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# State awards community health centers \$80 million Medicaid funding boost

**By Debra A. Aleksinas**

NORTH CANAAN — A network of 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in Connecticut, including three in the Northwest Corner towns of North Canaan, Winsted and Torrington, will receive a long-awaited funding boost in Medicaid reimbursement rates to the tune of \$80 million over the next three years.

In making the July 16 announcement, Governor Ned Lamont (D) and Connecticut Department of Social Services Commissioner Andrea Barton Reeves unveiled a three-year plan to boost rates for the centers that service 440,000 people across the state each year.

The decision follows more than 18 months of unsuccessful negotiations between an advocacy group representing Federally Qualified Health Centers and the state Department of Social Services (DSS) to boost reimbursement rates.

As a result of the long-standing stalemate, the not-for-profit Community Health Center Association



PHOTO PROVIDED  
**Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health and Wellness Center, State Senator Paul Honig (D-8) and Shawn K. Frick, CEO of the nonprofit Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, during a recent legislative reception in Hartford.**

of Connecticut, on behalf of the state's 17 federally qualified health centers, had filed a Declaratory Ruling Request with DSS in March over its failure to comply with federal

Wellness Center, which operates facilities in Torrington, Winsted and North Canaan.

"The fact that we have reached an agreement with the state's Department of Social Services is a step in the right direction," said Borduas, who also chairs the Connecticut Health Center Association of Connecticut's board of directors.

The state had a timeline of 90 days to respond to the Declaratory Ruling Request. "The next step could have led to a lawsuit," noted Borduas. However, since an agreement was reached, the request, she said, was pulled on July 10 and is no longer in effect.

Borduas said the FQHCs serve the largest number of Medicaid patients in the state and Connecticut has had some of the lowest Medicaid rates compared to other states. "The bottom third nationally," she noted.

"It has been difficult to maintain services and access for our community. Many of us have faced scaling

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PHOTO BY DAVID CARLEY  
**Carter "Carrot Cake" Lindley set off on the AT in Georgia back in March. By mid-July he was hiking through Salisbury.**

## Catching up with Appalachian Trail hikers

By David Carley

Businesses, locals and thru hikers have formed a sort of symbiosis, a relationship that benefits all parties.

The Appalachian Trail, starting in Springer Mountain in Georgia, spans more than 2,000 miles to Mount Katahdin in Maine. A small portion of the trail runs through Connecticut, connecting to towns like Kent, Cornwall, Salisbury and Norfolk.

There are many locations around the Northwest Corner where it is common to spot hikers on foot, catching their breath or grabbing a bite to eat. In meeting them, one can come to learn that many have "trail names," or nicknames given to them en route, each with a unique story behind it.

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# Troop B cadet program teaches skills for life

**By Theo Maniatis**

NORTH CANAAN — Welcome to the minor leagues of policing.

Troop B in North Canaan offers a free cadet program for ages 13 to 21 that teaches basic police work and an array of life skills.

"There's a stigma that only people



PHOTO PROVIDED  
**Troop B cadets attend a police academy event with the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Education Association.**

who want to be cops go to the cadet program — and that's not necessarily true," said Trooper Joshua Wedge of Troop B, who helps lead the program.

Named Post 1903, after the year the Connecticut State Police was founded, the program began as an offshoot of the Boy Scouts. Today, it is overseen by the Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Educational Association, alongside 51 similar programs across the region.

The year-long program meets once a week, usually on Thursdays, but it's flexible based on the cadet's schedule.

Eight cadets regularly attend, typically at the Troop B headquarters in North Canaan. For those hailing from afar, sessions are also held at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School in Torrington.

"We try to help our kids learn many different life skills and stuff that's not just applicable to police work," Wedge explained. "Things like public speaking, first aid, CPR,

and even just how to give a firm handshake and make eye contact."

Cadets learn the basics of police work: reviewing case law, understanding boundaries, and practicing how to respond to real-world scenarios.

Each year NERLEEA organizes three major events: Skills Day, Stations Day and a weeklong Police Academy.

On Skills Day cadets participate in classroom lessons and hands-on activities, such as Patrol Responses, Tactical Response, and Crisis Intervention.

Stations Day is a judged com-

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## The snapping truth

# Meet Connecticut's largest and least understood turtle

**By Jules Williams**

CORNWALL — In the humid summers of Litchfield County, it's not uncommon to see turtles traversing away from their home bodies of water to find the perfect place to dig a nest and lay their eggs. Alongside the smaller and more col-

orful painted and box turtles, however, northeast America is home to a creature that looks like it belongs better to prehistoric earth than the modern-day suburbs.

Snapping turtles have a lineage dating back before the dinosaurs, and their size and strength make them intimidating. They are the

classic ambush predator, laying wait in the depths to snatch up unsuspecting fish.

But they're also quite misunderstood; very rarely do they attack humans unprovoked.

As they come onto land in the

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN  
Residents chat about the expansion and zoning change in the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Petition opposes Wake Robin expansion, zoning change

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — A meeting at Congregational Church of Salisbury July 17 to discuss the redevelopment of the Wake Robin Inn — and the May 2024 zoning change that enabled the application for the project in the first place — had a last minute format change, but residents were still eager to share their thoughts on the issue.

Organized by concerned neighbors of the proposed development, the event was originally scheduled to feature a discussion about the proposed expansion and zoning revision.

At the 11th hour, the event was pivoted to a petition signing where attendees were encouraged to sign the document and to chat with their neighbors about the proposed expansion and its impact on the community.

The switch was made due to ongoing litigation against the Planning and Zoning Commission that seeks to overturn a rewrite of its regulations that allows hotel development in the Rural Residential One (RR1) zone.

Neighbors of the Inn have long questioned the motivation and potential impacts of the regulation change, and this meeting provided the first in-person public platform for community members to discuss the topic.

“It should not change,” said Salisbury resident Jane Pinckney on the regulation.

Her words were echoed by long-time resident Roger, who chose to leave his surname anonymous: “When you bought, this thing was zoned a certain way,” he said, asserting that property values in the neighborhood will decrease with the new regulation and Inn expansion.

“Something this big of a deal should have an in-person meeting,” said Salisbury resident Rich Shanley of the Wake Robin expansion hearings. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, P&Z meetings and public hearings have largely been hosted online via Zoom. During the contentious rounds of hearing that took place in 2024 on the applicant ARADEV LLC’s first submission to expand, many members of the public expressed their desire to return to an in-person format for important issues like the redevelopment.

Much of the chatter at the meeting took a similar

stance. Roger contended, “Everything was always done in front of people” before switching to the online meeting format. He said he would like to see meetings return to the Congregational Church.

P&Z voted last month to retain the remote format for meetings, citing reasons of fairness and accessibility as motivation to keep hearings online. P&Z Chair Michael Klemens has repeatedly stated that the role of the hearing is not for the public to influence the Commission by intimidation or anger, but to provide a fair platform for community members to speak their minds.

P&Z has denied allegations that the 2024 zoning change was done unlawfully or with any intention of favoring the Wake Robin Inn specifically. An October 2024 letter written and shared by Klemens and Land Use Director Abby Conroy stated that although a proposed

**“If the zoning change sponsored by the Planning and Zoning Commission stands, and if this special permit is issued for the Wake Robin Redevelopment Project, our quiet, rural, residential land is threatened.”**  
— July 17 petition

regulation change by ARADEV was submitted, it was denied and instead helped formulate a change to “transient accommodations” regulations that had been in the works for years.

If the suit, filed by Wells Hill Road residents Angela and William Cruger, is approved by the court, the regulation change will be moot, and the Commission will no longer be able to review submissions filed for hotel development in the RR1 zone. The public hearing for ARADEV’s resubmitted application was delayed in anticipation of a court decision, which has yet to be made public. The hearing was scheduled for Aug. 5.

The petition that was handed around at the July 17 meeting states its position on the regulation amendment clearly: “If the zoning change sponsored by the Planning and Zoning Commission stands, and if this special permit is issued for the Wake Robin Redevelopment Project, our quiet, rural, residential land is threatened.”

The petition alleges that the project does not comply with the town’s zoning regulations and special permit process, and that the project would severely impact the health, safety and enjoyment of neighboring property owners.

As of July 23, the petition had garnered 430 signatures with more expected before the hearing opens.

Collaborative conversations touch divisive topics in Salisbury

By Jules Williams

SALISBURY — This past Sunday, July 20, the Congregational Church of Salisbury hosted its second “Conversations of Consequence” talk, this time focused on the topic “who is my neighbor?”

These talks, facilitated by Pastor John Nelson, are structured around four invited speakers, who offer anecdotes from their own experiences and then ask prompts for the audience to discuss amongst themselves. These talks are hosted to share stores and create informed dialogue between both old friends and strangers.

Sunday’s session featured a mix of local leaders: Jill Drew from Vecinos Seguros 2, Peter Halle from the Salisbury Housing Committee, Ellie Youngblood from Sky High Farm and Will Conklin

from Greenagers.

Drew spoke on her motivations for founding Vecinos Seguros 2 after her retirement from journalism and the recent election, designed to help vulnerable communities who are at risk of being detained by immigration authorities.

She emphasized the need to work together as a community and the state of “interbeing,” or the idea that nobody is a lone individual but instead interconnected. She asked her audience to consider the question of how to accept people who you don’t agree with morally, admitting freely that it can be hard.

The Salisbury Housing Committee creates affordable housing units up for rent. Halle talked about the extensive interview process required to find a spot and the struggle to secure enough

funding to build housing for a waitlist of a hundred families. He asked the audience to ponder whether it was more important to create housing for local households in need or for families from other areas.

Sky High Farm is located in Falls Village and donates its produce to local food access programs. Youngblood explained that food banks are larger and store items, while food pantries serve local areas and must purchase items from food banks, which often run out of necessities like rice or beans. Partnerships like this both help food banks get what produce they need, and also guarantee a sale for the farmer.

During her talk, Youngblood discouraged assumptions about food pantry customers, and spoke of the hardships that unseen members of the local communities

might face. She wanted to break down the barrier between the “helper” and the “helped” and instead come together. She asked the audience to consider, “What are the community spaces that you are in, and who’s excluded from that community?”

Conklin’s work at Greenagers in South Egremont, Massachusetts, is mainly aimed at engaging young people in meaningful community growth and fostering connections.

He asked the audience to consider, “What are community spaces we have, what community spaces have we lost, and what spaces do we want to build?”

These talks are intended to start conversations and welcome anyone who is interested in participating. The third Conversations of Consequence will take place in the fall.

Selectman Whiting not seeking re-election

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Craig Whiting (R) will step down from the Board of Selectman this November.

Whiting served four terms as selectman in North Canaan, initially running on the ticket with former First Selectman Charlie Perotti in 2017. Prior to BOS, Whiting served two years on the Board of Finance.

He will remain the Republican Town Committee chairman.

“It was an honor to serve my hometown. I’m not going anywhere; I’m just changing roles. I trust in the leadership of those put up on our slate of candidates,” said Whiting in an interview July 24.

Taking his place on the 2025 Republican ballot will be Melissa Pinardi Brown, running alongside incumbent First Selectman Brian Ohler.

“I wasn’t going to step down unless we had a great candidate,” Whiting said. “Melissa showed interest a while ago and has become very involved in everything town related.”

At the RTC caucus July 22, Whiting was endorsed to run for the Region One Board of Education.

At present, he said, his top



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Craig Whiting

priorities relate to the high school budget. Whiting has long supported a goal of restructuring the Region One tax assessment formula, changing from the current per-pupil model to a new system that factors in each town’s grand list.

“What better way to get right on that than to be on that school board,” he explained.

Thinking back on his tenure in Town Hall, Whiting recalled his proudest moment as selectman: organizing the “wave parade” during Covid-19. The town-wide procession stretched almost three miles long, he said, safely bringing residents together during a time of isolation.

“It felt so good to lead that parade... I think I posted 265 pictures to try to capture everybody,” Whiting said.



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Proud moment

Above, Kolton Eichstedt, 11, of New Marlborough, Mass., proudly shows Lucy, his spring champion guernsey, at the Jack Brown Fair in East Canaan on Saturday, July 26. Below, Young future farmers line up before leading their calves into the ‘show ring’ at the North Canaan Congregational Church.



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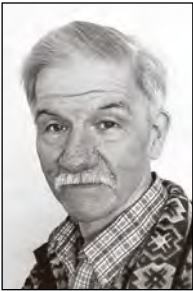
OBITUARIES

Frank Charles Brower

PINE PLAINS — Frank Charles Brower Jr., 76, formerly of Ancramdale, New York, and Heath, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully July 10, 2025, at Geer Lodge in Canaan, Connecticut. He was born on Aug. 12, 1948, at Sharon Hospital, Connecticut, to the late Frank C. and Margaret (Shaw) Brower, of Ancramdale. Frank graduated from Pine Plains Central School, class of 1966 and continued his education at Dutchess Community College, followed by SUNY Oswego. He earned his master’s degree in Experiential Edu-

cation from the University of Minnesota, Mankato, which further deepened his ability to provide hands-on learning experiences to his students. He was a proud participant in the Hurricane Island Outward Bound program in 1974, off the coast of Maine. Frank lived in Heath, Massachusetts for many decades where he was active in his community and raised his family. He forever cherished and held close to his heart, his children and their multi-faceted interests and activities. He treasured their annual summer vacations to

the upper coast of Maine. Frank was a Fine Craftsman, teaching woodworking and Industrial Arts. He started his teaching career at Gateway Regional High School in Western Massachusetts, followed by teaching at and retiring from Greenfield Public School, Greenfield, Massachusetts. He then continued teaching at Twin Valley School in Wilmington, Vermont. Totaling 47 years, Frank enjoyed



teaching young people. His goal to teach 50 years was cut short due to illness. In his later years, he traveled extensively. He had a memorable trip as part of a People to People Tour, traveling throughout Europe, visiting 8 countries. Being an active hiker and history buff, he enjoyed traveling, numerous times across the USA. He visited 29 National Parks and over 100 National Historical Parks, Sites, Monuments &

Memorials. He traveled the “Old Fashioned Way” - car, road atlas, camera, tent - no credit cards, no phone. Frank returned to Pine Plains to live in 2021. Frank is survived by his children; Seth Brower of Ingelwood, California and Rachel Rose of Shelbourne, Massachusetts and two grandsons. His sister, Sheila Jamieson and her husband, James, of Ancramdale, along with his nephew, Carl Jamieson, of Portland, Oregon, sister in law, Julia Brower and

niece Katherine Brower, of Red Hook and Shannon Coll, of Oklahoma, will remember him fondly. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, John E. Brower of Milan. In accordance with Frank’s wishes, no formal services will be held. He will be privately interred in the family plot at Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains, New York. Those wishing to share condolences and memories may do so by visiting [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)

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LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION OF PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE INCLUDING NOTICE OF “UNDER-ENDORSEMENT” FOR SOME OFFICES**  
A certified list of Democratic party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Salisbury for election as First Selectman, Selectmen, Board of Finance, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals (full term), Planning & Zoning, Planning & Zoning Alt, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Alt and Regional Board of Education is on file in my office at 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT and copies thereof are available for public distribution.  
The certified list as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:  
Office  
First Selectman  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
Selectmen  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Board of Finance  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Board of Education  
Number of Names  
Certified-2  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
(full term)  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Number of Names  
Certified-3  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-3  
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate  
Number of Names  
Certified-2  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Number of Names  
Certified-2  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-3  
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Regional Board of Education  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
A Primary will be held

September 9, 2025, if, for a particular office, the number of party-endorsed candidates plus the number of candidates filing petitions pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes exceeds the maximum number which the party is entitled to nominate for that office. Petitions must be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. on August 6, 2025. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidates, including schedules, may be obtained from:  
Jennifer Law, Democratic Registrar of Voters, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068  
**LEGAL NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATION OF PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE INCLUDING NOTICE OF “UNDER-ENDORSEMENT” FOR SOME OFFICES**  
A certified list of Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Salisbury, CT for election as Selectmen, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals (full term) is on file in my office at 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT and copies thereof are available for public distribution.  
The certified list as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:  
Office  
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Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
Selectmen  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Board of Finance  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Board of Education  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
(full term)  
Number of Names  
Certified-1  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-3  
Planning & Zoning Commission Alternate  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2

Zoning Board of Appeals  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-3  
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-2  
Regional Board of Education  
Number of Names  
Certified-0  
Number Entitled to be Nominated-1  
A Primary will be held September 9, 2025, if, for a particular office, the number of party-endorsed candidates plus the number of candidates filing petitions pursuant to Sections 9-382 to 9-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes exceeds the maximum number which the party is entitled to nominate for that office. Petitions must be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. of August 6, 2025. Petition forms, instructions and information concerning the procedure for filing of opposing candidates, including schedules, may be obtained from:  
Maureen Dell, Republican Registrars of Voters, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068  
Kristine M Simmons  
Town Clerk of Salisbury  
07-31-25  
**Legal Notice of Receipt of Certification of Party-endorsed Candidates for Municipal Offices Including Notice of “Under endorsement” for some offices**  
A certified list of Democrat and Republican party-endorsed candidates for the Town of Sharon for the election as First Selectman, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Board of Finance Full Term, Board of Finance Fill Vacancy 2 yrs., Board of Finance Alt. Fill Vacancy 4 yrs., Board of Education Full Term, Board of Education Fill Vacancy 2 yrs., Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission Alt., Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals Fill vacancy 2 yrs., Zoning Board of Appeals Alt., Zoning Board of Appeals Alt. Fill Vacancy 2 yrs., Regional Board of Education is on file in my office at 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT, and copies are available for public distribution.  
The certified list of Democratic Candidates received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:  
OFFICE  
Selectmen  
Entitled-2  
Certified-1

Board of Finance Full Term  
Entitled-2  
Certified-1  
Board of Finance Fill Vacancy 2 yrs.  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Board of Finance Alt. Fill Vacancy 4 yrs.  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Entitled-2  
Certified-1  
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt. Fill Vacancy 2 yrs.  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
The certified list of Republican Candidates as received includes fewer names of party-endorsed candidates than the party is entitled to nominate for the following offices:  
OFFICE  
First Selectman  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Selectmen  
Entitled-2  
Certified-0  
Town Clerk  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Board of Finance Full Term  
Entitled-2  
Certified-1  
Board of Education Fill Vacancy 2 yrs.  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Board of Assessment Appeals  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Entitled-2  
Certified-1  
Planning and Zoning Commission Alt.  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Entitled-2  
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Zoning Board of Appeals Fill vacancy 2 yrs.  
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Certified-0  
Zoning Board of Appeals Alt.  
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Zoning Board of Appeals Alt. Fill Vacancy 2 yrs.  
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Certified-0  
Regional Board of Education  
Entitled-1  
Certified-0  
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of opposing candidates, including schedules, may be obtained from:  
Democratic Registrar of Voters, Marel Rogers or Republican Registrar of Voters, Patricia Chamberlain, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT. 860-364-5514  
Linda R. Amerighi-CCTC  
Town Clerk  
07-31-25  
**Legal Notice**  
The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0291 by Tim Sneller for a detached accessory apartment on a single-family residential lot at 136 Long Pond Road, Lakeville, Map 02, Lot 12 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application materials will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/](http://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [landuse@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.us). Paper copies of the application may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.  
Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
07-24-25  
07-31-25

**Legal Notice**  
The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0287 by ARADEV LLC for Hotel, Redevelopment of the Wake Robin Inn at 104&106 Sharon Road and 53 Wells Hill Road, Salisbury, Map 47, Lots 2 and 2-1 per Section 213.5 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application materials will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/](http://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/). Written comments may be submitted

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Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
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07-31-25  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. MEEHAN Late of Salisbury (25-00277)**  
The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 17, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
The fiduciary is:  
Joseph M. Cortese  
c/o Matthew J Lefevre  
Law Offices of Matthew Lefevre, Esq PC, 38 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
07-31-25

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOSEPH R. PIZZONI Late of Florida (25-00276)**  
The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 15, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
The fiduciary is:  
Gary Palumbo  
c/o Andrea Doyle Asman  
Litwin Asman, PC  
1047 Bantam Road  
P.O. Box 698  
Bantam, CT 06750  
Beth L. McGuire  
Chief Clerk  
07-31-25

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

Stephen Patrick Dell

SALISBURY — Stephen Patrick Dell, 70, of Salisbury passed away in the evening hours of Monday, July 21, 2025, at Noble Horizons after a three year long struggle with metastasized lung cancer.

Throughout his illness, Stephen had always managed to remain upbeat and positive and was forever grateful to the family and loved ones that had driven him to appointments and stayed with him throughout the countless procedures that he had endured.

Stephen was born on April 14, 1955 in Sharon, was raised in the Northwest corner and attended the Region 1 Schools.

While growing up on the family farm in Sharon, Stephen developed a strong love of plant and wildlife conservation and a very deep appreciation for the outdoors.

Most of his youth was spent outside, studying watching and wandering about in the acres of backyard fields, rivers and forests.

A lifelong gardener by trade and as a true labor of love, Stephen started working in perennial flower and vegetable gardens at fifteen years old and continued that love for the rest of his life working on various gardens and estates in Wyoming and Connecticut.

Stephen was always the person that could answer the questions about particular plants or problems in the garden or identify mysterious wildflowers or birdcalls or odd tracks left in the snow.

A gifted, selftaught, watercolor artist his numerous paintings of landscapes and wildlife truly reflected that deep love and knowledge he had for the outdoors.

Stephen had a second place finish one year, in the highly competitive State of Wyoming Duck and Wild-

life Art stamp contest. A very personal recognition and accomplishment for him.

The original “Quiet Man” he was a sensitive, introverted soul who went about his quiet life, steady and strong fueled with a razor sharp mind and a memory that could remember

the minutest of details from childhood. He could recount the tiniest things from long ago that no one else could.

He was a talented guitar player, having studied classical guitar as a teenager, although he never, ever would of dared play in public, unless really prodded.

He also had a competitive side that did not like to lose. He was a good scrabble player that didn't like to leave any loose tiles on the rack and was very hard to beat at weekly card games.

On the first Tuesday of Nov., Stephen could be found at the absentee ballot counter table in Salisbury Town Hall where he had worked every election since 1999 right up until the year of his cancer diagnosis.

Stephen leaves behind his Mum, Myra Dell of Lakeville, his sisters, Catherine Dunham and her husband Phil of East Canaan, Patricia Walsh and Maureen Dell of Lakeville and his brother Stirling Dell of Salisbury.

As well as numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews in the US, Canada, UK and South Africa.

He was predeceased by his dad, John, of Salisbury in 2011, a brother Scott of Ontario, Canada in 1995 and a brother Richard of Salisbury in 2021.

Donations may be made if desired to: The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

All services are private.

Charles and Maureen Brahney

CANAAN — With heavy hearts, we have lost both Ed (Charles) Brahney & Maureen (Irwin) Brahney, beloved spouses and parents. Ed (Charles) was born on Jan. 3, 1932, and passed away on Feb. 14, 2023, at the age of 91, after a long battle with Parkinsons. Maureen was born on July 19, 1936, and passed on Sept. 30, 2023, at the age of 87.

Their's was a love story. Together they shared 71 years of love and companionship. They were married in Oct. of 1954 (69 years), and together they raised 3 children; Ed Brahney, who unfortunately passed on May 6, 2023, and is survived by his wife Julie Brahney (Braum) Great Barrington, Massachusetts, Jean Williamson, and her husband David Williamson from Parrish, Florida and Chrystene Graboski and her husband Paul Graboski from Parrish, Florida. They are also survived by a grandson, Matthew Butts and Great Granddaughter Ava. Granddaughter Aubrey Hamlin and her husband Dustin (North Carolina) and 3 great grandchildren, Jaxyn, Ryley and Xander.

Ed moved to Canaan, from Jersey City, New Jersey when he was a teenager. He worked for Federated Homes until he helped found Berkshire Construction in Falls Village. He was a volunteer fireman and EMT for Falls

Village as well. Maureen, was born in Canaan and after raising 3 children, Maureen worked at Bicon Electronics and then for the local high school, HVRHS. They enjoyed time fishing together on all the local lakes. Ed was a Boy Scout leader and Maureen was a Girl Scout leader and they were active in their community and church.

Ed and Maureen decided to move to Ft Myers Beach Florida in 2004 where they enjoyed the Florida lifestyle until their passing.

The family is having a mass for Ed and Maureen at St Joseph Church in Canaan, CT on August 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Imogene Morey

ANCRAM — Imogene “Gene” Morey, longtime Ancram resident, passed away comfortably at her home on June 27, 2025. She was born in the Bronx, on Sept. 5, 1930, the daughter of Emil John Chamer Sr. and Beatrice Ann (Petri) Chamer. On Oct. 31, 1954, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ancram, she married Willard F. Morey. He predeceased her in 2010.

Together the two of them put down roots and raised a family in Ancram. Along with Willard they enjoyed traveling, especially to Maine or any place that was reachable by automobile. Cruises were more of her solo excursions and she did a few over the years. She also loved to dance and no one could dance like her late husband. A former member of the Young at Heart's she would often go on trips or cruises with them and she was also a former member of the Ancram Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary.

Imogene began working for the Postal Service in Pine Plains and then went to Ancramdale until her retirement. She was known to many as the mail lady that gave out lollipops to the kids. After her retirement she spent many hours with her grandchildren and was so very proud of all of their accomplishments. She also

enjoyed her newspaper and crossword puzzles daily.

Gene is survived by her loving sons; Keith (Anna) Morey and Kyle Morey, all of Ancramdale. Her beloved grandchildren, Jessica (Joe) Sorice, Bryan Morey (Makenzie Bentley), Cameron Morey (Cindi Law), Candace (Steven) Loomis and Allison (JR) Clark, her eleven great grandchildren, Joseph & Ryker Sorice, Darren, Jace, Jaxen, Skylar, & Hunter Morey, Adelynn Bentley, Hope Miller, Lenna Loomis, and Kadin Bullock.

In addition to her parents and husband she was also predeceased by her son, Scott Morey, sisters, Lois Chamer and Miriam Iaccarino and her brother, Emil Chamer Jr.

A memorial service to commemorate and celebrate Imogene's 94 wonderful years will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Aug. 2, 2025, at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. The celebration will continue at the Ancram Fire Company after the funeral service.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations are requested to the Ancram Fire Company, PO Box 8, Ancram, NY 12502. For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net)



Allison Hurley Shellenberger

SALISBURY — Allison Hurley Shellenberger died unexpectedly on June 28, 2025 of cancer. Born on April 1, 1958, to Charles and Shirley Hurley, Allison grew up in Salisbury, attending Salisbury Central School. After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, she attended Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado where she majored in criminology.

After graduating, Allison was employed by Kiewit and Brown Company and worked construction on the Eisenhower Tunnel until it's completion in 1979. She then pursued a career in law enforcement, working for the Golden, Colorado Police

Department until she moved back to Connecticut to be closer to her family.

Allison enjoyed walking the Railroad Ramble, spending time on Twin Lakes and gardening. She loved spending time with her friends and family, who will miss her greatly!

Allison is survived by her brother, John Hurley and his partner Lisa White, her niece Annie Hurley, step-nephews Josh and Justin White, and great niece, Piper White.

Donations may be made in Allison's name to the Jane Lloyd Fund, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main St., Sheffield, Mass., 01257.



Lisa Keller

LIME ROCK — Lisa Keller, wife of Rob Keller of Lime Rock, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2025. A complete obituary will appear next week in The Lakeville Journal.

For more obituaries, see Page A4

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Elizabeth N. Geer

LAKEVILLE — Elizabeth N. Geer, a loving mother, grandmother and sister, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Lakeville on July 11, 2025 at the age of 79. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on July 13, 1945 to the late Nicholas and Valerie (Shostack) Glad, Elizabeth (Lee) was raised in Lordship and graduated from Stratford High School, class of 1963. She went on to earn an associate's degree from Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

Lee resided in Lakeville for fifty years alongside her late husband William, who predeceased her in 2008, and three daughters. She was the officer manager and assistant in her husband's dental practice. She enjoyed the many pleasures of small-town living. She spent hours playing tennis, cross-country skiing, and walking with friends. She was fond of volunteering in

various capacities in the community and taking care of elderly friends. One of her hobbies included home decorating, and she mastered the art of hanging wallpaper, sewing curtains, and painting and reupholstering furniture.

In addition to her four sisters: Jean Glad, Kathy (Glad) Johnson, Maryann (Glad) Lichtenberger and Julie (Glad) Diedrichsen, Lee is survived by her daughter Julie Hobro and husband Donald of New Hartford, Susie Bono and husband Jeremy of Colorado Springs, and Laura Geer and partner Christopher Comfort of Lakeville, and her cherished grandchildren Gavin, Ash, Ellia, Celine and William. She was predeceased by her younger brother, Andrew Glad.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service ([salisburyambulance.org](http://salisburyambulance.org)).



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## Worship Services

Week of August 3, 2025

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(860) 435-2627

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[sharonumc5634@att.net](mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net)

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## EDITORIAL



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Our summer interns crowd around Anne Day for an iPhone photo tutorial at The Lakeville Journal office.

## Young journalists — the next generation

Here in the Northwest Corner midsummer is a season worth celebrating. We drive through the countryside that seems to become more lush everyday. For us at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, summer also is the journalism intern season when we observe a different kind of growth. This year we are hosting eight paid interns who learn from us just as we learn from them. Four are high school students (including one who was part of a student-launched newspaper at Housatonic Valley Regional High School this spring). That effort was supported by The Journal, and it will continue this fall. The four others are college students. Some came to us having experience in some form of journalism pursuit, or were simply curious to see what it's all about.

The schools represented are: Housatonic Valley Regional High School, The Hotchkiss School, Riverdale Country School, Marist University, Kenyon College, Middlebury College and the University of Virginia. All the student interns have life connections to the Northwest Corner and Dutchess County.

Over the past six weeks they have fanned out into our communities to cover events, writing feature stories and shadowing our own staff to learn the ropes. Managing Editors Riley Klein and Nathan Miller have taken the lead in guiding these potential future journalists week in and week out. Besides field work, we offer a series of workshops to deepen understanding of important topics. For that, we have turned to experts in the community who have freely given their time for weekly presentations.

Devereaux Chatillon, a Sharon resident and member of the LJMN Media, Inc. board, is an experienced media and intellectual property attorney who shared her wisdom with our interns. Anne Day, a Lakeville denizen with a distinguished career as a photographer (and who used to edit Compass), gave her annual lesson on how to make better photographs, even with an iPhone. Natalia Zukerman, our Compass editor, shared her expertise on the ins and outs of the interview process. Laura Van Straaten of Lakeville, a multi-talented culture writer, multimedia consultant and volunteer at The OpEd Project, helped empower our interns to become thought leaders through their own voices.

Soon you will hear from our interns themselves as they write about what they learned from their summer experiences.

We can't discuss our intern program without thanking our major sponsor, the William and Mary Greve Foundation of New York. One of our interns came to us through a new partnership with Marist University.

These interns are at the beginning of a possible career in local reporting. Today there is a big need for coverage of local government, school board meetings, healthcare in our threatened healthcare desert — not to mention a vexing housing shortage, and the need to know what's happening to our environment. More than one intern was especially interested in covering sports, which we consider vital to bolster awareness of what our young athletes accomplish.

A recent study by Axios found that there were fewer than four 'full-time equivalent' journalists for every 100,000 people in either Litchfield County or Dutchess County. That's a lot of meetings, cultural events, sports activities for small newsrooms to cover.

Thanks to our readers, advertisers and donors, we are making good progress with a nonprofit model. And that is affording our summer interns a genuine experience. We will miss them when school beckons.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks Sharon Hospital

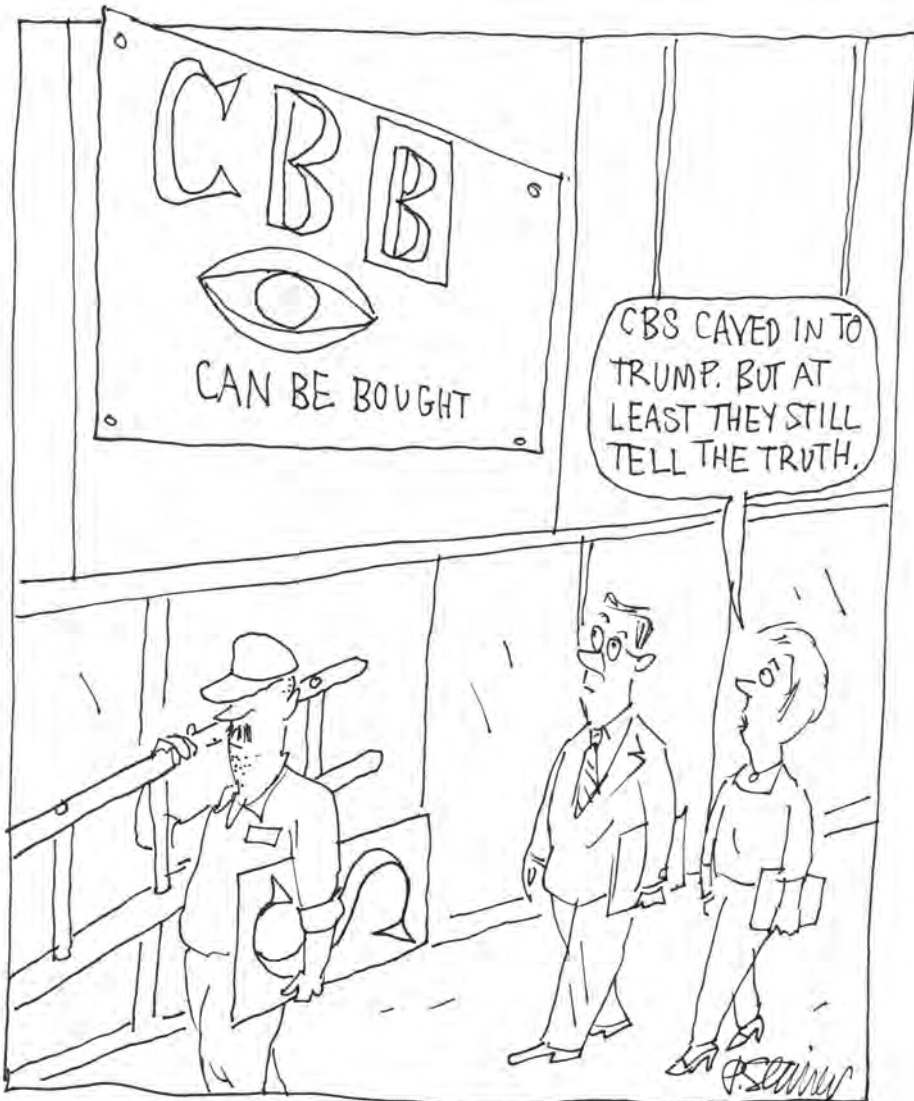
I am an old man and yesterday I lost my balance and fell. My wife called 911. The ambulance arrived and the medical staff tended to me and took me on a stretcher to the Sharon Hospital. How fortunate we are to have a

hospital staffed with such dedicated, skilled and caring people. They are a treasure. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Harry Kramer

Lakeville

## Opinion



### Street Fair

Come to our street fair on Saturday, Aug. 2, where we stand side by side with our fellow nonprofits on Academy Street in Salisbury.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Federal funding for libraries must continue

The Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Connecticut, is the oldest free public library in the United States.

It started in 1771 when Richard Smith raised money to purchase two hundred books in London, which were put into the community collection where they could be borrowed and returned.

Today public libraries are the center of every community. Students without internet at home come after school to do their homework. People use the library to search for jobs and home

rentals on their phones or library computers. There are many community events and classes offered.

In many libraries, volunteers help seniors with their taxes and teach computer skills. Authors come to talk about their books, and mothers and young children come for story time. And of course, there are books, magazines and eBooks to borrow, and if the library does not have a book, they can get one through the interlibrary loan.

Libraries are the dynamic center of every town, so

why is this administration cutting funds for our public libraries?

The IMLS, or Institute of Museum and Library Services, was created in 1996 to distribute Congressionally approved funds to support our museums and libraries. The Trump administration wants to eliminate the IMLS. Already the proposed funding cuts have caused staff layoffs and more than 1,000 IMLS programs funded by federal grants have been targeted for elimination. This could affect access to the in-

ternet, eBooks, audiobooks and databases for research in our public libraries. The courts currently have halted the President's plan to eliminate these services, but Trump is determined to make the cuts.

These are our treasured libraries, one in almost every town in America, and they are invaluable.

Library funding must continue. Contact your Congressional representatives to demand it.

Lizbeth Piel

Sharon

### When President Trump wins, we the people lose

I'd like to suggest Mark Godburn is correct to argue in his July 17 letter to the editor that "Trump keeps winning" — just not in the way Godburn thinks.

At its essence, the Trump administration, to modify Lincoln's turn of phrase, is a government "of the billionaires, by the billionaires, and for the billionaires." Since Jan. 20, Trump has been selling the American state for parts, firing masses of federal workers while destroying regulatory agencies designed to check the power of billionaires like himself. His cynically named Big Beautiful Bill will cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid and throw as many as 17 million off of health insurance. It will gravely endanger rural healthcare, putting even the existence of our very own Sharon Hospital at risk (see Lakeville Journal cover

story from July 17). And it will do all this for the sake of slashing the taxes of the very richest Americans. So yes, Trump is indeed winning — and over 99 per cent of the rest of us are losing.

Naturally, this sort of economic politics isn't exactly popular. Unfortunately, however, Trump has had a fair amount of success distracting from his pro-billionaire agenda with grotesque spectacles of cruelty against migrants, which apparently resonate with certain Americans. But let's not be fooled: the real problem facing us today is not migrants (it remains to be seen whether anyone will even want to immigrate to this country in a few years given the ongoing war on our quality of life). Rather, the real problem is a ruling class bent on sowing the seeds of hatred and

division in its ever more rapacious pursuit of profit and those politicians — including plenty of Democrats — who are either of this class themselves or eager to do its bidding in exchange for millions in campaign donations.

Fortunately, there are stirrings of resistance. The most encouraging current example is the New York mayoral campaign of Zohran Mamdani, who aims to address the cost-of-living crisis through policies such as rent freezes and free preschool. By proposing to fund this agenda through taxes on major corporations and the rich — not on "white neighborhoods,"

as Godburn writes in tellingly racialized language — Mamdani has given us a blueprint for a politics that mobilizes the masses not through hatred but solidarity. This kind of politics spells genuine danger for Trump's project. No wonder our billionaire-in-chief, true to his authoritarian tendencies, is now spreading lies about the immigration status of Mamdani, a naturalized U.S. citizen since 2018, and even threatening to deport him.

For the moment, Trump is winning. But he's clearly scared, as he should be.

Adam Rashkoff Baltner  
Lakeville

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### Curious cub

The black bear family, recently captured through the window of a Salisbury home as Mama watched her three cubs climbing a tree, returns regularly to the Schiffer backyard in search of grubs and insects. Here, one cub steals a look inside. What do you see outside your window? Send photos to editor@lakevillejournal.com



# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**125 years ago — 1900**  
SALISBURY — William Juppenlatz is being chaffed on account of a recent bear shooting experience. There has been a bear reported here and there about this section, and William made up his mind to secure his scalp. For a week he has been out with his repeating rifle. Several of the boys knew of his desire to shoot the bear and they determined to find him one. C.F. Wangerr's old black buffalo robe was borrowed for the occasion and was taken down into the woods back of the depot, where it was soon transformed into a bear. On Saturday morning a small boy rushed into William's barber shop, all out of breath, and said he had seen the bear. William could hardly wait to finish shaving the man in the chair and taking his gun he made for the woods, followed by about 20 spectators. Sure enough there was the bear. When about fifty feet away he let go all sixteen shots and the bear never stirred — William had killed him. To make doubly sure he loaded once more and then walked boldly up and discovered the hoax. All the same, he must be given credit for a great amount of courage, as he honestly supposed it to be a genuine bear, and he would have done just as he did if it had been. — from the Hartford Post

**100 years ago — 1925**  
Mrs. C.E. Mercer has discontinued her tea room.

A dog's head received at the state department of health laboratory via special delivery, parcel post, on July 16 was found to be positive for rabies. No mark could be found upon the package to indicate the sender or even the place of mailing. It was a medium sized black dog with long hair, apparently a mongrel. The state department of health would appreciate information as to where the dog's head came from, who sent it in, and whether or not the dog had bitten any persons or animals.

TACONIC — Lightning struck the home of Arthur Brant on Monday afternoon. It first hit a pole across the way, jumped to a tree nearby, entering the house by the pantry window. Two windows were broken, some papers on the pantry shelf were ignited, it left the house by another window and dug a hole in the garden. None of the family were injured beyond being badly frightened.

A party of seven went to Norfolk on Tuesday to pick huckleberries.

Last Saturday July 25th little Miss Linnea Viola Paavola entertained 20 of her little friends from 2 till 5, the occasion being her 5th birthday. Refreshments were served. Linnea says "My daddy made the ice cream — Oh boy it was good."

Chicken thieves recently stole several birds from Mrs. Thorp's coops. J.R. Jordan says he has the old shotgun

## Correction

In a July 23 Viewpoint article about the impact of wake boats on Lake Waramaug, the water temperature at which sanitation is carried out on ballast systems was incorrectly stated. Water needs to be above 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

all loaded with rock salt and will give the thieves a warm welcome next time.

**50 years ago — 1975**  
Jubilant Salisbury Republicans nominated John D. Harney Tuesday night to oppose incumbent Democratic First Selectman Charlotte Reid in the November election. The vote was 214 for Harney to 93 for a move to endorse Mrs. Reid.

Imagine Bob Duksa's surprise Monday morning when two-thirds of the baled hay on his 50-foot trailer suddenly rolled off onto Route 44 in Lakeville. Apparently ropes severed in an auto incident the preceeding night let go, spilling the load. Three hours later with the hay reloaded, the Duksa Brothers, owners of Lackawanna Farms in Copake, N.Y. and Middletown, were on their way.

A new group of Peter Reilly's supporters, separate from the Canaan-based group, met last week in Salisbury, donating money for legal fees in the appeal of Reilly's first-degree manslaughter conviction. Playwright Arthur Miller of Roxbury, Reilly's attorney T.F. Gilroy Daly and a private investigator, Michael Conway, met with a small group at the home of an unidentified Salisbury resident.

Plans to develop a new Grand Union Supermarket and shopping plaza on North Elm Street in Canaan have temporarily come to a halt, according to James Hayes, vice president of real estate for the Western Division of Grand Union. Mr. Hayes said that Eberhard Enterprises, Poughkeepsie, the firm which was to have developed the site, has abandoned the endeavor. "We were a little surprised by the recent turn of events," he said, "although I guess we shouldn't be surprised the way things are economically." He said Grand Union has not abandoned its plans for the site, "although unfortunately we have wasted a lot of time." He said the firm hopes to have the site under construction sometime this year. The land is owned by Grand Union.

Ronald Scholz, owner of Mahaiwe Jewelers on Railroad Street in Canaan, announced this week that his store will expand into the area formerly occupied by The Sophisticated Pet. Scholz said the entrance to the former shop will be closed off and turned into a display window. Other changes in floor plan will allow for an archway from Scholz's jew-

elry store into the new area.

Kim Peretti, a baby born in the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance while enroute to Sharon Hospital on June 25 remains in critical condition at the John Dempsey Hospital of the University of Connecticut in Farmington, but is showing signs of improvement. According to a hospital spokesman, the child is progressing normally and now weighs 2 pounds. The baby weighed 1 pound 6 ounces at birth.

CORNWALL — Cream Hill Farm has announced that one of its cows, Connecticut Pearl Burkimes, has been designated Connecticut state leader in the 305 day, twice a day milking, 2 year old division in butterfat production. She has a record of 829 fat for 305 days. She milked 20,070 lbs. of milk which tested 4.1 per cent.

**25 years ago — 2000**  
Sharon Hospital administrators, board members and medical staff reiterated their strong support of the hospital's purchase by a for-profit company. The group appeared Monday evening at a community forum at Trinity Episcopal Church, where about 60 people attended to listen and comment on the highly-charged issue.

SALISBURY — The Executive Committee of the Twin Lakes Committee met Saturday at Town Hall to discuss the environmental state of Twin Lakes and vote on the proposed usage of a herbicide called Sonar, which attacks Eurasian milfoil, a growth that has been wreaking havoc on the lake. Louis J. Fox, president of the Twin Lakes Association, said the outcome of the vote to introduce Sonar was "resounding," with only a very small number of attendees voting against its use. The next step in the process of cleaning up Twin Lakes is filing an application with the state Department of Protection for its use.

## Complex calculus: Climate migration

From our window, we could see the distant flames glowing in the dark," recalled novelist and poet Barbara Quick of the Tubbs fire that broke out in the Northern California wine country in October 2017. Burning at the unprecedented rate of an acre per second, the fire killed 22 people, destroyed more than 5,000 homes, and devastated the city of Santa Rosa. "It was terrifying," she added. The following day, the air still darkened by soot, Quick and her husband Wayne Roden, a longtime violist with the San Francisco Symphony and owner of Roden Wines, packed up their family photos, mementos and Quick's notebooks, and relocated to an Airbnb until the smoke cleared. Soon afterwards, the couple sold their house in Sonoma and moved to the leafy, cooler community of Sherman, Connecticut.

Brittany Morris, Elyse Harney Morris' daughter, has a similar story to tell. She and her husband and their 20-month-old had been living in California when the Los Angeles fires—and their aftermath—prompted their family's move back to the seeming safety of Litchfield County.

Harney Morris, co-owner of Harney Real Estate explains that her firm has been selling homes to an increasing number of buyers from California and Texas moving here, at least in part, to escape the increasing frequency and ferocity of western wildfires, droughts, floods and other climate-change-driven natural disasters.

While Quick and Morris would seem to reflect a growing trend of "climate migrants" relocating to the safer and cooler climes of the northeast—including Litchfield, Fairfield and Dutchess counties— the reality is much more ambiguous. As Quick observes, "the calculus that makes people decide to leave their home of many years is quite complex. We did what we did for lots of reasons. It wasn't only that we were traumatized by the

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fire. My husband had retired from the symphony, and we wanted a change."

For many people, the forces driving so-called climate migration are economic. As ProPublica reporter Abraham Lustgarten, author of "On the Move: The Overheating Earth and the Uprooting of America," noted in a recent Fresh Air interview, "people move when they find that changing environmental conditions affect their economic standing and their economic security— their jobs, their income, the cost of living."

It should come as no surprise that a recent National Institutes of Health study found that lower-income households moved at higher rates overall, but migrated less across state lines, while higher-income households moved intentionally towards popular migration destinations.

The other reality of US climate migration is that while 64 percent of Americans say they are at least "somewhat worried" about global warming, the country's fastest growing cities are still in the Arizona, Texas and Florida sunbelts, regions that are most at risk of significant climate change-driven impacts, such as the recent fatal flooding in the notorious "flash flood alley" of the Texas Hill Country.

That's because lower costs of living and relatively strong economic growth—along with the fact that people may not understand the extent to which their new properties are exposed to climate risk—are still luring transplants.

Despite the fact that the US National Vulnerability Index— a tool to help at-risk communities plan for the future—ranks our region in the relatively low 14th percentile, making our neck of the woods a potential "climate haven," there's no need to

worry about an influx of climate refugees overwhelming our quiet corner of the country just yet.

As the Lakeville Journal reported in March, a recent report issued by the Northwest CT Community Foundation, which analyzed our region's converging demographic, economic and educational makeup trends, revealed the sobering reality that Connecticut is one of only seven states whose population is simultaneously declining and aging.

More sobering still is the unfortunate fact that even while our temperate region is more climate-secure than many others, we are far from out of the woods. A climate modeling projection by First Street shows that Litchfield County faces major risk from flooding with 13,786 properties or at risk of flooding over the next 30 years. And according to the interactive platform Future Urban Climates, in the next sixty years, Litchfield County will be 10.6 degrees warmer on average and 8.7 percent wetter during summertime and 10.9 degrees warmer and 26.6 percent wetter in winter. So long snow.

As today's temperature hovers near a balmy 80 degrees and I prepare to take our dog Willis for his ritual romp through shady Barbour Woods, I'm still parsing the complex calculus that landed my husband and me in the Land of Steady Habits one blustery March day four and a half years ago. Like Quick and Morris, we moved for a complex cluster of reasons. Not that we were aware of it at the time, but looking back, climate was among them. After rejecting the Connecticut coast—too congested; mid-coast Maine—too far and the Penobscot Bay, we learned, was warming faster than any body of water on the East Coast, we decided on our tiny town, ironically nicknamed the Icebox of Connecticut.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Call to reform Connecticut's tax on hospitals

In reading the LVJ headline "Study says Medicaid cuts put Sharon Hospital at risk of possible closure," I asked myself "How does our State decide to properly support community hospitals?"

Is it virtuous conduct by the hospital, lower rates, safer patients, higher civic responsibility? It seems all of these characterize Sharon Hospital in national ratings.

Regular readers of The Lakeville Journal may recall a story about the Lown Institute Annual Report of the most socially responsible hospitals in the nation, for 2025.

The Lown Institute is a legacy of Dr. Bernard Lown, an inventor of direct current defibrillators, a pioneering cardiologist, and also winner of the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the group he co-founded, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

The Lown Institute studies social responsibility, with an index that measures the performance of hospital across the nation, on fair pay, community investment, the avoidance of unnecessary procedures and patient safety and satisfaction.

Out of 2717 acute care

hospital examined, Sharon Hospital ranked eighth in the nation, and was ranked first in Connecticut. It turns out, however, that the problem ("risk of possible closure") is not in our hospitals, but in ourselves. Fifteen years ago Connecticut began using a hospital tax to balance the state budget rather than support hospitals and patient care.

Recently State Senator Heather Somers (R-17) drew attention to this "rob Peter to pay Paul" strategy adopted by Connecticut and other states to augment Medicaid payments, and to use Medicaid funds to balance the general fund budget. The future of these hospital taxes and their use to balance state budgets is now in question, by virtue of one of many sections of the "Big Beautiful Bill" cutting Medicaid expenditures.

Senator Somers wrote "For years, Connecticut used hospital tax revenue as a budget mechanism—drawing down federal dollars, then diverting the funds elsewhere. The result: consistent net losses for hospitals, which eventually led to a lawsuit and a 7-year settlement that ends in 2026."


Government at the State and Federal level depends on patients with private health insurance making up the difference between Medicare and Medicaid rates and the cost of providing hospital care to all.

For more than 116 years, the community has helped to create a socially responsible institution, Sharon Hospital. The State has to do its job. We can bemoan the Feder-

al actions, at least until the mid-term and Presidential elections, but Connecticut can also clean up its act—by reforming a hospital tax that places smaller and more rural hospitals at a disadvantage, especially when hospitals like Sharon are showing the way as leaders and responsible community citizens.


**Deborah Moore**  
Sharon

*For more letters, see Page A6.*



## Realtor® at Large

José Andrés, who founded the World Central Kitchen to help feed the hungry and those displaced as a result of natural disasters or war, has stated the following: "People of good conscience must now stop the starvation in Gaza. There is no excuse for the world to stand by and watch two million human beings suffer on the brink of full-blown famine." The World Central Kitchen is one of the leading nonprofits addressing this issue. For more information, please read his entire statement either in the New York Times of July 27th or here on the WCK's website: [wck.org/en-us/news/people-of-good-conscience-must-stop-the-starvation-in-gaza](https://wck.org/en-us/news/people-of-good-conscience-must-stop-the-starvation-in-gaza). Perhaps what we can do is simply donate funds to the World Central Kitchen in hope that the aid will reach Gaza in time... An easy way to do this is to go to their website at [wck.org](https://wck.org).



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Our Towns

Kim Schmidt’s vision at Furnace Art on Paper

By May Castleberry

FALLS VILLAGE — “Kim Schmidt Fine Art at Furnace Art on Paper” in Falls Village includes nearly 100 artworks — primarily drawings and prints — by approximately 50 artists.

The exhibition, curated by Schmidt, an art dealer with extensive experience in works on paper and installation, mixes work by well-known artists such as Louise Bourgeois, Leonardo Drew, Kiki Smith and Pat Steir and others. The show will be on view at the Furnace Gallery through Aug. 8.

A former director of Crown Point Press, a legendary Bay Area print publisher and former director of the Marlborough Gallery in New York, Schmidt special-

izes in drawing, printmaking, collage and other hand processes involving paper. She divides her time between Millerton and New York City.

Schmidt said she is particularly drawn to art that closely observes nature. Animals, plants, and birds provide a rich vein for the artists in this show, while many of the abstractions evoke natural forms, she said.

One of the many works in the show is a black-and-white etching called “Night Farm” (1993) created by the then-nonagenarian California artist Wayne Thiebaud, best known for rendering colorful candy and cake delights. Depicting dogs and their antics, “Night Farm” features loosely drawn or cartoonish images of scruffy dogs standing, running, or

jumping.

Valerie Hammond, an expert printmaker, made several of the works on display, including a lithograph and stencil print called “Blue Hare” (2015). Representing an Irish talisman of death and memory, in which human souls may inhabit a hare, her precisely rendered creature floats in an eerie, indeterminate space. Her “Chimera (Owl)” (2016) creates a confounding illusion: it superimposes the hand-painted, three-dimensional paper wings of an owl moth over an etched image of an owl, so that the eyes on the moth’s wings double as those of the bird.

Kiki Smith, a multimedia artist based in the Hudson Valley, is represented by numerous prints in the show including a series of nine etchings with watercolor, each portraying an individual flower, every petal delineated with a delicate line. A 1996 plaster sculpture of a homely pigeon, tethered by a plastic string to an egg and resting on a narrow shelf like a windowsill, evokes sympathy for the challenges of urban avians.

The show is a veritable sampler of works by artists committed to the plant and animal kingdoms. Among them is a life-size bronze sculpture of a young, long-haired calf by the Connecticut-based artist Carl D’Alvia — not to mention his “Stone ‘Shroom” table sculpture.

The exhibition presents works using staining, smoke and even burning to create images, ranging from John Cage’s etched and smoke-darkened prints to Leslie Dill’s Emily Dickinson-inspired typography on a tea-stained paper dress in, “Poem Dress, The Soul selects her own Society” (1993). In

one of the most recent works in the exhibition, “Untitled Silver,” Kathleen Kucka — a resident of Lakeville and founder of the Furnace — applies dozens of small fires to paper, resulting in a mummuration of delicate, oval-shaped holes, each ringed by the umber and charcoal colors of burnt fibers. These swirl across a sheet of paper partially covered with silver oil paint. Though an abstract work, the alluring palette and patterned spots in “Untitled Silver” could summon a moonlit leopard.

Among the varied works in the show is one called “Rising Temperatures 9” (2023), by Anne Lindberg, that at first reads as an abstraction but reveals itself as a horizon-filled landscape composed of thousands of chromatically arranged lines of colored pencil. Lindberg, who lives and works in Anramdale is perhaps best known for her ethereal sculptures and immersive spaces made up of seemingly innumerable light-reflecting threads.

Schmidt’s eye for installation — for creating lively relationships between works of complementary styles and materials by disparate artists — is a reward on its own. For



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Valerie Hammond’s “Chimera (Owl)” (2024). Ink, watercolor, and etching is among the wide variety of artwork on display at Furnace Gallery in Falls Village.

example, a metallic-colored Leonardo Drew work, molded from handmade paper, sits adjacent to Kucka’s “Untitled Silver,” and the luminous qualities of both works are enhanced. The choice of

work and their placement sets three smaller-than-life hand-printed and hand-sewn doll-size dresses — two by Leslie Dill and one by Valerie Hammond — in play from three walls of the room.



PHOTO BY SIMON MARKOW

Wonder in West Cornwall

Magicienne Belinda Sinclair brought her Hocus Focus Magic Series form New York City to West Cornwall this summer. The magic happens semi-regularly at Hughes Library when enough people register for a class or show. Between illusions at an adult show Friday, July 25, she talked about the history of female masters of magic and engaged the audience in mystifying acts of wonder. For more info visit [www.conjurecamp.com](http://www.conjurecamp.com)

Hospital unveils photo exhibit

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — A show of photographs from the members of the Housatonic Camera Club opened at Sharon Hospital Friday, July 25.

The venue was a hallway off the main lobby, which had several advantages, such as good lighting, both natural and artificial.

Air conditioning, which was pleasant on a muggy afternoon.

And a large, long and mostly blank wall.

Plus the hallway is close enough to the lobby that guests could easily access the light refreshments and hear the piano player.

There were 16 photographers represented.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Guests of the opening reception July 25 mingle in the Sharon Hospital hallway that now displays photographs from the Housatonic Camera Club.

And Lazlo Gyorsok included a timeless black and white photo of the Chrysler Building. The show runs through Aug. 14.

Dr. Mark Marshall, spelling for the hospital, said the idea to have the show came about because he a) works at the hospital and b) is married to one of the club members.

“It was an opportunity to do a community event,” he said.

Marshall’s own contributions are cityscapes digitally manipulated for high relief and vivid colors.

Thus, an ordinary photo of elevators becomes an almost psychedelic study.

Another medical practitioner, Dr. Howard Mortman, was well represented with wildlife photos. A shot of a cormorant inhaling a fish was particularly memorable.

Bert Schmitz contributed a shot of the “Great Falls of the Housatonic” in autumn, a vista that will be familiar to hikers and anglers.



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Rummage Sale success

Vintage items of all sorts were sold around Cornwall when the annual Rummage Sale returned July 19 to 21. Four locations, including Mohawk Ski Lodge, the United Church of Christ, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and Cornwall Town Hall, offered shoppers a wide range of options from clothes and home goods to technology and toys. The event was organized by the Cornwall Woman’s Society and raised money to support local organizations that address education, health, nutrition, social services and emergency needs.

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Sports

From South Kent to NBA Summer League

By Theo Maniatis

“There were many days I’d be in on the hillside of South Kent just thinking, ‘Man, am I gonna make it?’” reflected Jordan Gainey.

In June, the South Kent School Class of 2021 alum-nus signed an NBA Summer League contract with the Phoenix Suns.

The signing with Phoenix brought Gainey full circle. He grew up in Tucson, Arizona, before moving across the country for a post-graduate year with the Cardinals.

He played under Raphael Chillious, former South Kent basketball coach and athletic director, who transformed the program into a national powerhouse.

“I just knew one day if he got to the right place he had a chance,” said Chillious. Because he is such a good defender, smart player and really tough.”

Off the court, Chillious said Gainey was “really fun-



PHOTOS PROVIDED

On July 19, Jordan Gainey recorded seven points, two assists and a rebound when the Phoenix Suns played the Portland Trailblazers in NBA Summer League.

ny. But if you stood back from afar, you would think he was shy and quiet, but he’s not.”

While at South Kent, Gainey lived in the gym. He recalled spending hours memorizing his teammates’ moves nearly every day, for two semesters straight.

Gainey remembered practices with Chillious as some of the hardest of his career. The coach’s lessons remained

with him through college.

“Be a coffee bean,” Gainey said. “Whenever things get hard and it gets hot, they do not break — they make coffee. It’s really being able to fight through adversity.”

Looking back, Gainey credited those countless hours in the South Kent gym for helping him fall in love with the game.

“He would always tell us, there are no cool jackets,” said Gainey. “You’ve got to be the one who does the dirty work, plays hard, and doesn’t care about looking cool — just getting the job done.”

After his year in Kent, Gainey committed to the University of South Carolina Upstate. Two years later, he transferred to University of Tennessee to play for coach Rick Barnes as well as his father, Justin Gainey, assistant coach.

In his two seasons with Tennessee Gainey helped the



Gainey graduated from South Kent School in 2021. He went on to play NCAA Division 1 basketball and made the Elite Eight twice with the University of Tennessee. This summer, he signed a Summer League deal with the Phoenix Suns.

Volunteers make back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA March Madness tournament in 2024 and 2025. This past tournament, he averaged 13 points off the bench and was a strong contender for the Sixth Man of the Year award.

Among his college highlights is a buzzer beater against University of Illinois in December 2024 to keep the Volunteers’ undefeated 10-0 record alive.

His performances earned him a spot on the Suns’ Summer League team. Games were played in Las Vegas, where he vied against other top young prospects for an NBA contract.

“Vegas is a time, and it’s a

great place to be,” said Gainey. “But when you’re here you got to treat it like a business trip... make the best impression on and off the court for anyone who could be watching.”

Gainey made the most of his opportunity. His best game came against the Portland Trailblazers in which he logged seven points, two assists and one rebound in 19 minutes of playing time.

Gainey’s NBA future is uncertain. He is competing against players who have spent similar hours in the gym and whose dream is to go pro.

But Gainey has spent a long time in the heat. Now, it’s time to make coffee.



PHOTO BY DAVID CARLEY

Youth football players took part in a skills clinic with Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op and Wolverines football coaches July 21 to 24.

Training GNH’s next generation

By Theo Maniatis

WINSTED — For the second year in a row, Wolverines Football and Cheer partnered with Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football to host a youth clinic.

The camp was four days July 21 to 24, alternating locations daily between Gilbert School in Winsted and Ann Antolini School in New Hartford.

GNH coaches and players ran drills for kids ranging from kindergarten through 8th grade — some of which mirrored those used by the high school team.

Wolverines youth football includes players from New Hartford, Barkhamsted, Winsted, Colebrook, Norfolk, Hartland, Canton, Harwinton and Burlington. Some players go on to play for Lewis Mills High School, but most become part of the GNH co-op team. Players from Region One were also invited to the camp.

“I just thought it would be cool to have the kids see



PHOTO BY THEO MANIATIS

Athletes worked on agility drills July 23.

what it’s like at the next level, what it’s going to be like to play with these guys,” said Tim Goff, president of the Wolverines.

Halfway through the Wednesday session, GNH head coach Scott Salius brought the group together to focus on the two parts of football he considers most important: tackling and blocking.

If nothing else, Salius hopes the younger and older players will connect.



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Training involved two players racing each other to snag a towel.

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back or eliminating services and have dealt with work-force reductions in an effort to keep our doors open and maintain our commitment to our patients and the communities we serve.”

As a result of the low Medicaid reimbursement rates, CHWC had to make the difficult decision to suspend dental services, said its CEO.

“Now that we understand what the new rates will be, we are able to go back and re-evaluate getting dental services back up and running, though on a smaller scale.”

Dental services, Borduas explained, are one of the highest cost services to run and to recruit for. “We will continue to evaluate business models that will contribute to appropriately addressing patient needs while ensuring financial sustainability.”

The agreement, she said, increases Medicaid rates over the next three years and “gets

“The fact that we have reached an agreement with the state’s Department of Social Services is a step in the right direction.”

— Joanne Borduas, CEO, Community Health and Wellness Center

us to 2023 costs. It begins to close our payment gaps, which will contribute to our long-term financial stability and help us keep our doors open serving nearly 60 percent of the state’s Medicaid patients.”

The deal clarifies the process for these centers to request rate adjustments based on the scope of services they offer and authorizes collaboration between the state and the centers to develop alternative payment models.

“While Republicans in Congress are defunding Medicaid and raising health care costs for all Americans, here in Connecticut we are making key investments in

primary care, dental and behavioral health,” said Lamont in making the announcement.

DSS Commissioner Reeves referred to the state’s FQHCs as “essential partners” in delivering high quality, affordable health care to all residents.

The plan, said Borduas, envisions a more systemic approach to future rate hikes to prevent stagnation of reimbursements as has happened in the past.

“Medicaid rates have not been rebased since 2007 for all core services of medical, dental and behavioral health, with the exception of those FQHCs who have submitted

rate requests to DSS over the years for adding services that meet the state’s requirements for a rate increase,” she noted.

The new agreement, she said, “will certainly help close our payment gaps and make providing care to our most vulnerable populations, those that are insured by Medicaid in particular, more affordable,” said Borduas.

“We are hopeful that we can continue to work with DSS to ensure our Connecticut FQHCs are able to carry out their missions to create healthier communities for a long time to come,” added Borduas.

The agreement also changes the appeals process for FQHCs to align with other Medicaid providers beginning Jan. 1, 2027.

Shawn K. Frick, CEO of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, noted that “patients across the state will benefit from this investment in primary care.”

HIKERS

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Hiking gear is a common sight outside the entrance of Off the Trail Cafe in Falls Village.

At the benches outside of LaBonne’s Market in Salisbury was Joseph “Tags” Guigliano refueling with a sandwich and pasta salad. Tags, who got his trail name simply by tagging along with another group of hikers, is from New Jersey and started southbound from Bear Mountain State Park in New York a few weeks ago. “I went in there and I restocked on a bunch of stuff. I bought like 10 packs of ramen. Calorie dense things that can be cooked in about one to two minutes is very important,” he shared.

Also at LaBonnes was Carter “Carrot Cake” Lindley from Wisconsin who started his journey in mid-March, departing from the trailhead at Springer Mountain and heading north. He had only just received this trail name, which he earned after a week-long craving of carrot cake on the trail.

Carrot Cake was hiking with a non-profit called Warrior Expeditions that sponsors the hike for veterans that have been deployed in a combat zone at some point in their career. He said, “I’ve basically applied to this company and got accepted into the program. They outfit me with all my gear, they provide a monthly stipend for both food and footwear, and basically just help me a bit along the way. That’s what got me interested, was finding this company that was willing to support me.”

The weather this summer, from heat to hail, has proven to be a challenge for hikers. Tags explained he started his journey during a heat wave, which “was pretty rough just going in cold turkey.” Oddly enough, rain can be a saving grace, he said. “It gives you a chance to get wet, wash all the sweat off, cools you down.”

Carrot Cake said the East Coast weather has taken some getting used to for a Midwesterner. “The heat and the humidity has been just absolutely brutal for me. I’m not used to this. I got snow, rain, hail, freezing, fog, a whole bunch of stuff at the beginning of the trip, and this has been really tough.”



Joseph “Tags” Guigliano said sometimes rain is welcome on the trail, especially when it’s hot.

Towns like Salisbury provide essentials for restocking a hiker’s pack, but just as necessary are the boosts in quality of life. “I love a good bougie coffee,” admitted Carrot Cake, who recommended the Mountainside Cafe in Falls Village. He said businesses like the Mountainside Cafe “know the drill” when hikers come in, noting they go “above and beyond” for them.

Also in Falls Village is the newly opened Off the Trail Cafe, which is, as the name suggests, popular with hikers.

Stopping at the cafe in mid-July was Jeff “Bluey” Lewis who said, “Towns are everything. Little cafes and places like this are just a little taste of the real world, something you can eat that’s not dehydrated or coming from a package.”

“The people in the town are always awesome too,” Bluey continued, “Sometimes you need a ride somewhere that’s not on trail and someone will give you a hitch to or from. Sometimes people let us camp in their backyard or let us wash off somewhere. People are really kind, and that’s super important.”

The people Bluey mentioned are ones like Colter Rule, also interviewed at the Off the Trail Cafe, who just came from talking with a group of hikers inside. He described himself as a “trail angel,” someone who offers rides, meals and a place to shower to hikers.

TROOP B

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petition, testing cadets on scenarios such as robbery response, felony stop and DUIs.

In July a select few cadets earn their way to attend a week-long “paramilitary-style” Police Academy, according to the NERLEEA website.

There, cadets wake up at 5:30 a.m. With each year a cadet returns, the program grows more demanding and intense.

The trip to the Academy costs \$710, but this year local businesses stepped up to cover \$310 of the cost for each cadet.

Community involvement is a major part of Post 1903. Cadets volunteer at over a dozen events annually, from



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Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Education Association leads skills-based events for Troop B cadets.

toy drives to parking duty at the Goshen Fair.

The program offers a path

to a career in law enforcement if the cadets want.

For example, Sergeant

Richard Peck was a cadet with Troop B before becoming a Fairfield Police Officer in 2014, and he now helps run the Fairfield Cadet Program.

But if cadets don’t pursue police work, they still walk away with lifelong skills.

“We’ve had a couple of kids who were absolutely terrified and frozen when talking in front of people,” said Trooper Wedge. “And now they’ll sit there for six hours at an event and talk to every single person that comes by.”

In the end, it’s not just about shaping future officers — it’s about helping the cadets step confidently into life’s big leagues.

TURTLES

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spring and summer, it’s important to both be aware of the risks they pose and recognize that, like any other creature, they are just trying to survive.

Tim Abbott, executive director of the Housatonic Valley Association, first encountered a snapping turtle when he was 6 years old. “When I was a kid, I thought I could ride on that turtle,” he said.

Nowadays he suggests that the average person definitely should not try to do so; in fact, he doesn’t recommend touching a snapping turtle at all. Their necks are longer than they appear and can bite in a wide area, including around their own shell.

If one encounters a turtle in their backyard, Abbott said, “Let it be.” It is likely looking for a good place to lay its eggs, usually in gravel or shallow soil, and will return to water after. Keep pets away from it, don’t fence it in or mow around it; the eggs will survive on their own and the babies will dig themselves out after fully developing.

It gets more complicated if a snapping turtle appears on a road where cars are passing by. In that situation, Abbott said his first concern is, “Am I safe to stop — not from the turtle, but from other drivers?” On a busy road, a speeding car is much more dangerous than a turtle, and even though it might feel wrong, it is safer for everyone to leave a turtle on a road

that has low visibility or high speeds.

If it is safe to stop, don’t harass the turtle. Instead, one can indicate to other drivers there is a hazard. Abbott does not recommend lifting a snapping turtle, and he especially warns against putting fingers near the front half of its body; this is within its reach. The tail is also not a good handhold, as pulling on it can damage its spine.

Snapping turtles do not hunt humans and will usually avoid them if possible, but it is harder for them to maneuver on land. If approached, they may feel threatened, which is when they will attack.

Summer is one of the most important times in a snapping turtles’ year, as while they lay a high volume of eggs, few survive to adulthood. Once these turtles hit a certain size they are relatively safe from predators, but before they can be picked off by a number of other animals. Since they also take a long time to reach maturity, it’s actually rather rare for a turtle to lay eggs, so it’s important to give them the space they need.

As the summers grow warmer and the winters wetter, the factors that affect a snapping turtle’s life and longevity are constantly changing. Now, more than ever, it is important to be mindful of the other creatures that inhabit this beautiful state alongside us.



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Snapping turtles can grow more than 18 inches in length with a distinctive shell. They are typically found near freshwater environments.

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BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Ruth Franklin discusses ‘The Many Lives of Anne Frank’ at Beth David

Congregation Beth David in Amenia hosted a conversation on the enduring legacy of Anne Frank, one of the 20th century’s most iconic figures. Ruth Franklin, award-winning biographer and critic, shared insights from her highly acclaimed book “The Many Lives of Anne Frank” with thought-provoking questions from Ileene Smith, Editorial Director of the Jewish Lives series. This event, held on July 23 — the date Anne Frank would have turned 96 — invited the large audience to reconsider Anne Frank not just as the young writer of a world-famous diary, but as a cultural symbol shaped by decades of representation and misrepresentation.

Franklin and Smith dove right in; Franklin reading a passage from the book that exemplified her approach to Anne’s life. She described her work as both a biography of Anne Frank and a cultural history of the diary itself, a document that has resonated across the world.

“The diary,” Franklin explained, “has been appropriated in ways that sometimes obscure the reality of who she was and the historical context of her life.” By weaving together different perspectives, including testimonies from those who knew Anne or whose lives were shaped by her, Franklin sought to rehumanize a figure who has, for better and worse, been turned into a symbol.

Franklin’s book examines the many faces of Anne Frank that have appeared in the public consciousness: the girl whose diary became a universal symbol of the Holocaust, the teenage diarist whose words offer an optimistic glimpse of humanity, and the historical figure whose Jewish identity has at times been obscured in favor of a broader, universal message. Franklin highlighted how Anne’s legacy was shaped by her father, Otto Frank. Many of Otto’s decisions have been viewed as controversial such as removing passages that could have alienated potential readers. While often criti-

cized, Franklin suggested that his editorial work was driven by the desire to reach the broadest possible audience.

“I think we have to be so generous in thinking about Otto Frank and the choices that he made,” said Franklin. “He made the decision that he wanted the diary to be read by the greatest number of people possible. He wanted Anne’s message to go out into the world and work, as he said, against prejudice, understood in the widest possible sense. The Anne Frank House today in Amsterdam is carrying on his mission in making Anne’s story relatable and accessible and comparing it to many other different kinds of prejudice around the world. Not everybody agrees with this approach, but that’s what he decided to do.”

The conversation turned to a quote from author Cynthia Ozick, who argued that Anne’s story has been “vulgarized, distorted, and infantilized” in adaptations of the diary, particularly those created for mass consumption. While acknowledging the validity of Ozick’s concerns, Franklin pushed back. The desire to make Anne’s story accessible to a global audience, Franklin suggested, began with Anne herself, who rewrote her diary with an eye toward future readers who might not understand her specific historical context.

The conversation also delved into the profound grief and ambivalence Otto Frank must have felt as he worked to preserve his daughter’s legacy. Franklin’s expressed deep empathy for him, burdened with



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Ruth Franklin and Ileene Smith in conversation at Congregation Beth David in Amenia.

making Anne’s diary into something more than a personal testament. “He was working with a tragic loss, with an immense responsibility,” Franklin noted.

The evening’s discussion expanded to include the contentious debate over the graphic version of Anne Frank’s diary, which has been banned in several U.S. states. Critics of the graphic adaptation have condemned it for including depictions of Anne’s developing sexuality, citing them as “pornographic.” Franklin pointed out that this outrage stems from “the intersection of homophobia and anti-Semitism” in today’s political climate, highlighting how Anne’s legacy continues to be embroiled in ongoing cultural and political struggles. “The books

that are most frequently banned in the country right now are those that have to do with LGBTQ content. This is a serious issue of the Republican Party persecuting gay people and trans people more generally,” said Franklin.


Smith pointedly asked Franklin about what is widely considered the most famous quote from the diary: “In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.” Franklin responded, “In many ways, Anne Frank was an optimistic person and that quote is an accurate reflection of who she

was. At the same time, that quote is incomplete. It actually comes in the middle of a much longer passage in which she describes feeling hopeless about the future of the world.” Franklin continued, “That quote is often dismissed by Holocaust scholars or other people who have said with a lot of confidence that if Anne Frank had survived the camps to write about it, she would no longer have believed that people are truly good at heart. My own position, which is the perspective I adopt in this book, is that none of us can know what a surviving


Anne Frank would have thought about anything at all, and it is irresponsible to speculate about it. We simply can’t go there.”

As the conversation concluded, the room was filled with a sense of reflection and appreciation. The crowd was invited to continue the conversation in the Community Room, where Franklin signed copies of her book, which were available through Ob-long Books. Her visit left attendees with much to ponder about how we interpret history, memory, and the cultural artifacts that endure.

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MUSIC: THOMAS E. JENSEN

# Prokofiev, piano and perfection: Yuja Wang at Tanglewood

Sunday, July 20 was sunny and warm. Nic Mayorga, son of American concert pianist, the late Lincoln Mayorga, joined me at Tanglewood to hear Yuja Wang play Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 16. I first saw Wang on July 8, 2022, when she filled in for Jean-Yves Thibaudet on the opening night of Tanglewood’s summer season. She virtually blew the shed down with her powerful and dynamic playing of Liszt’s Piano Concerto No. 1.

Nic was my guest last season on July 13, when Wang wowed us with her delicate interpretation of Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 4. We made plans on the spot to return for her next date in Lenox.

As we found our seats there was a buzz in the Shed. A huge crowd had gathered. Nic went for tall cans of cold mineral water — essential. The Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra was on stage. The door opened, and out stepped Wang in a brilliant shear and sparkling silvery light dress befitting the warm day. Conductor Andris

Nelsons followed. They greeted concertmaster Nathan Cole, and settled in.

The first movement, an *Andantino - Allegretto - Andantino*, is one where a 22-year-old Prokofiev distinguishes himself as an entirely new breed of concerto composers. It is far from typical. There is no conventional drama between opposing forces of piano and orchestra — just a light, gentle phrase with intentionally muted strings (pizzicato) and clarinets, giving way to Chopin-like left-hand figures from the piano, and a lengthy, divine melody in the right. There is beauty in this. Wang is in charge.

She transitioned to a faster march section that evolved into an extended solo played with great precision and attention to detail. The soloist had the floor until a raucous return of the full orchestra, followed by a pianissimo recollection of the opening. The two great forces now united, everyone was on the edge of their seat.

The second movement is a *Scherzo: Vivace*. Here, Wang showed

her mastery over one of the most challenging sections — a relentlessly demanding *moto perpetuo* where the soloist must play unbroken sixteenths, both hands, in octave unison. Nic agreed that one must see this type of playing live to fully appreciate the artist. The orchestra added wonderful, subtle color and counter moods to this virtuoso spotlight. Wang’s command of the minutest shifts in tempo was astounding. The piano, here, produces melodies but also becomes a percussion instrument of the highest order.

In the third movement, an *Intermezzo: Allegro moderato*, the soloist gets a breather from the speedy tempos — but not quite, as she must alternate between delicacy and great force in figures while the orchestra layers a backdrop of a heavy march. Wang displayed her versatility here, commanding the tone, volume and moods as dictated by Prokofiev’s adventuring. Tempos changed. Everything changed. Yet throughout, each mini stanza and bar stood out — authentic,



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Yuja Wang performs with the TMCO and Andris Nelsons.

independent, real. Likely exactly what Prokofiev had in mind, but likely to elude all but the finest musicians.

In the *Finale: Allegro tempestoso*, Prokofiev reverts to the more conventional opposition-of-forces theme — the piano trying to overwhelm the orchestra in a barrage of fluttering bright passages offset by heavy-handed chords. Wang chose a more collegial approach here. She was firm but polite; it never felt like a struggle.

This made the transition to the next idea — where clarinets and violas offer a contrasting tranquility — smooth as silk. The solo piano continued with elements of Russian folk music, joined by the orchestra, building intensity before another solo piano display, and then a traditional buildup to a sweeping conclusion.

I glanced over at Nic’s joy and bewilderment. A standing ovation was followed, with encore performances of selec-

tions from Sebelius’s 13 Pieces for Piano, Op. 76, No. 2: Etude; Schubert’s “Gretchen am Spinnrade,” D. 118, arranged by Liszt; and Horowitz’s Variations on a Theme from Carmen.

Prokofiev’s debut of this concerto in 1913 did not go over quite as well. Some in the audience expressed displeasure at his ideas, hissed and rushed out. But Prokofiev expressed his displeasure at their poor taste, played an encore nonetheless, and fanned the flames. Sometimes a genius from one generation is misunderstood in his time but vindicated generations later by audiences and musicians of a different era. Such is the case with Prokofiev, who had the last laugh. Yuja Wang has her place in this saga. That she performs with the young musicians of the Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra shows her generous nature and kind heart — she cares about the future of classical music.

If you are curious and like to travel, Wang will play Prokofiev’s Piano Concerto No. 2 again several times this season: Nov. 13 at The Philharmonie de Paris; Dec. 4 and 5 at The Konzerthaus, Vienna; and Dec. 12 at The Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. I highly recommend it.

## Rufus Wainwright to perform at The Stissing Center for Democratic Committee Benefit

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright will return to his Dutchess County roots for a special benefit concert supporting the Dutchess County Democratic Committee on Friday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains.

The Rhinebeck-born, Millbrook School alum has earned international recognition for his lush vocals and genre-blending compositions. With ten studio albums, two operas, and a GRAMMY nomination for Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall, Wainwright is a beloved and lauded artist who has collaborated with musical legends from Elton John to Joni Mitchell.

The evening will support local Democratic candidates in what organizers describe as a critical election year.

“I’m thrilled that my good friend Rufus is returning to Dutchess to help raise funds in a critical local election year,” said Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago (D-19, Stanford), who is up for re-election this year after flipping his seat in 2023. “Rufus and I have cheered each other on since high school,



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Rufus Wainwright will perform at The Stissing Center on Friday, Aug. 1.

and I’m grateful that he supports our work here in Dutchess. It’s going to be a really special night — and I suspect a bit of a reunion for us Millbrook alums.”

Michael Dupree, Chair of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, emphasized the urgency of individual actions. “With the cruelty and chaos in Washington and overseas, we must ensure there are smart, compassionate people leading local government,” Dupree said. “The Republican candidate

for County Comptroller is publicly anti-LGBTQ — and I haven’t seen any Republican elected officials this year at any of the many Pride events in Dutchess. Both send a very clear message, and

we’ll make sure voters know about it.”

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The Farm at Pond Lily in Elizaville will be the site of The Ancram Center’s 10th Anniversary bash.

# Ancram Center marks a decade with star-studded summer bash

The Ancram Center for the Arts is marking a milestone this summer with a celebration of its 10th Anniversary Season. The Anniversary Bash will be held on Friday, Aug. 2, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Farm at Pond Lily in Elizaville, promising an unforgettable evening of performance, community, and one-of-a-kind experiences. Hosted by honorary co-chairs Joan Osofsky of Hammertown and Taylor Mac, the evening will spotlight a lineup of cele-

brated guest performers including David Cale, Matthew Dean Marsh, Kate Douglass, Maria Christina Oliveras, and a possible appearance by Taylor Mac himself. A vibrant roster of emcees will guide the festivities, featuring longtime Ancram favorites James Occhino, Danielle Skraastad, Drew Ledbetter, Andrus Nichols, and MaConnia Chesser. Adding to the evening’s excitement is a silent auction packed with unique experiences, from a curated night

out in NYC and a private pontoon party on Copake Lake to a stay-and-play trip to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and an exclusive Santa Fe opera getaway. Whether you’re a longtime supporter or new to the Ancram Center, this anniversary celebration promises a night of heartfelt performances, community spirit, and generous surprises in a stunning setting. For tickets and more information, visit [www.ancramcenter.org](http://www.ancramcenter.org)

## MUSIC: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

# Preserving culture: a conversation at the Norfolk Library

At Norfolk Library on July 22, Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England, and Melvin Chen, Director of Norfolk Chamber Music Festival discussed the rich tradition of music and arts festivals and their role in preserving culture. Edward F. Gerber, a trustee of Historic New England, sponsors “Connecticut Preservation at Work,” a series of conversations with civic leaders, preservationists, and educators. Speaking to a full house, Gerber introduced Cipolla as, “a lifelong preservation and arts advocate protecting our cultural fabric.” Cipolla has held leadership roles at the National Park Foundation, the Municipal Art Society of New York, David Geffen Hall at Lincoln Center, Fidelity Capital, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and has taught at Columbia. Historic New England is the oldest, largest, independent preservation organization in the United States, with 38 history



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**Betsy Vorce and preservationist Edward F. Gerber, trustee of Historic New England.** museums, farms and landscapes, and a collections center in Haverhill, Massachusetts that houses 1.5 million archival documents, plus 125,000 decorative arts objects. Cipolla shared plans for a “bold transformation” of their historic shoe manufacturing factories into Haverhill Center, a “cultural catalyst for the region that will reverberate internationally.” Cipolla introduced Chen. “What I find spellbinding about chamber music is that connection, that warm intuitive partnership among musicians. Why is Norfolk important to artists and audience?” Chen garnered global

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Book Release: CLOUD WARRIORS: Author Thomas E. Weber in Conversation with John Coston

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On July 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join author Thomas Weber and Lakeville Journal / Millerton News Editor at Large, John Coston, for a conversation about Weber's new book, "Cloud Warriors." Learn about weather-prediction pioneers and groundbreaking technologies that are transforming our ability to foresee and respond to deadly storms, wildfires, heat waves, and other increasingly dangerous weather events. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14720599

AUGUST 1

First Friday Music

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, August 1 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. For this month's program, soprano Jennifer Marshall Baranowski and mezzo soprano Emily Levin return for a varied program of soprano-mezzo duets ranging from the baroque era to present day. David Baranowski will accompany on piano. Free to the public.

Rufus Wainwright in Benefit for Dutchess County Democratic Committee

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Acclaimed vocalist, songwriter, and composer Rufus Wainwright is returning to Dutchess County to headline a special benefit concert for the Dutchess County Democratic Committee on Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains. The New York-born, Montreal-raised singer-songwriter has

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released ten studio albums to date, three DVDs, and three live albums including the GRAMMY® nominated Rufus Does Judy at Carnegie Hall. He has collaborated with artists such as Elton John, Burt Bacharach, Miley Cyrus, David Byrne, Boy George, Joni Mitchell, Pet Shop Boys, Heart, Carly Rae Jepsen, Robbie Williams, Jessye Norman, and Billy Joel.

Sharon Summer Book Signing Weekend

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AUGUST 2

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growth of that original vision."

Chen went on to say, "The important part of what we do is educating the next generation. When our young musicians arrive from around the world, I tell them they follow in the footsteps of great musicians who performed on our stage: Rachmaninoff, Caruso, Kreisler, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Percy Grainger, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and Sibelius."

Vin Cipolla observed, "Something special happens in summer festivals that is irreplaceable in the field. Has the Norfolk experience affected your own music?"

Chen smiled. "It is rare in the life cycle of a professional musician to have the luxury of time to work on a piece. Here musicians delve deep, perform for an audience, then meet their audience."

"At a time of much pressure," observed Cipolla, "we are blessed with an abundance of festivals, yet we must be vigorous supporting them. What does preser-



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Ann Havemeyer, Director of the Norfolk Library and Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England.

vation mean to you?"

Chen replied, "We are responsible for the programmatic preservation of the original spirit of Norfolk, while strengthening the current role of classical music in society. We have extraordinary talent here. I am optimis-

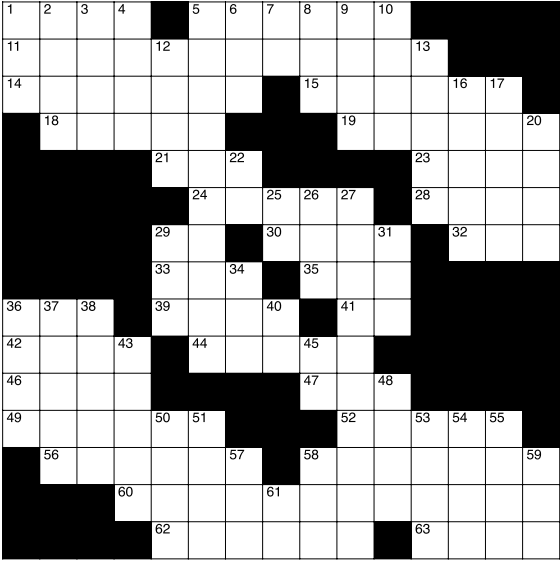
tic that if we educators continue to encourage the creativity of young musicians and artists, people will be drawn to the arts and music."

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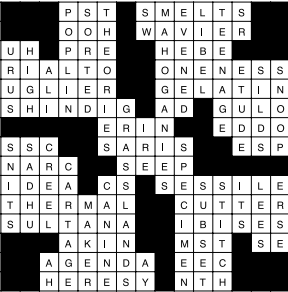
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- 11. Furnish anew
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- 15. Preoccupy the mind continually
- 18. The lowest adult male singing voice
- 19. NATO commander (abbr.)
- 21. A major division of geological time
- 23. New Zealand parrot
- 24. Notions
- 28. Lump in yarn
- 29. Indicates position
- 30. Lose hold of
- 32. Hindu honorific
- 33. Former OSS
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Cost per mile
- 39. Snake-like fish
- 41. They start the alphabet
- 42. Taylor Swift's tour
- 44. Intermediate ecological stage
- 46. Scarlett's home
- 47. Of he
- 49. Ohio city
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- 56. An evening party
- 58. \_\_ Falls
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- 63. Small Eurasian deer



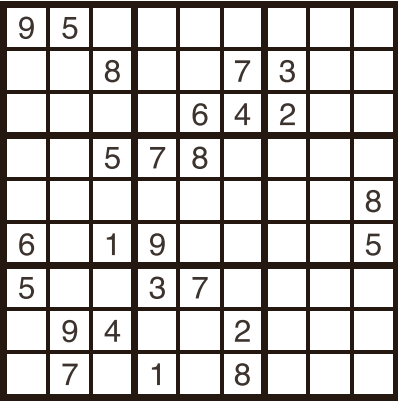
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- 22. Commercial
- 25. - \_\_: denotes past
- 26. They \_\_
- 27. Confraternities
- 29. A way to gain a point
- 31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 34. Brew
- 36. Badgers group
- 37. Sailing boat
- 38. \_\_ Polo, explorer
- 40. Elder citizen (abbr.)
- 43. Frankish law code
- 45. Exclamation of surprise
- 48. Groan
- 50. It presses clothing
- 51. Do not allow
- 53. Gelatinous substance

- 54. Common Japanese surname
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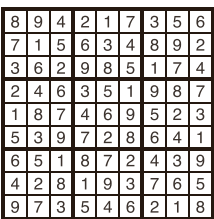
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Young artists express creativity at Canaan Arts Space's grand opening.

Arts nonprofit holds opening party

By Jules Williams

NORTH CANAAN — This past Sunday, July 27, Canaan Kids Artspace celebrated its grand opening party at the historical Colonial Theatre at 27 Railroad St.

The Canaan Kids Artspace is a nonprofit organization run by Executive Director and Founder Breetal Graves that aims to make art accessible to all children while also caring for the environment. The organization values creativity and hopes to push children towards self-discovery and exploration through their artwork.

At the grand opening, kids took part in activities like arts and crafts, face painting, curated music and games. The light drizzle stopped nobody from enjoying posing for live watercolor

portraits, eating ice cream, or romping through a cardboard box maze.

In particular, the fog machine attached to the speakers was a big hit, prompting squeals of joy every time it went off.

Guests were given the choice to move between stations both inside and out, with different activities at each. While all stations were welcoming, the freedom given to each kid to choose their own interests and expression of self felt particularly in line with the mission of Canaan Kids Artspace.

Canaan Kids Artspace offers additional programs like an after school art club that gives kids age six through 10 more opportunities to manifest their creativity. More information can be found at canaanartspace.com.

Critter time at Hunt Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A toad stole the show at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday morning, July 26.

The occasion was a visit from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Elisa Black.

Black works at the Kellogg Environmental Center and Osborne Homestead Museum in Derby and puts on educational events at schools and libraries around the state.

This one was based on a children's book, "Around the Pond: Who's Been Here?" written and illustrated by Lindsay Barrett George.

In the book two children take a walk to a pond in search of blueberries and discover signs of eight different wild creatures that live in and around the pond.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

From left, Eli Sher, Noah Sher and Samuel Leers examined scat samples and other interesting items from the animal kingdom at the David M. Hunt Library July 26.

Black had a couple of big canvas pieces covered with large colored circles spread

out on the lawn. (It was reminiscent of a game of Twister.)

The children could recreate the pond walk, using props Black brought along, such as scat from different animals (some real, some replica), various hides and pelts, and bones, including skulls and jaws.

Black also had the tools of the wildlife spotter's trade, such as magnifying glasses and wildlife and plant guidebooks.

The latter came in handy. The children were about to gather in a semicircle around Black, who was set to read the book to them.

But young Samuel Leers spotted something hopping in the grass.

It was a toad.

The toad allowed itself to

be gathered by Samuel, and the group clustered together to admire it.

Black asked that the toad be put back down so it could be on its way.

The toad showed no inclination to escape to a quieter place.

Instead it hopped right into the center of the semicircle.

Black alertly put down the children's book and grabbed a field guide instead.

The next several minutes were devoted to a discussion of toads, their general habits, and hopping ability as compared to frogs.

Eventually the toad declared "mission accomplished" and hopped away, and the regularly scheduled program resumed.

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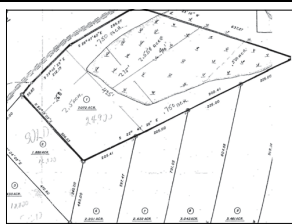
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