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Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary

Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Rep. Jahana Hayes, USDA deputy secretary visit NW Corner farmers

By John Coston

EAST CANAAN — Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5) and U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Jewel Bronaugh held a roundtable discussion on agricultural issues on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Freund's Farm.

Under a tent put up between a cow barn on one side and a corn field on the other, Hayes and Bronaugh addressed more than 40 farmers, producers and local leaders, focusing on legislation and policies aimed at supporting large and small farms, urban farms and those just getting started in farming.

The topics ranged from farm-

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Kent

advances

school

plan to hire

trooper for

By Leila Hawken

tion proposal to hire the services

of a second state trooper at a cost

of up to \$200,000 was approved by

the selectmen at a special meet-

ing on Monday, Aug. 22, clearing

the way for the process to contin-

ue, eventually leading to a town

meeting and a vote by residents.

trooper would serve a security

function as a School Resource

Officer at Kent Center School

during the school year, and as a

second resident trooper during

the summer. The cost would be

divided proportionately between

in the development of school safe-

ty plans, implement the DARE

(Better Decision Making) pro-

gram, handle any school situa-

tions as needed, and meet with

students to create a positive law

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enforcement rapport.

As a School Resource Officer, the second trooper would engage

the school and town budgets.

If approved by voters, the

KENT — A Board of Educa-



Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5), background left, and USDA Deputy Sec. Jewel Bronaugh talked to more than 40 farmers and local leaders on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Freund's Farm in East Canaan.

Wilburn appointed editor of Compass

ander Wilburn, senior associate editor of The Lakeville Journal, has been appointed editor of Compass, Arts & Entertainment.

Wilburn, who began writing for the paper in 2016, will assume his new duties at the end of the month, succeeding Cynthia Hochswender, who is stepping down. (See Editorial, Page B3.)

Growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., Wilburn attended St. Ann's School there, followed by a stint at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville when his family moved to Sharon. He then attended The Putney School in Vermont, Housatonic Valley Regional High School and was graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., with a junior year at Trinity College, Dublin.

Publishing always was in Wilburn's sights. His interests in college were focused on the



Alexander

Wilburn history of art and creative writ-

ing. After college, he worked at a literary agency in New York, the now defunct Foundry Literary

See COMPASS, Page A8

Vintage racecar and sports car parade set for Sept. 1

LIME ROCK — The Vintage Racecar and Sports Car Parade will wind its way from Lime Rock Park through Lakeville and Salisbury before finishing in downtown Falls Village for a Labor Day party on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Park at 4 p.m. and fetch up in Falls

Village about 30 minutes later.

In Falls Village there will be food, drink, music and the opportunity to see the vintage cars up

The parade is part of the Historic Weekend at Lime Rock Park. For more information go to www. limerock.com.





PHOTO BY YEHYUN KIM / CTMIRROR.ORG

Luke DeGennaro, 11, of Mansfield, gets vaccinated at Mansfield Family Practice in Storrs last November after eligibility opened for 5-to-11-year-olds.

Doctors urge COVID vaccination for young children as school year starts

By Jenna Carlesso CT Mirror

Physicians are urging parents who have adopted a wait-andsee approach to vaccinating their young children against COVID-19 to get the shot before school resumes, when kids will again be in close quarters and infection rates

are expected to rise. "We want families to get their children vaccinated, especially before going back to school, where we know children are going to be close together and some of the masking and distancing requirements are not going to be in place this school year," said Dr. Jody Terranova, a UConn Health pediatrician and president-elect of the Connecticut chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Since the COVID vaccine was

approved for those 6 months to 4 years old in June, uptake of the shot has been sluggish. As of Aug. 16, 14,506 children, or just 7.9%, have received at least one dose, according to state health department figures. Pfizer's vaccine for young children requires three doses and Moderna's requires two.

Terranova said parents of children in older age groups were more eager to get those kids vaccinated because they wanted to return to a sense of normalcy. In the early days of eligibility for 5- to 11-yearolds, for example, appointment slots filled up minutes after they became available. As of Aug. 16, nearly 98,000 5- to 9-year-olds, or about 49.5%, and nearly 155,000 10- to 14-year-olds, or 72.5%, have received at least one dose in Con-

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The cars will leave Lime Rock

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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.

Deer causes crash

On Aug. 22 at approximately 9 p.m. on Canaan Valley Road in North Canaan a 2012 Honda Civic LX driven by Madison McNealy, 20, of North Canaan swerved to avoid a deer in the road and instead struck an oncoming 2012 Ford F250 Super Duty driven by Caleb Michael White, 18, of Salisbury. No injuries were reported and no vehicles were towed from the scene. McNealy was issued a written warning for failure to drive in the proper lane.

DUI

On Aug. 24 at approximately 11:45 a.m. Troop B responded to a report of a box truck parked in the travel lane of Route 44 in North Canaan. Following an investigation, the driver of the truck, Nicholas Black, 33, of New Hartford, failed a standardized field sobriety test and was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Black was scheduled to ap-

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pear in Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 7.

Domestic incident

On Aug. 27 at approximately 9:15 p.m. Troop B responded to a 911 call from a residence on Millerton Road in Lakeville. Following an onscene investigation, Shawn Lucas, 46, of Millerton was charged with violation of a protective order. Amanda Ford, 42, of Lakeville was charged with disorderly conduct and assault in the third degree. Both were scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 29.

Drove off the road

On Aug. 27 at approximately 11:45 p.m. on Warren Hill Road in Cornwall a 2022 Nissan Sentra driven by Jason Norton, 24, of Danbury, swerved off the roadway. The vehicle was towed and no injuries were reported. Norton was issued a verbal warning for failure to maintain the

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.

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Norfolk Library book blowout

The Norfolk Library's annual book sale drew people from far and wide over the Aug. 27-28 weekend, with patrons from all across Connecticut as well as Rhode Island and the Bronx, Staten Island and upstate New York.

SWSA golf tournament Sept. 17

bury Winter Sports Association Golf Tournament and Pig Roast will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Undermountain Golf Course, 274 Under Mountain Road,

son teams.

other at 1 p.m. Please arrive early enough before your teeoff time to sign in and buy raffle tickets, etc.

The entry fee is \$110 per person, which includes green fees, cart, on-course beverages, on-course contests, awards and a pig roast dinner provided by the Sunday in the Country Food Drive.

Register and pay in advance by calling the Undermountain Golf Course at 518-329-4444.

Online This Week

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

Cathedral Pines nature walk focuses on regrowth following '89 tornadoes

Peter del Tredici led a nature walk of Cathedral Pines in Cornwall entitled "The Ecology of Destruction" on Saturday, Aug. 27. See video at www.tricornernews/multimedia.

Sharon broadband proposal advances

The Board of Selectmen voted to advance a \$1.6 million proposal for high-speed internet to every home and business.

Sharon Hospital schedules community roundtable at Geer

SHARON — Sharon Hospital will host an in-person community roundtable on Thursday, Sept. 8, at Geer Village in North Canaan.

The session will be limited to 20 participants due to COVID-19 guidelines and requires advance registration by the public. It will run from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hollenbeck Room at The Lodge at Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road.

Christina McCulloch, the hospital's new president, will discuss the hospital's plans as announced in September 2021, which include among other things the closure of the labor and delivery unit and changing the intensive care unit to become a progressive care unit.

To register, email Sharon-Hospital@NuvanceHealth. org or call 845-554-1734 with your name and phone number (TTY/Accessibility: (800) 842-9710).

The event will be recorded and will be available for viewing at a later date.

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Ocean State Job Lot

Railway talk set for Sept. 6

FALLS VILLAGE — On Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 P.M., the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society presents its last talk for the 1st Tuesday at 7 Summer Talk series.

The talk is titled "Today's Housatonic Railroad" with David Magill and Dave Jacobs. The two railroad photographers have jointly authored an article in Railfan & Railroad magazine on the Housatonic Railroad. David Magill is presently an engineer for Amtrak and an avid model railroader. Dave Jacobs is co-owner of Jacobs Garage in Falls Village and a board member of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

The talks take place at the South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Route 63, Falls Village. For more information, call the Historical Society at 860-824-8226.

SALISBURY — The Salisstarts, one at 8 a.m. and the

Copake, New York.

The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 18.

The 18-hole two-person scramble event is open to men's and mixed categories and is limited to 50 two-per-

There will be two shotgun

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, a public auction consisting of miscellaneous personal property, furniture and household goods will be held at Stor-It-All, Inc., 325 Ashley Falls Rd and 13 Clayton Rd, Canaan, CT 06018 at 1:00 PM on Friday September 23, 2022. Stor-It-All, Inc. reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time, for any reason.

Since due notice has been given to the owners and all parties known to claim an interest therein, you are each notified your personal property will be sold unless all storage and related charges are paid in full.

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Legal Notice The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0195 by Gleeson-Ryan Funeral Home for change of use to funeral home and residence at 255 Main Street, Lakeville, Map 50, Lot 17 per Section 205.1 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is owned by Patricia Gomez Revocable Trust. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There

is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@salisburyct. us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & **Zoning Commission** Martin Whalen, Secretary 08-25-22 09-01-22

Legal Notice The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town

of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2022-0196 by owner Ateptaya Rakpraja to convert an accessory building to contain a detached accessory apartment on a single-family residential lot at 30 Indian Mountain Road, Salisbury, Map 40, Lot 24 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/ agendas. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to aconroy@ salisburyct.us. Paper copies may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 08-25-22 09-01-22

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury

Inland Wetlands & vatercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 22, 2022:

Approved - Declaratory Ruling Request #2022-IW-077D by Linda Smith and James White for farm access and cow grazing pasture. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 2 as Lots 16 & 28 and is known as 121 Long Pond Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Park Smith.

Approved - Declaratory Ruling Request #2022-IW-081D by John Wolfe on behalf of property owners A. Jordan Moskowitz and Nicole Petricca for an ash timber harvest. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 19 as Lots 01,01-09,15-04 and is known as 337,339,341 Undermountain Road, Salisbury.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & \$8-8.

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

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Our Towns

Kent sidewalk work draws complaints from residents

By Leila Hawken

KENT — Concerns about the ongoing installation and quality of the granite curbing in connection with the town's Streetscape Project were aired and discussed at a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Monday,

Streetscape committee chairman Mike Gawel brought his concerns to the selectmen, following up on emails in which he detailed his observations about the installation of curbing, particularly along the Bridge Street segment of the project.

Mike Doherty, principal landscape architect for SLR Consulting of Cheshire, was present at the meeting to respond to Gawel's concerns. Mather Construction of Bloomfield is the contractor.

After the concerns were detailed, the selectmen agreed to walk the site with Gawel to have him point out the work had proceeded the areas of his concern in connection with the work.

Among Gawel's concerns are whether the backfilled gravel stones are being compacted properly, indicating that he has seen air pockets within the gravel laid under the curbing stones, what he termed "voids." He also noted that the granite curbing is of varying thicknesses creating inconsistencies at the joints where slabs meet. He felt there was sloppy application of concrete at the joints, where he felt that the granite should be seated in concrete.

Gawel also raised the be compacted. question of insufficient inspection of the ongoing

Doherty indicated that more quickly than originally anticipated and he acknowledged that an inspector had not been present in the early phases. He indicated that the plans had called for concrete on the front and back of the curbing slabs.

Local stone mason Justin Money shared a number of Gawel's concerns, indicating that residents may not have a grasp on construction or design. He agreed that the gravel stones must be compacted properly. He measured that gravel is being laid to a depth of 12 inches, but only the top layer appears to

Estimating the granite slabs to be of "poor quality," Money described the granite as uneven, creating uneven joints between slabs as well as unevenness where it meets the new sidewalk.

Gawel added his concern that unevenness brings the hazard of cracking. Where the crews are sawing the edges to try to make them even, Gawel cautioned that the resulting sawn edge will be slippery underfoot, a safety hazard.

The Streetscape Project is funded by a \$500,000 grant from the state Department of Transportation's Community Connectivity Grant program. Phase One will replace the sidewalks on North Main Street and on Bridge Street as far as the bridge.

A major issue centered on the change in granite supplier from a New England company who could not meet the order due to recent supply shortages. A North Carolina company could fill the order, but the granite could not be New England gray in color.

"It was not done in haste," First Selectman Jean Speck interjected. "There was a problem with securing materials."

"But no one on the Streetscape Committee was aware of the changes," Gawel said,

complaining that the committee was not consulted.

The execution of curves in the curbing was an additional concern of Money and Gawel, who indicated that small granite pieces are creating a polygonal curb, rather than an evenly curved arc. Doherty agreed that if pieces are found, he will see that the pieces are replaced with a smooth radial curve.

Selectman Glenn Sanchez concluded that all constituents should be communicating. "There is miscommunication somewhere," he said.

Ending summer with the Salisbury Band

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Summer doesn't officially end until Thursday, Sept. 22, at 9:03 p.m.

But the traditional acknowledgment of summer's end is a concert by the Salisbury Band on the lawn of the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

So as far as the attendees were concerned, summer ended Saturday, Aug. 27, around 6:30 p.m., when the band charged through John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" to wrap up the show.

Conductor Brian Viets thanked the crowd for coming.

He noted that the band's activities had been necessarily curtailed during the COVID-19

"It's lots of fun rehearsing in a library basement, but it's more fun to play for you."

During the "Beer Barrel Polka," Dave Paton of Lakeville could not resist. He and his aunt, Linda Swenson, displayed some extemporaneous terpsichorean moves, which in turn inspired a couple of toddlers. It was a cheerful scene.



Brian Viets conducted the Salisbury Band at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Public hearing on new Salisbury zoning map Sept. 19

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Michael Klemens and Land Use Administrator Abby Conroy have spent much of the summer working on a definitive and modernized map of all the properties in town.

In the process, they discovered more than 300 properties that were included in multiple zones. They also found that the zoning maps were out of date, reflecting neither reality nor technological progress.

The result is a modern, digitized and updated map of the town.

The new map includes changes in zoning, and as such will be the subject of a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 19 (on Zoom).

In an interview Saturday, Aug. 27, Klemens said one of the primary goals was to allow property owners to easily identify their properties and the options they have for modifying those properties.

If the new map is approved, many smaller properties will be rezoned with smaller setbacks, thus offering property owners more flexibility.

The new map more accurately reflects reality, Klemens added, and is aligned with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

"This will solve a lot of problems simultaneously," Klemens said.

To see the relevant documents go to www. salisburyct.us and go to the Planning and Zoning page.





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Jane Andrews Warner Bean

WEST CORNWALL — Jane Andrews Warner Bean

76, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister (chef and gardener extraordinaire), died peacefully at home on Aug. 15, 2022. Her husband David L. Bean was at her bedside. Her daughter Chandra Casteel (Pip), sis-

ter Anne and brother-in-law Joseph Kugielsky were with her, as was her best friend, Patty Bramley.

Jane was born in Minnesota, but grew up in Darien. She attended Darien High School, then went on to earn her degree in behavioural science and English at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, where she met her husband of 54 years, artist David Bean.

Jane, known throughout the Cornwall area for her kindness and industry, was a sought-after caterer — her unique dishes were loved and appreciated by the commu-

She began her business, The Serene Bean, in Cornwall, answering an unmet need of helping people who could not venture out by bringing them food, cooking and driving to appointments.

While Jane was known for her cooking abilities, she was also an accomplished writer who contributed pieces to

The Lakeville Journal, and other publications. She won

> an award for her three-part series on Northwest Corner residents who have joined the clergy as a second career from the New England Newspaper & Press Association.

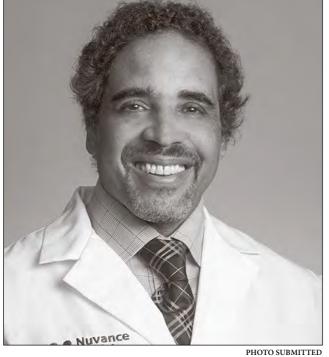
She was a poet and writer who also enjoyed community

involvement and discussions on the Cornwall Network chat room. Jane loved gardening, mysteries and planning their next trip. She was a member of the Friends of the Library and often entered her blooms into the Cornwall Garden show, where she was frequently awarded prizes.

Jane is survived by her three grandchildren, Gabe, Eli and Lilly-Jane Casteel-Lopez, her nephews Ben, David and Noah Kugielsky and her nephew, Richard Melville Hall (better known as the musician Moby).

There will be a celebration of Jane's life on Sept. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Tim Prentice's barn, 129 Lake Road, West Cornwall. All are invited to come, bring stories and photos and celebrate this extraordinary person.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to SVNA Home Assistance, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068, in her name.



Dr. Jonathon Keith Joseph

Primary care physician joins Nuvance Health practice in Sharon

SHARON — Nuvance Health announced on Thursday, Aug. 25 that Dr. Jonathon Keith Joseph will join its primary care office in Sharon and begin seeing patients this fall.

Dr. Joseph is a board-certified internal medicine and pediatrics physician who brings more than 20 years of healthcare experience, most recently serving as the Medical Director of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation in the Bronx, New York.

He brings a passion for preventive health and patient education for patients of all ages.

'The way we deliver and grow primary care access in rural communities is shifting, but together we can bridge community need with modern healthcare practices to support your health well into the future," Joseph said.

Prior to his role at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Joseph served as Chief Medical Officer of Harlem United in New York City and a physician at CityMD, Lutheran Medical Center,

among several other estab-

lishments across the North-

He earned his medical degree at Harvard Medical School with training at Brigham and Women's and Children's Hospital in Boston, followed by an infectious disease fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center in New York.

The officers, trustees, and friends of the Berkshire Litchfield Environmental Council (BLEC) would like to express our deep sadness and eternal gratitude for the life and long service of our fellow trustee, George Thomas Smith, of Egremont, Massachusetts.

George was one of BLEC's original founders in 1972 and one of our longest serving trustees who always attended our annual meetings in his signature inimitable style, typically sporting one of his colorful bow ties. Among BLEC's other prominent founders, which included my father, Edward "Ted" Childs, were Donald "Don" Walker, Lincoln "Link" Foster, Alice Yoakum, Robert 'Tap" Tappscott, William "Bill" Binzen, and William "Bill" Morrill, as well as the inventor, legendary race car driver, and George's lifelong friend, John Fitch, from whom George had acquired his beloved 1948 MG TC sports car.

George's professional skills and service to BLEC in those early days — as well as long after — forged our organization's early environmental advocacy and legal challenge to the then Connecticut Light and Power Company's ill-conceived efforts to site and construct a massive pumped-storage, empound-and-release hydroelectric project that would have forever adversely changed the region. In early 1970, CL&P released plans to construct and operate this power generating/transmis-

sion scheme either on the

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In appreciation: George Thomas Smith

highlands of NW Connecticut's Canaan Mountain that would have also flooded Robbins Swamp in Falls Village, or alternatively in nearby Mt. Washington on Plantain Pond and the Schenob Brook wetlands. George joined Fitch and several of his Connecticut neighbors/ friends, along with other south Berkshire County friends, to establish BLEC, forming a first-of-its-kind cross-border environmental advocacy group with a unique focus on infrastructure. It was their unflagging resolve to deny CL&P's permits to proceed at either of those ecologically fragile/ scenic locations that eventually won the day and sent the utility company packing. George continued on, as did John Fitch and all the other BLEC founders, to assure that our special mountainous and wildly wet landscapes of this tri-state corner would remain free from such industrial/commercial despoilation right to his last breath. Without those efforts, pumped-storage electric generation had the potential to create large-scale environmental wastelands as water was pumped to the tops of mountains, then suddenly released downhill through giant turbines, making wildlife habitat at either end impossible.

I came to know George best when his accounting firm, Watson and Smith, agreed to take on auditing and financial oversight of my family's fledgling forestry foundation at Great Mountain Forest atop the

very Canaan Mountain he had helped protect and save. He shared with me how he and his father would bring their newest model Chevrolet pickup truck from their Winsted dealership out to my dad's forestry operations in Norfolk in hope that my dad's lifelong dedication to Ford trucks and cars might give way to Chevrolet. George explained that his father was sure my dad would never alter his allegiance to Ford, but that "driving on the gravel forest roads and enjoying the mountain scenery, ponds, and fresh air" was his father's main purpose for taking the drive. Clearly, his devotion to — and admiration for our region's forested mountains and ecologically unique marble valleys and fens never faltered.

2022 is BLEC's 50th founding anniversary. The organization went on to challenge a massive lighted radio tower also proposed for Canaan Mountain; the often poor siting of cell towers throughout the tri-state area; the widening of Route 7 into a super highway that would have bifurcated Litchfield County and spurred over-development in ecologically fragile corridors; industrial-scale wind turbines in inland areas with comparatively little wind but much potential damage to aerial wildlife, as well as other battles. George was steadfast throughout. Thanks to our founding members setting the bar high, we have also maintained a regular analytical presence at both state and federal agencies, clocking in over myriad legal issues.

A sincere thanks to George and the entire Smith family, for a life exceptionally lived and for his service to our lands and livelihoods. Were it not for our dedicated visionary founders, Litchfield County would look very different today.

Starling W. Childs, President, The Berkshire-Litchfield Environmental Council



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New teachers and staff at Region One

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Kirsten Gray Cornwall Consolidated School First Grade

Kirsten Gray is teaching first grade at Cornwall Consolidated School. She is a certified teacher in special education K-12 and elementary education 1-6. She holds a double certification from Southern Connecticut State University. Kirsten is looking forward to furthering her education with a master's degree. She will be a first-year teacher. Gray is devoted to education and is dedicated to her students and the community. Prior to working with Region One, she worked in a childcare facility. In her spare time, she loves to travel, spend time with her friends and family, and go to the beach. Salary: \$47,130.



Jennifer Fodor **Cornwall Consolidated** School

Library Media Specialist Jennifer Fodor is the new Library Media Specialist at Cornwall Consolidated School. Fodor holds a Master of Science in Education from the University of Bridgeport and a Master of Art in Educational Technology from Fairfield University. She is certified by the state of Connecticut in Elementary Education and also as a School Library Media Specialist. She earned her Bachelor of Science in American Studies, English from Western Connecticut State University. She comes to Region One from the Seymour School District, where she was the Library Media Specialist for both Seymour middle and high schools. Fodor is passionate about books and looks forward to sharing her love of reading, as well as different educational technologies with the students and staff. She resides in New Milford with her husband, three children and cat, Olive. In addition to enjoying a variety of books, she loves road-trips, going to the beach and camping with her



family. Salary: \$72,069.

Helena Sweet Cornwall Consolidated School

English Language Arts Helena Sweet is joining Cornwall Consolidated School as the English Language Arts teacher for grades five through eight. Most recently, Helena was an instructional coach for the cities of Torrington and New Haven. She has also worked as an educational consultant for the Gesell Program in Early Childhood at Yale Child Study Center and as an English and history teacher in Newton, Mass. Helena holds a master's degree in Teaching from George Washington University. Having grown up in both Greece and Connecticut, Helena returned to the area eight years ago from Cambridge, Mass. She has practiced yoga for years and has taught yoga and mindfulness to adults and children. When not in the backyard reading with her family and their dog this summer, Helena plans to spend her time on a mountain bike or paddle board. Salary: \$81,164.



Joseph Markow Cornwall Consolidated School

Joseph Markow is a middle school science teacher who comes to Cornwall Consolidated School from Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village. He completed his B.A. in Zoology at Connecticut College and M.S. in Ecology at the University of Connecticut. He studied amphibians, reptiles and birds in Connecticut and the Caribbean. Prior to completing his teaching certificate, he was an educator for National Audubon Society. He has taught science and math for the past 19 years at Torrington Middle School and Kellogg. Markow lives in Cornwall with his wife, Jen, and two sons. His hobbies include astronomy, drawing and Ukrainian egg decorating. He plays the euphonium and last year began piano lessons. Markow loves teaching middle school science because he see students excited to make new discoveries and it includes the whole range of science disciplines, as well as strong connections to history, mathematics, art and geography. Markow looks forward to being a part of the Cornwall Consolidated School community. Salary: \$91,191.



Micah Conway Housatonic Valley Regional High School Mathematics

Micah Conway will teach

mathematics at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He is a 2022 graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University with a B.A. in mathematics. He completed his student teaching at RHAM Middle School in Hebron and has experience in the Willimantic school district. Micah has a passion for creating an inquiry-based learning environment that can cater to multiple levels of differentiation. He believes that there is no such thing as a "math

mind," and with the correct

support, anyone can excel. Born and raised in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, Micah enjoys spending time outdoors, either with a pair of hiking shoes and a water bottle, or with a good book in a comfy chair. He also enjoys theater, whether he is watching or part of the performance. Salary: \$48,717.



Kyle Farrell Housatonic Valley Regional High School Mathematics

Kyle Farrell will mathematics at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He is from Goshen. Farrell completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Connecticut, and obtained his teaching certification through Connecticut's ARC program. Before becoming a teacher, Kyle worked as a welder and machinist at his family's metal fabrication business in New Milford. He is excited to bring his work and trade experiences into the classroom. In his free time, Kyle loves to hike, play guitar, and take care of his chickens. Most of all, Kyle loves to spend time with his friends, family and fiancée, Jenny. Salary: \$55,621.



Rebecca Perugini Lee H. Kellogg

Middle School Science Rebecca Perugini will teach middle school science at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village. She is a state certified teacher in grades 1-6 with multiple cross endorsements in middle school science (General Science, Earth Science, Biology) as well as middle school mathematics. She holds a Master's Degree in Education from University of Bridgeport and a bachelor's degree in Human Development from University of Connecticut. She comes from the Bristol Public Schools, where she worked in elementary grade levels for three years. Perugini is a member of the National Science Teachers Association. She is excited to bring her love of science to Region One. She enjoys the outdoors and hiking or trail running with her dog and her husband. Salary: \$60,347.



Susana **Martinez-Bauer** Lee H. Kellogg School, **Cornwall Consolidated** School

Art

Susana Martinez-Bauer is a bilingual Pre-K-12 certified art teacher. She will split her time between Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village and Cornwall Consolidated School. She holds her Master's Degree in Art Education from Long Island University and her Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Adelphi University. Martinez-Bauer is coming to us from the Winchester Public School District where she taught pre-k and second grade art for six years and the Talented and Gifted Art Program for grades 4-6. She is originally from Long Island, where she taught middle school art. She has a passion for art history, drawing and continuously learning artistic techniques. She enjoys sharing this passion with her students and believes that through techniques and creativity all students can be artists. Martinez-Bauer is married and has a 16-year-old son. She loves animals and enjoys taking her dogs on adventures including kayaking, hiking and paddle boarding. Salary: \$38,387.



Danielle O'Neil Lee H. Kellogg School, North Canaan **Elementary School** Music

Danielle O'Neil resides in Burlington with her husband, Craig, and 16-year-old daughter, Heather. She will teach music at Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village and at North Canaan Elementary School. She has previously taught at the Housatonic Valley Waldorf School and the Weston School District. She began her piano studies very early in life, learning to read music before she learned to read words. She has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance and a Master's Degree in Vocal Accompanying, both from Boston University. Danielle has been a performing pianist, keyboardist, director and accompanist for concerts and theatre productions throughout New England. In her spare time, Danielle enjoys playing instruments, singing, cooking, crafting, outdoor walks and spending time with her family.



Amanda Jacquier Kent Center School Third Grade

Amanda Jacquier is the new third grade teacher at Kent Center School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University. Jacquier is known by parents and students throughout the region from her time spent working as a paraprofessional at Cornwall Consolidated School and from her experiences coaching Region One sports teams. In her free time, Amanda runs her business, Willabee's Paper Co., with her mother. Amanda lives in North Canaan and is an alum of North Canaan Elementary School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She is excited to start her career in the region she grew up in. Salary: \$43,155.



Abigail Fifer North Canaan **Elementary School** Art

Abigail Fifer, the new art teacher at North Canaan Elementary School, is excited to be moving back to the Northeast after having spent the last 20 years living in Wisconsin and Seattle. She taught art in Verona, Wisc., for the last four years, and before that ran her own catering and prepared food company both in Wisconsin and Seattle. She has a BA in Ceramics from the University of Vermont and is a passionate advocate for the Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB) approach to art education. She brings with her her husband, two teenage daughters, two rescue dogs and two pet snakes. In her free time she loves to paint and draw, cook with and for her family and friends, walk and run outside and curl up on the couch with her dogs. Salary: \$52,985.



Melissa Asselin North Canaan **Elementary School** Grade 5-6 Science

Melissa Asselin is an Elementary Educator with eight years experience. She will teach science to fifth and sixth graders at North Canaan Elementary School. She holds her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Saint Joseph and her B.A. in Child Study from Saint Joseph College. She comes to Region One from the Norfolk School District, where she taught for four years. Asselin has a passion for incorporating student interests and inquiry into lessons and projects. She believes in the importance of Social Emotional Learning and is well versed in Yale's RULER curriculum. Melissa enjoys the outdoors, playing with her beloved dogs, being with her family, and cooking.



Amanda Richard North Canaan Elementary School

Pre-K

Amanda Richard is excited to return to her hometown area with her family, and begin her next adventure as the new pre-k teacher at North Canaan Elementary School. After graduating from HVRHS, she achieved her Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy from Sam Houston State University in Texas. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education/Special Education at the University of Saint Joseph. Amanda practiced as a board certified music therapist for 18 years, specifically with early childhood ages. She brings a unique perspective and experience to the classroom. She believes that each child can reach their greatest potential when provided a safe, encouraging, and engaging classroom environment. Salary: \$48,717.



Robert "Jack" Weber North Canaan **Elementary School**

Grade 5-8 Social Studies Robert "Jack" Weber is a certified teacher in the state of Connecticut with a focus on history and social studies. He obtained both his master's degree in curriculum and instruction, as well as his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Connecticut. He comes from New Hartford, where he worked close by in the Canton Public Schools as a paraprofessional for two years. Weber has a desire to create positive learning environments while emphasizing the importance of differentiation within classroom



John Connelly Pupil Services Social Worker

John Connelly is a new social worker for the Pupil Services department in Region One. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy at Lehigh University and after working in the broadcasting and mortgage businesses, he found his true calling and got his Master of Social Work Degree from Springfield College. He worked as a school-based clinician through Wheeler Clinic at Housatonic Valley Regional High School from August 2017 to August 2020. He then worked at High Watch Recovery Center in Kent for the next two years and is returning to the role he knows and loves as a member of the HVRHS faculty. John employs a multi-faceted approach including Internal Family Systems, motivational interviewing, mindfulness, and a trauma-informed body-centered Gestalt approach to help students overcome their obstacles and realize their true potential. Salary: \$65,617.



Brigid Garcia Salisbury Central School

Special Education Brigid Garcia will join Salisbury Central School as a special education teacher. She is especially excited to return to her alma mater, bringing with her many fond memories of former teachers and classmates. Brigid holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Hartwick

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College and a Master's Degree in Special Education from Simmons College. She earned the latter degree while working as a teacher at the New England Center for Children in Southborough, Mass. Over the past 13 years, she has taught in both public and private schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Most recently, she worked with students in an alternative education program in the New Milford public schools. Salary: \$80,344.



Julie Browning Pupil Services Special Education

Julie Browning is a special education teacher (grades 9-12) who joins the Region One Pupil Services team. She was a special education teacher at Torrington public schools for the past seven years and prior to that taught in New Jersey, where she is originally from. Julie attended Rutgers University for her bachelor's degree and Centenary College for her Master's Degree in Special Education. Julie and her husband, Steve, and their dog, Woody, moved to Sheffield, Mass., 10 years ago and love being a part of the Berkshire and Litchfield County communities. When she is not teaching, she loves spending time with her dog, going to concerts, going to the beach and roller skating. Salary: \$93,917.



Melissa Colman Salisbury Central School Special Education

Melissa Colman is a certified special education teacher originally from North Canaan, now living in New Hartford. Colman has been married for eight years, and has three young children. She went to Eastern Connecticut State University for her undergraduate degree in English, and the University of Saint Joseph for her Master's Degree in Special Education. Colman has worked for Winchester and Plymouth public schools. She will be working at Salisbury Central School as an elementary special education teacher. She is excited to be working at the same school that her mother, Sharon Russell, retired from in June. Salary: \$76,378.



Linda Tanuis Pupil Services School Psychologist Linda Tanuis is a State of Connecticut certified school psychologist who is also cer-

tified in educational administration. She holds a Master of Arts and CAS Sixth Year Diploma in School Psychology from Fairfield University and a Sixth Year Diploma in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut. She returns to Region One after a five-year stint working at Crosby High School in Waterbury as a school psychologist, and she is delighted to be back. Tanuis has extensive experience at all levels of public education working with students, faculty, parents and outside health and mental health professionals in the service of facilitating student psychological development, mental health and academic performance. Linda is a native of northwest Connecticut. In her spare time she enjoys visiting with family, planting and cultivating her gardens, and spending time with her daughter and grandson. Salary: \$100,807.



Rachel Englund **Pupil Services** Special Education

Rachel Englund is a Special Education teacher who is joining the team at Pupil Services. She received her bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University. She comes from Naugatuck public schools, where she taught for two years. Englund enjoys working with students with all abilities and is excited to work with the students and staff of Region One. For the last seven years, Rachel has called the Northwest Corner home. She enjoys hiking, kayaking and ice fishing with friends and her husband, Doug. Rachel is looking forward to the new school year — and the short commute.



Jade Colling Salisbury Central School

Wellness Counselor Jade Colling joins Salisbury Central School as a Connecticut certified School Counselor. She holds a post-master's certification in School Counseling from Keene State College, and both a Master of Science in Educational Psychology with a concentration in school psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from SUNY Albany. She comes from Salisbury School, where she counseled and advised students and families through the college process and taught a Psychological and Brain Sciences course for five and four years, respectively. Prior to her work as a college advisor, Jade interned with Donna Begley at SCS when she first moved to Salisbury. It was during this time that she realized how much she enjoyed working in the K-8 setting. She is passionate about supporting stu-

dents in the areas of academic

achievement, social/emotion-

al wellness, and college/career

development, and is very excited to join the team at SCS once again. Jade lives in Salisbury with her husband, Kurt, two young girls and a dog. Salary: \$54,855.



Rachel Incillo **Salisbury Central School**

Kindergarten Rachel Incillo is joining Salisbury Central School as a kindergarten teacher. She previously worked in Norfolk as a classroom teacher and most recently as the Literacy Specialist. Incillo graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, earned a Master's Degree in Reading and Language Arts at the University of Saint Joseph and returned to CCSU to earn a Sixth Year in Reading and Language Arts. Incillo is extremely excited to bring her love of literacy to the kindergarten classroom at SCS. When not in the classroom, she enjoys gardening, swimming, camping, reading and watching her children play sports. Rachel lives in Winsted with her husband and twin boys. Salary: \$99,573.



Taylor Hurley Salisbury Central School

Second Grade Taylor Hurley is the new second grade teacher at Salisbury Central School. She grew up in Salisbury and now lives locally, and is both a SCS and HVRHS alumna. Hurley earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Southern Connecticut State University in 2019 and is currently finishing her Master's Degree in Special Education with a concentration in Emotional and Behavioral Disorders. For the past two years, Hurley has been teaching first grade within Region One. Her favorite parts of summer are reading and going to the beach. She is excited to be joining the Salisbury Central community. Salary: \$57,956.



Julianne O'Connell **Salisbury Central School** Third Grade

Iulianne O'Connell will teach third grade at Salisbury Central School. She holds her M.A. in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University and her B.A. in History from New York University. Her career path began on Wall Street, where she worked in finance for nine years. After several years at home with her family, she began working as a paraprofessional in Region One. She has always been passionate about education and was an active volunteer in her local schools during her time off. Julianne grew up in New York City and spent her weekends in Millerton, where she grew to love the area. She now lives in Lakeville with her husband and two daughters, who currently attend SCS. She believes that every student should have the opportunity to learn and be supported. In her free time, Julianne loves to travel with her family. She is excited to begin her new career at SCS. Salary: \$50,629.



Elizabeth "Liz" Houck

Salisbury Central School Middle School Science

Elizabeth "Liz" Houck is not new to Region One, having worked here for nearly 15 years as a Special Ed paraprofessional, as well as a third and fourth grade teacher. She will teach middle school science at Salisbury Central. In 2020 Houck graduated with her Master's Degree in Education and just recently completed the state of Connecticut Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) program. Houck has a talent for making connections with students and helping them build their understanding of the world around them. She believes students learn through every experience and aims to create a learning environment, in her science classroom, that invokes curiosity and encourages exploration. Houck, originally from Long Island, grew up visiting the Northwest Corner and fell in love with the area. She now resides in Kent with her husband, Seth, and their three children. She is a diehard Mets fan and an avid lover of nature. Salary: \$55,320.



Jeff Beck Salisbury Central School Middle School

Language Arts Jeff Beck will teach middle school English Language Arts at Salisbury Central School. He grew up in Sharon but has spent the last several years in Boston after receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College. During his time in Boston, he worked with students of all ages, ranging from preschool all the way through high school. Most recently, he taught fifth grade. This past February, Jeff and his partner, Stephanie, were married in a private ceremony in San Francisco. They are looking forward to returning to the area with their black Lab, Carl, and setting down roots closer to family and friends. In his free time, Jeff enjoys playing golf, working on puzzles and traveling with his wife. Salary: \$52,921.



Rebecca "Becky" Wilczak

Salisbury Central School

Fourth Grade Rebecca "Becky" Wilczak is thrilled to be accepting

position as a fourth grade teacher at Salisbury Central School. A Region One native, Becky received her Bachelor's Degree in Music/Vocal Performance from Providence College. She spent the next four years performing in professional and community theater productions around New England. After many long-term substitute positions at SCS, Becky received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from University of Bridgeport. She currently resides in Winsted with her husband and daughter. In her free time, Becky can be found directing and choreographing children's theater productions, performing in musicals, and spending an abundance of time at the playground with her daughter. Salary: \$50,630.



Marie Herow Salisbury Central School

Marie Herow is entering her 13th year in education and will teach art at Salisbury Central School. She holds her Master's Degree in Art Education from Boston University, as well as her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Visual Arts from Elmira College. She comes to Region One from Webutuck (N.Y.) Central School District, her home school, where she was the pre-k to sixth grade art and music educator. From the Hudson Valley and Southern Tier of New York, to the Green Mountains of Vermont, Herow has had the pleasure of traveling to teach. When she is not teaching, she is often found alongside her boyfriend and their two dogs for new outdoor adventures, or gardening and volunteering within her community (Amenia). Salary: \$57,956.

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Taking 'Shear Madness' over the top at the Playhouse

By Alexander Wilburn

SHARON — On the opening night of Sharon Playhouse's production of "Shear Madness," the show started before everyone had even taken their seats. Those filing in early were greeted to the full view of the show's setting: a cheeky, garish beauty salon done up in a color scheme that can best be described as a combination of Listerine-blue and lawn ornament flamingo-pink.

Perhaps echoing the gaudy hues of John Waters' 1970 camp oeuvre of suburban-set dark comedies, the sight of the salon clued us all in we were headed somewhere decidedly over the top. Sit down early and you'll see the pre-show choreographed to some danceable oldies, as the loudly dressed but largely incompetent hairstylists Barbara (Soneka Anderson) and Tony (Michael Kevin Baldwin) get to work on their first customer (Will Nash Broyles). The tone is thoroughly made clear with a wash, rinse and cut where everything that can go wrong, does go wrong. Baldwin goes to a full 10 with his commitment to the physical comedy, and the working sink and hair dryer elevate the bit.

The lights dim and the show really starts as the salon is soon filled with the remaining players/customers. Without giving too much away, "Shear Madness" is a murder mystery in wacky neon, a hair-brained Hercule Poirot whodunit. Like "Murder on the Orient Express," a crime most foul is committed offscreen and the confined, single-set location points the finger at everyone as a suspect. Some play detective and some look especially guilty as past indiscretions are revealed. Par for the Christie course, the two stylists and their

four customers are painted by producing team Marilyn as broad-stroke stereotypes: Broyles is a mild-mannered normie, Patrick Noonan is a straight-shooting, blue-collar Red Sox fan, Gil Brady is a greedy antiques dealer in a suit, and Sandy York is an uppity, moneyed matron. Barbara we're supposed to read as a low-brow gossip (though Anderson can't help but play her as a genuine human). While Baldwin's effeminate mincing as Tony may be long dated, the opening night audience couldn't get enough.

You'd be forgiven if 20 minutes in you surmised that this was a show scripted a month ago by the Playhouse staff. Many of the jokes (and there is a joke almost every line, no need for lengthy setups) involve a full-serving of specific local color — a small selection of name-checks include the salon being set on Sharon's Main Street, a bad date at The Boathouse, and York's aging socialite character with the maiden name Hotchkiss with an address on Beaver Dam Road. The classic Broadway punchlines that would implicate a Manhattan audience in skewering New Jersey are here directed (not entirely kindly) at less affluent areas in Sharon's vicinity, like Torrington, Dover Plains, or Wingdale.

The origins of "Shear Madness" extend back to a German play from the 1960s, which was adapted for American audiences in the late '70s

Abrams and Bruce Jordan, who also originated the roles of Barbara and Tony. Their show has had a lengthy, record-breaking touring run, with Jordan continuing to direct — the Playhouse's production included. One is left to imagine that the naughty script functions as a kind of loose Mad Libs-style game, with fill-in-the-blanks left for everything from specific locations, street addresses, stores, restaurants and pop culture references, depending on where (and when) "Shear Madness" is performed. No points if you predict you'll hear a Fauci zinger.

The speedy script gives the very game cast little chance to breathe as they run circles around the salon, and if not every moment landed on opening night, they worked hard to pull out the big laughs from a vocally delighted audience. Noonan's crowd work is particularly self-assured, having performed the role Off-Broadway and in multiple other locations.

As the summer season comes to a close, there's a clear sense of confidence in The Playhouse taking a chance and deviating from the musical classics for a late August romp. If the murder theories and speculations buzzing around the patio bar at intermission were any indications, they likely have an irreverent crowd-pleaser on their hands.

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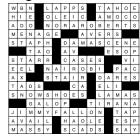
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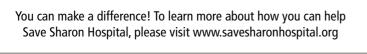
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ROUNDTABLE

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to-school initiatives to coping with climate change to education initiatives and innovative farming techniques. The conversation aired the tension in balancing conservation interests, agriculture and the growing need for affordable housing in the state.

Sherlene Rodriquez, representing the Connecticut Farm to School Collaborative, asked about investments in programs like hers that seek to create opportunities for locally produced food and food education in schools and early childhood centers.

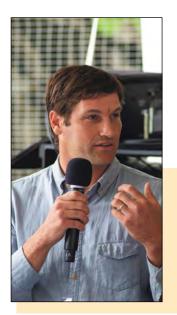
Hayes answered that she had introduced legislation to help farms in the district to partner with schools and provide incentives for programs that supply schools with locally produced food.

USDA's Bronaugh also noted that a lot of college students come to school with not much more than a

'People don't understand that they are often hungry, and they often couch surf, and to be able to join you is really important for USDA." Bronaugh said.

A student, Jayla Lantigua from Danbury, representing Shepaug Valley Agriscience/ FFA, said that her program had been hampered by COVID-19 but this year has become an in-person expe-

'This year was the first



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year we had our goat, our cows, our two new horses actually enter our barn," Lantigua said. She travels 45 minutes every day to get to the school for the ag class.

Hayes emphasized the importance of vocational agricultural programs.

"This is not your grandfather's farm," Hayes said, adding that the average farmer in the United States is 58 years old. She made mention of Brass City Harvest in Waterbury, represented at the event by Shawn Joseph, "It's a farmers market in the middle of town; they're educating kids. Little kids say to him, 'You're a farmer?' In their mind he's not a farmer, and they're really having a mind shift about what this looks like."

Dan Carr of Beavertides Farm in Falls Village said he raises sheep and keeps honey bees and was grateful that the subject of mental health for farmers was raised.

"The longer that I farm the more I become acutely aware of the vulnerabilities of my own farm. The extreme weather. The climate change.

"My challenge is as a farmer in the inner city. It's zoning. And regulations. Trying to figure out the way around those things to come into compliance." Anthony Hodges, Hodges Family Farm in Waterbury

"This year we have a pretty extreme drought. Last year, 2021 was a total washout with the tremendous amount of rain.

"I'm finding that I'm very anxious. Constantly checking where tropical storms are," he said.

Carr said he would like the federal government to help local farmers identify where the risks are to adapt our farms and be prepared.

"Mitigation is one thing, and we're all doing our part. But adaptation is the here and now," he said. He asked Hayes and Bronaugh what programs there are to help Connecticut farmers adapt their farms to these vulnerabilities.

Bronaugh said that the USDA wants to make sure that the programs it offers are useful to farmers, no matter what size.

Hayes made reference to the recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act, which includes climate change pro-

"Environmental practices, climate initiatives. And we understand that it's a first step, but for us to start thinking about it in this way is again a mind shift," she said.

Bronaugh added that "in terms of climate-smart mitigation practices ... a lot of people are concerned about the expense to implement that. We're trying to figure

out affordable ways to implement these practices. It has to work for all size operations. Urban. Large-size farms. Small farms. Niche farms. We'll continue those investments and research in things that will help you at the local level."

Anthony Hodges described himself as a "brand new farmer" and said that starting everything up meant that every expense was out of his pocket.

"My challenge is as a farmer in the inner city. It's zoning. And regulations. Trying to figure out the way around those things to come into compliance. Everything costs so much for licenses.

"I think that's where a lot of people get discouraged. Having that capital to start up with is really what stops a lot of us," he said.

Hodges asked if there were ways to get help starting up a new farm.

"Now, as an urban ag farmer, you should be able to get a farm serial number," Bronaugh said. "That will unlock every resource at USDA for needs that you have.

"We're doing a lot of new work in urban agriculture," she said, and encouraged Hodges to connect with the person sitting next to him at the roundtable, Emily Cole, the USDA's Farm Service Agency state executive director for Connecticut.

Hayes also noted that

many farmers don't know where to find resources that are available to them, or how to successfully navigate a grant application.

"You could be eligible, and check the wrong box and not be considered," she said. "If you had someone to walk you through it, and say, 'This is what you need to highlight about your farm."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) noted that land prices are a significant barrier to entry in the Northwest Corner. She added that the current drought has been described by some farmers as the worst that they have seen, and that they also see it as a sign of things to come.

Bronaugh commented that the state is about 11 inches below normal in terms of rainfall, even though there have been a couple of showers in the past couple days, she added.

Horn said that, "We in

Connecticut are in the land of steady habits; things don't change easily, and one of the areas is indoor farming." She cited energy efficiency, water efficiency and the fact that indoor farming can run yearround.

Horn noted that there has been some resistance in Connecticut to greenhouse farming, and asked Bronaugh if the USDA was aware of any developments nationwide.

"We need to diversify the way we produce food," she said. "Everyone should be at the table in food production.

"I think there's a need for everyone to produce food in different ways."

Hayes also praised the innovative practices at Freund's

"This is an example of what you can do with innovation, partnership, multiple funding sources and it doesn't have to be 60,000 acres," she said.

TROOPER

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First Selectman Jean Speck noted that when the town has a trooper serving as a resource officer, the school benefits from having immediate access to State Police assets, where a school safety officer would not.

Speck reported on a recent meeting with the State Police at Troop L to determine how snow days are handled, and learned that on a snow day, the second trooper would be assigned to town duties. Local aid requests can number 2,000 per year, but there are always more during snowstorms, she said.

Town Attorney Randall

DiBella will be asked to create the wording of the formal request for consideration by the town, Speck said.

"Residents should understand the costs involved in other options — a school safety officer or a constable," Selectman Glenn Sanchez said, adding that the town needs to be ready to reply to residents' questions during a public hearing.

"The more information we can bring to the town meeting process, the better," Sanchez said.

"The more facts, the better," Selectman Rufus de Rham agreed.

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Dan Carr of Beavertides Farm in Falls Village

VACCINES

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necticut, according to state data.

With fewer mandated COVID precautions, the urgency appears to have waned for younger children.

"We're still seeing lots of COVID, we still see some kids with complications of long COVID," Terranova said.

"It's really just trying to balance and let parents see that the vaccine is very safe. And if your child gets COVID, we don't know what will happen. So let's weigh those risks and benefits," she said.

A study by the Kaiser Family Foundation noted that while vaccinations peaked nationally for both children under 5 and 5- to 11-year-olds at two weeks after eligibility, about 2.7 million, or 9.3%, of kids aged 5 to 11 had received their first dose by the peak, compared to just 283,000, or 1.4%, of children under 5.

A Kaiser survey published in July found that most parents of young children newly eligible for a COVID vaccine were reluctant to get them vaccinated, including 43% who said they would "definitely not" do so.

Another 10% said they would get their children vaccinated as soon as possible, while others were less eager, including 27% who wanted to "wait and see" how it worked in other young children and 13% who said they would only get their child vaccinated if it were required for school or child care.

Although children infected with the coronavirus are less likely to develop severe illness than adults, physicians are warning parents that cases in kids can still lead to hospitalization.

"We see some very bad complications," said Dr. Ian Michelow, head of pediatric infectious diseases and immunology at Connecticut

Children's Medical Center. The state Department of Public Health is planning to send mobile vaccination units to Connecticut's 36 lowest-performing school districts, known as Alliance Districts. School administrators, child care workers and officials with youth camps in non-Alliance Districts can also request free mobile vaccination clinics by emailing HealthEquityTeam@ct.gov or SDE.COVID19@ct.gov (for school district administrators).

The state has ordered 2.5 million self-test kits (5 million individual tests) to be distributed to school districts and early childhood education programs. The tests are available free to students, staff and employees such as bus drivers and specialized instruction providers.

Children who have symptoms of a cold but no fever are able to attend school this year with a negative COVID

Under a new program called Test-Mask-Go, children with mild cold symptoms (infrequent cough, runny nose, congestion) but no fever should take a COVID home test. If the test is negative, kids can attend school, but they are encouraged to wear a mask.

To get a vaccine, parents can talk to their child's pediatrician or visit vaccines.gov, type in a ZIP code and find clinics near them.

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 at www.tricornernews.com.



COMPASS

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+ Media, assisting agents on the international rights front and also working with reality TV stars seeking to publish. Wilburn also has worked on fundraising at Robin Hood Radio (WHDD) in Sharon.

"My plan for Compass is to bring not only the local voices, but bring the people who are coming into the community," Wilburn said. "It's about our connection to the city, our connection to the greater world through art and dance and theater and opera. And tracking down some of those major figures and putting them in The Lakeville Journal.

"Some of the most exciting people in the world stop by in the Northwest Corner,"

John Coston, editor of The Lakeville Journal, said, "We are delighted to have such a curious, knowledgeable and talented editor continue the tradition so well established under the dedicated leadership of Cynthia Hochswender.

"Alex will cover arts and entertainment and lifestyle for our readers with his own sophisticated stamp and community focus."

Having attended Indian Mountain School, HVRHS, and residing with his family here for years, Wilburn's roots in the community have grown deeper. A resident of Falls Village, he is a regular volunteer with the Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville on most weekends. Thousands of families and individuals are served by its drivethrough service. He also volunteers at Transforming Lives for a Safer New York, a mentorship writing program for incarcerated citizens who are provided journaling ther-

"We are always thrilled when we can promote our own longtime employees within the company. Alex has been with The Lakeville Iournal over the past six years, after having spent a summer doing an internship with us during college, and he is very ready to take on the editing of Compass arts and entertainment. Our readers already know what a good writer and photographer he is, and now they will get to know him as the Compass editor. We can't wait to see all he accomplishes in his new role," said Janet Manko, Lakeville Journal Company publisher and editor-in-chief.



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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Creating Art as a way to Find Your Own Truth

It seems to be true that our most beloved artists, and certainly those with the longest careers, are those who are able to reinvent themselves. And if it is indeed true, then Northwest Corner native Vemilo is likely to have a very long and fulfilling career in the arts.

Vemilo is many things at once, but most simply, for starters, he is a 25-year-old native of Salisbury, Conn., who now mainly lives and works in Millerton, N.Y.

He is flamboyant and fashionable and fearless and completely himself — whatever that is from moment to moment. Primarily he performs, in life but also onstage and on social media.

"I'm a musician, I sing and dance, I do a talk show on Facebook, called Tea with Ve," he said recently, in his tiny studio/office upstairs in downtown Millerton.

But the heart of his message matters more than the specifics of which art form he tries on at any given moment.

"My whole purpose in life is to break boundaries and stigmas, to bring people together through my music and artistry. I want to create a safe space where people can free themselves."

His inclusive vision came beautifully to life during Pride Month in June, when he was the



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Vemilo's latest album, "Immigrant," can be heard

for free by scanning the QR code on the poster that is now appearing on walls in area towns.

much-lauded center of several Pride events in Millerton.

But Pride month wasn't the first time that Vemilo has felt enveloped in the love of his community.

"I've had a lot of guardian angels," including his godparents Brooke Lehman and Greg Osofsky, his "Gran-Gran Joan" Osofsky and an early supporter and friend, Stephanie Pellegrino, owner of Petpourri in Lakeville.

"She and [her husband and business partner] Frank are amazing people. I used to come into the shop and we would talk for hours, about fashion and life and music. She was a solid foundation for me, she never made me feel

like a nuisance."

Some of the changes in Vemilo's art are a reflection of his own journey to find who he is, to "live his truth."

"I'm a person who's been through some life-testing stuff," he said. "But at 25, I have a clearer idea of who I want to be. My drug is writing songs. It's the clarity of me, of being my own best friend and my own biggest fan."

Posters have appeared on shop walls lately that have a link to an album he made two years ago, called "Immigrant." (The link has expired, so anyone who wants to hear the music should go to www.vemilomusic.com.)

The album's inspiration came from subway trips through Brooklyn, N.Y., and feeling like a stranger, an immigrant, a person with blue hair in a world of people with not-blue hair.

"We are all immigrants with our own foreign experiences in our lives. We each have to push ourselves to em-

brace and look at those foreign experiences."

"Immigrant" is primarily an album of EDM, or electronic dance music.

"It's gritty and has some nice rock, anthemic covers. It has some hard edges but it's fun. Like most EDM, it has a lot of 1980s synth vibes."

He and his creative team (Haus of Ve) made a music video of one song from the album, called "Lie to Me," which can be seen on his You-Tube channel; search YouTube for Vemilo PA (which stands for Performance Artist).

He will also be recording new videos that will be streamed online. These will follow the same format as Tea with Ve, but will be pre-recorded, not live.

Vemilo's work can be enjoyed at no cost.

"I just want people to hear it and realize that you can do hard things and still celebrate your truth."

That truth can change, grow and evolve — if you're fortunate. And Vemilo feels he has been extremely fortunate.

"I follow my spirit and let it tell me where to go. So far, it's been very good."

SHARON PLAYHOUSE GALA SHOW

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Sept. 1, for the Sharon Playhouse annual gala in Sharon, Conn., which will be held this year on Saturday, Oct. 1, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m.

This year, Cacophony Daniels returns to the Sharon Playhouse. A live-singing drag darling from New York City, Cacophony has toured internationally with her cabarets, including Wanna Bette?, her tribute to Bette Midler, and Under The "C," her tribute to the late Howard Ashman, for which she received a 2017 Bistro Award.

She is known as the Belty Broad From Broadway and on Oct. 1 for the gala will perform Broadway standards and pop covers with humor and charm.

To learn more, go to www.sharonplayhouse. org.

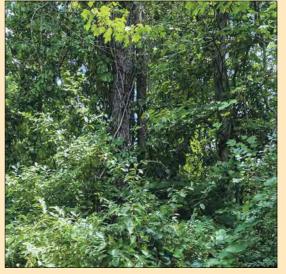


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What might seem like lush greenery in our surroundings is often actually a choking non-native invasive.

THE UNGARDENER: DEE SALOMON

Seeing Is Believing

If, as is said, one can't see the forest for the trees, might it also sometimes be true that one can't see the trees for the forest?

Here's an example: Some people look at their outdoor surroundings, see the green leaves and assume all is good around them. Others look at the same surroundings and see that the green leaves are actually invasive bittersweet vines and not the leaves of their host trees.

Many people fall into the former category; I did too. Ten years ago, we moved, as weekenders, to the banks of the Housatonic River in Litchfield County. As we began to look more closely at the trees surrounding our cottage and that marked the beginning of the woodland, we came to realize that the lush green foliage that attracted us to the property was in fact bittersweet vines growing on the dead or nearly dead trees it was choking.

How did we not perceive that the trees had been neglected for decades?

I started to make my way into the 10 acres of woodland that we purchased with the property. There was one short but clear path that led to a dumping area and from there I could see the sad reality of what was to become a decade-long effort.

Aided by knowledgeable friends and online information sources, we developed a triaged approach to our work. First, we had to get into the woods to be able to work safely. We removed some of

the dead trees along the periphery of the woods, along with their bittersweet assassins, using a hand saw to cut the thick vine and carefully brushing glyphosate on the exposed cut. Critically, we never sprayed the glyphosate to ensure there was no collateral effect.

At the time, it seemed obvious to next remove the spikey shrub barberry as it made navigation difficult and painful. I found out years later that barberry plays a key role in undermining the woodland ecosystem. It turns the soil pH alkaline with its decomposing leaf litter and stacks the odds against native plants. Barberry removal is treacherous work and, for several infested areas, we enlisted help to speed the process along. I plan to write about this invasive shrub again in detail.

could be accessed, we encountered young trees in the hundreds bound by bittersweet vines; almost all have been rescued over the course of the past 10 years. Unlike the older vines, these can be snipped with a pair of bypass loppers or pulled out by hand. Once unshackled (and some with scars in their bark as evidence of captivity) the trees were able to resume their rightful place, creating a critical understory in a mostly mature woodland. This is arduous but satisfying in the extreme. Vine and barberry

Once the woods

removal allowed me to see the woods in ways I did not think

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NATURE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Offering Water to Thirsty Birds

veral people have commented to me that it isn't just humans, dogs and gardens that are suffering from the drought. The birds are, too.

I asked the experts at Audubon in Sharon, Conn., for their tips on how to offer water to backyard birds.

Bethany Sheffer is

a naturalist and the volunteer coordinator for Audubon. She said a good option is to put a birdbath outside. Be careful of course of using metal, which will get very hot.

She offered this advice on birdbaths:

 "Water should be replenished as needed and the bath itself should be cleaned with soap and water and/or a diluted vinegar solution (1 part white vinegar to 1 part water) on at least a weekly basis.

· Keep house cats inside if beginning to offer this option for birds house cats are responsible for the death of approximately 2.4 billion birds each year and take

advantage of places where they gather such as at feeders and baths.

- Keep existing water sources sanitary.
- Eliminate pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, etc., if you have ponds in the yard. Water bodies such as local ponds can be critical resources to birds during times of drought, so keeping

them as chemical-free as possible increases their value to birds and other local wildlife.

Fortunately, we have a lot of pocket lakes and ponds around for birds to access water during stressful environmental conditions such as drought. But these backyard resources play an important role, too!"

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER IN GROUP ART SHOW

A group show of art work by painters Susan Hellmann, Zejke Hermann and Charles Besozzi, and photographers Lazlo Gyorsok and Joan Hinchman, "Reflections of Summer," will take place at the **UCC Parish House** in Cornwall, Conn., from Sept. 18 through Oct. 30.

The opening reception is on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; all are welcome.

This mixed-media exhibit promises a look back at the summertime pleasures of seashore and lakeside, water views of the natural world, plus a few fascinating historical paintings of Old Cape Cod.

The exhibit may be viewed Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Sundays 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment with one of the artists. On weekdays, access the exhibit by checking in at the church office. For more information, call 860 672-6840.

BLACK HISTORY AND AMERICA'S REMARKABLE BLACK ARTISTS

Now at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Conn., (and open until Oct. 30) is the acclaimed show "30 Americans" from the Rubell Museum in Miami, Fla.

This groundbreaking exhibition tells the story of Black humanity through the gaze of contemporary Black artists. Dating from the 1970s to the 2000s, the extensive group of paintings, drawings, collages, photography, portraiture, sculptures, installations and performance artwork addresses more than 200 years of American history and considers the powerful influence of artistic legacy and community

across generations.

"30 Americans" showcases works by some of the most significant artists of the last four decades, including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Mickalene Thomas, Kara Walker, Hank Willis Thomas and Kehinde Wiley.

The museum offers special tours and events in conjunction with the show. To learn more, go to www.nbmaa.org.

Kehinde Wiley's "Equestrian Portrait of the Count Duke Olivares" is included in a show of work by 30 American artists at the **New Britain Museum of** American Art.



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...seeing is believing

possible.

I developed an eagle eye for garlic mustard which, like bittersweet, is highly detrimental to the native woodland. Garlic mustard is allelopathic, meaning that it sends out chemicals in the soil that deter other plants from growing nearby. I could spot this villain in its early form as an innocent looking groundcover as well as its, later, elongated, seed-producing form.

Once expanses of land were cleared of invasives, I began to see new plants. These grew spontaneously, as if the "all clear" signal had been given. Shrubs, notably maple-leaf viburnum with their delicate white flowers, currant and later, after a few years of improving soil acidity, low-grow blueberry. Also delicate herbaceous plants: black cohosh, baneberry, Canada mayflower, trillium, partridgeberry and rare clubmoss are among the many gorgeous woodland plant life that emerged in place of the non-natives.

New trees became a time stamp of the work accomplished to eradicate the invasives: oaks, Continued from previous page

hickories, elms, maples (including moosewood, sycamore and box elder), beech, ironwood, witch hazel, basswood, white pine and hickory. And given the hurdles trees endure —destructive insects, drought, flood, wind — the understory requires many young recruits to create a mature tree canopy.

In my case, seeing was the first step to developing a fascinating, rich relationship with nature in general and the woods in particular. There are important environmental reasons to restore the land around us and

I expect to cover these in future columns. But in much the same way that we spend time and money gardening-installing plants to create a multi-sensorial experience — here, in the woods and our meadows, we can ungarden, remov-

ing non-native plants to create the conditions for native re-growth and allow nature to gift us its own kind of multi-sensorial experience.

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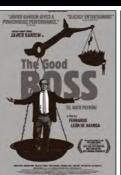


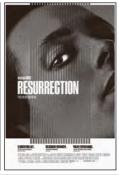
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EDITORIAL

End of one era, beginning of another

aving served The Lakeville Journal's readership as reporter, executive editor and Compass and special sections editor (sometimes simultaneously) since 1999, Cynthia Hochswender will now be bidding the newspaper a fond farewell, leaving as Compass and special sections editor as of Oct. 7. Hochswender, as noted on this week's front page, will be handing on the reins to current Senior Associate Editor Alexander Wilburn, who will go through the transition to covering the arts in the Tristate region with her full support. Wilburn first came into The Lakeville Journal as an intern with Hochswender, and has over the years become a valued and highly skilled colleague.

As noted before in this space as she wound down step by step after taking on both the news and the arts side during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hochswender has given monumental effort to assuring the continued success of this community publication. Our readers will remember that during that time when in-person events, meetings and daily communication were stopped, the local news took on an entirely different tenor than before the pandemic hit our society. Keeping close track of the medical reality of dealing with COVID-19 week to week was the major focus of reporting then, and the arts took on a decidedly internal process, with streaming on home TVs and other devices and sharing a jigsaw puzzle with those in our bubbles becoming the height of escapism.

Hochswender was also key in the research that led to The Lakeville Journal finding its path toward becoming a nonprofit in 2021, after our having launched the membership model of a for-profit newspaper in 2019, successfully gaining more than enough support from our readers to keep publishing. This company is indebted to her for her unwavering belief in the value of community journalism, and her willingness to keep working every week to maintain it for our communi-

Over the years, she proved her well-honed abilities to keep the news fresh and vibrant for readers every week. She made it look easy. It is not. Thank you, Cynthia, for keeping us inspired with new ideas and projects on a regular basis. The implementation of your brainstorms have made for some of the most fun parts of this ongoing local journalism project.

Hochswender will be continuing her work as a Realtor at William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty out of the Salisbury office.

The Lakeville Journal will host an open house on Thursday, Oct. 6, to honor Hochswender and to welcome Wilburn as Compass editor (as Cynthia was very clear she wanted to do, along with our readers and friends.) Come to The Lakeville Journal building at 64 Route 7 North in Falls Village between 5 and 7 p.m. that day and wish them both well in their new

Early deadline for letters for Sept. 8 is Friday, Sept. 2, at noon. Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

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Summer at the lake, last blast

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hayes is in for the long term

It's 2022, not 1822. Connecticut is no longer a passthrough state on the way to the Wild West. It has a fully functioning, intelligently run state government. We want congresspeople in Washington, D.C., who do not treat their responsibility as a stepping stone to higher office or as a revolving door to corporate wealth. U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes has staying power for

Unlike her opponent, Jahana was not plucked from elsewhere by her political party and placed here just to win another seat in Congress. She comes from here, she belongs here and she is here to stay. Even the attention she

Connecticut's 5th District.

received as 2016 National Teacher of the Year did not persuade her to move else-

still looking for a house in our district, Congresswoman Hayes is looking out for our interests in The House of Representatives. **Molly Fitzmaurice**

That is why many of her

former students are dedi-

cated to making sure she is

re-elected for a third term.

While candidate Logan is

Hayes understands the 5th District

It has been an unusually dry summer here in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut with little or no rain. Our gardens are parched and the corn isn't as high as an elephant's eye.

But that hasn't stopped Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (D-5) from doing everything she can to help the small farms combat every challenge that climate change throws their way. On the Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee, she has introduced legislation to provide direct economic relief to all farmers.

Unlike her opponent, a re-elected Jahana Hayes won't need to get up to speed on the issues that most affect us at the local level. This 2016 National Teacher of the Year has already educated her fellow subcommittee members to see the connection between boom and bust cycles in farming and how to make the best nutritional use of our seasonally scarce resources. She understands that small farmers need as much help, if not more, than the big farms. She is creating policies that impact all families, not just farm families.

When I think of the hours we all spend volunteering for our communities, it is gratifying to see Representative Hayes bolstering our efforts at the national level on two issues most sacred to us: gun violence prevention and women's health, including the right for all women to decide how best to use their productive years.

Next time you drive past a local farm stand or market, turn around, go back, and invest in the bounty our local farmers grow: those heirloom tomatoes and the best corn in New England.

If you read about a local school needing more mentors, follow Jahana's example and volunteer.

And when you drive by your local polling place, make a mental note to "Vote Jahana Hayes" on November

She has done so much for the 5th District that I wouldn't put it past her to encourage the skies to open and deliver some good soaking rain in 2023.

Carol Magowan

Vote Logan for the 5th

If you, the purchaser of this newspaper, have read "Letters to the Editor" this past month, which I hope you have been able to do, then you should be familiar with the name, "George

George, intelligent, dynamic and such an able individual, has served his district well as a state senator. George has a proven record of bi-partisanship, working across the aisle, on issues such as guns and education. He truly works on behalf of his constituents, as his record shows us.

That is leadership. Jahana Hayes, in contrary, has voted 100% with Nancy Pelosi, which means that Jahana's voting record is based on her party leaders' decisions.

I encourage everyone to vote for George Logan on Nov. 8. We need proven leaders in our government, and that is exactly what George Logan is. You will not be disappointed.

Mieke Armstrong

Vote Hayes in the 5th District U.S. House race

Gratitude is what I feel important ways. when I realize what Rep. Jahana Hayes is doing for all of us who live in the 5th District. We are extremely fortunate that she votes in Washington for bills that improve our lives in many

Most recently she successfully advocated getting almost \$40 million in grants for trails and other transportation improvements in our district under the Dept. of Transportation's RAISE

legislation. RAISE will also fund upgrades to broadband, roads, trains, and much more here and throughout the

If Jahana Hayes was not a Democrat, we could not count on this advocacy. Republicans in Congress, in fact, are almost unanimously opposed to such bills.

Please vote for her in November and return her to Congress.

Laurie Lisle

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

100 years ago — 1922 SALISBURY — Mrs. Ellen Pulver is suffering from an infected left arm.

LAKEVILLE — It has been practically decided to install a radiophone at the Men's Club for the enjoyment of the members this winter. This will add another very attractive feature to the club.

Prohibition is now here, but we have one hundred 5 and 10 gallon kegs which must be disposed of. A.H. Gilbert, Millerton. adv.

50 years ago — 1972

John Harney of Lakeville said Wednesday he will run for State Representative in the new 63rd House District, created by a recent court ruling. Mr. Harney, a Republican, will offer his name for nomination at a meeting and caucus of the Salisbury GOP Town Committee this Saturday.

Plans for immediate construction of a new 40-bedroom Interlaken Inn and restaurant complex in Lakeville were announced this week by owner Anthony J. Peters. Ground will be broken within a few weeks and completion is hoped for by next Memorial Day. Will Rogers, who had been designated as manager of the old Interlaken Inn before it burned in May 1971, will continue as manager for the new complex.

The Thomas C. Hart, a Knox class escort ship named in honor of the late Admiral Thomas Charles Hart of Sharon, was "side launched" at Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans on Aug. 12. Christening the new naval vessel was Mrs. Reginald Bragonier, born Penelope Hart and Admiral Hart's eldest granddaughter, the daughter of his son, Lt. Cdr. Thomas C. Hart Jr. The ship is designed to locate and destroy enemy submarines.

The Department of Environmental Protection has sent a letter to First Selectman Leo Segalla advising him that all burning at the Canaan sanitary landfill site is illegal. The town has been burning stumps and brush at the refuse area, but new burning restrictions make it impossible to continue this

Stanley Segalla of Canaan, whose stunt flying in the Farmer's Act at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome has enthralled crowds for the last

eight years, will fly a restored antique cub at the Goshen Fair this weekend.

Lightning touched off a fire in one of the sheds behind Segalla's Service Center late Sunday afternoon when sultry weather which had blanketed the area for several days erupted in a violent thundershower. Lightning struck the building shortly after 6 p.m. The blaze destroyed the shed and the automotive parts stored in it, including about a dozen tires and approximately 1,100 fan belts.

James H. Aiken of Macedonia, Kent, retires this week from Beechnut Inc., a company he has served for more than 45 years.

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--- Viewpoint

The laws of inverse intelligence and relevance

lways be skeptical of politicians who claim to want open government and transparency. What they want is leverage and finger-pointing control in the very government they claim needs airing in public.

Transparency sounds good but is likely never to be truly factual nor transparent. Politicians use phrases like "we need a new broom to clean out government" or "let in fresh air on government decisions."

What are they really determined to do? Expose a few past secrets, vilify someone —anyone other than themselves — and thereby keep voters' eyes off of their own doings. They blame politicians all the while being politicians themselves. Pot calling the kettle black.

Similarly, claims of "bureaucracy run amok" stifling industry usually are a means to repay industrialists political contributions by removing safeguards for all sorts of planning and necessary regulations. No one ever asks philosophical or scientific questions on why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants to safeguard the environment. Instead, people rely on under-educated clever politicians' claims that the EPA is stifling jobs and that hidden obstacles put in place by those "bureaucrats" are hurting America. Oh, and they usually stand before a flag while making such claims. It's all theater meant to obscure and obfuscate the truth and the voters' intelligence.

This system operates precisely because too many politicians claim they are appealing to the voters' intelligence, understanding and experience — at the same time never actually revealing all the truth nor seeking to

educate the electorate.

An uninformed electorate is more easily led. They rely on engineered reverse intelligence. It's kind of like Jesus' lesson: Give a man a fish and he'll admire you; teach him how to fish and he'll manage his own future.

Many politicians only promise a fish — and you know who they are if you pay attention — they're great nay-sayers while never actually telling you what actually should be done. It's easy to claim something is wrong, corrupt or fake news if you prevent your voters knowing facts.

Worse still, when voters believe (as a faith) something they have been told as fact but is later proved a falsehood, they will always lack the intelligence — that they were initially denied — to make a better assessment. Many politicians running in 2022 and 2024 are relying

on this law of inverse intelligence. And they know their followers will always be too ashamed to recant their faith.

Part of the argument goes like this: True knowledge means complicity in the outcome. It results in guilt.

We learned this in Vietnam. Bombarded with direct broadcasts every night on TV and radio, the public was seething with guilt over Vietnam in just a few years.

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A VIEW FROM THE EDGE PETER RIVA

Why? Because, in a limited way, we had "open government" and "open media."

Vietnam always led the news. By the time the White House was involved in Afghanistan and Iraq, they had learned their lesson and — using commercial advertisers' power over the media — got the media to move deaths and failures down the broadcast, off the front page, diminishing impact of bad news. This media slight of hand, pressured by commercial interests, is the Law of Inverse Relevance. If it doesn't seem so relevant to your daily life, they get to sell you more corn flakes and, yes, you'll feel less guilty, unlike Vietnam.

Let's face it: Ignorance has a certain dignity. Being uninformed and in the dark is - in many ways - an easier life than being informed. Look, if the electorate doesn't know what you are actually doing, if you withhold information that may not be good for their easier life, you may get them to vote for you again and again. Part of the problem is that the U.S. media is like an alcoholic, always wanting more juicy truths but currently operating in a medium of prohibition.

A really clever political apparatus knows how to drip feed — and thereby control — that craving, thereby assuring the laws of inverse intelligence and relevance remain the status quo.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now resides in New Mexico.

Let there be rain, it is now so sorely needed in these hills

have been struggling with the dilemma of writing ▲ about a subject, which although it is so close to my heart and my sensibilities as a human being, I have found that it is not a subject that is received with the utmost urgency it deserves. After all, as a country we are going through what seems to be the most antagonistic, combative and hateful phase in our modern history. Just a few minutes spent in front of a TV or browsing through the newspaper will make any ordinary person feel shocked and stunned by the alarming and chilling development of current events.

In this unhealthy socio-political environment, not many would pay attention to something that for many would seem an unimportant development. But for me, who for years enjoyed the beauty of the trees, the greenery and breathtaking charm of our roads all around the town of Lakeville, I am suddenly dumbfounded by witnessing the fact that there is absolutely not even a drop of water flowing through our brooks and rivers, not only in our town but around the entire region. I can almost hear the voices of some who will regard this observation as a waste of time and an unnecessary topic of conversation. I do agree that it does not offer any practical solution to help us against inflation, lower the gas prices and of course, as a news item would definitely fade against more dramatic event such as FBI's recent searches at Mar-a-Lago.

But for myself, as someone who has been religiously walking all around the town every day and who especially enjoys watching the majestic and lively flow of the Burton Brook, which runs below the bridge on Main Street in Lakeville, I am saddened and alarmed by the complete dryness of the rocks and roots of a small river, which is now completely deserted and lacks vitality. And it has been like this for months now.

Burton Brook, which originates in the mountains to the west, flows through the woods, residential areas and business establishments, until it lushes below the bridge on the Main Street, creating

I AM WIDE AWAKE VAROUJAN FROUNDJIAN

the joyful sound of a small river that echoes through the entire town, filling the souls of the residents with a sense of joy and liveliness. The brook's long and dreamlike journey provides residents with a sense of being with

Oh, I am trying so hard to not sound like an alarmist who believes that this is the end of the world as we know it and that, if we as a society do not take any meaningful and reasonable action things will get worse. Of course, there are many environmentalists and biologists who have been repeating that same gruesome and alarming message over and over for decades now and we are actually witnessing the harm we have been causing to nature.

We see it. It is happening. It is happening right in front of our eyes. It is happening right here in our dream town called Lakeville. But again, having been normally an optimist, I am trying my best to hope that Mother Nature will be kind to change her temperament and perhaps with the help of the Creator we will hear that loud and authoritative voice whispering, "Let there be rain."

Meanwhile, I will be walking on the bridge of the Burton Brook and hoping, praying and wishing that within a few weeks or so that jovial, exuberant and heartwarming sound of the outpouring water will echo through the entire town of Lakeville bringing back the sound of nature that I miss so much.

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A tale of generosity in two states

write to readers about a story of sympathy, generosity and big hearts: Dave and Christine MacMillan, past residents of the town of North East, departed New York four years ago bound for a new home and life in Florida.

As many of you know, Dave was the founder and former leader of the Sunday in the Country (SITC) Food Drive. He led that initiative for more than 26 years. Through SITC, Dave, his hard-working volunteers and our generous community provided hundreds of families with thousands of wholesome Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for more than a quarter of a century. The goodwill spread beyond Millerton to adjacent communities throughout the Tri-state region, as needed.

When moving to the South, Dave and Chris turned over the operation of the food drive to Bill and Colleen Anstett.

Dave called me in late July to say he would be in the area in a few weeks and had an interesting tale to tell. His story was as follows:

Dave and Chris would stop by a local restaurant/bar a couple of times a week to enjoy the cuisine, have a drink and engage in friendly banter with each other and those at the restaurant. One day, the regular patrons and four alternating bartenders created a ruse to deceive the MacMillans.

A bartender appreciation fund was set up to accept donations to award good service at the establishment. This was done after those at the restaurant heard Dave describe the food drive and his devotion to the cause over the years, and the good will created by the North East community to support the food drive.

After a time, the fund at

VETERAN'S
CORNER
LARRY CONKLIN

the restaurant reached its goal of \$1,500. A check was drafted and then sat waiting for the MacMillans' next visit. When they arrived, the staff handed over the funds to Dave and Chris endorsed to the SITC food drive.

Astonishing! Just imagine, the Florida restaurant staff and those who contributed to the fund don't know anyone in the town of North East or its environs, and yet they opened their hearts and wallets to locals here needing a helping hand.

Floridians, you are the epitome of patriotism and selflessness and are a shining example to all. This old Navy Vietnam vet salutes you.

So, now Dave is in town to deliver the money, sent with all of the southern generosity and charm we northerners always hear about. The much-needed funds will undoubtedly help to lessen the anxiety of many households this upcoming holiday season.

God bless our generous southern neighbors, those hard-working food drive volunteers and the patriotic readers reading this column, and all of their families. Let's please continue to look out for one another — it's the right thing to do.

Those who can, please join me in donating any amount to the SITC food drive. You will be rewarded by bringing holiday smiles to many grateful faces — as well as your own.

Donations may be made to Sunday in the Country Food Drive, P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546, or go to a local donation site. Daisey Hill Farm on is one drop off site, located at 438 Indian Lake Road, Millerton.

'Til next time, enjoy the rest of your summer.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan,

TURNING BACK THE PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

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25 years ago — 1997

The "closed" sign on Cadwell's Corner restaurant in West Cornwall marks a sad occasion for many residents who had come to see the popular eatery as a permanent fixture in the recently revitalized business community.

Sewer lines that backed up into the Stop and Shop Supermarket on East Main Street in Canaan forced the store to close Monday night. That there was a problem was evident early in the day, when store employees were forced to go to the nearby McDonald's to use the restroom facilities. According to an employee, sewage began overflowing into the parking lot between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Customers who drove and walked through the large puddle probably believed it was the result of showers earlier in the day. The employee reported that the sewage water was tracked into the store, but it wasn't until it began backing up into the store itself — in aisle 8 — at about 10 p.m. when the store was closed.

Susan Dickinson of Falls Village has been promoted to manager of the Salisbury office of National Iron Bank. Washington Depot resident Mary Ann Rimbocchi has been appointed manager of the bank's Washington Depot office

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

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Our Towns

A walk in Cornwall's Cathedral Pines

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL —The tornadoes that decimated Cathedral Pines Park in 1989 continue to shape the development of the forest to this day. On Saturday, Aug. 27, Peter del Tredici led a nature walk entitled "The Ecology of Destruction" to discuss the ongoing regrowth occurring within the park.

Del Tredici described himself as "a combination of botany, horticulture and ecology all in one neat package."

His expertise on the area's plants and trees, as well as decades studying Cathedral Pines Park, made for

"Black birch is the tree of the future in Cornwall." Peter del Tredici

an informative morning in the woods. A group of more than 20 people attended the educational hike to learn about the dynamics of forest succession.

The tornadoes did considerable damage to the pine and hemlock trees 33 years ago, uprooting many within the park and taking the tops off of those still standing.

"This is no longer a forest of pines," del Tredici explained. "New pines require the future in Cornwall," said

wide-open space.... We would need to clear the land to create an empty seed bed for pines to regrow."

What was once New England's largest stand of old-growth pines and hemlocks is no more. Today, new growth is arriving in the form of black birch trees.

Black birch is not an invasive species here. In fact, del Tredici's studies have shown that there are virtually no invasive species within Cathedral Pines Park. The black birch saplings

seen throughout the park represent the next genera-

"Black birch is the tree of

New growth shows how resilient the forests truly are and their ability to recover from destructive events such as a tornado. There are other disturbances, however, that are not as easily overcome.

"Climate change is a highstress disturbance that will never end," he said.

Del Tredici said that a rapidly changing climate means it is no longer possible to make predictions for what will happen in our ecosystems. Rather, he advised we must trust that the forests are adapting to the changes of our climate.

"True ecology," he said, "is letting nature run its course."



Peter del Tredeci, center left, discussed regrowth in Cornwall's Cathedral Pines Park on Saturday, Aug. 27.

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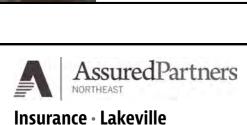
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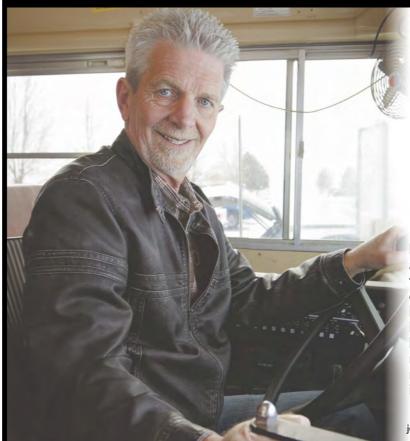
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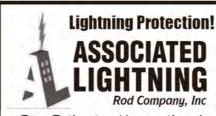
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