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Diving into summer fun

The youth are keeping active in the Northwest Corner. Swimmers from across the region met at Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville Thursday, July 10, as seen above. On land, Housatonic Valley Regional High School athletes are back in uniform with baseball at Veterans Field in Sharon and basketball at the Torrington Armory. Sports coverage is on Page A11.

Study says Medicaid cuts put Sharon Hospital at risk of possible closure

By Riley Klein

SHARON — A University of North Carolina study listed Sharon Hospital among rural hospitals endangered by potential funding cuts to Medicaid. The study by The Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research at UNC identified 338 rural hospitals nationwide where care could be adversely impacted by cut-backs in the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” Sharon Hospital was the sole Connecticut facility in the list.

Two criteria were considered: hospitals in the top 10% of Medicaid payer mix of rural hospitals across the country; and hospitals that experienced three consecutive years of negative margins. Sharon Hospital was included in the latter. “This means these rural hospitals face greater risk of being forced to stop providing some services, converting, or closing,” the study stated. A group of U.S. senators shared

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Substantial housing development proposed in Kent

By Alec Linden

KENT — A pre-application presentation for a new high-density housing development in downtown Kent was well-received by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its July 10 meeting, which considered it to be potentially a major step forward in diversifying the town’s housing options. The plans as they currently stand call for 76 total units spread over three 12-unit walkup buildings and 10 four-unit stacked flats. The property is owned by Kent Development Housing Associates. James Millstein, head of the group,

offered an overview of the proposal to P&Z, explaining that the development is intended to address a multitude of shortages in the town’s housing stock. “The town is desperately in need of more housing. Affordable housing, workforce housing and housing for people who want to downsize and stay in town,” he said. The Commission responded positively to the proposal. Chair Wes Wyrick said that this type of density development was what P&Z had in mind when establishing the downtown housing incen-

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Vintage vehicles fill Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show took over downtown Falls Village on a pleasant summer day Sunday, July 13. Everywhere one looked there were cars. Organizer Judy Jacobs said the total number of registered cars exceeded 600 but as of Monday morning, July 14 she was still sorting through registrations. Jacobs said there were more spectators than ever before. Included in the mix: Tom Stansfield’s 1986 AMC CJ7 Jeep, outfitted in “expedition mode” with useful accessories such as oars, a box of Army rations and a stuffed bear’s head. A 1950 Chevy panel truck, with a remarkable varnished plywood floor in the back. Owner Tony Funigiello of New Fairfield said “That’s 1950s plywood. You couldn’t do that with modern plywood; it would start chipping and flaking.”

He said he has owned the truck for 13 years. “I bought it for the body. The mechanics were shot.” Sergei Fedorjaczenco and his yellow 1970 Fiat Spider are a familiar sight in Falls Village. He said he has owned several over the years and has learned one thing for sure. “They tend to rust out from the underside.”



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Sergei Fedorjaczenco and his 1970 Fiat Spider returned to the Falls Village Car and Motorcycle Show Sunday, July 13. The pair are a familiar site at the annual event.

Dick Bunce from North Canaan had an immaculate 1952 Willys Jeep in the show. He said he bought in 2018 from a seller in Middletown who kept similarly good care of it. “No rust,” he said. “It’s very hard to find one of these without rust.” He said he keeps it garaged, next to a 1949 version. One item was not a car or a motorcycle. It was a 1920s Hercules Economy engine, five horsepower, mounted in a trailer attached to a tractor. The whole shebang belonged to Hunter Whitmore of Goshen, who said he uses the engine to run a saw and a log splitter. As he talked the engine rumbled and sputtered.

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Reader’s Digest includes Kent among most beautiful American main streets

By Theo Maniatis

KENT — The June issue of Reader’s Digest selected Main Street in Kent as one of the “20 Most Beautiful” in America. “Main streets have character,” the Digest article states. “At one time, you could walk down the main street in your town and stop at the grocery store, the hardware store and the library all on the same block.” While many small American towns have given way to suburban

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PHOTO BY THEO MANIATIS

Main Street in Kent offers quaint village vibes with a range of shopping and eatery options. It had been compared to Star Hollow in “Gilmore Girls” and has even hosted fan fests for the show.



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Online This Week

Kent approves fire safety measures

In a town meeting lasting 15 minutes on Friday, July 11, voters approved three items relating to fire safety ordinances. There was overwhelming support from the dozen or so in attendance. 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.

Failure to stop at stop sign causes accident

On the morning of July 9, John Cables, 46, of East Canaan was driving eastbound on Route 44 in Norfolk with a passenger when another vehicle, a Honda Civic driven by Steve Zacarias, 23, of Torrington, failed to stop at the stop sign where Route 272 intersects with Route 44 from the south. Zacarias' vehicle collided with the passenger side of the company Ford F350 SuperDuty driven by Cables, damaging both vehicles which were towed. No one was injured in the accident. Zacarias was found at fault and issued an infraction.

Disorderly conduct arrests

On the morning of July 7, troopers were dispatched to an address on Route 44

in North Canaan on the report of an active disturbance. Upon arriving, troopers arrested Heather Knapp, 33, of North Canaan and Roy Sherman, 66, of Miller-ton, New York, for misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges. Both parties were issued a summons on a \$500 non-surety bond and are scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 21.

Probation violation arrest

On the morning of July 8, Robert Ensign, 36, of Washington Depot was arrested on an active warrant for the charge of violating probation. He was issued a \$5,000 cash bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 22.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in subject, to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Northwest Corner political parties schedule caucus dates

By Jules Williams

Republican and Democrat nominees for the upcoming 2025 election will be decided at town committee caucuses in July.

In addition to candidates for the Board of Selectmen, nominees will be put forth for expiring terms on town boards including the Board of Finance, Planning and Zoning Commission and

Zoning Board of Appeals. For towns that elect such positions, candidates for town clerk, tax collector and treasurer will be nominated.

Below is the schedule of caucus dates for each party in each town.

Cornwall

Republican caucus: July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Cornwall Library (30 Pine St.)

Democratic caucus: July 20 at 4 p.m. at the Cornwall

Library (30 Pine St.)

Falls Village

Republican caucus: July 21 at 6 p.m. at Falls Village Town Hall (108 Main St.)

Democratic caucus: July 21 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center (107 Main St.)

Kent

Republican caucus: July 17 at 7 p.m. at Kent Community House (93 N. Main St.)

Democratic caucus: July 17 at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall (41 Kent Green Blvd.)

North Canaan

Republican caucus: July 22 at 7:30 p.m. at North Canaan Town Hall (100 Pease St.)

Democratic caucus: July 22 at 6:30 p.m. at State Line Pizza (340 N. Elm St.)

Salisbury

Republican meeting July 22 at 5 p.m. at Salisbury Town Hall (27 Main St.)

(Note: This a Salisbury Republican Town Committee meeting, not a traditional caucus, as SRTC bylaws do not require one; instead, candidates will be endorsed at this meeting)

Democratic caucus: July 15 at 7 p.m. at Salisbury Town Hall (27 Main St.)

Sharon

Republican caucus: July 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hayes Room at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon (110 Upper Main St.)

Democratic caucus: July 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Taghannuck Grange (7 Dunbar Road)

Applications sought for affordable homes in Norfolk

NORFOLK — The Foundation for Norfolk Living is accepting applications for the 10 new affordable homes being built at Haystack Woods.

The Foundation will hold an informational webinar on July 22 for potential homeowners interested in learning more about buying a house.

Pre-applications will be accepted through July 31. Eligible applicants will be first-time home buyers with household incomes less than 80% of the county median. For example, a three-person household's income would fall between \$62,800 and \$83,000.

The 10 homes range in size from two to three bedrooms and the estimated prices will range from \$159,000 to \$261,000, depending on the design.

All eligible participants in the pre-application process

will be entered into a lottery and anyone who is not selected will be put on a waiting list.

Prospective buyers may be eligible for 0% loans to help with downpayment assistance and are also being offered access to educational sources about home ownership.

The webinar will start at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour with an opportunity for questions and answers. More information about Haystack Woods, a link to the July 22 webinar and a downloadable pre-application form is available at norfolkliving.org.

Group art show opens at Douglas Library

NORTH CANAAN — Douglas Library is exhibiting a collection of paintings and drawings by members of the Canaan Art Group during the months of July and August.

Works of watercolors by Betty Cosgrove, Diane Cieslowski, Pat Medvecky, Hope Mongeau and Olga Schwede are displayed, as well as ink and watercolor pieces by Suzanne Anoushian. There are several acrylic and pastel works

by Lynne Martin. Ned Gow, known for his abstract approach, features four pieces.

Their show is open to the public during library hours: Mondays 1:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 am to 8 pm, Fridays 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Douglas Library is located at 108 Main Street in North Canaan.



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Our Towns

Art nonprofit presents plans for downtown commercial space with retail, offices

By Alec Linden

SHARON — A long-planned proposal to install a philanthropic and cultural center near the Sharon shopping plaza saw its first public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 9, spurring a public debate as to the impact of redeveloping several properties on Low Road.

Low Road Sharon, the applicant and owner of the properties in question, was represented by Conley Rollins. He outlined the proposal to P&Z, describing the project as a “welcome addition to the town of Sharon and the commercial zone” that will add full-time jobs and public programming to the community.

The plans involve demolishing the two existing buildings at 1 Low Road and replacing them with two structures facing each other across a central green. A public footpath will connect Lovers Lane to Low Road.

15 Low Road, which currently holds several occupied units, will remain residential and unchanged.

29 Low Road will also remain unchanged, but the new development will make use of the parking lot in the back.

Lead architect Sharon Johnston, of Johnston &

Marklee, presented the site specs. She stressed that the new designs are intended to aesthetically align with the existing buildings on Low Road and Lovers Lane – including the “vernacular form of sloping roofs and porches,” as she put it.

Johnston emphasized moving the driveway away from the small ravine through which Beardsley Pond Brook runs, which was the subject of scrutiny from the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Johnston asserted that the relocation would assist the restoration of native habitat along the stream. The project received IWWC approval in March.

Land surveyor James McTigue of Arthur H. Howland & Associates reported the project will be on town water and has received preliminary approval to connect to town sewer. “We’re bringing it up to modern standards,” he said.

Several neighbors of the proposed philanthropic center questioned its impact on the surrounding neighborhood, focusing largely on lighting. The developers insisted that the lighting schema had been developed to mitigate light pollution, with pathway lights lining the footpath and 12 lamps mounted on 18-foot poles



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

The aging buildings at 1 Low Road will be torn down and replaced if the project is approved. The Bargain Barn, the current occupant, would be relocated elsewhere.

the only one surrounded by everything in this project,” he said. “I don’t see how this project in any way harms the neighborhood. If anything it makes it better.”

P&Z moved to continue the hearing until its next meeting on Aug. 13 to review the information and testimony offered at the hearing.

Low Road Sharon is the body that will oversee an artist colony on the Sharon property of legendary painter Jasper Johns upon his death.

with coverings, meant to decrease glare spread. The lights are also set to be on timers.

Others were concerned that vehicles would travel through the footpath, though McTigue affirmed that it would be restricted to pedestrians. Public vehicles would be prohibited, however sporadic use by maintenance vehicles would occur.

Land Use Administrator Jamie Casey stated that the applicant must be more specific in its plans for the north building, the use of which was left largely ambiguous with the suggestion that it may provide space for an artist in residence to work and hold events.

“People like to go to bed early around here for some

reason,” said Casey, receiving a chuckle from the crowd, alluding to previous conversation about Sharon’s high median age.

“You have to know what your limitations are,” she said — namely event capacities and closing times.

Several audience members stated that the application had not supplied enough detail and may not benefit the town as the developers have stated.

Tom Bartram, resident of 17 Low Road, was the final speaker of the evening. “I’m

Issue of electing vs. appointing town staff in North Canaan goes to November ballot

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Whether the positions of town clerk, treasurer and tax collector should be appointed or elected will be decided by voters in the 2025 election.

At its regular July meeting, the Board of Selectmen moved to add the items to the November ballot. The decision came after a contentious public hearing on the topic drew approximately 150 voters to Town Hall June 23.

First Selectman Brian Ohler proposed adding three separate items to the ballot, asking electors to choose “yes” or “no” on the following questions:

— Shall the Town of North Canaan create an ordinance, in a bipartisan drafting process, that would transition the position of Treasurer from elected to appointed/hired?

— Shall the Town of North Canaan create an ordinance, in a bipartisan drafting process, that would transition the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed/

hired?

— Shall the Town of North Canaan create an ordinance, in a bipartisan drafting process, that would transition the position of Tax Collector from elected to appointed/hired?

The “bipartisan drafting process” refers to a five-member committee, which would consist of the three selectmen, the chair of the Democratic Town Committee and the chair of the Republican Town Committee, to compose the ordinance(s).

Ohler explained if any or all of the questions pass, the proposed committee would then convene to draft the desired ordinances. Once drafted, a public hearing(s) would be held for resident feedback on each ordinance.

Based on the current makeup of the Board of Selectmen, this proposed committee would include three Republican representatives and two Democrat representatives. Jesse Bunce, the active Democratic selectman, is a registered Republican.

An information session is

planned for October “to ensure that there is sufficient understanding of the three separate ballot questions that will be asked on election day,” Ohler explained.

He continued, “It is important for residents to understand that these questions are simply asking if the Town should take the next step to draft an ordinance, pertaining to each of the aforementioned positions.”

In addition to the questions above, electors will vote for candidates for each of the three positions this November. Should any or all of the questions pass, the change will go into effect at the end of the term(s) of the active official(s). For example, a new treasurer will be elected in November. If voters approve the drafting of an ordinance to appoint a treasurer, the active elected treasurer will complete their two-year term before an appointed treasurer takes the office.

Selectmen will also be elected in November. Party nominees are expected to be endorsed July 22.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The renovated 1,304 square foot three-bedroom home at 30 East Main St. sold for \$720,000, or a reported \$552 per square foot.

Salisbury real estate transfers

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Of the five June property transfers in Salisbury, only one was sold for more than \$1 million. The median sale price for the month was \$1,136,000 – 31.3% higher than June of last year. In early July there were 33 houses listed for sale with 20 of them over a million dollars and only three under \$500,000.

Transactions

407 Salmon Kill Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath antique house on 2.21 acres sold by Inge Heckel to Hiram Williams and Peter Vaughn for \$1,175,000 recorded on June 2.

87 Canaan Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath condo at Lion’s Rock sold by Robert M. Tetenbaum to Maureen L. Tesoro for \$725,000 recorded on June 20.

24 White Hollow Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Iron Country Homes LLC to Marguerite and Clyde A. Powers for \$565,000 on June 24.

30 East Main Street — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold by Marguerite Conlin and Clyde Allen Powers to David M. and Lucinda Presnall for \$720,000 on June 30.

Dugway Road — 4.76-acre lot sold by White Hollow Farms Inc. to McBride Builders LLC for \$260,000

on June 30.

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between June 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current

market data courtesy of Smart MLS and Info Sparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York State.



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OBITUARIES

Camilla Cloney

LAKEVILLE — Camilla Cloney, (née Duncan), May 24, 1930-July 7, 2025, beloved by her husband Tom; stepson Tom (Hiromi) and step-daughter Mary; brother George (MaryLou); sister-in-law Cathy; brothers-in-law Jack, Bob, and Gerry; her niece Janine, and nephews John, Chris, and Marc.

A proud graduate of the University of Oklahoma (Pi Beta Phi), 1950, and the University of Michigan, 1952 (B.A. in Music), she was also a Fulbright fellow in Munich.



Camilla lived a life filled with music, joy, and generosity—sharing her talents as a pianist, percussionist, singer, arranger, music historian, and storyteller.

Memorial services will be arranged by the family at a later date. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Camilla's name to the Sharon Playhouse at www.sharonplayhouse.org/ donate or mailed to:

Sharon Playhouse
P.O. Box 103
Sharon, CT 06069

Niels Pedersen Sr.

SHARON — Niels (Pete) Pedersen Sr. of Sharon, passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, at the age of 94.

Born in Sharon, he possessed the ability to talk with anyone and make them feel at home.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend known for his storytelling and truck driving. In 1960 he and his brothers started the Pedersen Bros. Bus Company. He later left Pedersen Bros. to drive his tractor trailer truck hauling large farm equipment.

His greatest joy was being surrounded by his family, especially at Sunday night dinners and enjoying his wife's cooking. He also enjoyed driving his Peterbilt across the country and loved when his wife was able to accompany him.

He is survived and missed

by his two sons; Niels (Pete) Pedersen, Jr and wife

Lori of Sharon, Dennis Pedersen and wife Bonnie of Winchester and his daughter Deborah Pedersen of Winsted. He will forever be remembered by his grandchildren; Hollie Boyuk and husband Michael, Sarah White and husband Michael; five great-grandsons, Dylan and wife Ashley, Brandon, Caleb, Christopher and Jacob and numerous other family members who will forever cherish his memory.

Pete is now reunited with his wife of almost 75 years, Marion Pedersen, and his four siblings Hans, Edward, Anna and Betty.

Calling hours will be held on Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, CT. Burial will be private.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Father Joseph Kurnath

LAKEVILLE — Father Joseph G. M. Kurnath, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, passed away peacefully, at the age of 71, on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

Father Joe was born on May 21, 1954, in Waterbury, Connecticut. He attended kindergarten through high school in Bristol.

After graduating in 1972, he moved to Hartford, and after working many temporary jobs, in 1977, he began employment as an office assistant at the law firm of Robinson and Cole. He remained there until 1984 when he began studies at Saint Mary Seminary & University in Baltimore, Maryland.

He was ordained a deacon in 1989 in Baltimore and a priest in 1991 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford.

He has served as seminarian, deacon and priest at Saint Staniclaus in Meriden, Saint Luke in Hartford, Saint Rose in East Hartford, Saint Mary in Newington, Saint Anthony in Bristol, Saint Mary Hospital in Waterbury,



and at over 10 parishes in the archdiocese, and finally as pastor of Saint Mary's Church in Lakeville for 13 years, retiring in 2019.

Father Joe was always proud of his Slovak roots and enjoyed celebrating the Christmas Eve "Vilija" or vigil supper.

In addition to earning a B.A., S.T.B. and M.A. from Saint Mary's Seminary, he also received a M.A. in scripture from the Hartford Seminary.

Preaching and doing pastor work were his favorite parts of ministry. Father Joe loved people, working with the youth and seeing each person at church, gathering together in imperfection in closeness with God as the Perfect Mystery.

Services will be held July 15, 2025, at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Lakeville.

He is survived by all his members of the Church in which he considered his family.

You are never alone – God is right beside you.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Frederick L. Baldwin

CORNWALL — Frederick L. Baldwin was born March 22, 1938, in Cornwall, Connecticut. His parents were Lester F. Baldwin and Esther Strattman Baldwin. He had two siblings, a brother, Lester (Sonny) Baldwin and a sister, Betty Baldwin Bernoi of Canaan. They have both predeceased their brother. He had three daughters; two of them, Katherine Baldwin, and Constance Badwin Whitton, have both predeceased their father. Fred is survived by his daughter, Lisa Baldwin Cragoe of Seattle, Washington, and his grandson, Kevin Whitton of West Hartford. Fred shared many happy years with his life long friend, Barbara Monroe Commerford of Canaan.

Mr. Baldwin graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School (1956), received a B.S. degree from

Central Connecticut State College (1960), and an M.A. degree from The University of Connecticut (1964). He did doctoral work at both The University of Connecticut and at The University of Miami.

He taught for five years in the Clinton, Connecticut school system, three years at Central Connecticut State College (laboratory training schools), two years at Florida Atlantic University and twenty eight years at Miami Dade Community College where he retired as Economics Professor Emeritus.

At his request there will be no public funeral services. His remains will be placed in the Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan, Connecticut.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Celebration of Life

James Michael 'Mike' Perotti

The family held a Celebration of Life for Mike Perotti who passed away May 5, 2025. It was held at the Knights of Columbus home, 122 Marshall Street in Winsted, CT Saturday July 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

David Michael Riva

CANAAN — David Michael Riva, born May 30, 1949, died unexpectedly June 27, 2025, after a brief illness at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

Born to Angelo and Betty Riva, he grew up in Canaan where he learned the value of hard work from his father. He worked at a young age at Canaan Country Club where he learned to play golf, one of his favorite past times. His job was another one of his passions. He enjoyed working in the lumber yard at Lindells and cherished the bonds he made with custom-



ers and contractors alike. He worked 7 days a week for most of his adult life, made time for family, and also had time for all of his weekly chores. Even in retirement he worked hard every day.

He is survived by his wife Dina Riva of Colebrook, his sons and family; Jared, Brooke, Elodie, and Vallie Riva, youngest son and his wife, Kurt and Zuny Riva and his two sisters, Betsy Devino and Lynette Godburn. He will be missed dearly by all.

David requested no services.



Worship Services

Week of July 20, 2025

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 453-2442
Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i> Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627	St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <i>In-Person and on YouTube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT <i>Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons</i> Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome
FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 lakevillemethodist@snet.net	UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
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Liam MacNeil recieved this year's of the Cranford Club's Book Award scholarship. Presenting to MacNeil are, from left, Ruth Adotte, Diane Cieslowski, Cathy Wheeler, Bonnie Kinsman and Anne Rabeuf.

program.

Scholarship hopefuls are required to write an essay. In his, MacNeil said, "I enjoy working with my hands. Welding requires you to be methodical and creative at the same time. After successfully passing the American Welding Society certification exam, I hope to begin a career in fabrication or structural welding."

He said he is most proud of becoming an Eagle Scout in February 2023. His project was the completion of

a permanent firepit for flag retirement ceremonies for Couch Pipa VFW. He talked about how he improved his leadership skills during his involvement with the Scout troop, we well as his love for the outdoors.

He was also a member of the school's robotics team.

"Working with the mentors, I learned to work as a team to solve problems," he wrote in his essay. "I also learned time management because of the intense time commitment during the build season."

For his supervised agricultural experience, he began a landscaping business. For several years he's been mowing lawns for residents in his East Canaan neighborhood and now that he drives, he's been able to increase his client base.

The school provides no dormitories, but has an arrangement with a housing association for short-terms leases for its students. MacNeil said he plans to work while at school to help pay for room and board.

He expressed his gratitude to the Cranford Club for the \$500 scholarship that will help a lot with his schooling.

Bonnie Kinsman, president of the club, presented MacNeil with a certificate as well as a check and wished him well in all his future endeavors.

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Come out, come out, wherever you are

Have you ever watched a pot of water come to a boil? A pot with cool, still water is placed on a stove and the gas is turned on. At first there are little bubbles forming on the pot bottom, then as the heat builds, the bubbles drift to the surface, more bubbles form and enlarge, rise and the process repeats, expands, grows until the surface is roiling away. America is like that now, as the heated MAGA rhetoric has been turned up, gas bubbles rising, now popping, releasing very heated steam.

The scalding steam you see in our country now comes in the form of verbal rhetoric and even on X postings. Anne Coulter said on X: “We didn’t kill enough Indians.” Other MAGA mouth-pieces turn up the heat with statements from the likes of Tony Hinchcliffe calling Puerto Rico a “floating island of garbage.” Of course, the leader of the pack is always Stephen Miller who claims that “America is for Americans and Americans only” adding, “restore America to the true Americans,” presumably not meaning the Indian nations.

Another loyal MAGA proponent, Rep. Clay Higgins, took aim at Haitian immigrants, “These Haitians are wild. Eating pets, Vodou, nastiest country in the Western hemisphere, cults, slapstick gangsters... All these thugs better get their mind right and their asses out of our country ...” Of course, there’s always Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (interesting they always use her three names, as they do with perpetrators like Lee Harvey Oswald and Jared Lee Loughner of Tucson). Rep. Marjorie is prized for her outlandish BS-heat making with “Jewish space lasers” causing forest fires or arguing that Reps. and Rashida Tlaib were not official members of Congress because they didn’t swear in on the Bible (neither did Trump put his hand on the bible last inauguration either), or that Obama is secretly a Muslim, or equated vaccine requirements to the persecution of Jews during the Holocaust, and, worst of all, once lied that Nancy Pelosi had said that “We need another school shooting.”

When challenged, these folks always resort to, “...we do have freedom of speech. I’ll say what I want.” All the while they perfectly know they are turning up the heat,

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

PETER RIVA

setting fire to normalcy.

And their “freedom of speech” rhetoric affirmations are bringing whole gangs of MAGA supporters out of hiding, out into the open, like the Neo-Nazi rallies in Nashville, Tennessee, Columbus, Ohio, Portland, Oregon, Cincinnati, Ohio and a town soon near you. And do you see any of them being arrested or charged? That’s part of the usefulness of the MAGA sponsored steam heat, it frightens away true law-enforcement.

So what does one do with a pot of steaming hot water, to which more and more heat is still being applied? Online you can find sensible solutions like, “Listen and Understand” while you disagree, or “Manage your own reactions, keep calm” or “Engage constructively while looking for areas of agreement.”

Or you can do what real Americans do: Hold individuals accountable for using harmful language and lies. But be careful, when their words of stochastic terrorism becomes overwhelming and boils over, you are likely to become aware of your urge for physical retribution — said another way: riots. It is what they are counting on, for you to get so scalded, and then react with violence.

And here’s the lesson: Martin Luther King and Ghandi had it right: Protest in force and numbers non-violently. Oppose them with your presence, be like the young man in Tiananmen Square before those tanks, show up and protest and take the beating, show the real America what is right and expose the real message of fascists. Be the calm of righteousness, not the poison steam of evil. For these people are evil and want to change our nation to gain control over your life — all of your life, every aspect, every moral, every code, every freedom you currently have and will lose if they prevail. We have to oppose them, turn off their heat, before they scald us all.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenias Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trump keeps winning; Democrats keep whining

During Donald Trump’s first term as president, he threatened to leave NATO unless the European countries paid their fair share. Democrats screamed that Trump was destroying this critical alliance.

Now, in Trump’s second term, the Europeans have pledged to raise their defense spending from 2 percent to 5 percent, adding over a trillion dollars a year to their share and lessening our obligation.

Making NATO more equitable was Trump’s intent all along. His threat to leave it was a ruse that worked. The Democrats were clueless.

Similarly, when Trump struck Iran’s nuclear facilities, Democrats screamed that he was causing a constitutional

crisis by not getting Congressional approval. But Trump was simply following precedents set by presidents of both parties. The mission was a success. The Iranian program was set back by months or years. No American lives were lost. The world is safer for it.

Los Angeles was also made safer when Trump deployed National Guard troops during leftist riots there. Democrats again screamed Nazi and fascist. But Trump halted any chance of the widespread death and destruction so often caused by violent Democratic protesters in Democrat-run cities.

The shrieking left also painted Trump’s Army anniversary parade as a

goose-stepping Cold War spectacle. Instead, it was a patriotic, well-deserved tribute and a fine tune-up for the nation’s 250th birthday next year.

In other victories for Trump, the Supreme Court ruled that district court judges exceeded their authority in issuing nationwide injunctions against his executive order on birthright citizenship. The high court also found that school children cannot be force-fed transgender and LGBTQ indoctrination that their parents don’t want. And some schools are finally banning transgender athletes from women’s sports.

In all these cases, Trump was not the constitutional threat. It was liberal zealots in classrooms, locker rooms

and judicial chambers.

On the economy, Trump’s new trade deals are moving ahead. The stock market has regained all it lost during the initial tariff turmoil and is now setting records. Inflation is low, employment is strong, and blue-collar wages have seen their best growth in three generations.

On the border, sanity and the rule of law now prevail. Illegal crossings are at their lowest levels since the 1960s. Criminals are being deported. The left grandstands about “due process” but had no problem when Barack Obama deported three million without it.

On Independence Day, Trump signed the new GOP Congressional spending bill. For Trump and the GOP, it’s win after win.

Democrats, meanwhile, running around like chickens with their heads cut off, nominated for mayor of New York City a Democratic socialist who wants to achieve income redistribution through higher taxation on white neighborhoods. Good luck with that.

Democracy and the constitution are just fine. It’s the Dems who are in big trouble.

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Waramaug wakesurfing is a ‘terrible idea’

My friend Roxanne and her husband Tim were in their canoe paddling across the middle of Bantam Lake a few years ago, when a motor boat zipped past them, creating a wave that swept over their canoe and sunk their canoe. They had to swim to shore from the middle of the lake. Their canoe is still on the bottom of Bantam Lake

and will be there until the next ice age.

Wakesurfing on Lake Waramaug is a terrible idea. It is dangerous for people in canoes, kayaks, swimmers and children.

If you want to surf waves go to the ocean.

Lauri Zarin

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
July 1900

D.R. Spalding of Falls Village, who was eighty six years old July 4, does all the raking on 200 acres of meadow land.

The selectmen of Norfolk are going to see that all unregistered dogs are killed.

A large black bear was seen on the Van Deusen farm near Indian Mountain last Tuesday. It is said the animal drove a party of hay-makers from their work, and then escaped into the woods.

Sixty-three years ago Jabez Alvord, then 16 years old, of Winsted, lost a penny near the hearthstone of the old family residence now being torn down on North Main Street. He remembered it and looking for it one day last week found it.

SHARON — The body of Chas. Sweeney was brought to his home here on Tuesday from Rochester, Penn., where he was killed by falling from a telegraph pole. The burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery today.

Census taker for Salisbury, Mr. A.L. Felts, finished his labors in Lime Rock Saturday. He says it's no "cinch" making up the many schedules, counting heads, guessing the age of old maids besides other unpleasanties. He doesn't want the job next time.

NOTICE — Bicycle riders, you must keep off the sidewalks of this town, and also have a light on your wheel at night when riding.

A.F. Roberts has received word that his nephew has been rescued from the Filipinos and is now with his family.

Mr. Harry Hawley, a bookkeeper employed by Johnson, Lindell & Co. of Canaan, was drowned while bathing last Sunday afternoon. Hawley had been in ill health for some time and it is supposed that he suffered from heart failure. He was 45 years old and leaves a widow and five children.

While driving by the railroad station in this village on Saturday last, Henry Smith's large bay horse, driven by Mr. Timothy Morrissey, became frightened at a freight train which was switching at the time and ran up on the bank near the milk station, and in coming down the bank the horse stumbled and fell headlong against the freight, which was then standing on the main line, completely breaking his upper jaw and mutilating his mouth in a horrible manner. Fortunately, Mr. Morrissey escaped uninjured, with the exception of a slightly sprained knee. Veterinarian Delaney was summoned and pronounced the horse's case as hopeless, the whole upper jaw being motionless, and consequently the horse had to be shot. This is hard luck for Mr. Smith, as this was the only horse he owned, and it certainly was a fine one.

On account of numerous robberies in the past year or two of stations along the Central New England Railway, arrangements have been made by which all the money in the telephones and chewing gum machines is to be taken out every night, and the thieves hereafter will find

poor picking along the Central New England. Weighing machines have been discontinued in stations.

100 years ago —
July 1925

Last Saturday Phillip Farrar of Long Hill was coasting down Barack Matiff at twenty-seven miles per hour with a truck not equipped with pneumatic tires. He was arrested by Officer Ringrose and paid a fine of ten dollars and costs at nine dollars and ninety-six cents.

The fire siren refused to operate properly the early part of the week. Electrician Stanley Mather overhauled it and found some rusted out wires which he replaced, thus restoring the siren's efficiency.

Private William Atkins of the U.S. Marine Corp is home on a 15-day furlough. Private Atkins is stationed on the submarine tender U.S.S. Camden and has recently returned from the Pacific maneuver via the Panama Canal.

50 years ago —
July 1975

Sharon should explore all chances of continuing to dump its solid waste in Amenias, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection said this week. Until all hope of working things out with Amenias is gone, the DEP said, the department will not even study the feasibility of Sharon's sharing use of the Salisbury landfill.

Thomas Corcoran of West Hartford, formerly of Lakeville, was the winner of a ...freezer and a side of beef in a raffle sponsored by the Lakeville Hose Company at its annual carnival last weekend. Other winners were Ralph Zilinek of Falls Village, who won a \$500 wardrobe and Barbara Barnum of Great Barrington, Mass., who won a Franklin stove.

In Washington this week as staff members in the office of Congressman Toby Moffett are Sarah Gallup and Michael Flint, both of Lakeville. The internship program is being sponsored by the Salisbury Democratic Town Committee.

"At last we have a stop sign," Ted Mix of the Sharon Association noted this week. His remark followed installation of a stop sign at the junction of Routes 7 and 4 on the Sharon side of Cornwall Bridge. "The Sharon Association first requested it some years ago," Mr. Mix said, "and has pursued the matter with various state agencies. It is very pleased to see that its recommendation has been carried out."

An air search for some strayed cattle ended in an emergency landing and a ride to Sharon Hospital Saturday for Fred Segalla, 60, of Sodom Road, Canaan, and Martin Barnswilder, 36, of Sheffield. The incident occurred when Segalla agreed to take Barnswilder up to search for some cattle which had strayed from land the Sheffield farmer rents in Canaan. The two men had been airborne in Segalla's 1939 Piper Cub for about 15 minutes when the engine spluttered and died and Segalla made a forced landing in a cornfield owned by Norbert Zinke. Both men suffered cuts and bruises and

were taken by ambulance to Sharon Hospital where they were treated and released.

No cause has been unearthed for a mystery ailment that afflicted approximately 30 campers at Camp Kent last week. The Kent and Warren ambulances were called to the camp on South Spectacle Lake Tuesday evening, July 8, to administer oxygen to a group of youngsters suffering from coughing and respiratory difficulty. Local and state health authorities have investigated the incident, coming up with little in the way of an explanation. According to camp owner David Polansky, the children were suffering from "mass hysteria." There have apparently been no serious after effects from the incident.

25 years ago —
July 2000

With the announcement that Sharon Hospital plans to sell the facility to a for-profit firm, questions are being raised about the proposal and the buyer, whose former company filed bankruptcy. Essent Healthcare, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., expects to finalize the sale by late this year or early 2001.

More than 200 boaters, canoers, rafters and kayakers paddled down the Housatonic River below West Cornwall July 9 to protest the state Department of Environmental Protection ruling to return the dams at Falls Village and Bulls Bridge to "run-of-the-river," which will make portions of the river unnavigable during the summer months.

FALLS VILLAGE — Declaring he wants justice for his mother who was brutally murdered in 1973, Peter Reilly has requested the state police to test DNA in strands of hair found in the victim's hand at the crime scene. Mr. Reilly was 18 and a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School when he was accused of the murder after state troopers forced him into a false confession following 24 hours of interrogation without legal counsel. He was exonerated in 1977, in part thanks to efforts by New Britain attorney Paul McQuillan, who was named special prosecutor in the case in 1976. It was through Mr. McQuillan and attorney Hugh Keefe of Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante of New Haven that Mr. Reilly submitted his request for the DNA testing.

WASSAIC, N.Y. — For the first time since 1972, when Penn Central abandoned the railbed, passenger trains rolled up the Harlem Valley north of Dover. More than a hundred people turned out Monday for the grand opening of Metro-North's new Wassaic and Tenmile River stations in Amenias.

LAKEVILLE — For the past few weeks, signs have been posted on Farnum Road cautioning drivers to slow down for "pups." Well, it turns out those are coyote pups and the Department of Environmental Protection has a caution of its own: Don't feed them. Apparently, several area residents have been nurturing the five pups since their mother was killed after being hit by a car. Feeding the wild creatures will eventually be bad for both the animals and the humans that live around them, said DEP wildlife biologist Paul Rego.

Does Trump's budget really spell doom for Connecticut?

According to Governor Lamont, the federal budget just enacted by the Republican majority in Congress and President Trump is nearly the end of the world.

The governor says the budget will have "devastating impact on millions of Americans for years to come and was passed for the sole purpose of giving tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires. It will amount to a massive income transfer from the poorest and most vulnerable Americans to the wealthiest."

But Dan Haar of the Hearst Connecticut newspapers reports that, by quadrupling to \$40,000 the federal income tax deductibility of state and local taxes — the "SALT" deduction, which Democratic leaders in Connecticut and other high-tax states long have supported — the new budget will substantially reduce federal income taxes for hundreds of thousands of middle- and upper-middle class Connecticut households.

As for the "massive income transfer from the poorest and most vulnerable Americans to the wealthiest," the poor don't pay federal income taxes, nor, in Connecticut, state income taxes. The "income" for the poor about which the governor is worried is actually what in a less politically correct era was called welfare.

The governor says the new budget will "bankrupt" the federal government by running a deficit in the trillions of dollars, requiring borrowing to cover the gap. But the federal government long has run huge deficits under Democratic administrations as well, which never bothered Democrats in Connecticut. Besides, since the government can create money out of nothing, it can never go bankrupt; it can only continue to devalue the dollar — something else that has never bothered Connecticut Democrats.

THE CHRIS POWELL COLUMN

The new budget, the governor says, "slashes critical safety-net programs, particularly Medicaid and SNAP" — food subsidies — "that so many hard-working American families need for their health and survival."

Will the cuts be so compelling as to cause the governor to reconsider the pledge he made to the state employee unions in April? "Every year that I've been here you've gotten a raise," he told the unions, "and every year I'm here, you're going to get a raise."

Yet in recent days there have been reports from all around the country about massive fraud in the Medicaid, Medicare, and SNAP programs — some involving providers in Connecticut.

Indeed, a few months ago the governor's own public health and social services commissioner retired after it was disclosed that she had countenanced the termination of an audit of Medicaid fraud in which the governor's former deputy budget director and a former Democratic state representative have been indicted and a Bristol doctor has pleaded guilty.

Just last week state prosecutors charged an acupunctureist from Milford with defrauding Medicaid of \$123,000.

All this fraud doesn't mean that the Republican administration in Washington or the Democratic administration in Connecticut will be competent and determined enough to substantially reduce fraud in Medicaid, Medicare, and food subsidies. But maybe a reduction in those appropriations is necessary to provide some incentive to look harder.

"With a federal administration insistent on eliminating critical safety nets," the governor said, "it is going to be nearly impossible for any state to backfill the billions in federal cuts we are going to face. ... We will be meeting with our colleagues in the General Assembly to discuss next steps."

Those next steps may be interesting.

Will the federal cuts in Medicaid and food subsidies be so compelling as to cause the governor and legislators to cancel any of the grants they grandly announce practically every week for all sorts of inessential projects around the state?

Will the cuts be so compelling as to cause the governor to reconsider the blank check his administration has issued for illegal immigration?

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Raises despite the cuts in the safety net? Despite natural disasters? Despite plague? Despite nuclear war?

Or will the cuts prompt the governor to call the legislature into special session, proclaim that state government simply can't economize, and propose to raise taxes going into an election year?

Chris Powell has written about Connecticut government and politics for many years.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Summer harvest

Status Report

SHARON — Sharon was selected to receive a Local Bridge Grant from the state Department of Transportation. The award, which will fund repairs on the Kirk Road Bridge, is a 50% matching grant to be administered as a reimbursement after the town pays for the estimated total cost of \$1,047,500. First Selectman Casey Flanagan is hopeful for construction to begin in the spring of 2027 pending financing plans.

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After years of study, the towns of Kent, Warren and Washington will be voting on restricting the practice of wake boarding on Lake Waramaug this summer. To become educated on this issue, please visit the Waramaug Authority sections on each town's website. For example, here is Kent's: www.townofkentct.gov/lake-waramaug-authority. To dive into the each side of the issue, then please visit Lake Waramaug Friends' website to understand voting no on this issue: lakewaramaugfriends.org/vote-no/. And for voting yes on the petition, please see: www.protectlakewaramaug.org/. Finally, here is the latest development in Kent: lakevillejournal.com/unprecedented-crowds-force-postponement-of-wakesurfing-vote.



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Gold Dog condo decision deferred until August

By Alec Linden

SHARON — At its June 9 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission decided to delay its verdict on the controversial proposed housing development by the applicant known as Gold Dog LLC, however several members indicated preliminary approval of the project.

The plans propose 24 condo units in the currently forested land behind the Sharon Hospital Medical Arts Buildings which would sit in close proximity to several residences on Hospital Hill Road.

The decision to postpone was based on anticipated but not yet arrived information from the town's third-party engineer regarding the proposal's stormwater runoff plans and several other technical details. Chair Laurance Rand said P&Z could not issue a decision until receiving that report, which other commissioners agreed with.

Several members took the opportunity to share their thoughts on the application at the current stage, for which the public hearing closed last month after three contentious sessions that saw fierce pushback from neighbors of the proposed development.

P&Z Secretary Stanley MacMillan Jr. voiced that he felt the application demonstrated compliance with the zoning regulations of the area and that diversified housing options would be beneficial to the town. He felt the development would suit "older people who are looking downsize" or "younger people who are just getting started."

Vice Chair Betsy Hall said the town has an obligation to follow its Plan of Conservation and Development, which calls for increased and varied housing options as well as the preservation of open space. She said cluster housing models, such as Gold Dog's application proposes, are one way to achieve this balance.

"This project will preserve quite a bit of that lot as open space," she said, indicating that an alternative single-family housing model would have a much larger footprint.

She stipulated it would be essential to protect the privacy of neighbors via fencing and landscaping if the project moves forward.

The Commission will take up the discussion again at its Aug. 13 meeting, when it will have to render a decision due to the expiration of its statutorily defined deliberation window. That period officially ends on Aug. 15.

Local artist offers plein-air painting class in Coltsfoot Valley

By Jules Williams

CORNWALL — Last Saturday morning, July 12, from 10 to 12 a.m., a small group of artists gathered on the edge of Pine Street in Cornwall Village to paint watercolor studies of Coltsfoot Valley.

Local artist Robert Adzema, who specializes both in sculpting sundials and plein-air watercolors, led the class. Plein-air painting is the practice of painting outside, directly from nature.

On his website, Adzema explains how plein-air "encourages one to deal with the subject directly and spontaneously, and to welcome chance and accident".

It is different from sculpture, which requires more precision.

To start off, Adzema did a small demonstration with his paints, explaining his thought process and answering questions. He painted both in both grayscale and color, focusing on laying out basic shapes before slowly going in with more details.

Afterwards the group split off to work on their own pieces, implementing newly



Area painters gathered at Coltsfoot Valley in Cornwall Village Saturday, July 12, for a painting lesson led by Cornwall artist Robert Adzema.

learned techniques and accepting feedback. Many stayed beyond the scheduled time to continue their work.

Throughout the class, Adzema offered tips to help familiarize people with the basics of watercolors. He suggested that a value painting in black and white first is helpful with getting a feel for the subject and the sections of the landscape.

"The big secret of painting watercolor is being aware of how wet the paper is," he told participants.

The wetness of the paper affects the way the paints interact with it; more moistness means more paint is absorbed and the colors will spread to a larger area, creating a softer look, while dry paper is better for achieving sharper details.

He demonstrated how to mix colors directly on the canvas to add depth. In particular, he suggested adding oranges and golds to the grass and sky to add warmth into the picture.

As the group split, Adzema continued to encourage participants to paint what interested them and to use the techniques that spoke to them most. It was clear in his passion that he hoped to encourage others to delve into art as deeply as he had.

Summer concerts return to Falls Village

By David Carley

FALLS VILLAGE — "It's like a mini Tanglewood," said director of the David M. Hunt Library Meg Sher as families were arriving to the library lawn with their dinner and drinks on picnic blankets to hear Jonathan Grusauskas, or Jonny G., perform on Friday evening, July 11.

Jonny G. was born and raised in Falls Village and has been playing music for 27 years, since he was in 5th grade, and is a part of a band called lespecial.

He is the founder and owner of the Music Celler in Millerton, New York, which is a music school offering lessons for all ages, skill levels, and many instruments. It is also a rehearsal and recording space.



Jonathan "Jonny G." Grusauskas performed on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library Friday, July 11. Above, Maria Rose and Eli Sher assisted in the show.

The songs Jonny G. performed spanned decades and genres, from Simon and Garfunkel to Rufus Wainwright to Billie Eilish. He even played "Weird Al" Yankovic's "Amish Paradise," a parody of Coolio's "Gangsta's Paradise." He also brought on a couple guests to perform with him; his sister Maria Rose sang with him for a few songs, and Eli Sher, age 10, played the bass drum on Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer."

Towards the end of the show, Jonny took a request from the crowd. Someone yelled out, "play a kid's song!" Without a second thought he started playing "Baby Shark" and, like clockwork, the kids came flocking back from playing on the lawn.

The performance was a part of the Hunt Library



July Fest

Cornwall Village Green was filled with festivity Sunday, July 13, when July Fest returned. Live music by The Joint Chiefs, food and ice cream from popular food trucks, a traveling book bus and games and activities geared toward children provided fun for all. The event was organized by Cornwall Park and Recreation. To see the video report, visit @lakevillejournal on Instagram.



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Sports



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Swimmers dive into Lake Wononscopomuc July 10.

Swim teams meet in Salisbury

By Simon Markow

SALISBURY — Lake Wononscopomuc hosted area swim teams from Cornwall, Goshen, Litchfield, Salisbury/Sharon and North Canaan, for a rec league meet at the Town Grove Thursday, July 10.

The Woodridge Lake swim team of Goshen took home the victory.

A large crowd of family and friends gathered to watch and root for the athletes in the races. The weather was fair, about 78 degrees and sunny. The smell of s'mores from a nearby public grill filled drifted in the wind.

Athletes ranging in age from six to 13 competed in varying strokes and medleys including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and relays for the medley and freestyle.

Players radiated with confidence and competitiveness

in their races. When asked about expectations for the races, Donald Polk of Cornwall answered, "Expect me to win." Polk went on to place first in backstroke and the medley relay with his teammates Faith Kallman-Noyes, Mekhi Noyes and June Hermann-Botto

Timing officials for the races, most of them local Housatonic Valley Regional High School students who work and lifeguard at The Grove, enthusiastically cheered and gave support to all the younger swimmers as they competed in the lanes.

After all the races, Salisbury Park and Rec Director Lisa McAuliffe gave out cookies and juice boxes to the hungry swimmers. She said with a wink, "The snacks were scientifically proven to help after swimming." The swimmers converged on the snack table after a long afternoon in the water.



Swimmers swarm the cookies and juice boxes.

Housy boys unite for summer hoops

By Theo Maniatis

TORRINGTON — As most people went to bed last Wednesday, sporadic squeaks from basketball players' shoes echoed down Main Street from the Torrington Armory.

Those sounds marked the first summer game for the Housatonic Valley High School boys summer basketball team, who fell valiantly to Torrington PAL, 63-45.

At the 9:30 p.m. tip off, the thermostat in the Armory read 88 degrees.

Commenting on the heat, HVRHS' Coach Dino Labbadia said his team has come to expect it in the summer league play. "It's been like this every year. It's crazy," he said.

In the summer opener, HVRHS was also missing two rising seniors: Owen Riemer was out of town, and Anthony Labbadia was sidelined with an ankle injury.

With Riemer and Labbadia out, two rising freshmen made their first appearances



PHOTO BY THEO MANIATIS

Tyler Roberts, left, plays guard for Housy Hoops in the Torrington Summer Basketball League.

in Housy uniforms. Jaxon Viosockis and Jackson Goodwin each played for considerable minutes as guards.

Torrington PAL, or "Police Activities League," was founded in 1983 in partnership with Torrington Police Department. Since then, the league website states, the group has been "providing children with alternatives to crime, violence and substance abuse."

The game wasn't a calculated chess match — it was a fast-paced, physical battle. Sweat poured from every player and around 40 fans packed the stands to watch.

HVRHS scored first, but within the first five minutes Torrington jumped out to a 12-6 lead.

HVRHS responded with a run of its own to cut the

deficit to 15-14 with seven minutes left in the half.

That was the peak of the comeback and Torrington led by double digits at half-time.

Coach Labbadia was pleased to see his team keep the score close for most of the half. He said, "If I can get our guys to just take their time, we'll be fine."

After the break, HVRHS continued with strong effort but could not stop Torrington's relentless offense and fast breaks.

When the final buzzer sounded, Wes Allyn topped the box score for HVRHS with a game-high 19 points. Anthony Foley scored 13 points.

Torrington was led in scoring by Owen Fenn with 17 points. Chris Delacruz and Dom Lewis each scored 11 points.

Torrington Summer Basketball League results and schedules can be found at www.quickscores.com/torringtonct.

Summer baseball returns to Veterans Field

By Copey Rollins

SHARON — On Thursday, July 10, the Housy Juniors faced off against Tri-Town for the second time this summer. The two teams fought hard in a high-scoring game but ultimately lost to their Litchfield-based opponents 15-11.

Fans gathered at Veterans field on a warm summer evening to watch the Juniors, consisting of Region One players aged 13 to 16, as they attempted to avenge their previous 14-13 loss to their strong rival. Tri-Town includes players from Goshen, Litchfield, Morris and Warren.

Due to limited enrollment this season, Housy and Tri-Town were the only active teams in the Northwest Connecticut district at the start of the Babe Ruth Baseball summer league season. Housy won the district championship in 2024.

Tommy Downey started the game on the mound for Housy. In a solid defensive first inning, he kept the score nil by securing two strikeouts and surrendering no hits. The Juniors got out in front with three runs in the bottom of the first inning thanks to some strong line drives and five stolen bases.

The lead changed hands several times over the next few innings as the two teams duked it out. In the third inning, a pitching change was made from Downey to Braeden Duncan, a rising Junior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

In the third, Tri-Town was able to quickly get their first four batters of the in-



PHOTO BY BY COPEY ROLLINS

Housy Juniors Babe Ruth Baseball summer league home games are played at Veterans Field in Sharon. For Tri-Town, home games are played at Community Field in Litchfield.

ning around the diamond before being quickly struck out three times in a row by the skilled Housy pitcher. Tri-Town had reclaimed the lead by this point and gone up 11-9.

Late in the game, relief pitcher Jerron Nirshel, an in-

coming freshman at HVRHS, took the mound for Housy. Though the Juniors pushed hard to mount a comeback in the seventh inning, they were unable to score more than two runs before Tri-Town struck them out to end the game 15-11.

The squads are highly competitive. Thursday's game was the second of five that the rival teams will play this summer.

Housy had runs scored by 11 out of their 15 rostered players and showed a strong will to improve.

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CAR SHOW

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Whitford said he brought the tractor and engine up as is from Goshen on Saturday, July 12, around 5 p.m. Asked if he annoyed the weekend motorists, he laughed and said that some of them indicated with hand gestures that “I was Number One!”

The newly opened Off the Trail Cafe was buzzing hard at 10:15 a.m., with a dozen customers inside, a mix of car show visitors and Appalachian Trail hikers.

And on the Town Green the band, the Hungry Tiger All-Stars from Manchester, were performing a sound check prior to kicking off their first set at about 11 a.m.

The car show started 15 years ago in conjunction with the 80th anniversary of Jacobs Garage. This year was the 95th anniversary.

Proceeds go to the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter and the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

Lakeville Journal Intern Mia DiRocco contributed to this article.



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A 1950 Chevy panel truck was in wonderful condition, especially the varnished plywood floor in the cargo area. Owner Tony Funigiello of New Fairfield said the effect could not be replicated with modern plywood.



The Hungry Tiger All-Stars, the house band at the bar of the same name in Manchester, played a version of the Beatles’ “Ticket to Ride.”

HOUSING

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN
The preliminary plans for the development, showing the Kent Green Boulevard extension as a central, tree-lined corridor for the neighborhood. The plans show three 12-unit walkup buildings and 10 four-unit stacked flats for a total of 76 units.

tive overlay zone. “With this I feel we have something we can work with.”

Commissioner Shelby Green said, “it’s something sorely needed in Kent,” and described the project as “well-conceived.”

P&Z member Sarah Chase commended the proposal’s “alliance with the aesthetic of the town.”

The pre-application meeting was intended to garner preliminary feedback from P&Z and gauge its willingness to amend the housing incentive overlay zone.

The current zoning allows for single and dual-family buildings to be built within its boundaries. Millstein said that in order to maintain the green and rural village aesthetic of the neighborhood, the project would have to mitigate its construction footprint by including up to 12 units per building.

Of the 76 proposed units, 20% are planned to be designated affordable housing available exclusively for those earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income. Another 20% of the units will be held as rentals, while the rest will be homeownership opportunities.

Millstein estimated the development could house approximately 120-150 residents.

Commissioner Darryl Cherniske said that he felt 76 units strikes a fair balance

between accommodating for density housing and maintaining open space.

Jeremy Lake of Union Studio Architects and Design, the Providence-based firm handling the configuration of the proposed development, presented the specs to P&Z. He described a “walkable mixed-income neighborhood that integrates naturally into the broader village fabric of Kent.” He noted the elongation of Kent Green Boulevard so it connects to Maple Street Extension will further a sense of a unified downtown.

Lake said he’s particularly excited about designing “the spaces between the buildings – that’s where the community design aspect comes into play.”

First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer, who was also present at the meeting, lauded the preliminary designs and said the project has the capacity to “achieve something really spectacular for our town and for the region.”

Lindenmayer stated his desire to see the unoccupied building currently on the property converted to a recreational center for both residents of the new neighborhood and the broader town. This has been a point of mild contention with Millstein and the development team who say the facility would take away some of the greens space they’ve fought

to preserve.

Still, Lindenmayer pushed that a recreation center, with a gym, year-round pool and other amenities, fulfills a parallel task to housing development in fortifying the town’s public offerings to support its current and future residents. “They need somewhere to live but they also need somewhere to recreate” and stay healthy, he argued.

Lindenmayer was highly supportive of the plan as a

whole though, describing it as a prudent use of a unique development opportunity in Kent that “most of the towns in this area will not be able to replicate,” lacking 12 acres of developable and open land adjacent to downtown.

Having received the Commission’s input, the team behind the development will develop a petition for a further alteration to the housing incentive zone, and eventually return before P&Z with a complete application.

HOSPITAL

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the data with President Donald Trump (R) in the form of a letter dated June 12. Senators Edward Markey (D-Mass.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Jeffrey Merkley (D-Ore.) and Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) signed the letter, which states, “Rural hospitals will not get paid for the services they are required by law to provide to patients. In turn, rural hospitals will face deeper financial strain that could lead to negative health outcomes for the communities they serve.”

Following several years of financial struggle, Sharon Hospital’s parent company, Nuvance Health, completed a merger with Northwell Health in 2025. Northwell is the largest private health care provider in New York State.

“We appreciate elected officials shining a light on this report as it relates to new legislation and cuts that would be devastating to rural hospitals. It is no secret that Sharon Hospital has been struggling financially for some time – largely due to underpayment from government and other payers. These new cuts only exacerbate the situation. We

are hopeful that the benefits of our recent affiliation with Northwell Health will provide some stability as we weather this latest storm.” Daniel DeBarba, chief financial officer of Nuvance Health, part of Northwell.

Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch said although the cuts would “add strain to our financial stability,” she clarified, “The hospital is here to serve the community. I don’t want the community to not use our services that we have for fear that the hospital is closing. All of our services are open.”

Since 2018, the community organization Save Sharon Hospital has advocated to maintain full-service medical care in the Northwest Corner.

SSH President Lydia Kruge Moore shared, “It is deeply troubling that vital health care services remain at risk in rural communities like ours. Save Sharon Hospital is incredibly grateful that Northwell Health has recognized the importance of rural health care and has committed to maintaining all services at Sharon Hospital.”

KENT

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malls, oversized parking lots and huge thruways, Kent is a reminder of a bygone time.

Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer said, “The variety of stores we have, the restaurants we have, candy shops and ice cream stores. There’s something for everybody.”

Many local businesses operate out of century-old buildings along the tree-lined Main Street (Route 7).

The Digest describes Kent as “one of the many towns that has been compared to Stars Hollow, from the ‘Gilmore Girls’...It has the same charming, small-town appeal, including locally owned stores and town events and festivals.”

In fact, the town has hosted the “Gilmore Girls” fan fest twice, in 2017 and 2019, with about 1,500 fans showing up each time.

Reflecting on the recognition, Lindenmayer highlighted other worthwhile aspects of the town aside from the main street. “We have had a tremendous increase in people visiting because it is just a beautiful place. We have a gorgeous river. At our border, we have beautiful mountains. We have great trails to hike on.”

Kent was one of four Northeast towns to make the Digest’s List. Bath, Maine, Provincetown, Massachusetts, and Woodstock, New York, also earned recognition.

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When the guide gets it wrong

After moving to West Cornwall in 2012, we were given a thoughtful housewarming gift: the 1997 edition of “Dirr’s Hardy Trees and Shrubs.” We were told the encyclopedic volume was the definitive gardener’s reference guide — a fact I already knew, having purchased one several months earlier at the recommendation of a gardener I admire.

At the time, we were in the thick of winter invasive removal, and I enjoyed reading and dreaming about the trees and shrubs I could plant to fill in the bare spots where the bittersweet, barberry, multiflora rose and other invasive plants had been. Years later, I purchased the 2011 edition, updated and inclusive of plants for warm climates.

On the cover of the new edition, a quote from Adrian Higgins of The Washington Post boasts, “Michael Dirr is the oracle of ornamental horticulture. I trust his judgements implicitly.” I heartily disagree with Mr. Higgins: I blame this book — and my poor use of it — for some of my worst tree and shrub choices.

I realize some readers might find this declaration inflammatory. The book still occupies a place of high regard among experienced and novice gardeners alike, so please allow me to explain.

In addition to giving the reader his opinion on the aesthetic worthiness of the woody plants included in the book, Mr. Dirr makes good on the book’s title with a review of each species’ hardiness. What makes a tree hardy? It thrives in its intended site, resisting disease with leaves and bark not readily eaten by insects and other critters.

Non-native plants make up the majority of the recommended hardy plants in the book. And here is why: Native trees and shrubs are, by evolution’s design, food source and host to our native fauna — critters large and small. There is no substitute equal to the fauna’s co-evolved flora. A native caterpillar cannot eat a kousa dogwood leaf, as it has not evolved to digest it. Non-native plants seemingly have the advantage if the lens we look through values pristine, uneaten leaves. In the days when



Dee Salomon

there were sufficient thriving ecosystems to maintain local habitats, a non-native specimen tree here and there was just fine. But where we live in Northwest Connecticut, our woods, meadows, marshes and other natural areas have, for a couple of decades, been severely compromised by invasives that have almost entirely removed the food sources for native insects. It is up to us — now — to plant native plants to save the food chain. Without insects, not only will native animals die, but human food sources will also be at risk.

The security of our food pipeline seems a worthy exchange for some caterpillar-eaten leaves — and to be clear, we’re not talking about non-native infestations such as spongy moth, but rather native caterpillars, which are the singular food source for nesting birds.

My issue is that, in being a trusted source for plant selection, Dirr’s book should give equal — if not prioritized — space to information on ecological impact. For example, it would be good to know when selecting a tree, that a native oak provides food and other ecosystem services to more than 400 native animal species, while a native tulip poplar supports fewer than 30 — though that includes the Eastern tiger swallowtail. Including information on the birds and insects attracted to a given plant would enable reader to weigh these factors in choosing what to grow. But this information is not mentioned at all.

Dirr makes no mention of the role some of



Rosa setigera is a native climbing rose whose simple flowers allow bees to easily collect pollen.

these plants have played in the degradation of our natural areas — an omission that is highly relevant, as many of the plants featured in his book are, in fact, invasive culprits. Plants like barberry, porcelain berry and tree of heaven are showcased for consideration alongside native plants without recognition of the devastating infestations they can manifest. Tree of Heaven is now responsible for hosting the spotted lanternfly, which is devastating crops.

Similarly *Euonymus alatus* (winged euonymus) and *Actinidia arguta* (hardy kiwi) — two highly invasive plants touted in the book — have been banned or are close to being banned for sale from nurseries in the state of Massachusetts. To his credit, Dirr does point out the invasive nature of *Ligustrum sinense* (Chinese privet), calling it “a terrible and devastating escapee that terrorizes floodplains, fencerows and even open fields, reducing native

vegetation to rubble.” Yet Japanese honeysuckle gets an understated warning, with Dirr describing this massively invasive shrub as “bullying their way into understory and open areas.”

The latest edition of Dirr’s book devotes seven pages of copy and photos to various *Berberis* species, about which Dirr waxes poetic. He notes the addition of “30 new cultivars” in the latest revision and complains that “this species is under assault for its aggressive invasive nature.” He refers to *Berberis thunbergii* — Japanese barberry, the most invasive of them all — as “the species of major importance in garden commerce.” This plant has already been outlawed for sale in New

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PHOTO BY BRIAN GERSTEN

Foxtrot Farm & Flowers’ historic barn space during UAW’s 2024 exhibition entitled “Unruly Edges.”

ART: BRIAN GERSTEN

A few highlights from Upstate Art Weekend 2025

Art lovers, mark your calendars. The sixth edition of Upstate Art Weekend (UAW) returns July 17 to 21, with an exciting lineup of exhibitions and events celebrating the cultural vibrancy of the region. Spanning eight counties and over 130 venues, UAW invites residents and visitors alike to explore the Hudson Valley’s thriving creative communities.




Here’s a preview of four must-see exhibitions in the area:

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Remembering Glenn the Trout Spotter

My nomadic attorney Thos is planning a fishing and camping trip of major proportions later this summer, starting in New Mexico and working his way north through the Rockies into Canada.

So I wanted to reconnect with a fellow named Glenn May, who was my main fishing buddy for several years in the 1990s when we both lived in Albuquerque and worked at the same bookstore. Last I heard he was living in Colorado, which is on the itinerary, more or less.

An email bounced back so I tried Facebook, only to learn he died in his sleep in February.

He was a little younger than me, about 60 I guess.

This was disconcerting.

I was already working at the bookstore when he came on board, and we recognized our mutual interest when I found him trying to carve out a shelf or two for fly-fishing titles amid the general chaos of the sports section.

I had a Ford Escort, which was good on gas but didn't hold much gear, especially when you factored in critical supplies such as beer.

He had a gigantic and battered Ford F350 which was terrible on gas but would go anywhere and could hold everything. It also had a long-expired Delaware li-



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cense plate, which made for some tense moments.

We managed to wangle the same two days off, Sunday and Monday, and we'd often bug out after our Saturday second shift and fetch up somewhere around 1 a.m., pitch a tent and be on the water at dawn.

The bookstore did not pay much, and out West the distances (and gas consumption) are exponentially greater than in the relatively compact East.

If it was near the first of the month, we took the Escort. Mid-month when we were feeling bucks up, we'd go with the truck.

Glenn was a dry fly guy to his core. I had been trained in similar fashion but was dabbling in the dark arts of sub-surface fishing, so when one of us was catching the other was often fishing.

He was also a Dallas Cowboys fan. They were suffering through a particularly bad season one year in the mid-90s, and as we drove from river to river we listened to the games on the radio. He lamented, and I privately gloated.

I wandered back east but Glenn stayed put, eventually becoming a fairly big name in the New Mexico newspaper



PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

The late Glenn May on one of his favorite rivers, the San Juan in New Mexico, circa 2010.

world. He wrote about fly-fishing for the Albuquerque Tribune and about everything for the Santa Fe New Mexican, and that's not a complete list.

Then he was off to Cameroon with the Peace Corps. And then Turkey, not in the Peace Corps. He did a stint teaching English in South Korea.

I occasionally got cryptic emails describing the fishing in places like Bulgaria, and he kept up a Facebook presence, so I had some idea of what he was doing.

More recently he was

back in the Four Corners, working for the Ute tribal nation in some capacity. I think there was a wife in there too.

I'm struck — again — by how, over the years, I have spent a lot of time with fishing friends and I know next to nothing about them except they dislike fishing with dropper rigs and have a weakness for hazelnut coffee.

The other thing that stands out about Glenn was that he was the best trout spotter I have ever fished with. No scouting flies for this guy. He was almost always aiming at specific fish, where I was working specific spots. To use a sports analogy, he played man-to-man while I played zone.

I spoke to him on the phone in 2004. We reminisced about the time we were edging around a canyon pool and when he looked back all he saw was my ballcap floating on the surface. (I was underneath temporarily.)

Or the time the drunk idiots chucked rocks

into the pools we were working. They were poor shots so the rocks came very close to hitting us. They also called our fly rods "fairy sticks."

We snuck up on them later when they were cavorting in a hot spring and let the air out one of their tires. Only one. We wanted the punishment to fit the crime.

They recovered enough that we encountered them later at a rustic saloon that sold flies and had a collection of brassieres attached to the ceiling. Luckily they didn't put two and two together, probably because they were engrossed by the decor. We prudently oiled out and made our escape.

I'll wrap this with a story about the famous New Mexico tailwater, the San Juan River.

The first time we tried it together he was doing well with miniscule dry flies, size 24 callibaetis, and long leaders tapered to 7X.

I think this was when my antipathy for what I

call "specks" started. No matter what, I could not lay out my speck the way he could.

So while he was horsing big fat rainbows into the net, I was fumbling with tackle and cussing.

Finally, I tied on a big gaudy Royal Coachman fly with a pink post and about twice the normal amount of hackle. I think I bought it at the brassiere bar.

Shortening my leader to something around seven feet and 3X, I heaved it near the streamside vegetation while Glenn watched. He may have smirked a bit.

A nice rainbow, probably rejoicing at the prospect of a square meal instead of nibbling on specks, smacked the ridiculous fly and we were off.

It was big enough, and I had consumed enough beer, that Glenn kindly assisted in netting the beast. He looked at it, the fly and at me, shook his head, and said "Now that is some raggedy fly-fishing."

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transformed by this deeply thoughtful show.

2. Foxtrot Farm & Flowers (6862 Route 82, Stanfordville)

"Queer Bestiary," a group show curated by Charlotte Woolf, is inspired by Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian's book "Forest Euphoria." The exhibition investigates queer ecology and human relationship to land through the work of 10 artists using painting, sculpture, textiles, and photography. The exhibit is accompanied by a variety of interactive experiences including tattoo pop-ups, karaoke, book readings, and pick-your-own flowers.

3. ChaShaMa North/ChaNorth (2600 Route 199, Pine Plains)

ChaShaMa North (ChaNorth) will have open studios all weekend and has partnered with Paradise Palase, a platform for emerging artists, to mount a site-specific sculpture exhibition featuring 20 artists entitled "Alone, You Are Heard." On Saturday evening, July 19, stop by for Weird Music Night for an audio-visual synthesis of experimental music, performance art, and unexpected

happenings. Don't miss this opportunity to experience an eclectic lineup of acts that redefine the boundaries of performance.

4. Millbrook Arts Project (3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook)

The Millbrook Arts Project is hosting a curated exhibit entitled "Generated Utility" at the newly renovated gallery at the village library. The exhibit will feature the work of artists Natalie Beall and Kathy Greenwood. Additionally, visitors will have access to 12 open artists studios across town. The weekend culminates in

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a free outdoor concert on Saturday evening at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook Bandshell. Enjoy the Indie-Folk sounds of Strawberry Runners and She Keeps Bees.

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Collage exhibit brings layers of history and art to Falls Village

From July 12 through August 8, the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host “Collage Redux!,” an exhibit featuring the collages and box constructions of Lakeville resident, Ingrid Freidenbergs.

A highlight of the exhibit will be Freidenberg’s Art Talk on July 24 at 5:30 p.m., featuring a screening of “Cycles,” a short film by her son, Paul Feder, who also co-composed the score with fellow musician Sam McCoy. The film presents the photography of Freidenbergs’ late husband Jack Feder, whose photos appeared in “Life,” “Newsweek,” and “The New York Times.”

The film is an important piece of the show. “This is my first show without Jack here. A way to bring Jack in is to show the film.”

Although both Freidenbergs and her husband were psychologists, they also pursued and loved the arts. When they first met and throughout their years together, “Art was the thing we communicated about,” said Freidenbergs.

Freidenbergs recalled a trip to the British Museum. She’d been studying watercolor with painter John Hardy and with a letter of introduction from him, she and Federal went into the vaults and spent the day looking at cases of Turner watercolors. “I loved it,” remembered Freidenbergs.

She and Federal traveled the world together, bringing home pieces of art they loved.

Freidenbergs’ art was — and continues to be — heavily influenced by her family’s flight from Latvia when she was just an infant in 1944. In her personal statement she says, “World War II changed my life, so little wonder that collage has



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Ingrid Freidenbergs at her studio in Lakeville.

become my mode of expression as well. The family farm disappeared; fortunes were buried and scattered. So, we too were scattered around Europe, then America, picking up pieces of culture and cast-off debris along the way.”

She and her family spent seven years in displaced persons camps in Europe before emigrating to the United States.

Freidenbergs began her pursuit of art with watercolor but after her son’s birth, she found collage to be a perfect fit for her. “It was something I could do with the many distractions of a young child.” She developed a method of working that she still utilizes. “I could put things down, walk away, go back, move things, look at them upside down and all ways, and walk away again...” until she arrived at the perfect composition.

Collage also com-

bined her love of cloth, paper, color (red being a recurring theme), feathers, buttons, old books, and other found materials.

And most perfectly, collage gave her an outlet to “make sense of a shattered world. Form, line, texture, and color are joined to balance the disparate parts. Through the process of assembling these parts I can once again start to feel in control of my life,” she explained.

Of one show Freidenbergs participated in, “The New York Times” wrote “there is no doubt as to Freidenbergs’ gift for conveying atmosphere thick with something, be it guilt, intrigue, death or simply a relish for the forbidden.”

The David M. Hunt Library is located at 63 Main Street in Falls Village and Collage Redux! will be on view during library hours.

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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. Sign up today or contact the library to register.

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.

JULY 19

Stanford Grange Summer Penny Social

Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, N.Y.

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Summer Penny Social on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced), calling begins at 7 p.m., and the Grange Hall has air conditioning! There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Summer items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale (please don't bring outside food - it takes money away from the kids). For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or the Stanford Grange Hall at (845) 868-1700.

The Great Amusement Park Mystery

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.

Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m. (Morning Cast) & 4 p.m. (Afternoon Cast) A comedic whodunit set in a porcupine-themed amusement park, performed by local youth ages 9–12.

Farm Feast with Kevin Pike and Robin Touchet from Branchwater Farms

Stissing House, 7801 S. Main St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Saturday, July 19, 6 p.m. Gin, brandy, wine, chicken, and duck eggs all from our neighbors at Branchwater Farms. Come celebrate them with a feast!

JULY 20

Public Conversations of Consequence

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

Congregational Church of Salisbury's second Public Conversation of Consequence will be held on Sunday, July 20, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and the topic will be “Who is my neighbor?” The four guest presenters include: Will Conklin, Executive Director of Greenagers; Jill Drew, Director of the Steering Committee for Vecinos Seguros 2; Peter Halle, President of the Salisbury Housing Committee; and Ellie Youngblood, Associate Director for Regional Food Access Partnerships at Sky High Farm. Refreshments will be served following the structured program for those who wish to continue the conversations.

JULY 22

Historic Music Festivals and Community Impact

Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwood's Road E, Norfolk, Conn.

Melvin Chen and Vin Cipolla explore the rich tradition of music and arts festivals in New England, looking at what these institutions are doing to attract new audiences, address priorities and challenges, all while sustaining their missions and communities. To register or for more information, please contact Amanda Breen at ABreen@HistoricNewEngland.org or (617) 994-5966.

Blooms & Brushwork with Hilary Cooper

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

On July 22 and 23, join artist Hilary Cooper for a watercolor workshop focused on flowers and bouquets. We'll learn how to simplify our approach to complex botanical forms and review basic watercolor techniques focusing on fluidity and color. No previous experience is required; art supplies are provided. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14805215

JULY 23

Garden to Table Series: Pesto and Herb Salsas

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

Wednesday, July 23, 3:30 p.m.

Our community garden is bursting with delicious vegetables — let's use them! Join us for Garden Club on alternate Wednesdays June through August for Garden to Table, where we'll take vegetables from the community garden and use them to create delicious bites. On July 23 we'll be making Pesto and Herb Salsas using basil, cilantro, dill, and parsley from the garden. You can also bring your own produce from home! This event is free and open to the public.

Let's Dance for Housing

White Hart Inn, Salisbury, Conn.

“Let's Dance for Housing” Wednesday, July 23, at the White Hart Inn from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., cost \$30 per person. The event will benefit homeownership in Salisbury through the Salisbury Housing Trust. DJ Dave Leonard will play music and there will be a silent auction. First drink is on the trust. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to www.salisburycthousing.org/about-salisbury-housing-trust, or call organizer Judy Gafney at 860-435-2173.

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. Old bread
- 2. Item passed in a relay race
- 3. Luxurious boat
- 4. Late
- 5. Canaan Summer Nights fun

JULY 24

Where the Mountain Meets the Sea

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

July 11 to 20. 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.

Berkshire Opera Festival: Behind The Curtain

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.

4 p.m. FREE, Reservations required. Join Berkshire Opera Festival for

a presentation and discussion of BOF's upcoming mainstage production of Verdi's La Traviata. This free public preview event will be led by BOF Co-founders, Artistic Director Brian Garman and Director of Production Jonathon Loy, as they pull back the curtain on the history, story, and magic of this iconic opera.

JULY 25

Photo Exhibit Opening

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, Conn.

A photo exhibit featuring work by The Housatonic Camera Club will be on display at Sharon Hospital beginning July 25. An opening reception will be held 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

JULY 26

Understanding AI

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

Starting on Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hotchkiss Library "Understanding AI: What It Is and What It's Not," is a beginner-friendly series that will separate fact from fiction about AI technology. Pam Doran, Digital Accessibility Coordinator at SUNY Empire State University, will present the program with a follow-up session Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. Register online at hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

...Ungardener

York, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine. A few weeks ago, a bill was passed in Connecticut recognizing the harm of a broad group of invasive plants. Under this new legislation, barberry will be phased out from sale or transport by October 2028.

In understating the invasive nature of many non-natives and de-prioritizing the importance of native species, Dirr's widely used reference

may be partly responsible for many a devastated woodland, forest, meadow and marsh in New England — if not across the U.S. Certainly, the evolution of species, and scientific knowledge about the environment, is changing faster than new editions of books can be printed. I can only hope that if a new edition of Mr. Dirr's reference book is in the works that it will account for this criteria we now

know to be vital in plant selection.

Which brings me back to that quote on the cover from The Washington Post and the larger issue it suggests: Should “ornamental horticulture” get a pass when it comes to ecological survival? I think we can agree — it should not. The consequences are simply too destructive.

Dee Salomon ‘ungardens’ in Litchfield County.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Resorts
- 5. One point south of southwest
- 9. Musical performances
- 11. Matched
- 13. Four-footed animal part
- 15. Express severe disapproval of
- 16. Type of leaf
- 17. Preparatory
- 19. Walk heavily
- 21. Succulent plants
- 22. Rectangle of grass
- 23. Lump in yarn
- 25. Too
- 26. Foot (Latin)
- 27. Afflicts
- 29. Smoothed
- 31. Mind (Greek)
- 33. Tampa ballclub
- 34. Semitic language
- 36. Sheltered sides
- 38. Ocean
- 39. Electronic point of sale
- 41. Thrust a knife into
- 43. 12th month (abbr.)
- 44. Ringworm
- 46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
- 48. Fighting back
- 52. Cease to exist
- 53. Insects in adult stage
- 54. Freestanding sculpture
- 56. Caps
- 57. Repents
- 58. Brown and Wallace are two
- 59. Moved quickly

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- 11. Particular to a given individual
- 12. Brave or noble act
- 14. Sicilian city
- 15. Conqueror
- 18. Elected officials
- 20. Type of “pig”
- 24. Drop of viscous substance
- 26. Monetary unit of Spain
- 28. Guarantees
- 30. Coloring materials
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. Square measure
- 35. Will not
- 37. Canned fish
- 38. Appeared
- 40. Six (Spanish)
- 42. Took off

- 43. Negligible amount
- 45. Posts in a Greek temple
- 47. Witnesses
- 49. Phil __, former CIA
- 50. Places to park
- 51. Guns
- 55. Dance to pop music

July 10 Solution

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July 10 Solution

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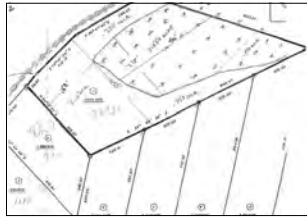
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