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Mike Farmer and his 1900 braiding machine were on display on the Friday to Sunday, Sept. 23-25 weekend at the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association's Fall Festival in Kent. For more photos, turn to Page A8.

People and machinery, and lots of both in Kent

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) presented its 37th annual Fall Festival Friday, Sept. 23, to Sunday, Sept. 25.

The past two years were overshadowed by COVID-19 for this popular and well-attended event.

But not for the 37th year of the festival. Crowds turned out in number and enjoyed fall weather as they explored and shopped at the displays.

CAMA's focus is to show and educate people about the industrial and agricul-

tural machinery used in years past. The variety of machinery is beyond measure: full-size tractors, the monumental Wolverine diesel engine, and one-lunger steam engines — all powering machinery of every kind.

The sawmill was in operation, reducing logs into usable planking. Log splitters, shingle makers and corn processors were all humming and chugging and doing what they were meant to do.

CAMA's 8 acres were also filled with tag sale vendors and displays of every imaginable "must have" tool and accessory, and plenty of "what's this" items.

Local MIT grads rethink the front line in Ukraine

By John Coston

NORFOLK — Two former graduate school roommates at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who share Norfolk roots, have spent months working with a small international team to deliver medical aid and equipment to Ukraine, and now they are helping the Ukraine military modernize its Soviet-era battle tactics.

While many nonprofits and non-governmental organization initiatives have contributed humanitarian aid to the war-ravaged country, the work of these two 35-year-olds has in addition focused on helping the defending forces to become more effective in the war

against Russia on the front line.

Calling their tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization Zero Line, Evan Platt and Ian Miller have teamed up to provide drones, satellite phones, vehicles and first-aid kits, and sophisticated communications know-how and training to Ukrainian soldiers.

The name Zero Line stands for what Ukrainians call "the front of the front lines," where the most people are killed and where Zero Line modernization techniques can save the most lives.

Miller spoke to a group of about 50 people on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Hub in Norfolk. His partner Platt was in Kyiv, participating via Zoom, along with a former Ukrainian military drone pilot, Ivan Choopeek, who was in southern Ukraine for the call.

Platt has been in Ukraine since

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30th District Senate Race

Harding, Zimmerman deliver their pitches

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Republican Stephen Harding said his first priority is being a "strong advocate for northwest Connecticut."

Harding, currently the state representative for the 107th District (Brookfield, Bethel and Danbury) and the GOP candidate to succeed retiring state Sen. Craig Miner in the 30th Senate District in the Connecticut General Assembly, said in a telephone interview Saturday, Sept. 24, that Miner did "an incredible job" in the state Senate in representing the district.

Harding singled out the work

he and Miner did as members of the Legislature's Environment Committee in the wake of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's cutting of trees at Housatonic Meadows State Park last winter.

"We made sure that will not happen again," Harding said.

He said "affordability" is another priority, and involves taxes, the state budget and the effects of inflation.

He said the state's surplus, which for the last two years is around \$800 million, should be returned to taxpayers in some form, whether in investment in "critical needs" or in reducing

taxes.

He ruled out simply sending checks to taxpayers on the grounds it would exacerbate inflation.

Harding's third priority is strengthening open space regulations, to "curb over-development."

"The charm and beauty of the area is the open space and the environment."

Harding is "adamantly against" any effort to establish statewide zoning, however. He said local control of planning and zoning should be main-

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Save Sharon Hospital

First roundtable brings physicians' pleas for help

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The first of three public roundtables coordinated by the Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) citizens' organization to rally support in opposition to planned cuts in services at the hospital was held on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Bernard Church in Sharon.

The event attracted 12 residents to hear presentations by Nick Moore, SSH board member, and two Sharon Hospital physicians, Howard Mortman, M.D. (OB/GYN) and David Kurish, M.D., (Internal Medicine and Cardiology).

Based on their decades of

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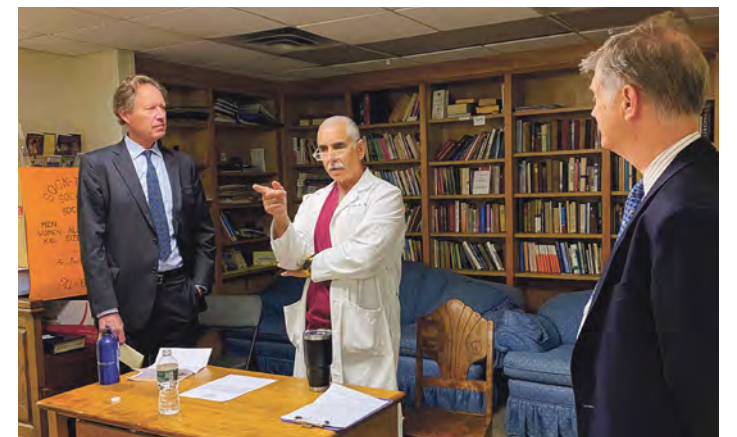


PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Nick Moore, left, board member of the Save Sharon Hospital organization, Dr. Howard Mortman, center, obstetrics and gynecology, and Dr. David Kurish, internal medicine and cardiology, led a roundtable discussion of proposed cuts in services at Sharon Hospital from the physicians' perspective on Friday, Sept. 23, at St. Bernard Church in Sharon.

CON law faces new scrutiny

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Nancy Heaton has had a front row seat in three Sharon Hospital Certificate of Need (CON) applications over the past 19 years.

She was appointed CEO of the Sharon-based Foundation for Community Health (FCH) shortly after that agency was created in June of 2003 by the conversion of Sharon Hospital to a for-profit hospital. Since 2003, FCH has focused its energies on improving access to health care and health-related services in the rural Northwest Corner of

Connecticut and parts of New York.

During that time, Sharon Hospital was purchased and repurchased by several different private equity groups, and then in 2017 it was purchased by the New York-based nonprofit hospital system, Health Quest, which a year later merged with Western CT Health Network and became Nuvance Health.

According to Heaton, FCH donated \$3 million of the \$5 million price tag for that transaction "in the hope that recon-

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CON Task Force to meet Sept. 29

The newly formed Certificate of Need Task Force will hold its second meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting will be broadcast on CT-N. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. To access the hearing live stream go to www.ct-n.com.



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Three-day forecast

Friday Sun, high 65°/low 40°
 Saturday Cloudy, 66°/44°
 Sunday Cloudy, 66°/49°

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Fled accident

On Sept. 16 at approximately 11 p.m. Troop B responded to the Twin Lakes Boat Launch in Salisbury reporting a two-car motor vehicle accident involving a 2012 Toyota Highlander driven by Alexis Laralye Freudenberg, 24, of Sharon and a 2007 Ford Escape XLT driven by Kevin Considine, 66, of Salisbury. Considine was issued a summons for evading responsibility for the accident.

Struck guardrail

On Sept. 19 at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Route 7 in Sharon a 2013 Toyota Corolla driven by Kateri Rose Kosek, 39, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, exited the roadway and collided with the guardrail. The Toyota sustained heavy damage and was towed. Kosek was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for the conditions.

Rear-ended

On Sept. 21 at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Canaan Road in North Canaan a 2016 Freightliner Casada driven by Frank Azuma Nelson, 37, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, struck the rear of a 2014 Ford F150 driven by David Blackman, 77, of Gaylordville. Blackman was transported to Sharon Hospital. Nelson was issued a written warning for traveling too closely resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

Drove into embankment

On Sept. 22 at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Route 7 in North Canaan a 2004 Honda Accord LX driven by Tanzin Leksang, 30, of Torrington, collided with an embankment full of rocks, off the side of the road. No injuries were reported. Leksang was issued a written warning for traveling too fast for the conditions.

Tree down in road

On Sept. 23 at approximately 8:50 a.m. on Route 4 in Sharon a tree fell into the road and a 2014 Ford F150 driven by Samuel Lundeen, 37, of Lakeville was unable to stop and avoid the falling tree. The Ford drove over the tree, causing the front tires to pop, which sent the vehicle spinning. The vehicle was towed and Lundeen was determined not to be at fault for the crash. He was issued an infraction for failure to carry registration.

DUI

On Sept. 23 at approximately 10 p.m. on West Main Street in North Canaan a 2009 Subaru Forester driven by Darwin Romero Torres, 22, of Cornwall struck a utility pole. Romero Torres was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to maintain the lane and operating without a driver's license.

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

Voter registration deadlines

SALISBURY — The registrars of voters will be updating voter registration lists on Tuesday, Oct. 4. For unregistered residents who wish to vote in the Nov. 8 election, check your town hall for the registration hours, or contact your registrar of voters.

There will also be a registration session on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have just turned 18, just moved to town, become

a U.S. citizen or have been on military leave, you may still register in town hall on Monday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

• AARP

Acorn crop failure to impact wildlife

Acorns, a primary food source for more than 80 wildlife species in the state's forests, will be in short supply this fall, according to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) in New Haven.

Every year, CAES monitors mature red and white oaks across all deer and turkey management zones and assesses acorn crop abundance during a two-week period in August.

This year, the results from 300 red oaks and 275 white oaks in the survey area indicate "widespread acorn crop failure" for the upcoming fall. Last year, the crop was above average.

"Oaks are a foundational component of many forest ecosystems in southern New England, and their health is

directly correlated with the health of the forest," said Joseph Barsky, lead forest researcher at CAES.

White-tailed deer rely on acorns as a primary food source. "Without a consistent source of acorns, deer will wander in search of alternative food sources," he said. Barsky warned motorists to be wary this fall as a result.

This year's spongy moth outbreak was cited as a contributor to a declining acorn crop, along with increased pressure from browsing by high-density white-tailed deer populations and the recent drought and past ice storms that have negatively impacted tree health.

The annual CAES survey was begun in 2007 and is coordinated with six states in the eastern United States.

Women's Support Services vigil planned in Lakeville on Oct. 6

LAKEVILLE — Women's Support Services (WSS) will hold its annual community vigil on Thursday, Oct. 6, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October to commemorate state residents who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at Community Park at the corner of Routes 41 and 44 in Lakeville for a welcome. The group will walk to WSS's new office at 13a Porter St. The program often

includes the reading of the names of those who have lost their lives, a musical piece and a poem.

This year, WSS is partnering with Red Sand Project, a participatory art project designed to raise awareness of human trafficking and intersects with the human trafficking curriculum WSS implements in partnership with Region One schools.

The project was created by resident Molly Gochman; a representative of Red Sand will be in attendance. This part of the evening begins at 6 p.m.

Online This Week

Look for these stories and more, exclusively at www.tricornernews.com.

Falls Village sets spending of federal funds

Selectmen approved using American Rescue Plan Act funds for a volunteer fire department project.

Salisbury plans train station study

A study of the structural integrity of the former train station in Lakeville will proceed.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

A bank milestone to remember

National Iron Bank President Steve Cornell, center, chatted with North Canaan Selectman Christian Allyn, left, and his father, bank shareholder Steve Allyn, at the 175th anniversary celebration of the bank's founding. The Tristate Chamber of Commerce hosted a Business After Hours party at the Lakeville branch, in honor of the occasion, which drew more than 100 people from all over the region.

HYSB 5k run set Oct. 22 at IMS

LAKEVILLE — The Housatonic Youth Service Bureau will hold a Falcon 5K run and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Indian Mountain School starting at 9 a.m.

The 5K run is returning after a hiatus due to the pandemic. All proceeds benefit HYSB's programs and services. Registration is at www.nysbct.org.

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Our Towns

The Little Guild plans new \$4 million facility

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — After years of studying options, The Little Guild's Board of Directors made a decision that the animal shelter will remain at its present location on the Sharon-Goshen Turnpike rather than moving to a new location.

A new building is to be constructed on site to provide a better environment for the animals and visitors, according to Little Guild officials.

Introducing The Little Guild's report to the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway announced that The Little Guild is embarking on a \$4 million project to build a new facility and emerge from the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic imposed on their program.

The pandemic brought



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

The Little Guild in West Cornwall, located on the Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, is planning for a new building on the same site. Construction target date is 2023.

challenges as The Little Guild program dealt with an increased volume of adoptions brought on by families relocating to the area to escape the virus.

Following the report from Little Guild representatives, the selectmen voted unanimously to endorse the Little Guild's proposal to rebuild their facility in Cornwall

and to send their request for \$50,000 to \$75,000 in funding to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee for review.

"It's good that you're mak-

ing plans to remain in town," Ridgway said.

Jennifer Langendoerfer, executive director of The Little Guild, explained that plans for a new facility have been underway for two years.

"The Little Guild has been impacted by COVID," she said. "The community's needs have also changed."

Little Guild Treasurer Charles Short said, "We are acutely aware of the value of keeping animals where they are." The facility has been assisting families with pet food and care needs as necessary, an economic effect of the pandemic.

Short reported that The Little Guild has seen surrenders of animals as people go back to work and can no longer provide for their pets' needs.

"A new facility will help those animals," Short said, indicating that the new build-

ing is being designed to lessen the trauma.

"Everyone wants The Little Guild to remain in Cornwall," Short said, noting that the new building will feature a community room open to local groups and intends to offer educational programs on proper care and training.

To Ridgway's inquiry about timing, Short replied that the target date for construction is 2023.

Town meeting date change

As work continues on preparation of the town's annual report and while the town awaits completion of the annual audit, the selectmen tentatively scheduled a new date of Friday, Nov. 4, for the annual town meeting during which those reports are approved by residents. Ridgway said that the date will be finalized at one of the selectmen's October meetings.

View on Taconic Road to be preserved

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Planning and Zoning Commission and the applicants for a subdivision at 130 Taconic Road reached an agreement to preserve the view from Taconic Road during the third session of a public hearing, held online Tuesday, Sept. 20.

After considerable discussion, the applicants, Jon and Savannah Stevenson, agreed to include a "sliver" of the section designated Lot 2 in the subdivision application into the open space calculation.

This development followed significant pressure from neighbors, David and Joan Bright in particular, who asked why the commission was willing to include a waiver that allowed the applicants to include unbuildable wetlands in the open space calculation but not the viewshed.

The hearing was continued to Tuesday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m. (on Zoom). It will be the only agenda item.

Cornwall home destroyed by fire

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Six fire companies were called to a house engulfed by fire at 83 Mohawk Mountain Road on Wednesday, Sept. 14, but despite all efforts, the single-family home was lost.

No injuries were reported. Five pets — two dogs and three cats — died in the fire.

Fire Marshal Stanley MacMillan, interviewed on Friday,

Sept. 23, said homeowner Denise Classey discovered the fire when she returned home in the afternoon. The first of six fire companies was dispatched at 2:57 p.m. Responding to the call were fire companies from Cornwall, Goshen, Bantam, Litchfield, Falls Village and Sharon.

Warren and Lakeville remained on standby to respond to any other emergency call that might arise.

MacMillan reported that the home stood about 2,500 feet back from the road, requiring the use of a tanker shuttle to transport water sourced from nearby Tyler Lake. A 5-inch diameter hose carried water 2,300 feet from the road to the site of the fire.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Falls Village cemetery tours

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Hunt Library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will host a tour of two of Falls Village's cemeteries. (Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Learn about Bitcoin Oct. 29

SALISBURY — On Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. Jason Maier, chair of The Hotchkiss School's Mathematics and Computer Science Departments, will explain the basics of Bitcoin and how it is transforming society's understanding of money.

Often described as "digital gold," Bitcoin provides a way to transmit value across the world instantly with practically zero cost.

Maier will discuss this maturing technology's potential impact on social justice and equality as well as the security risks of an unregulated currency whose use is anonymous and irreversible.

Sharon quilt for art students

SHARON — The Sharon Woman's Club raises money every year for a graduating senior pursuing an art education by auctioning a handmade quilt made by a Sharon Woman's Club member. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. The drawing will be in May at the HVRHS art exhibit.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Kathy Fricker at 860-364-9890.

SAVE SHARON HOSPITAL

Upcoming Community Events:



Dr. Howard Mortman has been delivering babies at Sharon Hospital since 1991.



Dr. David Kurish, an internist and cardiologist who has been treating patients at Sharon Hospital for over 40 years.

Community Roundtables

Learn what's happening at Sharon Hospital from the doctors themselves. Speakers include Dr. Howard Mortman and Dr. David Kurish. Attend one or attend them all! No reservations needed.

Salisbury, Connecticut:
Thurs, Sept 29 at 4pm
Scoville Memorial Library,
Wardell Community Room

Millerton, New York:
Wed, October 5 at 6pm
Northeast-Millerton Library
Annex

All events are sponsored by Save Sharon Hospital, and are not affiliated with the venues where the events are held.

Rally to Save Sharon Hospital

Hear from our public officials, doctors, and fellow community members on how you can help save Maternity and the ICU at Sharon Hospital.

Sunday, Oct 16 at 2pm
at the Sharon Town Green

Testify at the Public Hearing

against NuVance's application to close Maternity.

- Written Testimony: Email OHS@ct.gov by Monday, Oct. 17.

- Oral Testimony: Sign up via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct 18 at 2pm. Public Testimony starts at 3pm. For the Zoom login and further information, please visit our website.

Tuesday, Oct 18 via Zoom
10am: Hearing begins
3pm: Public Testimony begins

Save Sharon Hospital, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization composed of volunteers and healthcare professionals from the Northwest Corner and the neighboring New York area who are concerned about the continued quality and availability of healthcare in our region. We are committed to supporting and maintaining the full range of services at Sharon Hospital.

www.savesharonhospital.org

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2022-0203 by Aaron & Alycia for a Variance, 16 Woodland Drive, Lakeville CT, Map 35, Lot 6 per Section 304, 305.1 and Table 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 immediately after the regularly scheduled business of the meeting or at 5:30PM, whichever occurs first. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom (Remote Meeting by Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone), where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office before 4:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2022, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548,

Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed, by appointment, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:30PM.

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Stacie Weiner, Secretary
09-29-22
10-06-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 20, 2022:

Approved - Special Permit Application #2022-0195 by owner Patricia P. Gomez Revocable Trust, for change of use to a funeral home and residence in accordance with Section 205.1 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 50

as Lot 17 and is located at 255 Main Street, Lakeville.

Approved - Special Permit Application #2022-0196 by owner Ateptaya Rakpraja, for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot in accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 40 as Lot 24 and is located at 30 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville.

Approved - Subject to Conditions - Site Plan Application #2022-0197 by owner 145 TR LLC for new construction of a single-family dwelling, barn, pool and associated site improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 19 as Lot 19 and is located at 145 Taconic Road, Salisbury.

Denied without Prejudice - Special Permit Application #2022-0179 by owner MS Restoration LLC for a change of use - multifamily, high turnover restaurant, mixed used commercial and a use rendering more than 30% of the lot impervious, in accordance with sections 205.2, 209.2, and 403.4 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 26 and is located at 343 Main Street, Lakeville.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions

to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury
Planning &
Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
09-29-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2022, the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut approved a comprehensive update to the Town of Salisbury Zoning Map effective October 17, 2022. A copy of the approved Zoning Map has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk and in Zoning Office of the Town of Salisbury, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT. Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning
Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary
09-29-22

Legal Notice Town of Canaan Board of Assessment Appeals

All owner of Motor Vehicles registered in the

Town of Canaan are hereby notified that the Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Canaan will meet in open session at the Canaan Town Hall, 107 Main Street Falls Village CT on Wednesday September 28, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the sole purpose of hearing appeals related to the Grand List of October 1, 2021 for Motor Vehicles only.

Canaan Board of
Assessment Appeals
Tami Reid
Chairmen
09-29-22

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SHARON

All persons liable to pay PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES in the Town of Sharon are required to return to the Assessor's office, on or before November 1, 2022, a list of taxable personal property belonging to them on the first day of October 2022. All business assets include, but are not limited to: manufacturing and industrial machinery and equipment; office fixtures, furniture, equipment and supplies; farm machinery and tools; tools of your trade; electronic data processing equipment.

All horses, ponies, unregistered motor vehicles, vehicles registered out of state that are garaged in Sharon and leased equipment located in the Town of Sharon are taxable, whether they are a business asset or a personal asset.

Any business or individual required to return a list may obtain the proper form from the Assessor's office, if they have not received a form in the mail. Failure to receive a form by mail does not excuse a property owner from filing.

Other Filing Deadlines:
Honorable Discharge Filing Deadline is September 30, 2022

Blind, Disabled and Veteran's Exemptions are due October 1, 2022 Farm Land and Open Space Applications due October 31, 2022

Forest Land: Certified Forester's Report must be dated not later than October 1, 2022 and the Application

to the Assessor is due October 31, 2022

2021GL Motor Vehicle Exemption for Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces is due by December 31, 2022

Jennifer Dubray
Assessor
Town of Sharon
860-364-0205
09-29-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RONALD M. SOLAN Late of Lakeville (22-00341)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 13, 2022, 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:
Salisbury Bank and Trust
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Mark J. Capecelatro
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Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
09-29-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GEORGE FARR Late of New York, NY AKA George Farr III (21-00231)

The Hon. Diane S. Blick, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 8, 2022, 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:
Lucy Farr
c/o Anne E Crane
McLaughlin & Stern,
LLP
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Second Floor
Westport, CT 06880
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
09-29-22

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO HEIRS OF JAMES MITCHELL AND HEIRS OF MICHAEL J. MEEHAN

Pursuant to the order of the court for the Judicial District of Litchfield at Torrington dated May 9, 2022,

NOTICE TO: All persons named on Exhibit A attached and any unknown person or persons who claim or may claim any rights, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance on the property described in the complaint, adverse to that of the plaintiff, whether the claim or possible claim be vested or contingent including Nellie Garland, James Mitchell Jr., Michael Mitchell and Mary Ann Meehan as well as Mary Finney, Sheila Meehan, Katherine Vladkin, William J. Meehan and James P. Meehan, and their heirs described in Exhibit A attached.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the above action has been instituted and is now pending in said court.

The plaintiffs have named

you as defendants in the complaint brought to the above-named court seeking to quiet and settle title to a certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Salisbury, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut situated on both sides of Ore Hill Road, containing 8.307 acres and shown as property of Nora Meehan Dennis and Michael Meehan on Map No. 2552 on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Salisbury. This complaint was returnable to the above named court on 6/14/2022 and is now pending therein.

The court finds that the defendant(s) listed above has (have) not appeared in this action, and, so far as the plaintiff knows, has (have) not received actual notice of the institution or pendency of it; that so far as is known the name(s) and address(es) of such

person(s) is unknown.

Now therefore, it is hereby ordered that further notice of the institution and pendency of this action be given to each such defendant by some proper officer by

(a) causing a copy of this order to be published on the Judicial Branch's Legal Notices website located at civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/LegalNoticeList.aspx. Order of notice to be published for 14 days commencing on or before (date) and proof of publication be made to this court and

(b) causing a true and attested copy of this order to be published in The Lakeville Journal once a week for two successive weeks, commencing on or before 09/14/2022 and that return of such service be made to this court.

Judge JOHN DAVID

MOORE

To wit, Docket No LLI-CV-22-6030732S MEEHAN, MICHAEL ET AL V. UNKNOWN PERSONS

That pursuant to the order of the Court, John W. Moore, J. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED

That on or before September 29, 2019 you or your attorney should take steps to appear in said action to assert whatever claim you may have to the property in question, to wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Town of Salisbury, County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut situated on both sides of Ore Hill Road, containing 8.307 acres and shown as property of Nora Meehan Dennis and Michael Meehan on Map No. 2552 on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Salisbury.

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Heirs of James Mitchell	Married	Children	Spouse Of Children	Children's Child	Children's Child's Child	Addresses	Dates Of Death
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1 Ellen (Nellie) Mitchell Garland							1957
	George Garland						1915
		Gertrude Garland		None			1990
		Rosemary Garland		None			1972
		Gerland Garland		None			
2 James W. Mitchell, Jr.	No						1940
3 Michael Mitchell	Uncertain						1943
4 Maryann Mitchell Meehan							1931
	Michael J. Meehan						1959
		Stephen M. Meehan					1934
			Mae Christmas Meehan				
				Sheila Meehan Puccia			2019
					Stephen Puccia	Massachusetts	
					Maryann Puccia	NY	
					Kevin Puccia	Out West	
					Lenora Puccia Kennedy	Sharon, CT	
Heirs Of Michael J. Meehan							
	Maryann Mitchell Meehan						1931
1 William J. Meehan	No						1978
2 Mary Meehan Finney							1992
	William Finney						
		None					
3 Katherine Vladkin							1987
	Vladimir Vladkin						
4 James P. Meehan							1976
	Helen Walsh						
		Michael Meehan		None			
		Nora Meehan Dennis	Robert Dennis				
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Our Towns

Heritage tour of chestnut research orchard

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — The Housatonic Heritage Walk entitled “American Chestnut: Lost and Found” took place on Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Great Mountain Forest Chestnut Research Orchard.

Hosts Ellery “Woods” Sinclair, Mark Burdick and Star Childs reviewed the history of the decline of the American chestnut (*Castanea dentata*). The tree that once towered over the eastern United States met its demise with the introduction of a parasitic fungus to forests in the 1890s.

Sinclair described the blight of the chestnuts as “the greatest ecological disaster our woodlands have ever faced.”

It is estimated that at the turn of the 20th century, about 4 billion American chestnut trees stood within the eastern forests.

“Original chestnuts were vast and they grew nearly as big as a redwood,” said Sinclair. “[As a child] we had a huge chestnut behind the house. In girth, it was probably about 30 feet.”

The fungus (*Chryphonectria parasitica*) was first identified at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in 1904. The disease spread rapidly, and by 1950 the American chestnut was functionally extinct.

In the 1930s, forward-thinking scientists began to crossbreed American chestnuts with Chinese chestnuts that had developed immunity to the fungus. After four generations of crossbreeding, a seed was produced containing 15/16ths American chestnut genetics.

In 2007, these hybrid seeds began to be planted at the orchard in Falls Village by Burdick and his students



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

From left, Star Childs, Ellery “Woods” Sinclair and Mark Burdick gathered in front of the chestnut orchard in Falls Village on Sunday, Sept. 18. The three have led local efforts to restore the American chestnut to its former glory.

at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Burdick estimates 150 chestnut trees stand in the orchard today.

As the trees mature, they are intentionally inoculated with the fungus to test for resistance. Samples of trees that demonstrate survivability are

sent to the American Chestnut Foundation for further testing.

Advances in technology have created new possibilities for the return of the American chestnut

“Scientists have just started hybridizing chestnuts with

wheat genes,” said Childs. “Wheat has this ability to naturally ward off blight.”

Despite these efforts, Childs predicts a long road ahead before seeing the full return of the American chestnut. “It’s going to take a while,” he said.

Country Market to get new owners

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — After a relatively short time on the market, the Cornwall Country Market building will open its doors to new owners and old customers, according to a recent announcement by Idella and James Shepard, soon to be the former owners.

“We are very happy about the sale and look forward to moving on to our next chapter,” owner James Shepard commented on Monday, Sept. 19, reflecting on the sale. “Change is never without some pain.”

Shepard said that Corn-

wall has been his family home for over 30 years, but laments, “that family is gone now, so Idella and I need to focus on where our family is.”

“We are full of emotion as customers keep stopping in to say goodbye and thank you,” Shepard said, adding that it brings George Bailey to mind, a reference to the character in the 1946 “It’s a Wonderful Life” movie, as they realize how many lives their store has touched.

The store will close officially on Saturday, Oct. 1, with the new owners expected to acquire the keys to the property around Oct. 15.

All store inventory, fix-

tures and mementos will be sold during the last week in September, with Shepard promising “great deals on all items.”

“Even the store’s signage will be for sale,” Shepard said, supposing that collectors might be interested. Holders of gift cards should redeem those cards during the same period, before the end of the month, he said.

Region One faces bus driver shortage

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — With the arrival of new students and teachers at Region One schools came some more unfamiliar faces: four new bus drivers.

The new drivers have filled a much-needed vacancy as Region One schools grapple with a bus driver shortage.

“Thirteen years ago, we had 27 buses in the region. Now we are down to 18,” said Sam Herrick, the business manager for Region One.

Herrick reported that part of the reason for the reduction has been declining enrollment over the past decade.

“Is there a shortage? Yes,” said Herrick. “We’re down to 1,300 students now but we still need three or four more drivers.”

Athletic teams have felt the shortage most of all, with only one bus allocated for extracurricular activities.

“We’re putting two teams on the bus to get to their games,” said Herrick. “The golf team has been renting a vehicle to take them to matches.”

All-Star Transporta-

tion holds the bus contract for the school district. All-Star representative Michelle Christen said the company has instituted numerous incentives to recruit potential drivers.

“We have a promotion on driver referrals. The training is paid and we cover all training costs associated with the position,” said Christen.

The process can be extensive for a prospective driver, often taking more than eight weeks from application to licensure.

“Getting a CDL [commercial driver’s license] takes so many hours of training and requires rigorous testing. [State Rep.] Maria Horn [D-64] is working with selectmen to speed up the process,” said Herrick.

Herrick pointed to other districts experiencing the same problem, perhaps indicative of a national shortage of bus drivers.

“The Massachusetts National Guard had to get involved with busing to transport students last year,” said Herrick.

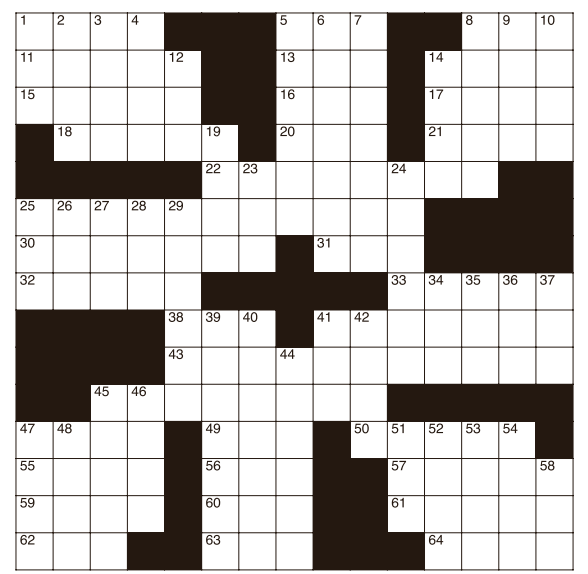
“We’re short on people that want to do this kind of job,” said Christen.

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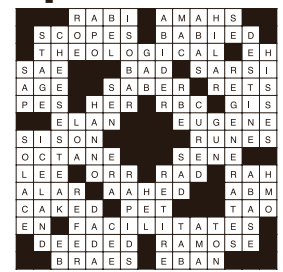
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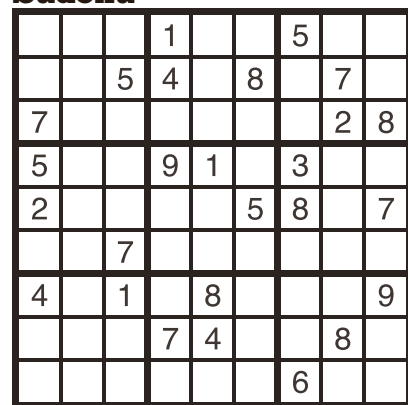
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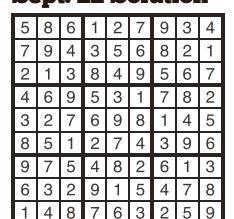
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Sports

Fall football and soccer in full swing



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The Hotchkiss School's Johnny Bennett breaks Trinity-Pawling's Tyler DaSilva's tackle during Hotchkiss' 18-13 win at Hotchkiss Friday, Sept. 23.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BERKSHIRE SCHOOL
Berkshire School boys varsity soccer's Prince Abofo gets pressed by Hotchkiss' Sam Bobrek on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Berkshire. Berkshire prevailed 5-0.

MacNeil fosters sportsmanship, success at Housatonic

By Hunter O. Lyle

FALLS VILLAGE — There have been two things anyone can count on when attending a Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) sporting event: the blue and gold uniforms representing the Mountaineers and Athletic Director Anne MacNeil sitting somewhere close by.

During her tenure, she has seen championships and fostered All-Stars, experienced playoff droughts and weathered a pandemic.

She cherishes the work that she does, cheering her teams on all the while.

"I say to kids all the time, I have the best job," said MacNeil, "I get to watch sports all day."

MacNeil grew up just over the New York border, where she attended Dover Plains High School, played tennis and was a cheerleader. Initially wanting to be an athletic trainer, MacNeil graduated from Ithaca College with a degree in athletic training, then went on to earn her Certified Masters in Athletic Administration via the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

She began working at HVRHS as an athletic trainer in 1999, through an outreach program with Sharon Hos-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Anne MacNeil is in her ninth year as athletic director at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

In her interview, "I have no desire to go anywhere else. I like this job, I like this community."

Nine years later, MacNeil prides herself on the number of HVRHS students who play sports — between 45 and 50% on any given year — and the accomplishments the teams have made over the years.

An average day as an athletic director consists of MacNeil planning and managing nearly every aspect of every Mountaineer game, check-

ing in on students and their grades, communicating with coaches, referees and travel organizations and hoping for good weather. If any problems occur, MacNeil is in charge of coming up with the solutions.

"It's really hard to sometimes get everything organized," said MacNeil. "I don't think people have an idea of what that's really about."

After years at the helm of Housatonic sports, the most rewarding part of MacNeil's job is seeing the students grow

and flourish, not just on the fields and courts, but in every part of their high school careers.

"The best part about it is I love watching our kids succeed and push themselves and break out of their shell," said MacNeil. "We are small but we have so much to offer and our kids do so much. The best part is to see a student athlete on a field, but also watch them succeed as a musician or academically, or in some other realm."

pital. In 2011, she became a full-time athletic trainer and when then-athletic director Dan Carroll resigned, she was the interim replacement, be-

coming the official athletic director in 2013.

"I want to be here. I've been here for years. I love this area," MacNeil recalled saying

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CON CHANGES

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version of the hospital back to a community asset would result in increased attention to our community.

"It was widely perceived that hospital services were slowly being eroded and downsized, with increasing shortage of all types of providers and services," she recalled.

As part of the grant, her agency agreed to select and nominate new community Board members to more smoothly, and quickly, connect the New York-based system to the community.

Recently, Heaton's, and FCH's, watchdog status reached new heights.

On the recommendation of state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Heaton was appointed to the newly established Governor's Certificate of Need Task Force, which held its inaugural meeting Aug. 11.

"I really thought I might have something unique to say just because of my time here," said Heaton, who is serving on two subcommittees. "I got my job because of the CON process."

Response to concerns

The 16-member task force, which is managed by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly, was created in response to concerns that large, consolidated

"The executive branch is saying we need it, but the legislative branch needs to make the changes."

Nancy Heaton, CEO of the Foundation for Community Health and Certificate of Need Task Force member

hospital systems are closing services, raising prices and are not sufficiently responsive to community needs.

The establishment of the task force was included in the 2022 state budget and the group is directed to study and make recommendations to the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) with the goal of improving the state's CON process.

The CON program regulates certain health-care providers, including hospitals, requiring that they seek state approval prior to making major changes. These potential changes include mergers, significantly large capital investment in new equipment or facilities, changing access to services or discontinuing a medical service. Recommendations are due to the General Assembly by Jan. 15, 2023.

Heaton's role on the task force comes at a time when NuVance is seeking permission from OHS to shutter Sharon Hospital's Labor and Delivery unit and replace its Intensive Care Unit with a Progressive Care Unit.

She said she has become

increasingly interested in how the CON process can be improved to better serve the needs and interests of all Connecticut residents, especially those in her rural area of the state, through a "more coherent and streamlined process that is built on a much clearer set of expectations."

New laws better define 'termination of services'

On May 7, Gov. Ned Lamont signed into law Connecticut's fiscal year 2023 budget, and among the changes, it made modifications to the CON process and gave new authorities to OHS.

As a result, the law now defines "termination of services" to mean the cessation of any services for a period greater than 180 days.

Heaton hailed the measure as "huge." In the past, she said, an entity could use the term "suspension of services" for extended periods of time, potentially for years. "There really had been no clear definition."

Additionally, the new law created a scaled CON application fee ranging from

\$1,000 to \$10,000 based on the cost of a proposed project. Under prior law, all CONs required a flat \$500 fee.

Although recommendations from a 2016 CON task force were never acted upon, Heaton is optimistic that the renewed effort will meet with success and support from state lawmakers.

A daunting challenge

According to a recent statement issued by the nonprofit Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, "Given the nature of the topics under discussion and the power of the hospital industry in Connecticut, developing recommendations that result in legislative change could prove to be quite challenging."

Several individuals recommended by Universal have been appointed to the new CON task force. "We plan to push for strong recommendations and subsequent legislation that will support the needs of local communities," the foundation reported.

State Rep. Kerry Wood (D-29) and state Sen. Matt Lesser (D-9) are serving as co-chairs of the task force and two ranking members of the insurance committee, state Rep. Cara Pavalock-D'Amato (R-77) and state Sen. Tony Hwang (R-28), are also participating.

The membership also comprises several hospital representatives as well as consumers, providers and advocates for health equity, access and quality.

Some of the questions the task force has been asked to investigate include analyzing services and facilities and their impact on quality and underserved populations, authorizing OHS to require investments to address community needs, guaranteeing local community representation on hospital boards and

setting standards to measure quality indicators after consolidations.

The task force is also looking at enacting higher penalties for noncompliance and increasing the staff needed for enforcement, the attorney general's authority to stop activities as the result of a CON application or complaint, and the ability of representatives of the workforce and the community to intervene or appeal decisions.

Greater focus on access, equity

Heaton said she is optimistic the time is right for a CON overhaul, particularly when three hospitals in Connecticut, including Sharon Hospital, Windham Hospital and Lawrence + Memorial in New London, are seeking to close labor and delivery and scale back on services.

"It's the perfect storm. I do think there is more momentum this time," said Heaton.

The major difference this time versus last time, noted the FCH official, is that the prior task force focused primarily on health-care costs and how to keep them down.

"But now, they are really looking at access and equity. You can see that more in the

language. I think they are going to apply these lenses, and I'm excited about that. The executive branch is saying we need it, but the legislative branch needs to make the changes."

Task force member John Brady, a retired registered nurse and vice president of AFT CT, the teachers' federation, noted during the group's organizational meeting that he hopes the effort will arm the Office of Health Strategy as well as the attorney general's office, "with the power they need to enforce what I think is the spirit of the CON process."

In March 17 testimony in support of House Bill 5449: An Act Concerning Certificate of Need Process, Lynne Ide, director of program and policy for Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, urged support of a stronger version of the bill.

"The issues are not new, yet our state has not given the Office of Health Strategy the proper resources and tools to crack down on bad actors, and protect our health, our choices of providers and our pocketbooks. We need the Legislature to act this year. We cannot wait."

30TH DISTRICT

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tained.

Eva Bermudez Zimmerman is the Democratic candidate for the 30th District. In a phone interview Saturday, Sept. 24, she said her top three priorities are the cost of health insurance and the availability of health care (especially reproductive health care); early education; and affordable housing.

On the first, Zimmerman said the Access Health insurance (the state's "Obamacare" exchange) has not been adequately funded.

"Health insurance goes up 10 to 14% a year naturally," she said, adding that people who get their health insurance through the exchange are seeing their monthly (and subsidized) premiums double or triple.

On early education, Zimmerman said an organization she helped found, Child Care

for Connecticut's Future, has been successful in obtaining funding to expand child care and education opportunities for working parents.

She said that such efforts have a profound effect on communities, allowing people to work and employers to hire working parents.

"It goes a long way toward supporting the backbone of Connecticut."

On affordable housing, Zimmerman said while campaigning in Falls Village recently, she met a young couple who are expecting a child and have been looking, without success, for a larger rental they can afford in that town.

Zimmerman said the state has "resources we can dip into" to help create more affordable housing in the district.



Gear heads
There was a good turnout at the CAMA Fall Festival in Kent Sept. 23-25, to see machines large and small.

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UKRAINE

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April, when Miller invited him to visit. Miller is about to go back.

Speaking of the way Ukrainians battle Russian forces, Platt said "it's the Soviet-style strategy," referring to World War II battleground tactics. "Emphasis on artillery, emphasis on digging trenches, pouring cement for hard points, throwing of mines on the zero line.

"That's really slow," he said. "Farmers with guns. Their heart is in it, but they're not that well trained. Often they're lawyers. A car mechanic."

Platt and Choopek explained how a system devised by the team implemented systemic change on the front line, using "horizontal communications" with drones, cellphones and Wi-Fi to carry out artillery strikes — instead of relying on a typical top-down and more time-consuming command chain on radios.

The use of drones is the first step, which provides pilots with information that, in turn, is supplied via an "ISTAR" pilot program to artillery operators who receive the coordinates of an enemy tank position, for example.

(ISTAR stands for "intelligence, surveillance, target acquisition, and reconnaissance.")

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Ian Miller, left, in Norfolk, talked with Ivan Choopek, top left on screen, and Evan Platt, who were on Zoom from Ukraine on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Norfolk Hub.

artillery shots," Platt said. "Less armor is wasted in the process."

"Ninety percent of reconnaissance on the front is done with drones," Platt said, who explained that drone pilots now send information captured by the drones to artillery units using text messaging.

"The biggest problem is the communication," said Choopek, explaining that traditional chain-of-command approaches can take 5 or 10 minutes to get clearance to attack a known target, which may have moved from its location in that much time.

"Using cellphones and internet messaging is much faster," he said. "The drone pilot can bring the information straight to the guy who makes the decision."

Choopek explained that a self-propelled howitzer operated by the Russians may have moved position in the minutes after its coordinates were first determined by a

drone, but the ISTAR system can respond in 30 to 60 seconds, allowing the Ukrainians to fire up to three rounds at a target still in place.

Choopek said his brigade, the 63rd, was considered among the worst before it started operating with ISTAR. Now it is considered one of the most successful.

"We hit almost zero targets before ISTAR," he said. "We were trapped inside the chain of command." According to Zero Line, before Aug. 1 Brigade 63 (5,000 soldiers) in Mykolaiv was one of the most dysfunctional of the 10 brigades in southern Ukraine. Following its success, two other brigades have asked to join ISTAR's pilot program.

Zero Line also works with the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense, active U.S. and NATO-allied special forces and Ukrainian technology companies.

Before the presentation started, Miller acknowledged the generous help

of Norfolk resident Anne Garrels, a longtime foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, who started a Ukraine relief effort called www.assist-ukraine.org that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for medical and humanitarian relief. Garrels died on Sept. 7.

For more information on Zero Line go to www.zero-line.org.

Andre Wlodar, who splits his time between Millerton and Manhattan, also has supported Ukraine since February with fundraising and by delivering essential supplies and traveling to Poland and Ukraine. Local Millerton residents and business owners, vendors and artists and community groups and nonprofits have contributed to his United for Ukraine campaign.

Wlodar planned to return to Lviv and Kyiv on Monday, Sept. 26.

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Artist Pieter Lefferts Paints A Magical World With Words

In the deep pine-scented quiet of the north woods, known here as the mythical land of Borea, a story unfolds: Its heroine, Rana Kek Kek, an “intrepid amphibian,” is about to embark on a journey of self-discovery in which she is transformed from a child into a Person of the World. Meanwhile, Aramook the Raccoon decides to take a risky trip to the town where the People of Man live so he can persuade them to slow down their ways of consuming everything. Then there’s Koli Bear and the owl Oti Semper, who join forces to rescue Aramook and stop a possible disaster.

In “What the Kek Kek Saw,” described as an animist fable, these story lines are braided together like sweetgrass, says author Pieter Lefferts, a Sharon, Conn., artist whose lifetime of vis-



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE STANTON OF HIGH VIBE CHICK PHOTOGRAPHY

iting a family cabin on Upper Ausable Lake in the high Adirondacks inspired this charming, imaginative new book about the importance of understanding the other sentient beings with whom we share a fragile planet.

“It’s basically a

creation story,” he explained. “People who have read it say it’s a book about hope, and it is. There are so many movies and books that rely on dystopian visions of the world. I wanted to create a more hopeful, optimistic side of the future.”

While the novel’s title character was drawn from his childhood at the lake listening to wood frogs calling “kekkekkek,” this is not a children’s book, he noted. His animals “don’t wear clothes or live in little houses.” In the best tradition of animal fables (think “The Jungle Book” and “Watership Down”) they “live in a predator and prey world, and they understand that about each other.”

Published by UnCollected Press and available from Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y. (as well as Amazon and Barnes and Noble online), this is a first book for Lefferts, an artist long admired for his evocative landscapes and elegant portraits; to his delight, he was one of 30 authors invited to the prestigious Summer Book Signing of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon this year (“a dream come true,” he said, happily).

His paintings are widely collected and have been shown at galleries throughout the Hudson Valley, the Adirondacks and New England.

Fond of taking students on plein-air field trips into local wilderness, he’s a much beloved art teacher — or as he prefers, an artist who teaches: His Northlight Art Center in Amenia, N.Y., has offered classes in oil and acrylic painting, pastels and traditional drawing techniques since 2010, with participants urged

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THE UNGARDENER:
DEE SALOMON

The Over-Under: A Bet On the Future Of the Woods

I had put off writing about my number one issue these days — the drought — hoping that between writing and publishing it would rain. And rain it has; a most beautiful two days of showers.

Had the rain arrived a little earlier it would have helped the recovery of trees impacted by spongy month earlier in the summer. There would have been fewer brown trees in the surrounding hills and in our woods. The overstory, the layer of foliage in the forest canopy, is suffering.

Now is the time to walk the woods and take note of the mature trees that have little or no leaves. If the woods are adjacent to your home, you will want to monitor them over the winter. Look on the trunk and under the lowest branches for spongy moth egg sacs. Their removal, even on dead trees, can be the thing that saves many trees from death next spring.

I bring this up as defoliated and otherwise weakened trees are falling with frequency — both in yards and in the woods. In your yard you might purchase a new tree to take its place; but in the woods, where you expect young trees — the understory — to grow into the area left by a fallen tree,

you can no longer count on that to happen. As sunlight reaches more of the previously shady woodland floor, what will it help to grow?

To answer this question, while you are in the woods, take note of the other plant life you see in addition to the mature trees. How many young trees do you see? Which tree species? How tall are they? Some of this understory will be the future of your woods, but they need your help to be able to grow.

If you see young trees bound by bittersweet vine, cut and release the trees from the vine so that they can grow (you can pull young bittersweet out or use glyphosate to dab — not spray — onto cut roots). If there is grape vine covering the leaves, you can cut this as well. Remove spongy moth egg sacs from the trunks and under the branches.

If, either instead of young trees or in addition to them, you see barberry, Japanese honeysuckle, multiflora rose, buckthorn or Russian olive (you can use a plant identification app or Google lens if you don’t already know what these look like) they are suppressing the germination and growth of native trees. As are

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...the future of the woods Continued from previous page

garlic mustard, Japanese stilt grass and phragmites.

Remove these invasives now, and over the course of a few years new trees will germinate in their place. With a little attention, they will grow to become a healthy understory and, in a few decades, some will become the new overstory.

Ignore these invasives now, and then as large trees die your woodland will disappear and turn into an unattractive scruffy field of impenetrable invasive shrubs. Not just terrible for the environment but also to your property value. Why property value? In addition to the aesthetic value of a woodland, trees in even a small woodland mitigate wind damage to houses. A

healthy understory without barberry reduces tick population upwards of 60% as invasive shrubs and plants damage soil quality and harbor mice (the main vector of ticks). And who wants to take a walk in a field of barberry and multiflora rose?

The overstory relies on a healthy understory. And right now the understory relies on you. End of story.

If you would like information and instructions on removing common invasive plants, look for "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard," 2020 edition, published by the Connecticut Conservation Districts, www.conservect.org.

Dee Salomon "ungardens" in Litchfield County.



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

Wherever the sun shines through to the woodland floor is where you want to pay particular attention as these are areas where young trees should be growing rather than invasive shrubs and plants.

...Pieter Lefferts Continued from previous page

to become "more themselves" as they discover their individual creative voices.

Writing was always a sideline, albeit one he greatly enjoyed, until a comment 10 years ago by the late Richard Grossman, distinguished publisher, writer, psychotherapist and Salisbury, Conn., resident, got him started in a serious way. "I showed Dick this little three-page ditty I'd written and he said, 'I think you have a diamond in the rough here,'" Lefferts remembers.

Encouraged, he began a decade of working on what became "What the Kek Kek Saw," sometimes spending months in a row on it, sometimes

putting it aside while he painted or taught, or both. Ultimately, he enrolled in a free writing class at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, where his wife, Claudia Cayne, was director (recently retired, she still leads the library's book club), and met a writing coach and editor named Virginia Watkins, whom he credits with helping him finish.

"A first effort can easily get away from a novice writer," he admitted with a laugh. "She was fantastic in challenging me to go deeper and avoid certain writing traps. And I think my experiences as a painter, as a naturalist, as an observer, and as someone who's

just eternally curious, allowed me to describe the landscape, the world of Borea, in a painterly way."

The cast of anthropomorphic characters he created for "What the Kek Kek Saw" are haunted by tales of "The Clearing," a mythical catastrophe that mirrors what actually happened to the Adirondacks in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when vast tracts of trees were cut down and some

wildlife was hunted to extinction.

Lefferts found that — similar to the freedom of painting outdoors — his words flowed easily in nature, and solo writing stays at the family camp became about "listening and feeling into" the animals that survive in the forest today.

"I wanted to tell their story about coexistence," he said, "since coexistence is very much what the book is about."

CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

Salisbury Artisan Group, Salisbury, Conn. www.artisansale.org
2022 Artisans Market, Oct. 8 to 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Oblong Books & Music, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
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Song & Story Time!, Oct. 1, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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MUSIC

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The 20th Harp Guitar Gathering will take place October 28-30 in Sharon, Connecticut, at Silver Lake Retreat Center (223 Low Road).

It'll be hosted again by Stephen Bennett - who, along with his wife Nancy, moved to the Northwest Corner last year.

In case you're interested in hearing some harp guitar music, and really, why wouldn't you be?

There are two concerts which are open to the public: Saturday, Oct. 29th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, Oct. 30th at 3:00 PM.

Both will be in the building at Silver Lake called The Cedars. \$15 admission at the door.

Harp Guitarists appearing will be Stephen Bennett (CT), Andy Wahlberg (FL), Muriel Anderson (TN), Travis Bowman (AR), Matt Thomas (VA), Dave Powell (ID), among others!

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Viewpoint

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dare to care and share

Sensational September 2022 can be a turning point for more in our world and local communities to make the role of peace maker, participant and player on many teams the norm for “everybody.”

“Step into Sept” as Team Players can be the start of a movement that continues each month with inspiration (Outreach in October and so on...)

Hats off to all who brought the Goshen Fair and other wonderful events such as The Big E highlighting agriculture and animals among other offerings to educate and entertain thousands of people!

Seeing hundreds attend The Lakeville Journal final two events to celebrate the 125 years of news and views was exciting, especially as the illustrious Meryl Streep and Sam Waterston added

their essays and comments as generous co-chairs of the stellar Gala!

That might make the Vice news and other mainstream media and put the TriCornerNews.com on the map and create a ripple effect!

Sept. 21 was the annual date for World Peace Day (with August being World Peace Month.) Corresponding with the founding date of Rotary International, February 23rd marks World Understanding and Peace with clubs doing special projects at that time.

CROP Walks are popping up to address food support with donations accepted online. A walk was hosted by the Falls Village Congregational Church! Many thanks to everyone pitching in to all of these efforts on with time, talent and treasure.

Let’s continue to launch

meaningful ways to address many basic needs and funds to assist one another with aging and protecting assets, caregiving, planning for transitions of hiring, firing or double-checking someone’s physical and mental health, medications and any drug use so resources are used appropriately.

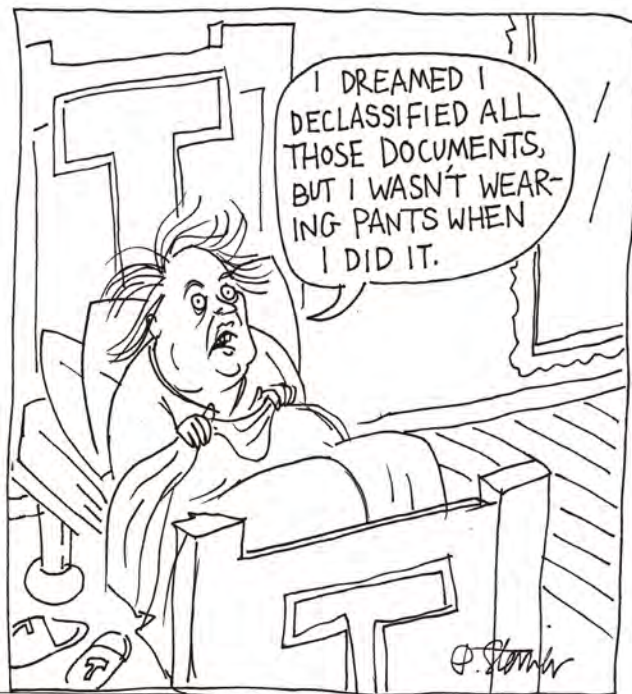
That may mean prioritizing someone’s health and verifying with a few team players (doctor, social worker and POA — power of attorney or responsible family and friends over a week or more) before making decisions and changes.

Only using police or medical support if needed after a voluntary review (as is safe and appropriate to do so with online or phone support if not in person) could be promoted to use resources for emergencies and serious situations.

Through outreach and my blogs and on Facebook, I explore how to plan for safety in living, driving, and in many kinds of relationships. With more insights, game plans can be mapped out as well for issues in the home or on the job, in schools and groups to help communities hum and prevent problems from piling up at any life stage.

Here’s to daring to care and share more stories, ideas and news of the day as collaborators to create the communities we can all enjoy for decades to come!

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village



Mostowy for probate

The job of probate judge is to take care of people. Our other political representatives take care of their districts, but the judge of probate takes care of our personal legal matters: adoptions and wills, negotiating arrangements when there are conflicts about individuals who can’t live on their own, these are the province of the Judge of Probate.

From personal experience dealing with Probate Court, I understand the compassionate temperament and experience with difficult personal situations that are required for that office. When families or individuals are facing the legal system with their personal problems, they need a judge of probate like Kristen Mostowy. In her legal practice she has dealt with mental health issues and family problems. She has represented clients in Civil Court, Probate Court, Family Court and Criminal Court.

Listening to Kristen Mostowy speak about the role of probate judge, reading about her legal experience, I think we are fortunate to have a candidate so well equipped to fill the job of probate judge. She’s someone who will take good care of the people who appear before her.

Betty Krasne

Kent

Hayes tackles youth mental health crisis

I remember my sadness when learning about the boy who was found hanging from a tree limb in the yard of my children’s school. He left a note telling his parents that he wanted to “see God.” Teenagers are very vulnerable for depression as they face social pressures and hormonal changes. We are seeing a surge in mental problems in young people.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes is very aware of this problem firsthand from her work as a teacher in Waterbury. She was recognized nationally as Teacher of the Year in 2016 and lauded by President Barack Obama for her work.

Last May, Congresswoman Hayes introduced legislation to increase mental health services in schools and communities. This bill would improve support services and mental health treatment for students.

It would also increase awareness in families and faculty about youth trauma and provide professional development for faculty to learn about this mental health crisis that is plaguing our schools and communities nationwide.

Congresswoman Jahana Hayes’ re-election is important, for she has passed so many bills in Congress which help us here in Connecticut.

Liz Piel

Sharon

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Thanks for a new CROP Walk

Congratulations go to the Bostwick Hill Walkers! Thirty-eight of our neighbors came out for our first neighborhood CROP Walk. We strolled the perimeter of Bostwick Hill, from Route 44 to Meadow Street, East Street, Prospect Street, Bostwick Street and Lakeview

Avenue. The best part was not only getting to meet new neighbors, but we were able to raise \$2,330 for CWS/CROP. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts.

Thanks also go to street captains Amy Lake (Meadow Street), Var Froundji-

an (Prospect Street), Patti O’Neill and Pam Patterson (Bostwick Street), Laura Bushey (Lakeview Avenue) and Jo Loi (East Street). Here’s to next year!

Jo Loi

Lakeville

More letters previous page.

New challenges to getting a flu shot

The form you fill out to get a flu shot may have changed recently, along with your son’s gender, your daughter’s athletic competition, and your Air Force recruit’s vocabulary.

On the old flu form at my pharmacy, you simply checked a box for “male” or “female.”

Now, next to those same two choices, it says: “Sex assigned at birth.”

I pointed out to the pharmacist that sex is not “assigned” at birth but is simply “recorded” then. It develops earlier.

The pharmacist said some babies are born with both male and female organs, and in those cases the doctor “assigns” one sex for the birth certificate.

I asked why the pharmacy even needs to know one’s sex at birth. The form gives people the option of not stating their race or ethnicity, and it doesn’t ask for their current gender. Why not leave out birth sex as well?

The pharmacist said that adopted people may be confused about their race or ethnicity, so the pharmacy leaves that optional. And the pharmacy already knows

your current gender (unless you changed it recently) from your original application to receive medicine there.

But for flu shots, he said they need your birth sex for insurance purposes, and since more people are changing their gender now, they have to ask for it.

Even so, it would be more accurate to say “birth sex” or “sex at birth” or “sex recorded at birth,” rather than “assigned” at birth.

Perhaps the form-makers are confusing sex and gender. While nature dictates your birth sex, your gender identity can be whatever you declare it to be, if you feel that your mind and body don’t match. You can even change your birth sex surgically to match your gender preference.

Or perhaps there’s an agenda at play. Perhaps wording forms to suggest that birth sex is arbitrarily assigned helps condition people to accept that gender can later be reassigned.

There are aggressive overseers at work in education, government, business and media today who are changing forms, speech, athletic competition, and even your

children in order to reflect their own ideals of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), whether you like it or not.

Educators have recently decided that helping children reassign their gender is a primary part of their mission. Parental interference is not appreciated.

Educators also insist that transgender females with male sex organs and body strength must be allowed to compete athletically against cisgender females, even using the same locker rooms and showers, all in the name of DEI. Dissenters face cancellation.

At the U.S. Air Force Academy, cadets are instructed not only on dropping bombs but on non-gendered word usage such as “parent” or “caregiver” instead of “mother” or “father,” and “partner” instead of “boyfriend” or “girlfriend.” Modern warriors must be inclusive.

Back at the pharmacy, I filled out the flu form to the best of my ability and recollection, and got my shot. No lollipop. Now that’s really going too far.

Mark Godburn

Norfolk

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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until a younger man can be found. Dr. Gallup, a former senior physician at the Boston Children’s Hospital, moved to Lakeville after his retirement in 1968.

The excellence of Lake Wononscopomuc as a checkpoint for pilots flying by visual navigation is the main reason for the repeated appearances of those low-flying gray airplanes which startled Lakeville residents again last Saturday. Col. Stanley Hemstreet, base commander for the Air National Guard at Schenectady, N.Y., told The Lakeville Journal Tuesday that Lakeville had been “ar-

bitrarily picked” as a checkpoint because the center of the lake makes a good north-eastward turning point for planes headed from Schenectady to Fort Devens, Mass. The four C-130 planes, and others like them, have been on training flights requiring them to fly at 500 feet above ground level. They are simulating flights into hostile territory for cargo drops by parachute, he said, and must fly below radar-detection level.

The Lakeville fire siren failed to respond when State Police attempted to set it off Saturday morning, but it has

now been repaired and will be tested regularly. An alarm was called in from the Robert Estabrook home on Reservoir Road because of smoking electrical wires in a heater. The difficulty was halted when the master switch was pulled, and no fire resulted. Fire Chief Robert Smith said later that lightning had apparently struck the fire siren circuit and burned out a carbon fuse.

25 years ago — September 1997

The Nature Conservancy’s Connecticut chapter announced this week it had signed an option to purchase 575 acres comprising five par-

cels at Robbins Swamp and on Canaan Mountain. The \$675,000 purchase would be the largest acquisition in the chapter’s history. The option expires in six months and between now and then, the chapter must raise \$1 million to cover the purchase plus the completion of the acquisition of the Hollenbeck Preserve. The chapter had previously acquired 30 acres on Canaan Mountain in 1991 and 145 acres at Robbins Swamp.

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

Our Towns

CROP Walkers help to end hunger one mile at a time

By Cynthia Hochswender

LAKEVILLE — For decades, the CROP Walk organized by local clergy and churches was one of the biggest fundraisers in the Northwest Corner.

Hundreds of volunteers, including many from local schools, would gather in front of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and set off for a walk that varied in distance but has been as long as 10 miles and as short as a half mile (for less able walkers).

As with so many traditions, the CROP Walk shrank in size over the course of the past couple years.

This year, Jo Loi of Lakeville decided to revive the tradition on a smaller scale. One of the original participants of

the walks (which began here in 1983), Loi contacted many of her neighbors, appointed several block captains and had everyone meet up on Sunday morning, Sept. 25, on a lawn on Lakeview Avenue in Lakeville.

About 38 people (and a half dozen dogs, large and small) showed up and did a tour of the neighborhood that roughly included all the streets that are open for the annual Salisbury Trick or Treat event on Halloween.

Loi said that more than \$2,000 was raised. Twenty-five percent will go to local food banks and churches; the rest will go to Church World Services, to be distributed especially to people in countries who still must walk miles to get fresh water every day and for whom starvation



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

This year's CROP Walk to end world hunger started out on Lakeview Avenue in Lakeville. The group did a roughly 1-mile circle of the neighborhood.

is a daily fact of life.

The walk gave neighbors a chance to meet up and catch

up with each other; many who had bought their homes during the COVID crisis had

never met the families who live across from and beside their new homes.

Several school communities also organized CROP events on Sept. 25.



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Sharon Fire fundraiser

Fire Chief Eric Golden of the Sharon Fire Department, left, and Bobby Carberry, assistant chief, shown with a drawing of a tanker truck slated to replace the department's 32-year-old tanker. The occasion was a fundraiser for the Sharon Fire Department & Ambulance Squad held Saturday, Sept. 24, at Lookout Farm in Sharon, home of Graham Klemm, and presented by Kent Wine & Spirits.

Do you have a family member or friend in the military who would be interested in the news from home?

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