of a 2020 Red Chevrolet Silverado that had disappeared from the hospital's parking lot. It was later determined that the patient, Chace Jones, 25, of Kent, had taken the car and drove it to the Cumberland Farms gas station in Amenia where he abandoned it, subsequently finding other means of travel back to the High Watch Recovery Center in Kent where he was located by troopers. He was processed for larceny of a motor vehicle, and was unable to post a \$5,000 cash bond, after which he was transferred to New Haven Correctional Facility. He was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 7.

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Salisbury Democrats set caucus date July 15

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Democratic Town Committee caucus will occur next Tuesday, July 15, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The meeting will determine nominees for the municipal election in November 2025.

Registered Democrats of Salisbury are welcome to attend to endorse candidates and transact other business as may be proper to come before the caucus.

The caucus will be held in Town Hall located at 27 Main St. in Salisbury.

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Falls Village welcomes new eatery

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Just in time for the regular monthly "First Saturdays in Falls Village" event, the Off the Trail Cafe had a soft opening Saturday, July 5.

Proprietor Liz Ives was scooting back and forth between the serving area and the kitchen at around 10:30 a.m., as three or four groups of customers sat at tables inside and out and another knot of half a dozen people waited to place their orders.

Ives said the cafe is offering a limited menu for the moment, with more to come.

There were four other employees besides Ives working.

There is also a notebook in which Appalachian Trail hikers can log in with trail names such as Moxie, Frogger, Candyman and Leafy, who all visited recently.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Guests line up for food and drink at the Off the Trail Cafe soft opening Saturday, July 5.

The cafe is in the town-owned 107 Main St. building, sharing the ground floor with Furnace: Art on paper and the building with the Senior Center upstairs.

Dept. of Administrative Services inherits Torrington Transfer Station

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Effective July 1, Connecticut Department of Administrative Services became the entity overseeing municipal waste service agreements in the Northwest Corner.

The shift occurred after the MIRA Dissolution Authority Board of Directors was unable to reach a consensus on what to do with the Torrington Transfer Station prior to June 30. The two apparent choices were to sell the facility to USA Waste & Recycling for \$3.25 million, or to convey the property and permit to the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority, founded by the City of Torrington.

MIRA-DA had previously, at different times, accepted both proposals.

An agreement was reached in February 2025 for a regional waste authority to take over the Transfer Station. Most Northwest Corner towns expressed interest in joining. The City of Torrington worked with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments to establish the NRRA, holding a public hearing May 19 and concluding the process in early June.

USA Waste & Recycling's purchase offer was conditionally accepted May 14, days before the NRRA could be established. Before the sale went through, the state intervened by passing an amendment to the Intervenor Bill (HB 7287) requiring the Torrington Transfer Station operating permit be transferred to the public authority.

MIRA-DA's June meeting centered around how to proceed. The vast majority of discussion took place in executive session, which was recessed and reconvened over several days.

On June 26, Chairman Bert Hunter said, "After considerable deliberations, there is not sufficient support to pursue either the sale to a private party as proposed by USA Waste, a private op-



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

USA Waste & Recycling, based in Winsted, is seeking to purchase the Torrington Transfer Station for a price of \$3.25 million.

tion, or the public option as proposed by Northwest Hills COG plus the City of Torrington. So, since we cannot support either path, the contracts associated with the

Torrington Transfer Station and the transfer station property will by law transfer to the Department of Administrative Services."

The law cited here is

the Solid Waste Management Services Act - Section 22a-284e, passed in 2024, which names DAS as the successor to MIRA-DA effective July 1, 2025.

MIRA-DA went on to make a motion formally recommending DAS "competitively bid the sale of the Torrington Transfer Station land and operations by September 30th, 2025, or at their earliest practicable opportunity."

Towns in the Northwest Corner continue to mull the option of joining NRRA. Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway explained a town ordinance must be passed to secure membership.

"It's still a ways away, but that's where things are going," Ridgway said at a selectmen's meeting July 1.

As of early July, Torrington remained the sole municipal member of the Authority. Northwest Hills COG staff encouraged interested towns to "start the process" of joining the NRRA.

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Restored antique house on 0.98 acres built in 1730 at 3 Dunbar Road sold for \$1,175,000,

Sharon real estate transactions

By Christine Bates

SHARON — The Sharon town clerk recorded six property transfers in May and June.

Transactions

12 White Hollow Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 40.12 acres sold by Peter R. Palmer to William Betts for \$1,200,000 recorded on May 8.

5 Surdan Mountain Road — 3.77 acres sold by Ann Adele Prindle to Michelle Deblois-Purdy for \$41,240 recorded on May 21.

3 Dunbar Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold by Dana Jennings Rohn and Frederick W. Rohn to Michael Riebling and Stephen Czeck for \$1,175,000 recorded on June 9.

West Cornwall Road — 1.06 acres of vacant land with outbuildings sold by Kim Preston Dube to Pame-

la Helen Jarvis for \$100,000 recorded on June 20.

165 East Street — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath brick house on 9.3 acres sold by Robert A. and Ellen M. Calinoff to Todd Sharinn and Kerry Santantonio for \$925,000 recorded on June 24.

106 Jackson Road — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 1.9 acres sold by Linda D. Wenkert to Diane B. Mattes for \$595,000 recorded on June 24.

* Town of Sharon real estate transfers recorded as transferred/sold between May 1 and June 30, 2025, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Cream Hill Lake is safe to swim

By Mia DiRocco and Riley Klein

CORNWALL — After an incident regarding raised levels of E. coli, Cream Hill Lake in Cornwall has been deemed safe to swim.

In June, water testing revealed slightly elevated levels of E. coli bacteria in the waters of the Cream Hill Lake Association and Hammond Beach.

Swimmers in the lake were advised to refrain from submerging their heads in the water, ingesting water and to shower promptly after swimming.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the situation at a regular meeting July 1. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said the heavy rains that fell in the spring were likely the cause of the E. coli spike.

Ridgway said the bacteria is found "on the forest floor, it moves around." Rain likely caused excessive run off, he said, "It's definitely important to monitor."

Selectman Rocco Botto said the tests that caused the scare showed relatively elevated levels, but did not enter the danger zone.

"A concentration less or equal to 235 per 100 milliliters is considered satisfactory and those first tests were at like 75 and 31," said Botto. "It puts us well within the threshold of safe swimming."

Since this initial tests,



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Lifeguard Melody Matsudaira keeps a watchful eye on Cream Hill Lake swimmers.

Torrington Area Health District has stated the levels have decreased.

"We do have a little sign out as far as what the recommendations are about keeping your head out of the water," said Ridgway. "Don't be drinking a lot of the water... It is a pond."

Position changes

At the July 1 meeting, the selectmen accepted a series of position changes.

Selectman Jennifer Markow will be stepping down as

director of Parks and Recreation. She served in the role for about 10 years and will resign after the completion of summer events in town.

She will continue to serve on the commission as an alternate.

"I had a great time working with the Parks and Rec," said Markow. "I had an awesome commission over the years."

The search for a new director is underway.

Spencer Mussulman be-

gan his role as the new Zoning Enforcement Officer. His officer hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and by appointment on Friday.

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs was appointed by the selectmen to become the new tax collector. She also works as tax collector in Falls Village and Goshen and will assume the job in Cornwall at the end of outgoing Tax Collector Jean Bouteiller's current term in November.

Club Getaway owner addresses longstanding tour bus issue

By Alec Linden

KENT/NEW MILFORD — A years-long push by South Kent Road residents to ban Club Getaway-bound tour buses from the winding country road is finally seeing headway, and David Schreiber, who owns the all-ages resort, is thrilled.

"It's not going to happen overnight, and we do have to work together, but it's moving in the right direction, which is beautiful," said Schreiber on July 3, a week and a half after the New Milford Town Council agreed to work with the town of Kent towards effective regulation for large commercial vehicles on the roadway.

Schreiber said he's heard complaints from neighbors for fifteen years regarding buses shortcutting down the narrow lane and has tried "everything" to get the bus companies to reroute via larger roads, but his lack of jurisdiction outside the resort's boundaries, as well

as the fact that the affected road lies in two separate towns (with the state owning the Kent section), has made things difficult.

Club Getaway is a woodsy retreat center that offers youth programs, family stays and adult camps. It sits on South Kent Road just below its intersection with Route 341.

Buses coming from the south often choose South Kent Road for the final stretch of the journey, despite a recent adjustment to Google Maps – requested by Club Getaway – so that it no longer recommends the stretch of the road between Gaylordsville and Spooner Hill Road in Kent as a route.

Schreiber said that he was "touched" that Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer turned up to the June 23 New Milford Town Council meeting to commit to finding a solution that keeps buses off that section of the road, where residents have complained about tight or impos-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Club Getaway is located in New Milford, but arriving tour buses often enter through Kent.

sible vehicle passes and scary moments walking the dog.

Schreiber said the recent progress has been largely due to a May 30 Facebook

post in the Kent community group by South Kent Road resident Kristin Barese, who initiated communication between Lindenmayer and New

Milford Mayor Pete Bass and presented the Town Council with a 145-signature petition calling for action, and one of his employees getting yelled at the Kent Station Pharmacy.

On June 26, Lindenmayer explained steps were already being taken towards that end: "Mayor Bass and I will work with our legislators to ensure we get the right routes marked appropriately while our two Public Works departments will work with CTDOT to mark roads and keep our local residents safe and the buses on track."

"Shouting at one of my employees in public, especially, when they are not on the clock, is disgraceful," Schreiber said in his own post in the Kent group, dated June 10. He also noted the employee, like anyone else working at the resort, had nothing to do with what routes the bus companies decided to take.

Reflecting on July 23, he described the incident as a boiling point due to "built up frustration," but that the behavior was still unacceptable. "I want this to work, and I'll do anything to make it happen, right?" he said, "but really, there's a time and a place, you know — call me."

Despite the ugliness, Schreiber said that he's glad the issue "is all out in the open now," and that progress is being made.

When all this is over, he hopes both the bus drivers and passengers alike will be glad to avoid the country-lane pace of South Kent Road. "It's gonna be great for the community, it's gonna be great for Club Getaway, and it's gonna be great for Club Getaway clients," he said. "It says on a GPS it's four minutes shorter going down South Kent Road, until a bus actually gets on South Kent Road, and it's ten minutes longer."

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Author Peter Vermilyea teaches history at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Examining the role of women in the Civil War

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — The heroes of the Civil War were not found just on the battlefields, but on the home fronts as well. And many of those helping in the Union cause can be traced to the local area.

In his talk titled “All Honor to the Ladies: Litchfield County Women and the Civil War,” Peter Vermilyea described the role women played during that period.

“It’s a local story, but also a national story,” he told those gathered at the South Canaan Meetinghouse for the second installment of the “First Tuesdays at 7” series put on by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

Vermilyea is a familiar figure in the Northwest Corner, heading up the social studies department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, as well as an author and speaker on local history.

Using three old newspapers as major sources, the Housatonic Republican, Litchfield Enquirer and Winsted Herald, he was able to glean a great deal of information on the topic. Since there was a long tradition of women in Litchfield County being activists back to the Revolutionary War, it followed that ladies aid societies would become popular. “They give us a glimpse of how they exercised agency and expressed their own beliefs,” he said.

In the 1830s, many traditional responsibilities were replaced by machinery, so women were looking for something else besides their “moral obligation” to raise children. The war provided a purpose for women to get together. The aid societies took root in Bridgeport, primarily filled with well-to-do wom-

en. But they grew to more than 20,000 chapters across the north and saw expanded memberships.

Vermilyea elicited laughter when he said at first, “The primary purpose for women was to ‘remain cheerful.’”

When it was discovered women were very capable in several areas, such as recruitment of soldiers, they were tapped to perform certain duties. But as Vermilyea emphasized throughout the talk, they were welcomed “as long as they remained in the women’s sphere and didn’t try to do the work of men or else they were pushed back.” Handling money was not something with which women were entrusted.

Hartford became the clearinghouse for the societies, from where information was disseminated about what the troops needed. For example, the women of Norfolk made flannel shirts for soldiers in Missouri. A large number of items were collected from Bethlehem, where a huge rally to protest the war was held and a slogan saying, “Let it no longer be said Bethlehem is a secession town,” was displayed. The women of Kent knitted socks designed with tiny images of Jefferson Davis with a noose around his neck.

Vermilyea spoke about calls going out across the nation for lint, but it couldn’t be that from cotton because the fabric contained acid. Only lint from linen was usable for making bandages. He shared the long list of items that the women gathered and sent to the troops.

The talents displayed by the ladies aid societies can be traced to the start of several women’s movements, such as suffrage and temperance, Vermilyea said.

Wakesurfing vote in Kent goes to end-of-month referendum

By Alec Linden

KENT — At its July 2 meeting, the Board of Selectmen changed the voting format for the proposed Lake Waramaug wakesurfing ban from town meeting to a referendum, which is to be held July 31.

The switch comes after an unexpectedly robust turnout forced the postponement of a June 27 town meeting where the contentious ordinance was set to be voted on alongside three fire safety related ordinances that have received considerably less public attention. At the July 2 meeting, First Selectman

Marty Lindenmayer told the Board that he felt conducting the vote as a referendum, separately from the other ordinances, was the best way to accommodate all the voters. The Board enthusiastically agreed.

Over three motions, the BOS rescheduled the town meeting for July 11, removed the wakesurfing vote from that agenda and set the vote to go a July 31 referendum. An additional motion established the wording of the referendum so that Warren and Washington may be consistent in their own referendums.

Lindenmayer explained



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN
Lake Waramaug is situated on the borders of Kent, Warren and Washington

that one utility of the July 31 referendum route is that it enables the other towns, who also have to approve the ordinance in order for it to be adopted, to conduct their own votes on the same

day. Lindenmayer reported that he had spent several hours earlier that day with the town’s attorney Randy DiBella and the Warren and Washington first selectmen devising the solution. “That’s what we thought is fair; it brings all three towns together,” he said.

Selectman Glenn Sanchez thanked Lindenmayer for coordinating with Washington and Warren in devising the referendum plan. “I think that’s very important.”

As the three towns govern the lake jointly, any ordinance regulating lake activity must be approved by each voting bloc.

The referendum will allow for absentee voting, explained Lindenmayer. Absentee ballots will become available to residents to pick up beginning July 14.

Salisbury marks Fourth of July

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Salisbury Association hosted the traditional Independence Day celebration at the town Grove Friday, July 4, with a reading of the Declaration of Independence and a concert by the Salisbury Band.

The official start of the program was noon. At 11 a.m., the Grove’s lot was mostly full, and it was already difficult to find a parking space on the immediately adjacent streets.

Grove manager Stacey Dodge was manning the ticket booth. She said she was glad the day was cooler than the previous few days, all scorchers.

“My seniors won’t come out if it’s really hot,” she said.

A group of children — Hal and May Brzyski, and Frankie and Kolby Chou — were selling lemonade at a dollar a cup.

Asked if they used a mix or concentrate, the lemonade experts recoiled in horror. Hal Bryzski explained patiently that the lemonade was made from lemons the children squeezed themselves, plus sugar and water.

This is the sixth year for the lemonade experts, but the first year at the July 4 event. They usually sell the lemonade to the hot and thirsty users of the tennis courts at Community Field in Lakeville.

The proceeds go to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

EXTRAS, the afterschool and summer program at Salisbury Central School,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Lou Bucci, dressed as Heman Allen, recited the Declaration of Independence at the Salisbury Town Grove in honor of Independence Day, Friday, July 4.

had hot dogs, chips, soda and water for sale. Business was brisk.

After brief remarks by Salisbury Association Cynthia Walsh, there was a drum roll and Heman Allen (as played by Lou Bucci in period costume) made his way through the crowd to the small riser in front of the band.

He then read the entire Declaration of Independence, which took about 11 minutes.

Upon completion, the band played the national anthem, and as far as the eye could see were citizens standing with hands and/or hats over their hearts.

The band conducted by Brian Viets, then commenced the program, starting with Alex Lithgow’s “Invercargill Match.”

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The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 10:00am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Installation of a Historic Barn at 84 Main Street, Salisbury, CT, 06068. This Public Hearing will be a Remote Meeting with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk’s office: www.salisburyct.us.

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As soon as the tax becomes delinquent, it shall be subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month from July 1, 2025 until the same is paid.

Bills may be viewed and paid online by going to the Tax Collector’s page on the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentct.gov.

The Tax Collector’s office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The office will also be open Friday August 1, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There is a red drop box next to the front door of the Town Hall for payments.

Payments are also welcome through the mail at P. O. Box 311, Kent, Connecticut 06757.

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Legal Notice

The Cornwall Republican Party will be holding its upcoming caucus on July 18th 2025 to elect candidates for the upcoming November municipal elections at the Cornwall library, 30 pine st, Cornwall, CT at 7:00 pm.

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Legal Notice

The Cornwall Democratic Party will hold a Caucus to nominate candidates for the November 4, 2025, Municipal Election at 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at the Cornwall Library, 30 Pine Street, Cornwall. All voters registered as Democrats in the Town of Cornwall are eligible to vote.

07-10-25

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF KENT**

The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax for the Grand List of 2024 is due and payable July 1, 2025. The first installment of the Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax for the Grand List of 2024 will become delinquent on Monday, August 4, 2025.

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Spongy moths subside after recent epidemic

By Charlie Greenberg
The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The spongy moth epidemic of eastern Dutchess and Columbia Counties and northwestern Connecticut appears to be receding after more than three years of infestation, based on forecasting work and early-summer land surveys undertaken at Millbrook's Cary Institute.

The spongy moth epidemic has marked widespread defoliation, affecting trees particularly in the area of the New York–Connecticut border.

The current epidemic appeared in Dutchess and Columbia Counties and in Connecticut's Northwest Corner in 2021 as a result of various regional ecological factors, combined with the spongy moths' ability for rapid proliferation.

"The white-footed mouse, which preys on spongy moth [egg masses], is usually enough to keep the population under control," said Clive Jones, a terrestrial ecologist at Cary. "If the mouse population collapses, as it did, then the spongy moth population can escape."

Populations of parasitic wasps and flies, which bring the population down to normal levels, can take a few years to grow enough to curb the spongy moth. During this time, when the moths have few significant predators, their population grows unchecked and they rapidly defoliate trees.

This year's wet spring contributed to the counter-epidemic of both a virus and a fungus antagonistic to spongy moth larvae.

The Cary Institute, in its 2025 forecast of the spongy moth's prevalence, estimated the outbreak would abate during the summer, leading

to a negligible population of spongy moths in previously-affected areas. "We see the population collapse due to the fungus and the virus and due to the other natural enemies' population growing because of the moth's rise," Jones said.

Given the passage of an appropriate period of time for natural mechanisms to control the moth population, "we knew at Cary that there was a very low probability of much defoliation by the spongy moth [in previously-affected areas] this year," Jones said.

Jones and his colleagues at Cary compiled their forecast of the danger the spongy moth would pose to trees this summer through the collection of data at the Cary Institute's own 1,924-acre arboretum, the observation of satellite imagery and through samples taken around the Hudson Valley and into Connecticut's Northwest Corner.

Defoliation rarely kills trees directly, even if it occurs for years in a row. But defoliation in conjunction with other harmful factors does kill trees. "Many of the trees out there are fine... but quite a lot have succumbed due to the drought in 2022 and then defoliation in '23 and '24," Jones said.

"Spongy moth flare-ups are not cyclical in the sense that they are regularly spaced," Jones said. "You can fit a periodicity to spongy moth outbreaks which shows that they occur about every 10 years, but it's no more than a very rough guideline and can be completely wrong." Before the 2021 epidemic, the last spongy moth infestation occurred in Millbrook nearly

30 years prior, limiting the statistical measures which can be taken to forecast a future spongy moth epidemic.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

'No Kings' protest

About 100 individuals gathered in Salisbury Sunday, July 6, to protest the presidential administration.

Corrections

The July 3 article for the town meeting in Kent should have indicated that First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer approached New Preston resident John Armster to speak, not the other way around.

Regarding the spring dining guide, the correct phone number for Goshen Pizza is 860-491-2121.

Old Railroad Days will take place Aug. 7 to 10 in North Canaan, beginning one day earlier than was reported July 3.

OBITUARIES

Michael Kashgarian

as an Emeritus Professor in 2008.

Mike was a world-renowned, dedicated and prolific academic and clinician in the field of Renal Pathology, he was the founder of Yale's Diagnostic Renal Pathology and Electron Microscopy Laboratory and also served as Chief Pathologist at Yale New Haven Hospital. His research advanced the understanding of the cell biology of kidney function, from the role of ion transporters to the mechanisms of acute and chronic kidney disease. He published a vast body of pioneering collaborative scientific work in renal physiology and cellular and molecular biology, including the Diagnostic Atlas of Renal Pathology, currently in its 4th edition. Among numerous awards and honors, he was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and recognized by Osaka City University, the Postgraduate Medical Institute of Saint Petersburg, and was a recipient of both the Jacob Churg Distinguished Achievement Award and Robert Heptinstall Lifetime Achievement Award from the Renal Pathology Society where he also served a term as President.

Mike touched the lives of countless students and colleagues throughout his career at Yale and as a visiting professor at over 50 universities throughout the world. Active in the Yale community, he served as the Resident Faculty Head at Harkness Hall, a Fellow at Jonathan Edwards College, Editor in Chief of Yale Medicine, secretary of the Board of Governors of Association of Yale Alumni and was recognized with Distinguished Service Award of Association of Yale Alumni in Medicine.

A lifelong learner with a sharp mind and a kind heart,

he found joy in nature, music, and family. Introduced to fly fishing by his father-in-law, Harry Caldwell, he spent countless treasured hours on rivers and streams across North America. He was a longtime member of the Potatuck Club in Sandy Hook, the Walton Fishing Club in Cornwall, and the Tobique Salmon Club in Matapedia, Quebec.

He supported many charitable organizations and served on the boards of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.


But his greatest joy and pride was always his family. He was married for 60 years to Jean Gaylor Caldwell, who passed away in 2019. He is survived by his two daughters and their spouses, Michael Kashgarian and Mark Rose, and Thea Kashgarian Obstler and David Obstler; and by his four grandchil-

dren, Alison Gaylor Obstler, Eugenia Coley Rose, Andrew Caldwell Obstler, and Harry Caldwell Rose. He also cherished his extended family, especially his many nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered not only for his intellectual brilliance and professional legacy, but for his warmth, humility, generous spirit, and sense of humor. It was in his family, in the quiet of nature, and in the pursuit of knowledge that he was truly happiest.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Michael and Jean Caldwell Kashgarian Scholarship Fund at the Yale School of Medicine. Checks can be made payable to Yale University and mailed to: P.O. Box 7611, New Haven, CT 06519-0611 Please note "Michael and Jean Caldwell Kashgarian Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

A memorial will be held in the fall. Arrangements are with the Hawley Lincoln Memorial, New Haven.



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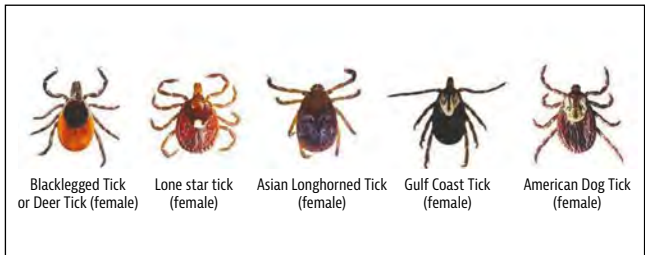


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Invasive species, infectious diseases and some new ticks in Litchfield County

When we hear ‘invasive species’ around here we think of Oriental Bittersweet strangling trees, Japanese Knotweed clogging riverbanks, Purple Loosestrife choking wetlands, and Emerald ash borer beetle decimating our ash trees. These are threats to our environment that are visible from almost every road, path or hiking trail across the northwest corner of Connecticut. These are introduced species that adapted to our local climate, out-competed our native flora and fauna, and occupied the ecological niche formerly home to local native species.

What is invisible from your car window as you pass across the region is another invasion, one with big health consequences. It is an invasion of infectious disease driven by arthropods that act as disease vectors arriving in our county from elsewhere. Some of the most closely watched arrivals are the new tick vectors that have spread to southern Connecticut in the last couple of years. Most of us are familiar with the black-legged deer tick which has been in Connecticut for millennia and transmits Lyme Disease, Anaplasma, Babesia and Powassan Virus in mice, birds, deer and humans. What few realize is that there are three new tick species that have arrived in the state enabled by the rising global temperatures, movement of host species carrying tick passengers, and human disruption of habitat allowing the new arrivals to become established.

Lone Star Tick, Gulf Coast Tick and Asian Longhorned Tick have all been detected as breeding populations in the southeastern part of Connecticut and if the black-legged tick’s rapid move north into Canada over the last 20 years is a guide, these new ticks can be expected to move northwards at 15-40 miles per year. They transmit a whole new selection of protozoa, bacteria and viruses: *Rickettsia parkeri*, Heartland Virus, Dabie Bandavirus, Tularemia, Southern Tick Associated Rash Illness, Bourbon Virus, Relapsing Fevers, Tick Borne Encephalitis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever to name a few. Some of these infections are often mild but some are more severe and some can be life-threatening. We are poorly prepared for these invaders with few diagnostic tests and not much in the way of treatment options, other than the fortunate efficacy of doxycycline, used widely for Lyme, against some of the new bacterial infections.

Ticks are not the only invasive arthropod vectors taking advantage of the changing climate and human-disrupted environments. Mosquitoes are also moving here. There have

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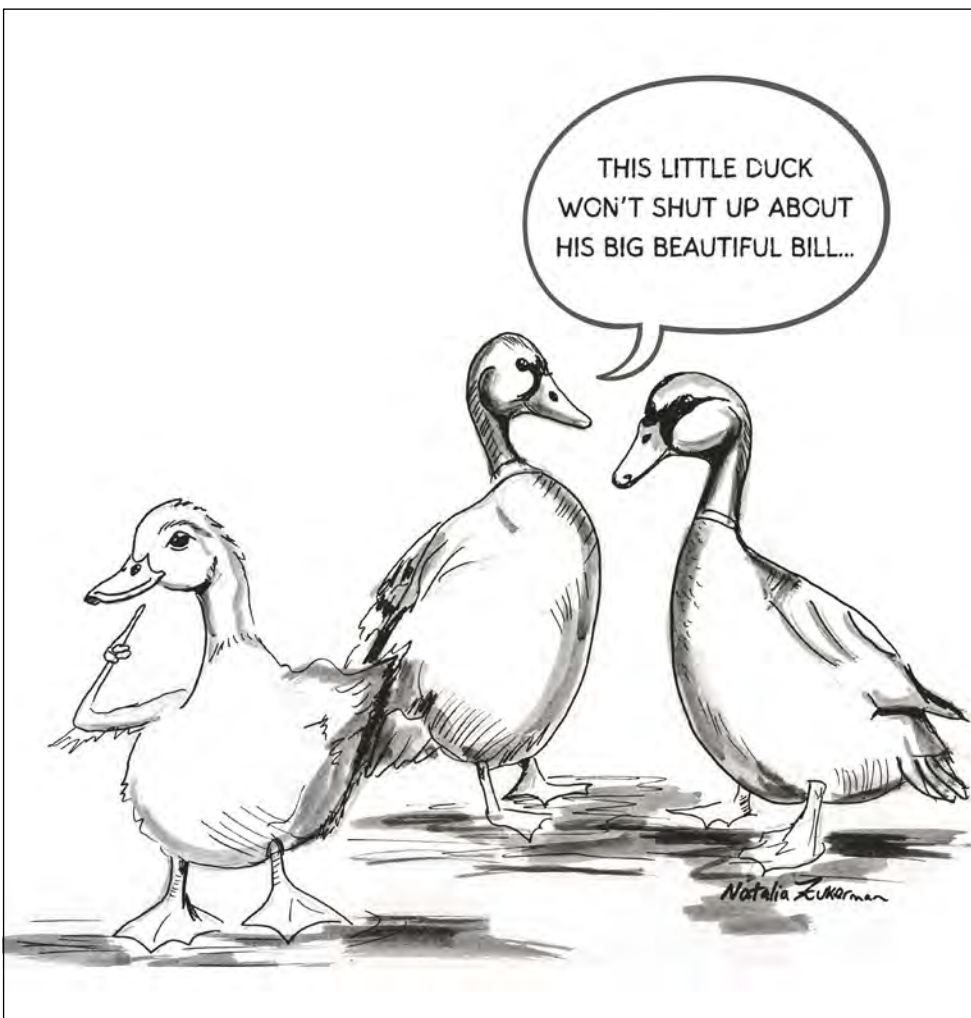
been Asian bush mosquitoes such as *Aedes japonicus* and *A. albopictus* spreading in the state for some years but the acceleration of warming will likely bring new invaders adapting to human-made habitat. The daytime human biter *Aedes aegypti* thrives in urban environments and its global spread has driven the explosion in Dengue Fever cases over the last couple of years. It is so well adapted to towns and cities that it can breed in the drops of condensation from an air conditioner. Viral infections like Yellow Fever, Dengue, Zika and Chikungunya are transmitted by *Aedes* species. Across Africa a new invasive malaria-carrying mosquito, *Anopheles stephensi*, is setting back hard won gains in malaria control. It’s another daytime biter that lives happily in towns and cities and is changing malaria from a rural infection of farms and villages to an urban plague like Dengue Fever. Could it invade here? Why not?

Global factors, mainly warming winter temperatures, are clearly driving these range expansions. To slow the spread of these invaders we need to slow the heating up of our planet by burning less fossil fuel and storing more carbon. But there are local factors too. Losses of native biodiversity due to human activity such as habitat fragmentation, intensive agriculture, and pollution open up habitat for invaders. Range expansion of new species is a natural process that happens in native ecosystems but it is reasonable to assume that an abundant and thriving mix of local species controls the expansion of newcomers through competition. We are losing these resilient ecosystems and the health consequences are unfolding as we watch.

According to Homegrown National Park [homegrown-nationalpark.org] about 80% of U.S. land is privately held. A commitment to manage our property for native biodiversity will go a long way to restoring resilient habitat that can dilute the expansion of disease-carrying invaders. Certainly new infectious diseases will arrive in Litchfield County given the planetary changes already set in motion, but the level of impact they will have is still in our hands.

James Shepherd, Section of Infectious Disease at the Yale University School of Medicine, lives on Smokedown Farm in Sharon.

Opinion



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call to stand against the ‘demise of democracy’

In the last several years, the demise of hundreds of millions of ash trees because of the invasive species, the Emerald ash borer, went virtually unchecked. Scientists warned that the insect was headed in our direction and would hollow out our trees which would ultimately die, and yet, we were nearly powerless to stop the invasion.

Not so now with the

abject cruelty, devastation, and destruction of our current administration. We can stand up against the hatred, divisiveness, greed, and lying that are their trademarks. The social safety nets, Medicaid, SNAP, and Medicare are being gutted. Seventeen million people will lose Medicaid. Twelve million will lose health coverage. The benefits we should be receiving

are instead being redirected to benefit the top 1% of the population and corporations with extended tax breaks that they, most certainly, do not need. Innocent people are being rounded up and sent to detention centers with no due process by masked government agents. The majority of the Supreme Court Justices are a party to all of this. Get involved. Write let-

ters, make phone calls, work to elect representatives who represent our best interests. Join us on the Salisbury Green every Saturday from 11 to noon, rain or shine, with your signs, your family, and your friends to stand together and protest the demise of our democracy.

Sophia deBoer
Salisbury

What could some senators be praying for?

Last week I saw a picture of some senators huddled together in prayer. What were they praying for?

The passage of the Budget Bill. Really? Assuming most of these men were Christians, they clearly have forgotten Jesus’s admonition to honor the least among us.

Some facts about this bill: “The Budget Lab at Yale University found that the top 10% of Americans will save about \$30,000 annually un-

der the bill’s tax cuts, while the top 1% will save nearly \$100,000. To fund these tax cuts, the bottom percentage of Americans will become poorer even with small tax cuts, owing to changes in Medicaid and food assistance.”

To be specific, more than a million people in CT have Medicaid. Based on the Congressional Budget Office analysis, an estimated people 120,335 people in our state

will lose Medicaid coverage and 53,091 will lose Affordable Care Act coverage in the coming years. Nationally, up to 17 million people could lose their health insurance.

Loss of Medicaid funding also means that more nursing homes, rural hospitals and community healthcare facilities may have to close.

In addition, these men were actually praying for the passage of a bill that would cut a vital food and nutritional program. Children, the disabled, etc., will go hungry here in Connecticut. Nationally, 41.7 million people would be affected by the deep cuts to the SNAP program.

Republicans have capably scheduled the benefit cuts to start on Dec. 31, 2026, after the 2026 election, hoping that people will forget to

hold Republican representatives responsible for what is coming. Where the money will go: to those tax cuts, of course, and also to building that wall, so touted in Trump’s first administration, as well as to detention centers and increasing ICE — Trump’s black-clad, masked personal force.

ICE is already moving stealthily through our streets, grabbing, not criminals but our neighbors, our fellow workers; taking away parents in front of their children, anyone without the right documentation.

Why? To meet Trump’s arbitrary numbers to deport.

This is what these men were praying for...the mind boggles.

Barbara Maltby
Lakeville

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — July 1900

The largest fire Salisbury has ever witnessed occurred on the evening of July 3rd at about 9:30 o'clock, at which time the large residence of Miss M.M. Johnson on Main Street was totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is as yet only a matter of conjecture. The alarm was rapidly spread and scores of men flocked to the scene and through the efforts of the level headed ones the greater part of the contents of the house were removed to a place of safety. The water from the one small faucet was hardly noticeable and the hose was finally abandoned and the faucet and pump were used to fill the pails of a bucket brigade. The building was valued at about \$4,000 and the insurance amounts to \$2,000. It is hard to understand why, after such examples as have occurred of late in Salisbury and this place, that property owners continue to object to some organized method of fighting fire such as forming a fire district and having an efficient fire company that will amount to something in an emergency.

Miss Nellie Ryder of Falls Village started Thursday morning for the Klondike region, there to meet and marry Ulysses Grant Myres, who has been in the gold country two years. Her mother accompanied her as far as Chicago.

The convention of dancing masters recently held at Asbury park has decided that hugging in the waltz is not proper, but the partner must be held off at arm's length, with just a light touch of the finger tips. A few more rules of a similar nature and the dancing teacher like Othello, will find his occupation gone.

Judging by the rapidity with which the nations are going to war, it is hoped that no more peace conferences will be held until the year 2000. It is the rule for pugilists to shake hands before commencing to fight and it looks as if the nations had adopted the rule on a larger scale.

Quite a number of Sharon people attended the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Ellsworth Congregational Church on Tuesday.

Baldwin Reed's son, James, who is in the Klondike region, has been very sick in a hospital in Dawson City; was so delirious that he had to be bound hand and foot to be controlled. A letter from him, dated June 1st, stated that he would soon be able to go to work again.

LAKEVILLE — A.B. Landon is now the owner of "E.J.C." having traded his large road mare for the trotter with E.J. Chaffee of South Amenia. This horse is a good one and Mr. Landon will probably start him in some of the Wells Hill races.

A jolly party composed of A.J. Morse and family, Martin Strong, Fred Seeley and wife and T.F. Dexter and family, all of Salisbury, are camping at Warner's Grove this week. Messrs. Morse and Strong's steam launch will add greatly to the enjoyment of the party.

100 years ago — July 1925

The summer issue of the telephone directory, delivery of which began this week and which is effective upon receipt by subscribers, is bound in a more substantial cover stock of dark brown, a color not hitherto used on the telephone directory. With this heavier cover stock, the directory will stand up better under the constant usage given this book. The design on the cover also is new.

Mr. W.B. Lawrence, proprietor of the Gateway has evidently acquired the hotel habit. Last week he purchased the Harlem Valley Hotel at Millerton, taking possession July 1st.

There is no use in trying to dodge the fact — all the good men are married, a fact which was fully demonstrated at last Saturday morning's base ball game between the married and single men. The benedicts rolled up seven big runs while the bachelors could not even get a single solitary score. Such old timers as Sam Whitbeck, John Bohlman, Charles Barnum, George Traver, Rev. Frank Lambert, H. Roscoe Brinton, Fred Ellis, Stanley Mather, A.E. Bauman, M.G. Fenn and George Ostrum and Del MacLain carried the banner of matrimony. The flapper chasers consisted of: John Neville, Jim Smith, Vin Stuart, "Taller Head" Hoysradt, Irwin Patchen, Gerald Bauman, "Cock Robin" Melius, Clem Bauman and Theodore Garnes. These young whipper snappers never had a chance with the old war horses, as may be seen by the score, but the young blades were gritty and stayed till the last man was down. Next year they say they are going to reverse the story.

Just for the sake of decency it is suggested that some of the young ladies wear their night gowns over their imaginary bathing suits when walking the streets after coming from the lake.

50 years ago — July 1975

Passenger trains definitely will return to Millerton, Lettie Carson, president of the Harlem Valley Transportation Association, asserted again this week. Mrs. Carson cited renewed and detailed assurances from New York State officials to support her statement.

Dr. William H. Zovickian of Sharon is a pretty happy fellow this week. His borrowed tortoise is back. Not just any old turtle, but an African Spurred Tortoise, one of only six in the United States. His benefactor, and the tortoise's, is Linda Decker, who found the reptile in the driveway of her home on Herrick Road Tuesday morning, nearly three-quarters of a mile from the Zovickian property on Ellsworth Road from which it had wandered — or escaped — last Friday, July 4. Ms. Decker, whose property adjoins the Zovickian property on the rear, heard her dog barking Monday night. Tuesday morning she found the African Spurred Tortoise in her driveway, completely unharmed. "I'm very relieved," Dr. Zovickian said, adding that he had visions of having to replace the tortoise. It was a female tortoise, borrowed for breed-

ing purposes as part of a program to determine whether the beasts will reproduce in captivity.

An estimated 600 Sharon residents turned out on a near-perfect day last Friday to attend the July 4th picnic sponsored by Sharon Heritage '76. Picnic baskets in hand, they began assembling on the Sharon Green well before the 11:30 a.m. starting time to enjoy a day of fun, games, music and socializing.

Officials in Amenia and Sharon this week continued their search for possible new town landfill sites. Owners of the present Amenia landfill have said it will close in less than three months.

The State Labor Department's quotation last week of a 16.5 unemployment rate figure for Salisbury in May has local officials puzzled. The state describes the unemployment rate in Salisbury as having risen from 14.5 in April to 16.5 in May. However First Selectman Charlotte Reid sees little real evidence of an increasing unemployment problem here. "The town picks up emergency short-term" cases of persons who are waiting to receive aid from state agencies, Mrs. Reid said. Therefore the town situation should reflect the unemployment picture accurately.

Work at Wangum Village, the Canaan housing for the elderly project, is more than half completed, according to Housing Authority Chairman Arthur Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin said Tuesday that he has now paid the contractor for 51 per cent of the work. Baldwin said that all buildings have now been erected and that most of the doors and windows are in. The plumbers and electricians are at work and sewer lines are being laid to the buildings.

25 years ago — July 2000

LIME ROCK — It was a fitting activity for the man who has made faster Internet access a personal crusade. David Maffucci, owner and founder of Visionary Computer here, took a high-speed turn around the race track at Lime Rock Park last week. Although not exactly the type of souped-up vehicle one expects to see on the track, Mr. Maffucci's Crown Victoria did fulfill one requirement for track access that day: it was Ford-powered. At last week's Shelby American Auto Convention, all cars were required to have Ford engines. Mr. Maffucci said the Crown Victoria "has a little more go" than the Jeep Wrangler he normally drives. It's probably a bit less tippy on the turns as well.

The discovery of a framed photograph in the Douglas Library basement, probably stored there for decades, is very timely. As Elm Watch volunteers form an alliance with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and heighten efforts to save the area's trees from Dutch elm disease, an enlarged photo of "The Famous Elm" has come to light. This week, Elm Watch volunteer Tom Zetterstrom painstakingly removed the old paper, wood and newspaper backing on the matted photograph, replacing it with an acid-free board and re-hanging it in the library.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Generations of the Wismar family gathered Saturday, July 5, for a reunion to celebrate the family's 100th year at its Music Mountain Road farm.

Generations of Wismar family gather to celebrate farm's 100th year

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, July 5 some sixty Wismar family members and friends celebrated the family's 100th year at the Music Mountain Road farm.

Just over a hundred years ago the Rev. Dr. Adolph and Christiana Wismar purchased the home and property on what was then Barrack Road. The property at that time consisted of a tenant's farmhouse with adjacent barn and an additional two timber frame barns and outbuildings a quarter mile up the road — all situated on about sixty acres.

The main house, formerly the home of the late Frederick Dean and his wife, had

GUEST COMMENTARY ADOLF HAROLD WISMAR JR.

burned to the ground a few years before. In the 1930's, the Wismars erected a modest home on the foundation of the former Dean home.

That house became home to a succession of tenant families and, later, as the retirement residence of the late Bishop Cyril and Sylvia Wismar and, later, CB Wismar and the recently deceased Kathy Wismar. The upper

house and property were recently purchased by Jonathan and Emily Lally.

In the 1920s, Adolph Wismar was pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Manhattan, the oldest Lutheran Church in America, having been chartered by the British in 1664.

It was a time before air conditioning, and summers in New York City were brutally hot, and the Wismars were among the New Yorkers seeking relief in northwest Connecticut.

Since those days successive generations of Wismars have enjoyed "the farm" as a place for summer activities and recreation.

An appreciation of a decades-old softball game in Lakeville

Editor's Note: Andrew Schwartz of Salisbury wrote this for the players — about 20 or so who show up on Sunday mornings in Lakeville from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They range in age from 10 to 80.

The outlook wasn't brilliant since those dark, cold, Covid days. The ball field was nearly empty where old guys once came to play. Sometimes six guys showed up and maybe there were eight and on occasion there may have been nine, if someone came in late.

And then things turned around one day. And players began to show. But they were crippled, old, and blind, And man, were they ever so slow. But then dads came with their kids in tow. Though small and weak, they stood. At this point on Sunday mornings, we played whoever could.

Many times, he'd get there late, but Joe could pitch that ball and Doug was out in center field and nearly caught them all. Barton and Bauman both played short and whipped that ball to first. And by the bench was Barton's cooler. With drinks to quench your thirst. Riiska played 3rd. As did Bill, whose leg broke beneath his knee. But any ball that came to them would turn a 5-4-3.

At first sat Dave and Eric too, just get the ball to them plus Ed at first to add some depth when his legs are on the mend with Bayer at 2nd and C1 squared — lefties stood no chance with hitters like Chris who can place the ball and Rylee who sends them to France.

Millerton Mike who pitches them in and hits the front of the plate, Brady, Tyler, C2 and Josh have gone from good to great. When Murray shows up his strike calls are - heard from far and near. And Jim who pitches, he's the big OG, we really miss him here. With part timers like Steve — and when Adrian shows up. There are some games in which they played We have two Jacks — that have played in the past And Girl — Jane — who has skipped a grade.

This group of guys are odd at best with special needs for sure. Some can't run and some can't field. Not sure how they endure.

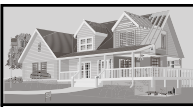
Since 1983 this club managed to take the field. We've seen a lot of guys come and go but through time we will not yield. We have our fans, all three of them, whose chairs are set in shade. They don't cheer loud or at all — not even at the best plays made.

Oh somewhere beyond Community Field, there are many parks ignored, no games are played, no rain delays while kids at home are bored. There are many reasons not to play too much phone time at the core. But that's no longer true in Lakeville because the game has life once more.




PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Grazy lazy afternoon



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For some unknown reason I have decided to attempt to eradicate the Japanese Barberry in our backwoods, probably a Sisyphean task, but I have pushed forward nonetheless. Why, one might ask? The reasons are sound; Barberry is an invasive plant that overtakes our native plants and becomes a wonderful habitat for ticks, just to name a few. I started by cutting the Barberry which is inefficient as it simply grows back, so I have entered stage two of spraying the new shoots with Roundup, which contains glyphosate and is effective for containing Barberry. Finally, I have found an informative bulletin from the CT Agriculture Extension Station on the best practices for controlling Barberry, which can be viewed at: portal.ct.gov/-/media/caes/documents/publications/special_bulletins/specialbulletinf2013wardpdf.pdf. Will give an update on my efforts later this fall!



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Status Report

SHEFFIELD — The board of directors of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has unanimously appointed Kara Mikulich as president. Mikulich has served as interim president since September 2024.

ABBOTT

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tion like HVA does. He also has a tremendous network of people that he knows in the community at large. It’s a great and unique combination of professional skills and personal relationships that are so valuable.”

Referring to the overwhelming response from applicants, Maloney said HVA is a very well-regarded organization in the environmental community. “It’s not a position that comes up very often, so there was a lot of pent-up interest.”

Abbott said he is grateful that, in the end, the board was enthusiastic about his candidacy. “Now there is no question in their minds. They had a chance to kick the tires,” he said of the search committee’s full vetting and national search.

“It allowed the board to think hard about what they want in Lynn’s successor, and for the organization, and it has allowed me to present a strong case for my vision of HVA,” said Abbott. “I am very grateful that in the end, the board was enthusiastic about my candidacy.”

Land protection work
began with the Nature
Conservancy

Abbott is a well-known and respected conservation leader who grew up in Dutchess County, New York, and began his land protection work with The Nature Conservancy in the Berkshires of

western Massachusetts.

He is an appointed member of Connecticut’s Natural Heritage, Open Space and Land Acquisition Review Board and a member of the Steering Committee of The Nature Conservancy’s Staying Connected Initiative.

During his long tenure with HVA, Abbott championed the federal Highlands Conservation Act, and he represents HVA as Connecticut’s nonprofit member of the four-state Highlands Steering Committee.

A skilled fundraiser, effective advocate and creative problem solver, Abbott created and led HVA’s Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative, an innovative regional conservation partnership among northwest Connecticut’s land trust community. He holds an M.A. in International Development from Clark University and a B.A. in English from Haverford College. He was the winner of a J. William Fulbright Scholarship in 1997.

Abbott said this is a time of tremendous opportunity for HVA and conservation urgency for the region. “The climate crisis is a paramount concern, and HVA’s Follow the Forest and Clean, Cold & Connected conservation programs represent vital and effective ways to make an impact at local and regional scales.”

He noted that he is excit-

ed to work closely with his HVA colleagues, its board, supporters and conservation partners to advance these and other conservation initiatives across the watershed and beyond.

“I have been working in conservation within this tri-state region and focused on this geographical region since 1995. I have institutional knowledge and fully recognize the conservation goals. I am ready for this level of leadership.”

Vast watershed impacts
tri-state region

The 1,248-million-acre Housatonic River watershed encompasses parts of 83 communities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York and contributes 11% of the fresh water that enters Long Island Sound. It includes habitats as ecologically diverse as fens and seepage swamps, extensively forested uplands and a tidal estuary.

Some of its villages have fewer than 2,000 people, while more densely populated areas and significant cities include Danbury, Waterbury and Pittsfield. The intersection of human communities with natural ones is at the core of HVA’s work and the organization specializes in strategic, collaborative conservation action with a wide range of partners.

“HVA’s strategic plan for climate adaptation and resilience,” said Abbott, “recog-

nizes the need to adapt bridges and culverts to accommodate both increased water flow and wildlife, to protect and connect forest habitat and allow for safer wildlife passage between them, to enhance riparian area and wetland conservation and to ensure that everyone has access to nature, wherever they live in the watershed.”

HVA has always been solution-oriented, said Abbott, “and that will serve us well as we and our conservation partners advance this vital work.

‘An essential partner’ for
NW Corner land trusts

John Landon, committee chair for the Salisbury Association Land Trust, said he feels Abbott is “the perfect choice” to lead HVA and advance its goals.

“I have known Tim for many years. Over that time, he has been razor focused on preserving the important ecosystems in the Northwest Corner and beyond. He has always been available to assist local land trusts in identifying the most important parcels in need of protection and then helping secure necessary funding,” said Landon, who noted that Abbott’s strong connections with state and federal agencies has frequently helped overcome bureaucratic obstacles.

“He can be very persuasive in a friendly, non-confrontational way that advanc-

es the region’s conservation objectives. Without Tim’s help,” said Landon, “the Salisbury Association Land Trust would not have been able to protect several important parcels.

Shelley Harms, co-president of the Norfolk Land Trust, executive director of Cornwall Conservation Trust and Conservation Director of the Salisbury Association, said she is thrilled to hear

about Abbott’s appointment.

“Tim is an essential partner for the land trusts of the Northwest Corner. His relationships with the state and other important funders brings grant dollars to our area for land conservation,” said Harms. “He has a deep understanding of the ecology and the history and the economy of our towns and the Housatonic River Watershed.”

HOUSING

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Republicans and even drew a few nays from a handful of center-leaning Democrat lawmakers.

The “fair share” framework provides incentives for communities to install a minimum number of affordable housing units, while “Work, Live, Ride” prioritizes certain infrastructure improvement funding opportunities for towns that build affordable housing near public transit stations.

After Lamont’s veto, for which the Governor cited local autonomy as a primary reason, state Senate Minority Leader Stephen Harding (R-30) issued a statement that referred to the bill as “anti-local control legislation,” saying that “our towns and cities deserve a seat at the table – not a mandate from Hartford.”

Several of the Northwest Hills Council of Government’s first selectmen have similarly voiced concern that the legislators who crafted the bill are out of touch with the needs of small towns, and that the approaches to affordable housing that it calls for would divert much-needed funding away from their towns, many of which don’t have any access to public transport options.

Proponents of the bill have repeatedly claimed that the strategies outlined are for planning purposes rather than mandates, and that other types of funding will not be replaced by housing-focused grants.

At the June meeting of the COG, Betsy Gara, executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, argued housing plans should be developed by the COG and its members themselves rather than have a “flawed methodology” foisted on the towns.”

COG Chair and New Hartford First Selectman Daniel Jerram agreed, as did Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer, who advanced

that an “economic development piece” needs to accompany housing legislation in small towns: “Are we going to send our middle-income residents to Danbury for jobs?”

Lindenmayer was pleased at Lamont’s decision to veto the bill. Speaking at the July 2 BOS meeting, Lindenmayer described the bill as stripping municipalities’ power to govern their downtowns. “I think the Governor recognized it could be done in a better way,” he said.

Back at the COG meeting, Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway took a different stance, stating that any push towards housing reform that would allow more people to live in town is welcome – and the need is urgent. He mentioned that there were five graduates from Cornwall Central School’s eighth grade this year, and he knew of more families who wanted to move to town but couldn’t because of housing costs.

In an interview after the veto, Ridgway doubled down that housing needed to stay front and center in legislators’ minds: “It’s critical to these towns that we keep working on this and not pretending it isn’t real.”

For his part — “We keep plugging away at it,” he said.

Horn similarly advocated for tenacity amongst housing advocates and urged lawmakers to try to find common ground as the bill comes back around, which it is expected to happen in the fall or spring. “Like any difficult piece of legislation,” she said, “you’re not going to suddenly discover nirvana.”

She added that though she had voted against an earlier iteration of “Work, Live, Ride,” fearing that her constituents would miss out on essential funding opportunities, housing leaders in the Northwest Corner had ameliorated those concerns regarding the newest version of the bill.

BELLS

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of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776.

So enthralled with the idea of bells, Sloane and Eric Hatch, who was the head of the Connecticut Historical Commission, called themselves the “committee of two Erics,” and campaigned to have bells around the nation ring at 2 p.m. or close to it each Fourth of July.

Their persistence led to a congressional resolution signed in June 1963, proclaiming that since the Liberty Bell had tolled on that momentous day to mark the birth of the country as free and independent, that anniversary should be appropriately observed each year by the ringing of bells. When President John F. Kennedy established National Bell Ringing Day, he said, “Let’s ring freedom bells.”

The idea was met with much appreciation and Sloane received many awards for the campaign. “It’s interesting to see how much impact he had on educating about colonial America,” said Rowand. The pair also wrote a book titled “A Celebration of Bells.”



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Andrew Rowand, curator and site manager at Eric Sloane Museum in Kent, greets the guests whom came for the bell ringing on Saturday.

Among the supporters was Connecticut Gov. John Dempsey. A bell given to him by Sloane and Hatch came back to the museum when the Dempseys’ daughter donated it last year. It is engraved “Let Freedom Ring” and contains the governor’s name, year and states “From the two Erics.”

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Rowand welcomed the several guests who came out for the event, which he said always brings out people. He began by reading the Preamble to

the Declaration of Independence. Then he invited people to keep ringing the bell for at least two minutes.

Nancy and Jonathan Kapstein of Woodbury came, saying it was the second time they’d attended. “I find it charming,” she said, while he said, “History brings us here.” They were pleased that their daughter and her family from New York City were on their way. When they arrived, their son-in-law Richard Crawford said their interest in American history is what attracted

them to the event. His daughter Dulcie, 12, said, “It’s part of our history; it’s important.

Theresa Porter of New Britain was drawn to the site because she grew up reading Sloane’s books, merging them with the “Little House on the Prairie” series. She was looking forward to walking the museum’s grounds.

LINDENMAYER

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proud of his efforts to develop affordable housing and make the town more appealing to younger generations.

He also mentioned he created the first Economic Development Committee in Kent. “Let’s figure out what we really need for the town; that’s from culture and education, arts to small manufacturing, or service industry,” he said when explaining its purpose.

Lindenmayer retired to Connecticut after serving as a member of the U.S. Navy and later specialized in defense intelligence and technical special operations.

He was recruited into the Navy by a former fraternity brother and was accepted into an intelligence training pro-

gram and began doing work in special operations. He explained the main problem he solved was “how [to] use technology to track and trail people, and so on.” While he gained experience in more than 132 countries, in and out of service, he also met his wife while stationed in California, and they married in Kent, her hometown.

The family returned to Kent for their retirement and built a home. From there, Lindenmayer found purpose in serving the local community, from coaching to teaching and eventually becoming head of the school board. It was there that he was inspired to run for selectman, worried that the town was not moving away from Covid.

Looking forward to what comes next, Lindenmayer said the most important thing is his family. He explained his wife of 40 years had recently retired and that he now has a two-year-old grandson. Having been in the military for much of his children’s childhoods, he felt that it was even more important for him to be present in his grandchild’s life now.

In the end, Lindenmayer expressed he still wished to be involved in the town. He appreciated that his time as Kent selectman had allowed him to become a focal point for its townspeople, and had given him the opportunity to be available for their needs and even come to know them individually.



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Our Towns



Above, Cake No. 20, "Red, White & Bloom." Below, Cake No. 19, "Let Them Eat Bread."



Historical Society Cake Auction carries on despite stormy weather

By David Carley

SHARON — With the soundtrack of thunder on Thursday evening, the Sharon Historical Society & Museum's Cake Auction fundraiser persisted. Interim Executive Director Abbey Nova said, "I love seeing the variety of cakes from all kinds of bakers: kids to professionals to passionate home amateurs. And I love how brings the community together."

It was the second year in a row that the event had been afflicted by bad weather. Despite this, enthusiasm was unaffected.

As bidders gathered under the tent with the sound of rain above, cakes were brought out by auctioneers Brian Ross, Chris Robinson, Danny Tieger and Barclay Collins. Tieger described the event as "whimsical" and how he hoped to "bring a bit of whimsy" himself.

The 28 numbered cakes spread across multiple display tables in the museum showcased a wide range of styles.

The first cake set the bar and was bought for \$1,000, which was rather fitting-



PHOTOS BY DAVID CARLEY

Bidders at the Sharon Historical Society's annual fundraiser auction consider options of unique cakes arranged on a display table Thursday, July 3.

ly named "40 Carat Cake," baked by Mary O'Brien and donated by Mo Dore.

Cake No. 20, titled "Red, White & Bloom: Connecticut in Full Flower," baked by Nicole Parker King had flower decorations with incredible realism in red, white and blue Fourth of July spirit, bringing "fireworks to the desert table—minus the pyrotechnics," as written the accompanying

label.

Right beside it, Cake No. 19, "Let Them Eat Bread," by Myra Plescia, extended the definition of what a cake can be: "The humble rustic loaf of bread is back," the label declared.

Cake No. 16, "Covered Bridge" by Jonas Coats was a cake diorama inspired by the covered bridge in West Cornwall.

Cake No. 10, "Ode to Mudge Pond," was made by Sharon's three selectmen. Baked by Lynn Kearcher and decorated by Casey Flanagan and John Brett, the card said it "evokes the natural wild-life and tranquility of Mudge Pond."

Each were sold from the range of a few hundred dollars to a couple thousand, showing immense support for the historical society and its importance to the community.



Cake No. 16 was a recreation of the covered bridge in West Cornwall. It was aptly named "Covered Bridge."

Creativity swarms Hunt Library for insect artmaking workshop

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Artist Erica Crofut led a bug sculpture workshop on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library Wednesday, July 2.

About half a dozen children participated.

Crofut came prepared with bug shapes cut from plywood and painted a neutral color, assorted acrylic paints and brushes, and a box full of old shirts for smocks. (A Brooks Brothers label was attached to one of them.)

Crofut told her young artists that they had options. "We've got some happy bugs. We've got some grumpy-looking ones."

She encouraged the children to try for realism with their bugs.

"Bugs hang out where?" Crofut asked.

The answers came back. "Leaves. Bark. Awnings. Your face."

"They try to camouflage themselves," concluded Crofut. "So design your camouflage for your bug."

Crofut was assisted by Alesia Curletti of Housatonic, Massachusetts, and a student at the Berkshire Waldorf School in Great Barrington. Curletti said she has been helping Crofut on a major piece of sculpture destined for the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge.

Crofut and Curletti watched carefully as the artists got down to business, painstakingly painting their bugs one color at a time, in order to keep the process orderly.

"I don't care if you get paint on my drop cloth," Crofut said. "That's what it's for."

At one point the entire group paused at the sight of a couple of fawns messing around in a grassy area across the street from the library lawn.

"Where's the mama?" wondered Crofut.

Everyone held their



PHOTOS BY COPEY ROLLINS
Noah Sher, pictured above, and brother Eli Sher, pictured left, created custom insect artwork at the David M. Hunt Library workshop Wednesday, July 2.

breath as a car approached, and let out a collective sigh of relief when the fawns fled

into the woods instead of wandering into the vehicle's path.

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Each accordion is worth a thousand words

By David Carley

NORTH CANAAN — New England Accordion Connection and Museum is expanding to an upstairs room in the Canaan Union Station.

The “Community Music Room,” as named by Paul Ramunni, director of the museum, is intended to bring people together around joyful music.

In the spirit of preservation and the creation of new memories and stories, Ramunni’s vision for the new expansion of the museum is a place for people with any instrument to get together and jam. The inspiration for this was about a year ago when two students from the Yale Summer School of Music and Art in Norfolk came to the museum wanting to see an accordion.

Ramunni asked where they were from; one was from Iran and the other from Israel. He recalled, “At that moment, what was going on is what’s always going on over there: their families were in the middle of battles. He said ‘Paul, when we met here for the first time, there was something that connected. It was music. We both agreed that we would never let anything come between us that would ruin that bond.’”



PHOTOS BY DAVID CARLEY

Above, Paul Ramunni, owner and operator of New England Accordion Connection and Museum, with a small portion of his accordion collection. Below, the new “Community Music Room” at Canaan Union Station.

After they left, Ramunni said the idea for a community room struck him. Regardless of background or beliefs, he said, music can bring people together.

Ramunni has more than 650 accordions in his collection, each with its own story to tell.

“When we started collecting,” said Ramunni, “I didn’t think much of the backstory.

I was thinking, ‘Hey, that’s a cool little one.’” He soon found out that “there’s a lot of memories packed into each one of these things, because you only played them when you wanted to make other people happy.”

42 years had gone by since Ramunni first picked up the instrument, and he found himself in the garage of a collector with more than a

dozen accordions. He was sending them to a Holocaust Museum in Glen Cove, Long Island. “Those came out of the camps at Dachau during World War II,” Ramunni explained.

“That’s what got me going when I went around looking at accordions, I’d look for the stories. This is history here. It’s not just bottle caps that we’re collecting here. This is what people did with these things, and sacrifices they made. It’s important to preserve,” he stated.

Even the origins of the accordion, according to Ramunni, came from a desire for community. “Since the birth of the country, these things were being made in people’s shops because they wanted music... So, they came up with the first accor-



dions,” which were smaller, wooden contraptions called flutinas, originally patented in 1829 in Vienna, Austria.

The beginning of the 20th century is when the instrument took its modern form with a larger body and piano keys. From 1900 to 1960, millions were made in the

United States, and competing companies would distinguish their product with intricate case designs and impressive craftsmanship.

Perhaps more important are the stories imbued within, and as Ramunni shared, “They each have their own personality.”



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Dodge’s Pontiac Firebird

Amy Dodge of North Canaan proudly shows off her 1969 Pontiac Firebird at the VFW Post Couch-Pipa Post 6851 on Saturday, July 5, at the post’s car show. Amy got the car 30 years ago when she was 18 and has restored it into a show-stopper.



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Our Towns

New bookstore opens in Royal Arcanum building

By David Carley

NORFOLK — The parking spots in Norfolk’s town center were filled Thursday afternoon, July 3, for the opening of Les Renards & Co. People packed into the new bookstore located in the Royal Arcanum building with opening day iced tea refreshments. Used paperbacks are priced anywhere from \$3 to \$8, used hardcovers are any-

where from \$8 to \$18, and many new books at full price. Les Renards & Co’s founder Tricia Deans described going to Barnes & Noble and buying a paperback for \$24. “When did that happen?” she asked. This inspired one of the store’s goals of affordability. For a long time, Deans has been in charge of valuing the books of better value for Norfolk Library’s summer book sale. She explained the library needed another outlet

to sell these books. She said, “We have a day to sell them in the library, and we sell quite a few, but it’s only 24 hours. A lot goes back down in the basement.” Around 30% to 40% of the books now in the store were originally donated to the library for the summer book sale, each marked by a label indicating the sale for the benefit of the library. Deans said, “The genesis of this is to give those books a home where people can actually look at them over time and decide whether to buy them.” The store will be open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Les Renards & Co. opened as Norfolk’s new book store benefiting the Norfolk Library. At left, Elizabeth Hilpman talks with George Cronin.

Kent’s Swift House future uncertain

By Alec Linden

KENT — At its July 2 meeting, the Board of Selectmen was divided in its opinion on the future of the historic Swift House, which was denied renovation funds in the last allocation of the state’s Small Town Economic Assistance Program, known commonly as STEAP grants. The STEAP finances would have paid for the transfer of Kent Food Bank to an expanded space in the Swift House, moved the town’s social services offices to the building, and several other projects, including fitting the building for ADA compliance and the addition of several meeting rooms. The question of how to best use the town-owned building, estimated to be among the older extant structures in Kent, has been on BOS agendas for years. Selectman Glenn Sanchez said he’s been thinking about the Swift House for “two terms,” and he’s still determined to find an answer.

updating Town Hall and the Community Center. Lindenmayer said it should be up to the town to answer the question, “Do we see this as a town building?” “I do,” said Selectman Lynn Mellis Worthington. “In terms of location... there’s nothing better,” she said, explaining that the town would benefit from having a facility at the other end of downtown from Town Hall. Lindenmayer also argued that the town may have to go it alone to fund future Swift House projects. “Historically, I think it’s important to the town of Kent... I’m not sure the state of Connecticut has that same view anymore,” he said of an assessment done by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Mellis Worthington disagreed with Lindenmayer’s takeaway from the appraisal, which she felt was positive. She said she was critical of SHPO’s process and lack of communication with the town, but she felt it wasn’t to “diss [the town] about the historical significance of the building.” She and Sanchez agreed the BOS should have a specific plan in place for the building before bringing it to a town vote, so that residents may see the possibilities for the structure before voting the building out of town ownership. “It needs strategic thinking. It needs a plan,” said Mellis Worthington. The Board hinted that the future Swift House could be a primary focus of an Economic Development Committee, which may enter the town’s roster of boards and commissions in the near future.

Bingo supports students of Region One

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Canaan Child Care Center (CCCC) held a bingo and dinner fundraiser at Morgan’s Restaurant at the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville Wednesday, July 2. Center director Fran Chapell said the center has expanded its reach. It has taken over a community garden in North Canaan, and the produce goes to the Fishes and Loaves food pantry. The center is hosting a group of guinea pigs from

Housatonic Valley Regional High School over the summer, and has branched out into raising chickens, with nine chicks at last count. CCCC provides backpacks, school supplies and winter outerwear for Region One families as well. Chapell said the center’s ultimate goal is to “be helpful to families in need.” Nikki Blass, an experienced bingo caller, handled the bingo game as the crowd of some 50 people finished their meals and got down to the serious business of the evening.



Nikki Blass calls bingo numbers, July 2.

Hula fun in the sun at Hunt Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

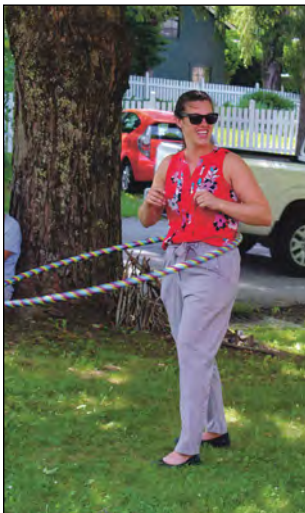
FALLS VILLAGE — A group of adults and children paraded and gyrated with hula hoops on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library Tuesday, July 1. They were led by the seemingly inexhaustible Judi Jones of Creative Game Parties, aka “Energizer.” Prior to the start of the event Jones said some 18 years ago she “chanced” onto an original Wham-O brand Hula Hoop at a camp store and was struck by the possibilities. She makes her own hula hoops out of irrigation tubing in different gauges, gaffer’s tape and decorative tape. The term “hula hoop,” originally a trademarked name, has become a generic term, much like another Wham-o product, the Frisbee. Jones had the group of youngsters and a couple of sporting adults cavorting around the lawn with the hoops — sometimes over the head, or around the neck, or in the traditional and famil-



iar hip swirl. This frantic activity was accompanied by a decidedly eclectic mix of music, starting with Ella Fitzgerald essaying George and Ira Gershwin’s “I Got Rhythm.”

The secret to the latter is a forward and back motion on the hips, not side to side. The library’s Brittany Spear-Baron proved particularly adept, as did young Noah Sher.

Left, Judi Jones teaches youngsters the art of hula hooping Tuesday, July 1. Below, Brittany Spear-Baron found the rhythm on the David M. Hunt Library lawn.



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JULY 10

Fossil Dig at the Library

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

Thursday, July 10, 3:30 p.m. we're bringing the dig to the David M. Hunt Library! Experience paleontology for yourself at our mini fossil dig with REAL fossils to find and identify on July 10th at 3:30pm. Participants will "dig" through sand, rocks, and shells for micro- and small fossils namely from the Miocene era, and work to identify what animal they belonged to while learning more about early life on our planet. Let's get digging! This event is free and open to the public.

Painting Music at Music Mountain

Gordon Hall, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn.

On Thursday, July 10 at 3 p.m., there will be a multigenerational event where artists, amateurs, and beginners paint while listening to live music. Guided by Vincent Inconiglios and Artistic Director Oskar Espina Ruiz. Materials provided. Rain or shine, held indoors. Info and tickets: musicmountain.org

JULY 11

Senior Lunch & Learn: Fun and Games

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

Join us for a relaxing break to meet others and socialize through a board or card game. Please register: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14689809

Learn to Play Fridays

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

Every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m., level up your game skills at the library this summer with our Learn to Play Fridays! Every Friday this summer we'll be teaching and playing all kinds of old-school, screen-free card games. Stop by July 11 for UNO, War, and Cheat; July 18 for Euchre; and July 25 for Bridge. These events are free and open to the public.

Finding Nemo, Jr.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.

Friday, July 11 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, July 12 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Musical adaptation of the Pixar classic, performed by local youth ages 11 to 16.

Where the Mountain Meets the Sea

Ancram Center, 1330 County Route 7, Ancram N.Y.

A Haitian man travels from Miami to California on a once-in-a-lifetime road trip and, years later, his gay son travels the same route in reverse. These parallel journeys allow them to forge a connection that had eluded them for years." *Where the Mountain Meets the Sea* was previously produced by Manhattan Theatre Club.

Summer Concert Series: Jonny Grusauskas

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

On Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m., The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. On July 11 at 6 p.m. the library will host Jonny Grusauskas. Jonny is a founder of the Music Cellar in Millerton, N.Y., a space dedicated to music education. He performs solo and as part of the band lespecial. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! The second concert will be a Community Open Mic on Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

JULY 12

Ice Dyeing with Anne Cameron

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

Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Come in and cool down with a dye project that is easy, fun, and has the element of surprise! Ice Dyeing is a technique in which fabric dye and ice combine to create beautiful "abstract" patterns on fabric. Please register: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14367388

Book Signing

The Wish House lawn, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., Cornwall, Conn.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, author Gregory Galloway will be at the West Cornwall farmer's market with copies of his latest book, "ALL WE TRUST." In the book, what starts out as a family squabble turns into an international battle between competing crime organizations, moving from small town New England to San Francisco to Mexico.

Ingrid Freidenbergs: COLLAGE REDUX!

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

Exhibit: July 12 through Aug. 8. Reception: Saturday, July 12, 5 to 7 p.m. Art Talk: Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. This exhibit features the richly layered collages and box constructions of Latvian-born artist Ingrid Freidenbergs, whose work has been praised by The New York Times for its sensitivity, atmosphere, and historical depth.

New Art at the Akin Free Library

Akin Free Library, 378 Old Quaker Hill Road, Pawling, N.Y.

Contemporary works by 12 regional women artists shown throughout the historic Akin Free Library. Public reception: Sunday, July 13, 3 to 5 p.m.

JULY 13

Blessing of the Bikes

All Saints of America Orthodox Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Once again motorcycles and their riders will be blessed at All Saints of America Orthodox Church on Sunday July 13. All are welcome and should arrive between 11:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 313 Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury. For more information call 860-435-9632.

Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show

Main Street, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show will take place on Sunday, July 13, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Falls Village

July Fest

Cornwall Village Green, Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Fun for all ages Sunday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Green. Come dance with music by The Joint Chiefs and food from Hot Z's, Nibbles n' Noms and Peter Doda's Ice Cream. Games, face painting, slime with Makayla, and hose off with a fire truck.

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

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

- 1. Morsel of fallen food
- 2. Worn by Harry Potter to vanish
- 3. Series of metal links
- 4. Storage for items or data
- 5. Classic summertime activity

JULY 15

Book Release: The Met and Its People, by Jonathan Conlin

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

On Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., author Jonathan Conlin and art historian Michael FitzGerald discuss Conlin's new book. This groundbreaking bottom-up history reveals behind-the-scenes stories of the people who shaped the Met, from artists and curators to museum goers and security guards. Registration is required online.

JULY 16

Peace Corps Program

Kent Senior Center, 16 Swift Lane, Kent, Conn.

Five Kent Residents who served in the Peace Corps in the 1960's and 1970's will speak at the Kent Senior Center on Wednesday, July 16, at 11 a.m. as part of the "People and Places of Kent" series co-sponsored by the Kent Senior Center and Kent Historical Society.

JULY 17

Modern Calligraphy Workshop with Debby Reelitz

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

On Thursday, July 17, 4 p.m., come learn the popular and playful Modern Calligraphy

with calligrapher Debby Reelitz at the David M. Hunt Library! In this workshop, you will learn where this style comes from, strategies on how to create this lettering style and projects to use the skills you have learned. No experience necessary! More information about Debby Reelitz is available at: letteringdesign.com This program is free and available for ages 8 – adult or younger with permission.

JULY 18

Roaring 20s Cocktail Party

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

The Douglas Library of North Canaan will host a summer cocktail party with a Roaring 20's theme on Friday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine and punch will be served: tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 a couple and available at the door. Dressing up is optional. All proceeds benefit the Douglas Library. 860-824-7863 for further info.



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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Space Systems Command
- 8. Plant seed by scattering
- 11. Alliances
- 13. Fiddler crabs
- 14. Heroic tale
- 15. Yemen capital
- 16. Misleading gesture
- 17. Cain and ___
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Hundredweight
- 21. Children's toy in the snow
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Free of deceit
- 30. Performed a dance
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Exaggerated
- 33. Refrain from inflicting
- 38. A doctrine
- 41. Can be subdued
- 43. A place to bathe
- 45. Land used for pasture
- 48. Curved piece of iron
- 49. Automobile
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Breezes through
- 56. Child
- 57. NBA legend Iverson
- 59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
- 63. Lair
- 64. Fibrous material

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- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier

- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse

July 3 Solution

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

July 3 Solution

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Sports

Summer league baseball swings into action

By Copey Rollins

LITCHFIELD — The Tri-State Baseball League entered its 91st season this past May.

The historic league features players aged 16 and up from Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts.

The games are played with wooden bats and provide spectators a free opportunity to watch competitive baseball in local parks on both weekdays and weekends.

Games last either seven or nine innings, depending on factors such as day of the week, and have a combination of strong high schoolers, college players and even players who were drafted to the majors. The games make for a fun yet competitive environment and are open to spectators to come and watch.

In Northwest Connecticut, athletes play for the Tri-Town Trojans: a club trying for its fifth consecutive league championship.

The team is coached by Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity baseball head coach Bobby Chatfield. Willy Yahn, an HVRHS alum previously drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, plays infield for the reigning champs.

The Trojans hosted the Bethlehem Plowboys on Sunday, June 29, at Community Field in Litchfield.

The Trojans and Plowboys have a storied past and have faced off in the league final series each of the past three years. The rivalry was



PHOTO BY COPEY ROLLINS

Willy Yahn at bat. He logged five RBIs and three runs for the Trojans June 29.

palpable in their most recent meeting.

Tri-Town prevailed in the hard-fought game with a final score of 9-7. The Plowboys started to mount a comeback near the end, scoring four runs in the final inning. But it was too little, too late.

Bethlehem disputed some calls with the umpires and

became visibly frustrated. The Trojans maintained the poise of four-time champions, seemingly enjoying the match on a beautiful Sunday morning as they earned the win.

After the result, Tri-Town advanced to a record of 6-1 and Bethlehem moved to 8-3.

On the New York side of the border, the Amenia

Monarchs play at Doc Bartlett Field in Beekman Park.

In a game against the Winsted Whalers Sunday, June 29, Amenia won a 9-0 shutout and gained some much needed momentum after a close 2-0 loss earlier in the week against the Valley Kraken.

For schedules and info, visit tristatebaseballct.com

Hole-in-one

LAKEVILLE — Henry Hoyt of Salisbury had a hole-in-one Sunday, July 7, on the par three 2nd hole of The Hotchkiss School's golf course. He used a pitching wedge for the shot, which landed a few feet past the cup and then spun back into the hole. Hoyt was playing with his father, Peter, and his brother, Sam. Also present were Brian, Cole and Luke Mollica to witness this rare golfing feat.

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