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Academy Street in Salisbury was transformed on Sunday, Aug. 14, into a celebratory fair for The Lakeville Journal's 125th anniversary.



Lakeville Journal celebrates 125 years

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Lakeville Journal's 125th anniversary celebration got underway with a reception at the Salisbury Association Saturday evening, Aug. 13, and a street fair on Sunday, Aug. 14, that drew a steady stream of strollers who enjoyed food, drink, music and visiting with neighbors.

Aug. 14, 1897, was the actual date of the newspaper's first publication, and The Journal today remains one of the oldest among New England's newspapers.

The exhibit detailing its history inside the Academy Building will be open through September.

Jeanette Weber, president of the

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Levy gets GOP nod for Senate

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Leora R. Levy won the Republican primary election for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, Aug. 9, over former state House Minority Leader Themis Klarides and conservative challenger Peter Lumaj.

The following numbers are unofficial and reflect what the Secretary of the State election results website posted as of 2

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Insurers grilled on rate hikes

By Jenna Carlesso
CT Mirror

Mike Smith counts himself as lucky. When, at 21, he discovered a golf ball-sized tumor on his neck, he had health coverage and a support system to back him up.

"I was lucky because it was only stage 2A when I was diagnosed," said Smith, now 35. "I was lucky that my mom worked a job that provided good quality health insurance. Otherwise, I'd still be crawling out of the nearly million dollars in medical care needed to keep me alive."

The 20.4% average increase is substantially higher than what health insurers sought last year.

Smith asked representatives of the state's insurance department to reject the 20.4% average increase that insurance companies are seeking for 2023 individual health plans in Connecticut.

"Health insurance prices have gone up. But unlike a pickup truck or an SUV, you can't downsize your health care and save on gas," he said.

Smith was one of dozens of residents and elected and appointed officials who addressed the insurance department Monday, Aug. 15, asking its leaders to dismiss a request by insurance companies to raise rates on next year's health

policies.

In addition to the substantial average increase on individual plans, insurers who sell policies on and off Connecticut's Affordable Care Act Exchange are seeking an average hike of 14.8% on small group plans.

The requests are substantially higher than what insurers sought last year for 2022 health policies. Carriers in 2021 asked for an average increase of 8.6% on individual plans and 12.9% on small group plans.

Three insurers are selling pol-

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Salisbury Inland Wetlands

Expansion of lake, wetlands oversight back on the burner

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Extending the Upland Review Area for Salisbury's lakes was the focus of a two-hour discussion during an Aug. 8 meeting of the Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC).

During the forum, held via Zoom, a subcommittee comprising members of Planning and Zoning (PZC) and IWWC unveiled a draft

rewrite of regulations that has been in the works for two years.

Last year, public input on strengthening lake and wetlands oversight revealed a deep divide. The controversy centered on a proposal to expand the scope of the commission's authority by extending its Upland Review Area (URA) to 300 feet from water or wetlands and to 750 feet around vernal

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Annual triathlon brings crowd, athletes together at Mudge Pond

By Hunter O. Lyle

SHARON — Facing the glassy surface of Mudge Pond, more than 80 people, wearing wet suits, goggles and swim caps, stood eagerly on the water's edge. In a few moments they heard "swimmers begin," and with it, the Sharon Sprint Triathlon kicked off for the 15th time on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Every summer, the Sharon Parks and Recreation Department hosts a family-friendly contest consisting of a half-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and 4-mile run.

"It creates some excitement, certainly among the parks and rec committees and down here at the beach," said Matthew Andrus-Mette, the director of parks and recreation for the town of Sharon. "The people who do it really, really enjoy it."

The contest is broken down into three groups: men, women and teams, where two or three people are designated for the three legs of the event. Starting at 8 a.m., the men enter the water, followed by the other two groups 4 minutes later. Michael Harke, 47, was the first back on the shore, swimming the half-mile loop in just over 14 minutes.



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Ben Sobolewski, 20, crossed the finish line first out of the more than 80 registered participants. As the cyclist and runner for his team SOBO SBR, he earned first place for the teams category.



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Three-day forecast

Friday..... Sun, high 83°/low 54°
 Saturday..... Cloudy, 84°/58°
 Sunday..... Cloudy, 83°/61°

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.

Car hits deer and goes up in flames

On Aug. 7 at approximately 3:40 p.m. on Cornwall Bridge Road in Sharon a 2010 Honda Accord Crosstour EX driven by Marie Schapp, 59, of Goshen, struck a deer and the collision caused the vehicle to catch fire. Schapp was able to get herself out of the vehicle and was unharmed. Sharon Fire Department arrived on the scene to extinguish the fire. The Honda was towed away by Arnold's Garage and no police action was taken.

Collision at construction site

On Aug. 10 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Route 4 in Sharon a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Robert Jaquish, 43, of Wassaic, N.Y., turned on a blind curve and rear ended a 2013 Subaru Crosstrek driven by Ashli Elizabeth Feather, 51, of Bridgewater. The Subaru had stopped in the road at the direction of a flagger, who was directing traffic due to construction in the road. No injuries were reported; Jaquish was issued a written warning for following too closely, causing a motor vehicle accident.

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.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

SVNA health care scholarships presented to five area students

The Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association honored five area students with scholarships to pursue their education in health care. The scholarship provides \$10,000 per year for up to five years for each student. Left to right are Brooke Neller (studying to be a Family Nurse Practitioner), Erin Daley (studying Medical Imaging), Ellie Olsen (studying Health Science), Micah Matsu-daira (studying Exercise Science) and Luke Mollica (studying Physical Therapy).

Clarification

The Kent Historical Society's early American chairs exhibit is open to the public during regular weekend hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment, through the middle of September. In a previous edition, it was incorrectly indicated that it was by appointment only.

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Online This Week

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St. John's Church's new steeple installed

SALISBURY — In May 2017, the steeple at St. John's Episcopal Church had to come down. And on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, a new one made of fiberglass and weighing 1,100 pounds went up.

Comcast's \$1.6 million broadband solution

SHARON — Residents gathered on Monday, Aug. 15 to hear Comcast's proposal for a public-private partnership to extend broadband service to every home and business in Sharon.

Hunt Library fundraiser Aug. 21

FALLS VILLAGE — The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host Augustfest in the Village on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. Held outdoors on the library's lawn, it will feature grilled brats, craft beers from Norbrook Farm Brewery, hot pretzels from the Falls Village Inn, a silent auction, and live music by Kane Clawson with Country Jam performing songs by Patsy Cline and others. A vegetarian option and lemonade will also be served, and each guest will receive a limited-edition Hunt Library cup. There will be a silent auction.

Tickets are \$30 or \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased by calling the library at 860-824-7424, or by going to www.huntlibrary.org.

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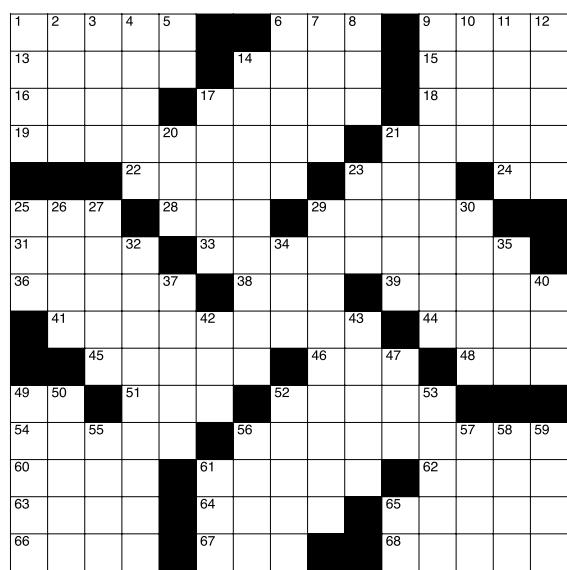


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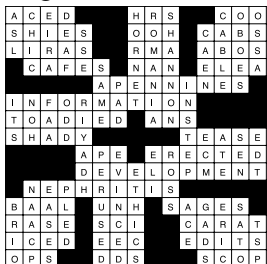
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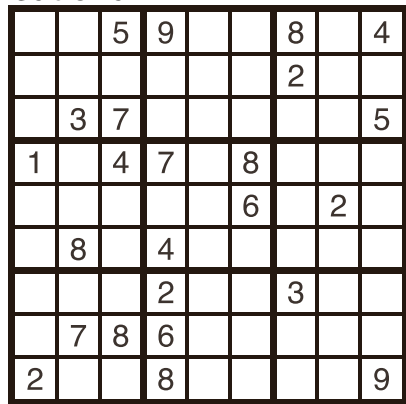
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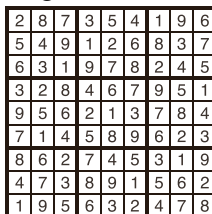
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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice Request For Proposal For Construction Services

Community Health and Wellness Center of Greater Torrington (CHWC) is seeking to contract with a qualified construction firm to provide labor and material to a new 2 story 7,000 square foot (3,500 square feet per floor) Medical Office Building. Construction with associated sitework and interior fit-out at 6-8 East Main Street, Canaan, Connecticut

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

The contractor who is selected to perform this state project must comply with C.G.S. 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 4a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive. An Affirmative Action Plan must be filed with and approved by the commission of Human Rights and Opportunities prior to the commencement of construction.

The contractor shall be required to make best good faith effort to place not less than twenty five (25%) percent of its subcontracts to be awarded by the general contractor with eligible contractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of the State of Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60g (25% of the work with

DAS certified Small and Minority owned business(s) and of that work, 25% subcontracted with DAS certified Minority, Woman and/or Disabled owned businesses).

The project is supported by the Foundation for Community Health and the State of Connecticut/ Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Interested firms should call the Architect to obtain a Request for proposal package. (Packages will be distributed via email)

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A MANDATORY pre-bid conference will be held with the Architect and Owner's Representative at 6-8 East Main Street, Canaan, Connecticut Monday September 12, 2022 at 10:00 am. Contractors shall meet at the jobsite. All potential general contract bidders MUST ATTEND. 08-18-22

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Our Towns

Partnering to build a regional pollinator pathway

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Joining in a program initiated by the National Park Service, a resolution has been signed by the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area and Rotary District 7890 to reduce pollinator loss in nine towns in northwestern Connecticut and 20 towns in Berkshire County, Mass.

The signed Pollinator Resolution promotes pollinator pathway protection programs in the entire Housatonic River watershed.

It pledges the organization's help with efforts to reverse the documented decline of pollinating insects in the area. More than 3,500 species of native bees have seen population loss, as well as other insects including butterflies, moths, birds, bats and beetles.

Rotary International has made the pollinator issue a priority program, and throughout southern New England, Rotary and National Heritage areas have signed pollinator resolutions.

Rotary District 7890 Governor Randy Chapell said that he was proud to have signed the resolution, expected to lead to engagement and education programs among its 56 Rotary clubs that are members of the district. All clubs have been provided a copy of the resolution and are strongly encouraged to participate in the program, Chapell said.

"The environment is one of Rotary's seven Areas of Focus and the pollinator program fits very nicely within that area," Chapell said. "As I visit each of the clubs this year, this project will be one of my topics of discussion."

Actions taken by individuals and towns can include garden plantings that attract pollinators, protecting habitat, avoiding or limiting pesticides, planning a regional corridor, reducing mowing and increasing public awareness.

The resolution was jointly signed during a ceremony on Friday, July 15, at the French Park Pollinator Pathway in Egremont, Mass.

The National Park Service is taking a leadership role in furthering partnerships among organizations nationally, coordinating actions to mitigate the problem. Throughout southern New England, similar resolutions are being signed by local organizations pledging to act to protect the many pollinator species. And a companion pathway program extends between the Hudson and Housatonic rivers.

"Life as we know it depends on pollinators," said Vivian Orlowski, program director of Housatonic Heritage's Operation Pollination program. She added that 35% of food crops and 75% of all flowering plants need pollinators.

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Commenting on progress in Northwest Corner towns, Dan Bolognani, executive director of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area said, "We are pleased to have a high-profile partnership with Rotary International."

Bolognani's experience

with the Housatonic Heritage program spans 20 years, first as a trustee and then as interim and then permanent executive director for the past five years.

The Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage area covers roughly 955 square miles, Bolognani noted. The area stretches northward on either side of Route 7 from Bull's Bridge in Kent to a bit beyond the Pittsfield State Forest. Its western border is the New York State line and its eastern boundary zigzags south-westward in Connecticut to include the towns of Colebrook, Cornwall, Warren and Kent.

"It's been rewarding to have been intimately involved with the development of the program and I'm looking forward to seeing what new programs we may start in the future," Bolognani said.

Attention to protection and expansion of habitats

Because the program is just getting underway, Bolognani said that so far the impact may appear to be minimal. However educational efforts are beginning to bloom and the groups are promoting advocacy for science-based policies. A grant program is in place to support local efforts, Bolognani added.

About the future, Bolognani indicated that efforts to document progress with local data will involve "bio



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Owner Lisa Goedewaagen of the Village Farm in Gaylordsville participated in a tour of the farm's thriving pollinator garden when the Kent Land Trust met with the Kent Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 1 to raise awareness of the trust's pollinator initiatives.

blitzes" and other community-based initiatives involving annual inventories of plants, animals and insects. Analysts will be looking for trends, although Bolognani notes that at present, "we are trending in the wrong direction."

On the local scene, Bolognani said that local impact

may be more challenging to measure because pollinator migration makes each community dependent upon the participation of their neighboring communities.

For more information about Housatonic Heritage and its programs, go to www.housatonicheritage.org.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Town Hall elm comes down

Dutch elm disease claimed a 150- to 200-year old elm tree at the town Green across from Sharon Town Hall. A state crew removed it on Friday, Aug. 12. It was one of nine located on the Green, but recent storms, other ailments, and Dutch elm disease have left only three.

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Musical flourish for inaugural 'Taste of Cornwall'

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The inaugural Taste of Cornwall drew a crowd on Friday, Aug. 12, on the Green for regional food and the musical stylings of Wanda Houston and the HBH Band.

The line for food was long but moved quickly as volunteers served locally sourced dishes. Most of the food was from area farms, such as Hurlburt Farm's

beef brisket, while the rest came from nearby sources like Suzie's Bakery and Calf and Clover Creamery.

Plates were offered in exchange for a donation to put toward future music and community festivals in Cornwall.

After grabbing a plate, people set up a chair or a blanket on the Green to take in the band. Show-tune renditions, like Oklahoma's "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," were played

between jazz numbers and some skillful scatting by the (mostly) local band.

When asked what prompted the creation of this new event, Cornwall Association Board Member Michelle Shipp had this to say:

"We wanted to bring some summer fun to Cornwall."

Adults danced to the jazzy music and children took to the lawn games scattered across the Green.



Wanda Houston and the HBH Band performed at the first Taste of Cornwall on Friday, Aug. 12, on the village Green.

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

North Canaan P&Z gives approval to office renovation at Mountainside

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) approved an application for office renovations at Mountainside Treatment Center after holding a public hearing at its regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 8.

Plans under the special permit were summarized by John Steele, Mountainside vice president and compliance officer, who explained that the patio area behind the former chinchilla farm building would be enclosed to create three offices. The footprint of the building would not change.

The use of three offices within the building had been changed during the pandemic to accommodate teleconferencing. The three new offices would regain the space lost to the repurposing.

No public comment was offered during the public hearing. Finding no impact in connection with compliance with regulations, the

P&Z felt that it was a simple application that could be readily approved. The vote was unanimous.

Housing plan consistent with POCD

Taking action requested by housing consultant Jocelyn Ayer, the P&Z voted to affirm that the content of the recently drafted housing plan is in compliance with the 2018 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) mandated by the state and required to be updated every 10 years.

P&Z Chairman Tim Abbott noted that the POCD calls for the town to encourage a diverse citizenry. He found the housing plan, now in its third draft form, to be "a thoughtful report, not a directive, with no inconsistencies" in relation to the POCD. Following discussion, the P&Z vote was three in favor, and three abstaining and favoring more time to compare the two documents.

The P&Z noted that neither the POCD nor the eventual housing plan carries any regulatory authority.

Only the regulations have authority. The plans can serve, however, to inform discussions of any future changes to regulations.

The P&Z opinion was needed in order for the Board of Selectmen to consider the drafted housing plan and to schedule a public hearing.

Application to create two apartments

A new application for a permit to renovate the second floor of the Raynard and Peirce Building was submitted by building owner John Considine.

Reporting that the second floor is now unused, Considine is seeking to create two apartments. One would measure 1,214 square feet and the other 1,321 square feet, accessed by rear stairway.

Discussion confirmed that ample rear parking exists; each apartment would have two designated spaces. A public hearing on the application was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., preceding the regular P&Z meeting.

Coexisting with bears: some neighborly tips from DEEP

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The Connecticut black bear (*Ursus americanus*) population has been growing at a steady rate for the past 30 years, and today, Connecticut is home to an estimated 1,200 black bears, most of which can be found in the Northwest Corner.

As the local bears thrive, the Cornwall Association has partnered with the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to educate the public and spread positive awareness.

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, the Cornwall Library hosted a community discussion led by Wildlife Specialist Kyle Testerman

from DEEP.

Testerman addressed a room full of people, as well as more than 300 attendees on Zoom, regarding best practices for living alongside bears, including a number of measures that can be taken to safeguard property and livestock from bears.

"The most effective protection comes from electric fences," said Testerman.

Other good habits for coexistence include removing bird feeders, using bear-resistant trash cans, and keeping pets under control.

The talk by Testerman was arranged in conjunction with the Cornwall Association's bear-themed community art project.

Michelle Shipp, a member of the board of the Cornwall Association, helped organize the event.

"We wanted to combine art with education and give people a chance to learn how to be better bear neighbors," said Shipp.

The 33 hand-painted bear cutouts were all decorated by talented Cornwallians. They are on display in Cornwall Village, West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge and can be viewed on the Cornwall Association website.

The bears are being raffled off to support the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund. Tickets will be sold at the West Cornwall farmer's market Aug. 20, and at the co-op in Cornwall village Aug. 27 and Sept. 3.

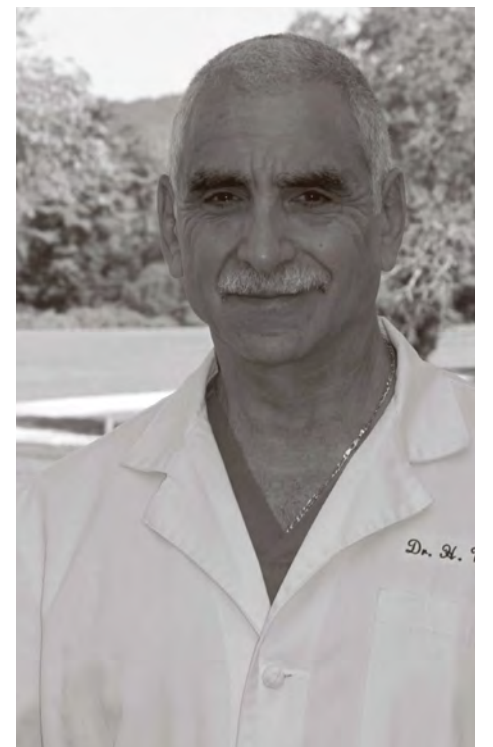
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Dr. Howard Mortman has been delivering babies and treating women at Sharon Hospital since 1991 — his own three children were born there, too.

Dr. Mortman is extremely worried about the welfare of women's health, pregnant women, and the community if Nuvance closes Labor & Delivery at Sharon Hospital.

"It is going to cause long-term morbidity and overall bad outcomes — it could mean the difference between life and death."



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OBITUARIES

Ronald Martin Solan

LAKEVILLE — Ronald Martin Solan, 86, of Porter Street, passed away Aug. 9, 2022 at his home. He had been dealing with both Covid and cancer. He was a beloved, lifelong member of the community and loving uncle, cousin, and friend to many. He was dearly loved by his family and his intrepid spirit will always be an inspiration.



He is survived by his nephews John and Stephen Lubianetsky, his cousin Richard Solan, and many great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Agnes Solan, Rose Blass, and Lorraine Lubianetsky.

Ron was also the longtime partner of the late Sally Ongley Northrop of Salisbury and an important part of the lives of her two sons, Matthew and Michael. Michael's 2015 book "Tom-bquest: Valley of Kings" was dedicated to Ron. It read, "For Ronald Martin Solan: Artist, Soldier, and Porter Street Irregular."

A wake will be held at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon on Friday, Aug. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary Church in Lakeville on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10:00 a.m., followed by the burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Salisbury with full military honors.

Memorial donations can be sent either to the Lakeville VFW at 19 Brook St. Lakeville, CT 06039 or to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service at PO Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

NORTH CANAAN — Richard G. Crane Sr., 75, peacefully died at his home surrounded by his family on Aug. 11, 2022. He was born on Nov. 7, 1946 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The son of late Robert Sr. and Beverly (Gill) Crane of Trumbull, Connecticut. Richard has left behind two brothers, Robert Jr. and Jack. He graduated from Trumbull High School in 1964, then served active duty as boilerman onboard the Vermillion in the United States Navy Reserve Program during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967.

Upon returning home he started working for The Dunn Bus Company in Trumbull where he worked as a dispatcher and manager. During this time he was introduced to the love of his life Valerie, and they married May 23, 1970 at the Nicholas Methodist Church in Trumbull.

In 1974 the Dunn family purchased a farm in Salisbury and asked Rich to come manage the farm. At this time he moved to Canaan to start the next chapter of his life in his new beloved community. Over his years in Canaan he has served on many committees and volunteered much of his time. Some of these include being a member of the Canaan United Methodist Church; a member of the Canaan NW Lions Club; a member of the North Canaan

Volunteer Fire Department where he served as treasurer; a member of the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps where he served as a driver and vehicle maintenance officer; a 55 year member of the Washington Lodge #19 A&FM masons; and he also served on the North Canaan Zoning Board of Appeals.

In 1977 Richard started working for Adirondack Transit Lines in Kingston, New York and shortly after took a job with the Bonanza Bus Lines of Providence, Rhode Island. This is where he really gained his love for driving buses and meeting new people. In 1986, he took a leave of absence to pursue a job closer to home so he could be with his family more, and started working for Jeffrey Kilson Excavating. While working for Jeff, he also started a new lawn mowing business called "Jerichi Enterprises" which were the initials of his 3 children. As the business grew, it soon became a full time business which the family ran until 1992, when his family was approached with a new business opportunity to buy Segalla's Lawn Mower Shop (soon to be renamed Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment).

While operating the lawn-mower shop, he still had the love for driving buses so he took a part time position driving buses for Land Jet Bus Lines from Waterbury and continued doing both for several years. Rich worked full time at Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment along with Rich Jr. until his health no longer allowed him to in 2018. In addition to work he enjoyed camping, domestic traveling with friends, wood-working, gardening, bowling, cruises, casino trips, and helping on various committees.

In addition to his wife Valerie of 53 years, Rich leaves behind his daughter Jennifer; his son Rich Jr. and wife Jaime with grandchildren Emma,

Richie III, Katie; son Chris and wife Lindsey with grandchildren Chris Jr., Connor, Charlene; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rich, also known as "Pops" will be greatly missed by so many. He was a friend to everyone, a father figure to many, and he was respected by all.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday Aug. 18, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment 337 Ashley Falls Road, Canaan. There will be a service and Celebration of Life at the North Canaan VFW on Saturday Sept. 3 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Canaan United Methodist Church (roof fund) or to the Canaan NW Lions Club.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Kent forum on online security set for Aug. 31

KENT — Personal use of technology has left many users with unease about security threats — or perceived threats.

An entry-level, non-technical lecture at Kent Memorial Library on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. will discuss everyday issues, and show common-sense measures everyone can take to help reduce risks in their online world.

Presenter Michael Jay is a certified Apple Teacher, and the owner of Personal Tech Support.

In addition to the basics of online security, including password management, discussion will focus on the most common threats faced by consumers: "phishing" messages (scams in emails, texts, and phone calls), and "scareware" (fake alerts in pop-up windows).

DIY flower arranging class in Falls Village planned Sept. 9

FALLS VILLAGE — On Saturday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m., Maria Grusauskas of Blue Monday Flowers will lead a DIY flower arranging event at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village.

Maria will supply participants with her Falls Village-grown, pesticide-free flowers and provide information on varieties and tips on arranging.

Participants should bring their favorite flower vessel and clippers or scissors. This event costs \$25 per person and is limited to 10 participants.

Registration is required by calling 860-824 7424 or emailing the library at dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com. Payment can be made by Venmo (Maria-Grusauskas) with "library event" in the memo line, or by bringing cash or check to the event.



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Four pianos on stage at Norfolk gala concert

The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival-Yale Summer School of Music performance was held on Saturday, Aug. 13 in the Music Shed in Norfolk and featured a piano extravaganza. Bach's Concerto for Four Keyboards and Strings, offered the rare experience of four pianos on stage.

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Wetlands

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pools. The review area as it now stands is 75 feet from water or wetlands.

URAs are defined areas of land outside of but adjacent to inland wetlands and watercourses in which the commission has the authority to review activities. They are not a prohibitory setback or ecological buffer, but merely trigger a review of activities proposed within the area to determine whether the activity requires a permit.

The 2021 proposal sparked protest from some property owners around Lakeville's Lake Wononscopomuc and around the Twin Lakes in the northern edge of Salisbury, resulting in legal intervention and a petition with 500 signatures circulated by a citizens group, Salisbury Lakes Homeowners. The group advocated for more research and broader input before the regulations are adopted.

In response, a newly formed subcommittee went back to the drawing board and, on Aug. 8, presented the IWWC with a first look at an updated regulations rewrite that members said addresses prior concerns.

During the virtual session, commissioners aired key topics such as regulated activities, routine activities that do not require application to the IWWC, and expansion of URAs surrounding septic systems, fens, vernal pools and cold water streams.

Member John Harney questioned the validity of having conversations with lake owners early in the process "to find common ground so they don't feel ostracized." Abby Conroy, the town's land use administrator, suggested commissioners first focus on the "meat and direction, and then there may be specific topics we will want to hear from the experts and the public about."

Some commissioners questioned whether expanded oversight is excessive and burdensome to landowners, while the majority supported expanded authority and said the town should embrace its critical natural resources.

Most towns in Connecticut have 100-foot URAs and many have extended the review area around specific and significant water resources.

John Landon explained that there was "pretty strong consensus" from the subcommittee that the current 150-foot regulation area for septic systems should remain.

Peter Neely noted that

PRIMARIES

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p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15. Go to ctemsmedia.pctg.net/index.html for updated results.

Statewide, Levy received 46,685 votes, to 36,945 for Klarides. Lumaj received 8,641 votes.

Levy was endorsed by former President Donald Trump the week prior to the election. She will face incumbent Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) in November's general election.

For secretary of the state, Dominic Rapini beat Terrie E. Wood, 50,990 to 36,563.

Republican voter turnout statewide was about 20.5%.

Democrats chose candidates for secretary of the state and state treasurer. Stephanie Thomas won the former with 84,323 votes to Maritza Bond's 26,907.

In a three-way contest for treasurer, Erick Russell prevailed, winning 63,682 votes to 25,223 for Dita Bhargava and 21,791 for Karen Dubois-Walton.

Democratic voter turnout statewide was a little over 14%.

"During the first go-around, before the subcommittee was formed, we heard some of the biggest criticisms, and we took them into consideration."

Vivian Garfein, regulations rewrite subcommittee member

he is in favor of "scientific backing, and there is a clear one for 100 feet, but not for 150 feet." He referenced statistics indicating that of 169 towns in the state, 110 of them identify 100 feet as the distance from watercourses.

Vivian Garfein, who served on the regulations rewrite subcommittee, said she did not consider 150 feet to be a high benchmark for oversight of septic systems. "We're losing the ability to capture some things that might be happening. We set a high bar on some things, but not on the 150."

Lengthy discussion also centered on the proposal to expand the scope of the commission's authority by extending its URA from 75 feet to 300 feet from water or wetlands, and to 750 feet for vernal pools.

Neely said he felt that a 100-foot extension would be sufficient, prompting IWWC Chairman Larry Burcroff to respond, "I think we can do it better at 300 feet."

A consensus was reached on a proposal for a 300-foot buffer for fen habitats, as well as cold water streams

originating on the Taconic Plateau.

Vernal pools, too, were identified as resources deserving of strict oversight. Neely expressed concern that a 750-foot regulated area around vernal pools could pose an unfair burden on property owners.

"What do we choose, comfort or science?" Sally Spillane asked.

The group also unveiled a list of routine activities occurring in the Upland Review Area that do not require application to the commission or its agent, which was a major bone of contention last year.

"During the first go-around, before the subcommittee was formed, we heard some of the biggest criticisms, and we took them into consideration," said Garfein.

The IWWC plans to continue the draft regulations review on Monday, Aug. 22.

The joint land use subcommittee consists of six members. From IWWC: Vivian Garfein, Peter Neely, and Maria Grace. From PZC: Michael Klemens, Debra Allee and Cathy Shyer.

INSURANCE

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panies on Connecticut's exchange: Anthem Health Plans, CTCare Benefits Inc. and ConnectiCare Insurance Company Inc.

Anthem requested an average increase of 8.6% for individual policies that cover 27,698 people. The proposed changes range from a decrease of 1.8% to an increase of 16.1%, depending on the plan. The company also sought an average hike of 3.6% on small group policies that cover 19,271 residents. The suggested changes range from a decrease of 1.2% to an increase of 26.3%.

CTCare Benefits asked for an average hike of 24.1% on individual plans that cover 75,003 people. Proposed changes range from an increase of 18.7% to 33.2%, depending on the policy. It also sought an average hike of 22.9% on small group plans that cover 3,476 residents (increases range from 20% to 28.9%).

ConnectiCare Insurance, which only sells individual policies on the exchange, requested an average increase of 25.2% for plans that cover 8,782 people. Suggested hikes range from 17.1% to 32.2%.

Several other companies, including Cigna and Aetna, are selling plans off the exchange.

Representatives from only two insurers — ConnectiCare and Cigna — attended and spoke at the public hearing Monday at the Legislative Office Building. A spokesman for the insurance department said only those two companies were invited because they had the highest rate requests of all the

carriers. Cigna is seeking an average increase of 19.6% for its off-exchange small group plans. ConnectiCare Insurance asked for an average hike of 29.3% on its off-exchange small group policies.

ConnectiCare has attributed its proposed increases to rising medical and pharmaceutical costs, as well as delayed care due to the pandemic.

Karen Moran, ConnectiCare's president, said Monday that the company sustained over \$65 million in losses in the individual market over the last year because rate increases have not kept up with higher utilization of medical services and the cost of prescription drugs.

But residents and elected officials said many won't be able to afford coverage if the proposed rate increases go into effect.

Attorney General William Tong said Connecticut families are "suffering."

"They're getting squeezed every which way," he said. "And so it is clear that Connecticut residents — individuals in the individual market, small groups, small businesses — cannot afford increases as high as 20.4% on average."

Actuaries with the insurance department are now reviewing the requested increases. The final changes are expected to be published in late August or early September.

The Journal occasionally will offer articles from CTMirror.org, a source of nonprofit journalism and a partner with The Lakeville Journal. A longer version of this story appears online.

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Salisbury Association, presented Publisher Janet Manko with a check for \$7,000 from the association, in the memory of the late Donald Ross, who was an active member of the Salisbury community.

Weber explained that former Journal owner Stewart Hoskins (who owned and operated the paper from 1940-71) left the association a bequest of \$15,000 to index the back issues of The Journal.

That didn't happen, and in 2012 the newspaper archive was digitized, making indexing a simpler process.

During The Journal's 2019 fundraising campaign, the association gave the paper \$10,000 from the Hoskins' funds. The \$7,000 presented Aug. 13 represents the balance of the original donation.

Weber said the gift was made in memory of Ross, who was instrumental in helping the paper seek nonprofit tax status.

In 2021, The Lakeville Journal Foundation was founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

On Sunday, Academy Street was closed for the Anniversary Day Street Fair

Nonprofit organizations that participated in The Lakeville Journal's 125th Anniversary Street Fair Sunday, Aug. 14

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut
Housatonic Youth Service Bureau
Lakeville Hose Company
Lakeville Ladies Auxiliary
Music Mountain
Noble Horizons Auxiliary
Rotary Club of Salisbury
Salisbury Association
Salisbury Family Services
Salisbury Housing Trust

Salisbury Winter Sports Association
Sharon Audubon Center
Sharon Playhouse
SOAR (Seek, Originate, Aim, Reach)
The 21st Century Fund for HVRHS
The Corner Food Pantry
The Salisbury Forum
The Scoville Memorial Library

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Besides food and drink, the fair featured stilt walkers, face painters, free cake and a bubble machine.

Traffic heading for LaBonne's market was diverted down Library Street, and volunteers directed traffic out on Main Street (Route 44).

A reporter achieved a personal best by consuming one hot dog with sauerkraut and mustard and a second with chili and melted cheese without getting any of it on his shirt.

By around 1:30 p.m., some 180 people had been in to see the exhibit.

Two bands played (the Northwest Passage and students from the Music Cellar in Millerton).

The Lakeville Journal table had T-shirts for sale, with amusing headlines from years past, such as "Raccoon murder case apology ordered" from Aug. 10, 1978.

The top seller was "Bistro responds to tomato pie accusations" from Feb. 9, 2012.

Along with The Journal, there were tables lining the perimeter of a tent that were staffed with volunteers from many of the nonprofit organizations that provide services to the community.

TRIATHLON

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The next leg of the triathlon was on bicycles. Leaving Mudge Pond, contestants peddled up a steep hill on Mudge Pond Road, passing Indian Mountain School (IMS) in Lakeville before turning right onto Route 112 and then onto Route 41 and back to Mudge Pond for the finale, a 4-mile run on a similar route.

First-time competitor Victoria McGee, the head rowing coach and assistant athletic director at The Hotchkiss School, said the toughest part of the bike ride was "the stretch up to IMS, because it's not very flat before that. You kind of just go right in."

The first person to complete the triathlon was cyclist and runner Ben Sobolewski, the anchor for his team, Sobo SBR, which included his father, Barry, who swam. Claiming first place for the teams category, he finished with a time of 1:21:53.

Two minutes later, Jack McCarron, 23, ran through the finish line. A familiar face to the race, McCarron claimed his third-consecutive first-place finish for the men with a time of 1:23:33 — just over 4 minutes slower than his time a year prior.

Meagan Ledendecker, 47, who was using this event as

training for a race later in the summer, finished first for the women with a time of 1:35:58.

During the award ceremony, McCarron and Ledendecker were awarded a trophy along with a rose of Sharon for their first place prize. Medals were also given out to the first-, second- and third-place finishers for the teams category, as well as for each age group.

With the race over, participants regained their breath, enjoyed complimentary pizza and drinks and put the competition behind them, recapping the best and worst parts of the track, from the grueling hills to the cool breeze they felt on the downhill slopes.

"It's such an awesome social event for everyone, no matter which level of athlete they are," said McCarron. "It's a great way to meet people. I'm glad it's going on."



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Michael Harke, 47, was the first contestant to finish the half-mile swim. After just over 14 minutes, Harke reached the shore and moved on to the cycling leg of the race.



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Three Connecticut hospitals were ranked among the best in the nation, according to new ratings released by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Sharon Hospital, Stamford Hospital and Greenwich Hospital Association each received five-star ratings, CMS's highest ranking. According to CMS, 431 of about 4,500 hospitals nationwide received five stars.

Another eight Connecticut hospitals received four-star ratings. And while no hospital in Connecticut received a single-star rating, Rockville General Hospital, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington and Bridgeport Hospital were among the 702 hospitals that only received two stars. Ten of Connecticut's hospitals were not ranked.

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COOKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Finding My Way Back to the Kitchen

Two days ago I put my apron on again, after a month of ignoring it. It's not that I hadn't cooked; it's more that I'd done it in a somnolent state, not really paying close enough attention to realize I needed protective gear.

The garden is a harsh mistress and doesn't really care what else is happening in your life. The zucchini need to be picked when they're ready, before they grow large enough to be baseball bats. The tomatoes will explode if you ignore them. The corn will only show up on tables at the farm markets for a few short precious weeks.

And so it's time to pay attention, and to collect all those ingredients and return to the kitchen and to life.

This recipe for fritters is unremarkable, you can find similar sets of instructions in any cookbook and of course online.

What's different is the quantity. Like many people in the world (old and young), I am now cooking for just a single person: myself. Most recipes serve at least four, so this is an exercise in finding foods that are happy if you give them all your attention and cook just a small portion.

Usually, to be honest, I don't measure much, especially with a home-spun recipe like this. But I knew I would be sharing this recipe — if not the finished dish — with you readers, so ... I measured. You're welcome. But feel free to monkey around with the quantities. Want more green? Use more



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A tomato and bacon jam is easy to make and makes a nicely contrasting accompaniment to fritters.

zucchini and less potato. Hate the potato thing? Leave the potatoes out. Cooking for 10? Just multiply the quantities. It will all be OK.

For a person dining alone, this is a filling meal and the perfect companion to a tomato salad. Or you can sauté some diced onions and add some cherry tomatoes, then cook it all down over low heat into a jam. Add garlic and diced peppers if you like more heat.

To create the julienne sticks of zucchini and potato, I used a mandoline, which seems like a fussy luxury until you have to make zucchini julienne sticks or until you want to make super thin cucumber or potato slices.

I bought mine on Amazon.com; it is called the PLS Gourmet Slicer and you can buy one for \$43. I store it in its box, which is about 15 inches long by 5

inches wide and 4 inches deep (small and easy to tuck into a corner of the pantry).

Be sure to use the safety accessory; the blades are extremely sharp.

ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

Enough for one serving

One ear of corn, 1 cup of julienned Yukon Gold potato (lightly packed), 1 cup of julienned zucchini, 2 eggs, 1/8 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup all purpose flour, 1/2 cup chopped basil, 1/4 cup chopped scallions, 8 cracks of fresh black pepper, 2 teaspoons of coarse kosher salt, 1 teaspoon of curry powder

This recipe assumes that you have cooked corn left over from yesterday's dinner or lunch. Scrape the kernels off the ear.

Julienne the potato (you'll want about half of a large Yukon Gold) and the zucchini (about a third of a big old baseball bat). Blanche the potatoes in boiling water for about 5 minutes (if this seems too hard, just leave the potatoes out).

In a medium bowl, beat together the two eggs and the sour cream. Add the flour and beat it in until you have a fairly smooth batter.

Drop the julienned veggies into the batter and add in the basil and scallion (about one long scallion stalk — I usually just cut them into small bite-sized pieces with a clean pair of kitchen scissors; so much easier than chopping with a knife). Add the pepper, salt and curry powder and stir it all up.

Heat up a griddle or cast iron pan — although really a nonstick pan will work fine, too, since you will be cooking this over low to medium-low heat. If these were regular breakfast pancakes, you'd cook them faster and over higher heat. But you want the zucchini to cook, so ... use low to medium-low heat.

I like to use butter with my fritters, but you can use whatever you like, including nothing if you're working with a nonstick pan.

When the griddle is hot, scoop a large spoonful of vegetable-filled batter onto the hot surface and pat it down so it's somewhat flat. You'll want to cook each side for about 3 to 5 minutes.

You can eat them as I do, standing over the sink with my fingers. Or you can serve them on plates with tomato jam, or a white dairy such as sour cream, creme fraiche or Greek yogurt. Sprinkle more herbs on top. Do whatever you want. This one's for you.

A WHODUNNIT THAT'S WRAPPED IN A RUG — AND ANOTHER PLAY

“Murder on the Oriental Rug” is a play within a play, put on by Two Of Us Productions in collaboration with the Claverack Free library in Claverack, N.Y., on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

In the framework show, half of the cast of “Murder on the Oriental Rug” bails out; the remaining performers are stuck playing all the roles.

Will this play make it to Broadway? Will the performers remember their lines? Will the Shakespearean actor fit into the French maid's costume? Will the chalk outline come out of the rug? Will the inspector solve the murder? Will another murder occur?

Before the evening's over, someone

will be murdered, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the murder and motive.

Although the show begins at 7:30 p.m., the doors open at 7 p.m., giving audience members a chance to mingle with the cast and collect clues.

“Murder on the Oriental Rug” will be performed in the downstairs Marilyn and Bob Laurie Foundation Gallery at the Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, Claverack, N.Y. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Parking is available in the library parking lot as well as at the People's Bible Church at 615 NY Route 23B, directly east of the library along Route 23B.



PHOTO COURTESY DANIELLE MAILER

Work by Danielle Mailer and Ani Jenkins will be shown in Falls Village, Conn., from Sept. 3 until Oct. 7.

DANIELLE MAILER AND ANI JENKINS IN SHOW OF WORK AT HUNT LIBRARY

Litchfield County favorite artist Danielle Mailer will open a new show of work at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., with a reception on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Also showing is Ani Jenkins, a sculptor who works in wood, exploring the patterns she finds, creating worlds infused with deep mystical themes, a melding of reality and dreams. Jenkins recently moved to Falls Village from San Francisco.

Like the mortar in an elaborate mosaic, Danielle Mailer's lines and curves, in both her paintings and sculptures in this exhibition, are an echo and celebration of her mother Adele's Peruvian heritage.

Her late father,

Norman Mailer, always said, “Paint what you know,” which Danielle does here in her elaborate imagery of animated psychedelic animal spirits. An arts instructor at Salisbury School in Connecticut, Danielle lives with her husband, musician Peter McEachern, in Goshen, Conn., and has public murals in Torrington, Boston, New York City and other places.

The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, Oct. 7. For more information, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall. The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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This 1913 Peugeot 145s, believed to be the only one still in existence, motored into Kent, Conn., for a rally in July.

COOL CARS: LANS CHRISTENSEN

The Rarest of the Rare: A Peugeot 145s

What a cool surprise to come upon this extraordinary — and rarest — example of a very early Peugeot.

France's oldest surviving car manufacturer, Peugeot started making bicycles in the 1880s and had produced cars since 1896.

This 145s "sports tourer" was made in 1913, and is thought by Peugeot to be the only one in existence! It has been fully restored and maintained in original factory condition.

The owner, who prefers to remain anonymous, drove it from



home in Redding, Conn., with fellow Vintage Rally members to a gathering in Kent, Conn., on Sunday, July 24.

The car was a centerpiece for Peugeot at the 1968 New York Auto Show. From there it was driven the whole way to San Francisco. A plaque

on the dash attests to this awesome achievement.

Just like an ordinary summer drive in the country, husband and wife got in, filled up at the corner gas station, and motored happily on their way — in a cool, 100-plus year-old classic.

WRITERS READ THEIR WORK AT THE LIBRARY

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host the second annual Writers Table Fall Celebration Reading outdoors under the library's tent on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. The Writers Table is a group of professional writers who have been meeting regularly for more than 20 years.

Readers this year include authors and actors Gloria Parker and

Howard Platt, and playwright and columnist Lonnie Carter, who will read from his writings published in The Lakeville Journal. This event is free and open to the public; donations are welcome.

For more information, go to www.HuntLibrary.org or call 860-824-7424.

The David M. Hunt Library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Flooding, Fire and Rebirth in Ghost of a Dream's New Show

Ghost of a Dream is the collaborative project of Lauren Was and Adam Eckstrom, residents of Amenia, N.Y., but also somewhat nomadic former residents of Brooklyn and New York City.

Was and Eckstrom are accomplished and much-exhibited artists whose work often reflects a thought, a concept, a trend, always something that is personally meaningful to them. One of their early pieces, shown at the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y., was images created from discarded lottery tickets found on the streets of New York.

The duo's new show, at Geary on Main Street in Millerton, N.Y., until Oct. 2, is called "If This Is Paradise ...". Although the show notes don't go into the specifics of the artists' history of water trauma, they have more than once experienced significant flooding (part of the reason, perhaps, that they have moved studio spaces often in the past decades). This show takes a wider look at the impact that flood and fire have on the world and



PHOTO BY GHOST OF A DREAM

Ghost of a Dream's new show at the Geary on Main Street in Millerton, which includes "Confusion on the Ground," above, features collaged images of damage wrought by fire and flooding.

on art.

The show notes explain that, "The five composite images included in the exhibition are sourced from collections of burning police cars, oil rig fires, melting icebergs, homes in floods, and red tide coupled with toxic green algae.

"Fire and water mark the end of things, destruction, and demise, but throughout history fire and water can also signify rejuvenation and growth. This cycle of death and rebirth of

nature and culture has repeated on this planet since the beginning of time, yet, with the inevitable repeat of this cycle upon us, it's evident that things are different this time around: the planet is in trouble."

Geary Gallery at 34 Main St. in Millerton, N.Y., is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more at <https://geary.nyc> and www.ghostofadream.com. "If This Is Paradise ..." is at Geary until Oct. 2.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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

ART

Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
Victor Mirabelli. BLACK AND WHITE AND IN BETWEEN, opening Aug. 20.

Furnace — Art on Paper Archive. 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Summer Selections, July 30 to Aug. 28.

BOOKS

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
SUMMER BOOK CLUB: A FIELD GUIDE TO GETTING LOST BY REBECCA SOLNIT, Aug. 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

Oblong Books & Music. 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
Reading & Book Signing: Emma Straub, THIS TIME TOMORROW: A Novel @ Red Hook Public Library, Aug. 24, 5 p.m.

MEET THE CHIEFS AT THE EGREMONT BARN

Litchfield County's beloved Joint Chiefs continue to perform folk song covers and new compositions throughout the region. Look for them next at The Egremont Barn in Egremont, Mass., on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Meals are served; the menu features "roadside inn" dishes with an emphasis on burgers and tacos. There is an extensive menu of specialty cocktails.

There will be two sets, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.theegremontbarn.com/ events.

KIDS

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
AUGUST ADVENTURES DAY, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

D. M. Hunt Library. 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org
Field Trip to Adamah Farm, Aug. 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Augustfest in the Village, Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema. 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafecinema.com
Check website for current showtimes.

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Movies Make The News, News Makes The Movies Film Series, Aug. 15 to Sept. 18; 3000 Years of Longing, opens Aug. 31.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group. www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
Songs For A New World, through Aug. 20.

The Egremont Barn. 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
The Jug Enders, Aug. 19, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Rev Tor and The Deal, Aug. 20, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

THEATER

Berkshire Opera Festival. www.berkshireoperafestival.org
Mozart's Don Giovanni, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse. 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org
Shear Madness, Aug. 26 to Sept. 11.

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EDITORIAL

Collected moments in newspapers are history

History is happening all around us, at every moment, but we often miss it because we're not right at the place where it's happening, or we just don't realize that this thing we're seeing is important.

That's why newspapers matter: Someone is watching, taking note, and explaining why that thing that just happened might have an impact on our lives that will last for years or for decades.

The Lakeville Journal has been capturing those moments for Northwest Corner residents for 125 years. We have chronicled the highs and the lows that have brought joy or sadness to our community, experiences we've shared together; and we have chronicled those small moments, the meeting here, the conversation there, a wedding, a birth, the argument that plays out for weeks on our editorial pages.

It all adds up and helps us understand who we are, where we live and why we love to be here.

— Cynthia Hochswender, *Compass and special sections editor*

Service to community, now and future

Each week the work of reporters and photographers of The Lakeville Journal begins to flow into the newsroom, where at a deadline-driven pace editors find places for every story and the best images that tell another chapter in the weekly life of the Northwest Corner community. More and more those stories and photographs are also presented to Journal readers not only once a week in a printed newspaper, but also throughout the week as timely news delivered on online platforms like Instagram, Facebook and Lakeville-journal.com.

As editor of The Journal, my goal is to leverage the paper's legendary reputation to continue to provide a public service to the Northwest Corner community, ensuring that readers are well informed by a weekly delivery of news that tells it like it is. Community is everything. Knowing about our world — and celebrating it — is paramount as we live and work — and play — together.

As the pandemic fades, with all its impact on our daily lives, The Journal is mapping a new chapter that will expand coverage on many fronts. It always will keep a sharp focus on local government and will extend its coverage of regional initiatives. We also plan to examine in depth specific topics that are vital to community well being. Housing, education and the environment and our local economy will get primary attention in our news pages. We also plan to widen our reach on sports, arts and culture and lifestyle coverage.

A recent Page One story about Sydney Segalla, a Housatonic Valley Regional High School senior athlete who set multiple records in various sports, is an example of ways The Lakeville Journal focuses on the achievements of the best in our community, and especially its youth. Our coverage of the aftermath of too much tree-cutting at Housatonic Meadows State Park explained how both sides — environmentalists and state bureaucrats — eventually found common ground to remediate damage and hopefully prevent such mistakes in the future.

We tell stories about people in our own community who achieve success through talent and hard work, like the story of a Lakeville musical lyricist whose work was celebrated in a pre-Broadway premiere in Hartford. In July, we started a series of stories on the issues facing employees and employers in what is now a difficult post-pandemic labor market, which has undergone a change from lacking customers to now lacking employees.

My decades-long career in the newsroom at The Wall Street Journal has taught me to listen to all sides of a story, report on all sides and deliver the news with a high regard for the readers' ability to come to their own conclusions. Lakeville Journal readers want to know what's going on in their community. Our aim is to provide that intelligence, and to also inform them about things that are not so obvious, but are nevertheless "going on in their community."

Our door is always open and we are ready to listen. Of course, that is nothing new.

— John Coston, *editor*

Gratitude all around

The weekend of Aug. 13 and 14 was one we at The Lakeville Journal will never forget. It included the opening reception of an exhibit at The Salisbury Association's Academy Building on 125 years of Lakeville Journal history (open until Oct. 1), and a festive Anniversary Day Street Fair in Salisbury in celebration of our years of publication. Thank you to the people who came out to help us celebrate at both events, and thank you to our staff, board and so many volunteers who helped make these days come together.

The Lakeville Journal is extremely grateful to be here to share its anniversary with all in our communities. We are here because of you.

— Janet Manko, *publisher and editor in chief*

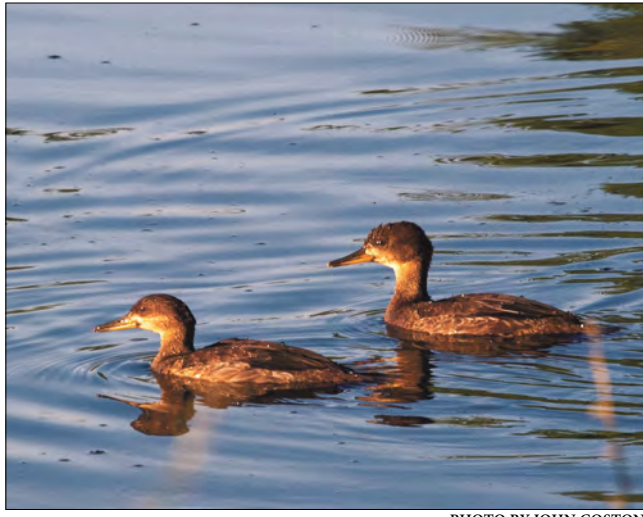


PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

East Canaan ducks

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Logan is the one for the 5th District

It is my pleasure to back enthusiastically the candidacy of George Logan for Congress in our district, the 5th District.

We have heard about George's background, how he is the son of Guatemalan immigrants and is a trained engineer who has worked in the private sector and has a real understanding of the problems that middle class families in our district face.

One of the most serious problems is the price of gas, which has hit all time highs in our district.

This is especially distressing since so many of our constituents have to drive long distances to work and to school.

And what has the current

incumbent Jahana Hayes done about this?

She has supported President Biden in canceling the Keystone pipeline as well as canceling offshore oil and gas production in Alaska, not to mention canceling federal oil and gas leases for American energy companies.

None of these actions remotely help us in the near term especially with the war in Ukraine raging.

We must elect a congressman who understands the importance of supporting our energy industry now when it is most vital.

George Logan is that person. He is a trained engineer and has worked in the private sector so he knows the importance of a paycheck to

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1922

SALISBURY — George R. Belcher is off duty owing to a severe attack of indigestion.

Three tank cars of the local freight were derailed at Salisbury last Friday morning. It is said that a rail was found to have turned over.

Walter Hardisty, who received a fractured cheek bone by being hit by a pitched ball in the recent game between the Sharon and Lakeville

More letters next page.

teams, underwent an operation for the correction of the injured bone at Sharon Hospital on Sunday. He was able to return to his home on Wednesday afternoon.

Thomas Martin left Saturday for a two weeks vacation at Cape Cod. When in Cape Cod Tom always goes shark hunting and it is said that the big fish took to another part of the ocean when they heard he was on his way, for they have cause to remember his work in other years.

50 years ago — August 1972

Small claims sessions of the 18th Circuit Court will resume in Salisbury on Sept. 21, Court Clerk Ernest L. Fetzer told The Lakeville Journal Tuesday. A similar session will be held in North Canaan in October, and thereafter the monthly meetings will alternate between the two towns, Mr. Fetzer said.

The Lakeville Journal's computer which sets type photographically went stir crazy Tuesday afternoon and laughed itself into a nervous breakdown. For the life of us, we can't see what's so funny about the story on the suggestion of the Army Corps of Engineers to dam the Housatonic River to provide water for New York City in the future. But the computer guffawed itself into speechlessness (or typelessness), with the following result: The Roxbury Reservoir and the Candlewood and Lillinononaenaanaaaaaahhaaa ahahahahaha hhhhhhhhhha hhhhhhaahhhhhha hhhhhh-hhhahahahhhhhhhhhhh-hhhhhh ... (followed by 30+ lines of mostly h's and other gibberish - Norma)

Kenneth R. Powell of Bristol, the object of a two-day search by divers at Lake Washing, Salisbury, turned up last Thursday in Brunswick, N.Y. The 28-year-old Powell was found hiding in a garage by New York State Police, who charged him with trespassing. Connecticut State Police in Canaan were informed Tuesday by teletype, a week after they gave up the search for Powell's body at Lake Washing. His clothing and personal effects were found on the morning of Aug. 7 in a boat anchored off O'Hara's Landing on Between the Lakes Road.

Dr. J. Wesley Mainwaring Jr., a former resident of Farnam Road, dropped into the Journal office last week to say hello to old friends and made some interesting comments on how the town has changed over the years.

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Music, birds on the Housatonic

Walking around the streets of New York City in the summer in the 1980s, at almost any time of the day or night, and in any neighborhood, was an invitation to partake of a high decibel cultural phenomenon: BOOM Boxes. The base would reverberate off the brownstones and pavement like an audio freight train at full throttle. You could actually see the thunderous vibrations on the surface of your hand held soft drink (much like the "thunder dinosaur" scene in the movie Jurassic Park).

Conversely, walking along the banks of the Housatonic River in the summer, in the present day, in the afternoon, one is struck by the soft, singular and commingled sounds of the river wildlife overlaid with the sound of the river itself. Small birds of many varieties chirp and sing. Larger birds giving deeper full-throated calls. And, of course, in the distance, crows abrasively caw at irregular intervals. And to be honest, one cannot neglect the occasional man-made thunder of a group of passing muffler-challenged Harley Davidsons (hogs) travel-

ing along nearby Route 7 or the occasional freight train chugging along the riverside tracks.

When you put these two rather different worlds together — urban BOOM-Box thunder and rural soft sounds of river wildlife, what do you get?

Well, last weekend I found myself surprised as all get out, to be on the receiving end of just such an urban-rural cultural happenstance.

It was a languid Sunday afternoon. I was out photographing birds along the Housatonic River (my focus was on a flock of young cedar waxwings learning aerial acrobatics in pursuit of flying insects, and also a great blue heron standing in the river, on those stilt-like legs, fishing.) Suddenly, without warning, the atmosphere was split by the thunderous baseline of a Latin beat "Whwump-eda-Whwump-eda-Whwump-eda..." shattering the sound barrier of calm.

Both the great blue heron and I tilted our heads in complete befuddlement at the immense alteration of our environment. In one of those rare moments of a

feed one's family.

He is practical and is in favor of clean energy as we all are, but he understands the actions supporting clean energy can't be done overnight, otherwise we could destroy the economy.

It must be done carefully and incrementally.

We need someone like George Logan to go to Washington to support our principles of moderation while protecting the families in our state, and keeping them air conditioned when necessary and warm in the winter.

Please send someone like George Logan to Washington to espouse these very important principles.

Maureen Bateman
Lakeville

shared thought process with a creature of the wild, we both quietly said to ourselves, "What the _____?" (The cedar waxwings seemed to be unruffled by the new din.) However, I had a leg up on the heron — having lived in NYC in the 80's. I surmised that the music must be emanating from a group along the riverside I passed on my way upriver. I confirmed this while driving back down river.

Having been "taken" by the Housatonic River many years ago, I've been fortunate to witness all sorts of things along its course — both natural and man-made. I've smiled many times coming across many different groups pursuing their particular activities, from soccer, to cricket, to badminton, to picnicking, to family cooling in the river in a large circle.

This specific reformulation of cultural expectation and experience of this environment was a new one to me.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge

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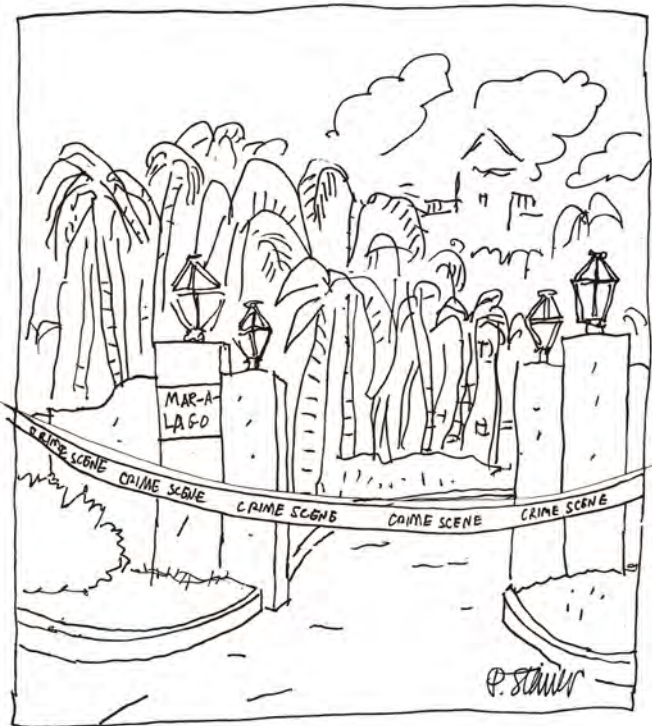
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Viewpoint



TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

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"I was disappointed to learn the old Holly (sic) Knife Shop has been dismantled," he said. "I used to work there occasionally." Dr. Mainwaring, a dentist, spent summers in Lakeville some 20 years. He commented on the absence of the Wonosco House (later the Gateway Inn) and the Stewart Theatre, which were both destroyed by fire; Leverty's Drug Store, Robert's store and the Farnam store, which stood on the site of the present barber shop. He also remembered with nostalgia the old swinging foot bridge which crossed Factory Pond.

25 years ago — August 1997

"The Lakeville Journal Centennial," a keepsake special section celebrating the newspaper's 100th anniversary, comes with each copy of this week's Lakeville Journal, Millerton News and Winsted Journal. Edited by Bernard Drew and richly illustrated with old photographs, the special section recalls not only the newspaper's century of service but the changes the region has seen since 1897.

The excavation around the Lakeville post office which began last week is the

future site of a new handicapped-accessible ramp to be completed next month. There also will be a handicapped parking space and a new single front door to replace both front doors.

CANAAN — Ask the typical teenager what he or she did over summer vacation and the odds are better than good they won't give you the same answer as Chris Ohmen. The 14-year-old holds the distinction of having graduated from the first Junior Firefighter class at the Connecticut Fire Academy. Mr. Ohmen spent five days

in intensive training at the Windsor Locks facility in July, donning 15 pounds of gear in 90-degree weather to train with hoses and ladders, practice interior attacks and search-and-rescue operations.

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

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate Democrats

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through the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022.

This Congress is bringing jobs back to the US. The \$56 billion investment in the CHIPS and Science Act will create well-paying jobs and careers in semiconductor research and production.

Overall, the U.S. economy and the job market are strong, thanks to the work of

Democrats in this Congress.

It is time to celebrate the Democrats who never lost sight of their oath to support and defend the constitution or of their commitment to a government of the people, by the people and for the people, with liberty and justice for all. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes and Senators Richard Blumenthal and Chris Mur-

phy work hard to restore America to being a great nation, honored by its citizens and respected throughout the world. Allow these dedicated public servants to keep working hard for us! Vote for Representative Hayes and for Senator Blumenthal in November.

Kathleen Voldstad
Salisbury

Logan is my choice on inflation

Anyone who says they have the answer to inflation is either a liar, a fool or a politician. Often they come in one package. We have had six periods of inflation since World War II. The last one was in 2008. Is history repeating itself? The answer is "yes" and "no." History and inflation never repeat themselves exactly the same way. Economists pretty much agree this round of inflation has been caused by high oil prices, supply chain disruptions, semiconductor shortages, labor shortages, pent up pandemic consumer spending and over financial stimulation by the federal government.

George Logan understands we have an inflation problem. It's not transitory. Gas prices may have declined some recently and the rate

of inflation may be less this month, but prices are still much higher today than they were a year or two ago. Businesses in the 5th District still can't find enough people to work. Housing costs, home repairs and vacation costs are pushing some people out of the market.

The question is what can be done about all these issues. The Federal Reserve will raise interest rates to curb expansion and make it more difficult for business to borrow. That will eventually slow the economy enough to cause a recession and people will lose their jobs. If they don't have money, they won't be able to spend and force up prices. That's a very draconian solution. We must send someone to Washington who will think about these issues and who has demon-

strated in Hartford as a state senator that he supports fiscal responsibility.

I will not support anyone who promises to follow the party line dictated by Nancy Pelosi, Kevin McCarthy, Chuck Schumer or Mitch McConnell. I want someone who will investigate and make his or her own decisions on such issues as necessary immigration, environmental responsibility and sound energy policy, government spending to solve problems, but not hand out billions to businesses or people who don't really need it. Based on past performance and our conversation last month I believe George Logan is the best person to represent the Connecticut 5th District in Congress.

Bill Littauer
Lakeville

Community networks essential

The difficult news of the maternity ward closing at Sharon Hospital will create a ripple effect of people figuring out other options. Some may plan to have a homebirth with appropriate support and near a hospital. Others may want to spend a week or more near their chosen hospital they plan to deliver at to benefit all involved, since births can occur anytime and with a need for medical support.

With medical costs figured in terms of millions of dollars and having to justify how many people are benefiting, prevention (not only of unplanned pregnancies and unsafe relationships) for more community-based centers across a state and near medical facilities would help.

With online education and forums, many are taking charge of learning how

to prevent difficulties with digestion, problems using prescription or illegal substances and alcohol as well as addressing social, legal and other issues that can affect one's health and well-being (including not being bullied at work, school, in the community or in relationships dubbed domestic abuse). In addition everyone should have support as needed for managing ADLs (Activities of Daily Living such as managing day and night routines for good sleep, eating, toileting, mobility, transportation, safe housing and more.)

It can be hard to know where to start and who would take charge in offering support to people at large and in need of particular care. Climate change is waking many up to the idea that people need to cooperate and live with a sense of care

and shared responsibility on many levels, including economically, politically and educationally.

Using the ethics and principles of permaculture, such as "earth care, people care and resource share" as well as working from patterns to details and conserving energy can help more people collaborate using nature and existing social and community networks to plan and implement strategies for shared progress. Many including myself are eager to see more bridges built to help states and towns serve all in their areas. Thanks to The Salisbury Forum and Lakeville Journal and Millerton News for doing their part to keep the conversations growing!

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

More letters previous page.

Thanks for the book signing success

After a two year hiatus, the 24th Summer Book Signing robustly returned to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Aug. 5. Twenty-six authors signed their books under a large tent, while the 275 guests mingled and enjoyed refreshments. The event — the Northwest Corner's literary highlight — had been sorely missed.

It took a small army to pull it off, and thanks are owed to everyone who made the event the success it was. That includes the volunteers who helped with the setup and in so many other ways, the Sharon Center School students who passed hor d'oeuvres, local businesses who donated services (including inns that put up authors) and lent financial support, the photographers and

this paper for their coverage of the evening, author dinner hosts, underwriters, the tireless library staff, the authors themselves and all the guests who supported this important fundraiser with their presence.

We are also so very grateful to our neighbor, the Sharon Historical Society, for accommodating the event on its grounds while the Library undergoes construction and renovation.

After a short breather, preparations will begin for the 25th, which will be something of a milestone. In the meantime, sincere thanks once again to everyone involved in the 24th.

Thomas Trowbridge
Hotchkiss Library Board President
Sharon

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Sports

Northwest CT Little League team wins tourney

By Hunter O. Lyle

NORTH CANAAN — After the end of the official season, the Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League (NWCTSBLL) U-12 All-Stars stormed into the postseason without losing a game, claiming the title of Lindquist Tournament Champions.

The regular season started on Wednesday, March 23, and ran until the second week of June. A few weeks later, starting on Friday, July 7, an All-Star team was formed from the two major teams in the region. Composed of the best 12 players, that team would enter the Lindquist Tournament, where they play six “pool games” to determine seeding.

“It’s just exciting to see the team play together and come together like they did,” said North Canaan Recreation

Director and Head Coach Adam Bunce. “In addition to that, it’s been a couple years that we’ve been able to be competitive in any post-season tournament. It’s good to be able to say that we can still play baseball up here.”

Going 6-0 in the pool games, the team had three games to win in order to earn a shot at the championship. After beating the All-Star teams from Simsbury and Berlin, the team faced New Hartford, a team that had also gone undefeated, on Saturday, July 30.

Before the game, Bunce gave the team a pep talk. “I told them the same thing I’ve told them all tournament. Everyone needed to contribute from top to bottom of the lineup. Offensively and defensively, we couldn’t make mistakes,” said Bunce, who has coached the All-Star team for two consecutive

years.

While the records of the two teams were identical, the game quickly became out of reach for New Hartford, as the NWCTSBLL All-Star team went up 6-0 in the first inning. They went on to win the championship in a near-shut-out, 9-1.

“We had a lot of kids that just love to play baseball, and they did everything I asked them to,” said Bunce. “They played out of position. If I asked them to sit on the bench there was no complaining. They did it for the better of the team.”



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