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Grace Aldridge with "Daisy" at the Little Guild's Run & Wag 5K.

Run & Wag 5K race unites people with pets

By Lans Christensen

CORNWALL — For the tenth time, The Little Guild presented its beloved Run & Wag 5K race for people and their pets.

Weather forecasts for Oct. 14 had been threatening and gloomy for days preceding the event. Thankfully, the rain held off from start to finish, much to the relief of all competitors.

Huge relief also for Jenny Langendoerfer, Little Guild Executive Director, and her staff: "We're

keeping fingers crossed that it stays away for the race."

In total, 233 runners preregistered with 83 dogs, the largest field ever—a testament to the increasing popularity of this special event.

Food trucks, vendors, and music supplied by the "Relatively Sound" string band all added to the festive feelings as the crowd gathered on the green in Cornwall Village.

With a prompt "GO" at 12 noon, the field of human and canine racers headed down Pine Street. From there they joined Valley Road, out to a turnaround, and back to the start/finish line.

Barely eighteen minutes later, Elizabeth Fengler came back into view and crossed the line first

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Meet the candidates

Municipal voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. This election cycle will see contested races for selectman in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, and Salisbury. In 2021, just two of the six Region One towns had contested races.

With 26 candidates for selectman in 2023, there is a lot to learn ahead of the vote. Throughout October, profiles on participating candidates will be published in The Lakeville Journal in our 'Meet the candidates' series.

This week, read about North Canaan's candidates on page A8 and Sharon's candidates on page A9.



"It was a huge act of evil and a huge act of terror and we are all in pain and we are all in mourning."

Rabbi Joseph Eisenbach, Chabad Lubavitch of Northwest Connecticut

Praying for peace in Palestine

By Debra A. Aleksinas

LITCHFIELD — The raging conflict between Israel and Hamas may be thousands of miles away, but its brutalities resonate deeply with Rabbi Joseph Eisenbach of Chabad Lubavitch of Northwest Connecticut.

"My grandfather got killed in 1948 in Jerusalem, when he was 33

years old, for the same reason these people are getting killed. Because they are Jews," said Eisenbach.

"My other grandfather was a holocaust survivor. I never thought that in my lifetime, that in 2023, we would be witnessing a mini holocaust."

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, Chabad Lubavitch hosted a candlelight vigil and evening of prayer, support and

action for Israel. Eisenbach said the escalating war has not only impacted the Jewish community, but humanity at large.

During the hour-long vigil, town and state officials from Northwest Connecticut packed the historic Methodist Church on the Litchfield Green to show "unwavering support for Israel and to pray for the victims and the wounded, and for lasting peace in the region," said Eisenbach.

While he noted that "every single life is precious," the Rabbi denounced the Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel by the Gaza-based terrorist group Hamas.

"The bottom line is, it was a huge act of evil and a huge act of terror and we are all in pain and we are all in mourning."

George Logan, who is challenging U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes in the 5th District, was among those who attended the vigil sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch, a Litchfield-based, nonprofit organization that serves over 5,000 people of all ages in Northwest Connecticut

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Attendees from throughout the Northwest Corner attended a Vigil for Israel on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the historic Methodist Church sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch in Litchfield.

Salisbury adopts housing plan to tackle its 'existential crisis'

By Maud Doyle

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan for 2023 was unanimously adopted by the Salisbury Town Board of Selectmen during a special meeting Thursday, Oct. 12.

The Plan, assembled by the Salisbury Affordable Housing Committee, provides a roadmap for the construction of 100 new affordable

housing units in the next ten years.

Currently, there are over 100 qualifying households on the waitlist for Sarum Village, one of the existing affordable developments in town (currently, 57 housing units in town qualify as "affordable"). About 162 people in Salisbury live in poverty, according to CTData.

Five years ago, the board adopted the 2018 Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan, which mapped out

the construction of 75 new units by 2028. Since its adoption by the town, three new affordable units have been completed.

Meanwhile, the median sales price of a single family home in the last year was \$912,500—the average price over the same period was \$1,282,236—or "affordable" to those with an annual income of

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Puppets take the stage at Greenwoods festival

By Mike Cobb

NORFOLK — On Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14, the second Greenwoods Puppet Festival took place in Norfolk. Curated by Norfolk Library Events Coordinator Eileen Fitzgibbins with the support of Norfolk Library director Anne Havemeyer and the Norfolk Library Associates, the festival brought together puppeteers, film makers, and fans young and old.

"When we did the first one in 2019, our hope was to continue to do it regularly, but because of Covid, we had to postpone until now. Last August we had Sarah

Frechette during WIN (Weekend in Norfolk), and we're planning another in March. It's great that so many puppeteers gathered. I didn't realize that we were such a beacon for puppetry, but no-one else seems to do this in small towns like ours," Fitzgibbins said.

Though not a puppeteer herself, Fitzgibbins has long been enamored and intrigued by the craft, writing, and different ways of expression that puppetry provides.

"I love how it all happens behind the scenes and with a puppet. I've always been drawn to enchantment

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PHOTO BY MARTINA GAGO

A whimsical puppet parade brightened Norfolk's town Green on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Greenwoods Puppet Festival.

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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.

Sharon disorderly conduct

On Tuesday, Oct. 10 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Troop B Troopers were dispatched to an address on Sharon Valley Road in Sharon on the report of an active disturbance. Peter Peterson, 67, of Sharon, was arrested following an investigation and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a \$500 non-surety bond.

Larceny, resisting

On Thursday, Oct. 12 at approximately 5:50 p.m. Troopers from Troop B were dispatched to the Cordial Shop in North Canaan on Railroad Street for an active larceny. An investigation led to the arrest of Roan Fredriksson, 18, of North Canaan, on charges of operating a motor vehicle without a license, possession of alcohol by a minor on a public street, larceny in 6th degree, interfering with a police officer and resisting. Fredriksson was held on a \$2,000 bond.

Flipover accident

On Friday, Oct. 13, at approximately 2:40 p.m. Duane Centrella, 61, of Winsted, was traveling eastbound on Route 44 in East Canaan one-quarter mile east of Browns Lane and slowing to make a left turn. Landon Phillips, 46, of New Hartford, was following behind and attempted to pass Centrella's vehicle in a legal passing zone and sideswiped

Centrella's vehicle. Phillips' vehicle overturned and came to a rest on its roof. Both drivers declined medical attention. Phillips was issued an infraction for improper passing.

Operating under influence

On Saturday, Oct. 14, at approximately 7 p.m. Troopers from Troop B were dispatched to Doolittle Drive at the intersection of Loon Meadow Drive for the report of a one-car vehicle accident in a ditch. Jonathan Salko, 58, of Morris, was suspected to be under the influence of alcohol and failed a sobriety test. Salko was transported to Troop B where he was charged with operating under the influence of drugs/alcohol and failure to drive in a proper lane.

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.

EdAdvance expands post-secondary options

By Riley Klein

LITCHFIELD — EdAdvance, one of the state's six Regional Educational Service Centers (RESC), has announced the creation of a new alternative for high schoolers in Northwest Connecticut.

The College & Career Accelerator (CCA) program, beginning in the 2024-25 school year, will offer high school students of partnering districts in the region customized postsecondary opportunities in four key pathways: public safety; healthcare; education; manufacturing and engineering.

At a meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) on Oct. 12, Jeffrey Kitching, executive director of EdAdvance, presented the new program to regional leaders. He said EdAdvance recently purchased the East School from the City of Torrington, which will serve as the headquarters for CCA.

The three pillars of the program will be to enhance workforce readiness, college readiness, and college access for participants. Through CCA, students can gain



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

East School in Torrington will serve as headquarters for the College & Career Accelerator Program.

hands-on experience and internship opportunities while earning college credits.

Dan Cocchiola was hired to head up the CCA. The program was modeled after Cocchiola's similar workforce readiness effort in Hamden, which enabled some participants to earn up to \$30 per hour while still juniors in high school. Students of the Hamden program also graduated with up to 60 college credits.

"We are partnering with Northwest Community College to try to provide some of the same opportunities. We have a lot of the structure in place to do this already. We've got 85 vans that crisscross

school districts every day, so we can get kids to different programs," said Kitching.

As school districts throughout the region join CCA, specialized programs offered in certain districts can become available to other students and can become funded by CCA.

"All you have to do is allow us to get kids from surrounding high schools access to that box, so we can have them teaching 20 kids a period [instead of eight]," said Kitching on an example of a mechanical physics teacher who was nearly laid off due to low class enrollment.

"It's a great idea," said Litchfield's First Selectman Denise Raap following the Oct. 12 presentation. "In Litchfield we're working on our merger right now, but we had to cut so many classes...because there just aren't enough students."

"In the end, we all work towards the same thing: Making the communities we serve in this region better," said Kitching.

Visit edadvance.org/college-and-career-accelerator for more information.

Online This Week

Sharon looks to stabilize River Road

Plans to deal with deteriorating conditions along 350 feet of River Road, that have reduced traffic to a single lane, were discussed by the Board of Selectmen. Full story on www.tricornernews.com

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 is due and payable on October 1, 2023. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2023. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2023, interest at the rate of one and one half percent (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall in Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm., Monday - Friday. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or e-check. Please check the Town website salisburyct.us for additional information. Dated at Town of Salisbury CT this 13th day of September, 2023.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC
Tax Collector
09-21-23
10-05-23
10-19-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0227 by owner Marisa Simmons for a cottage bakery home occupation at 37 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Map 56, Lot 25 per Sections 210.1 and 210.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 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 landuse@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
10-19-23
10-26-23

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2023-0229 by Rick Ehle for a Special Permit for vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure at 254 Housatonic River Road, Salisbury, Map 12, Lot 30 per Section 503 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 30, 2023 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 landuse@salisburyct.us.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GAIL B. CUSICK Late of Canaan (23-00405)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 10, 2023, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Abigail J. Cusick
c/o Kevin F. Nelligan
The Law Offices of Kevin F. Nelligan, LLC, 194 Ashley Falls Rd, PO Box 776, Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-19-23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ESTELLA SENSENEY ROLO Late of New York AKA Estella Rolo AKA Estella Virginia Senseney (23-00385)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 10, 2023, ordered

that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Frances Furness
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Ebersol, McCormick & Reis, LLC, 9 Mason Street, P.O. Box 598, Torrington, CT 06790
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF FLORENCE C. BARNES Late of Salisbury (23-00391)

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The fiduciary is:
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Linda M. Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street
P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-19-23

PUBLIC NOTICE STEVEN DUTTON VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, to hear an application for variance of Section 3.2, minimum rear yard setback, of the Zoning Regulations for Steven Dutton, 64 Route 7 N. A copy of the application is available at the Town Hall.
John Holland
Chairman
10-19-23
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Our Towns

Schaghticoke storytelling to celebrate Sukkot

By Maud Doyle

FALLS VILLAGE — Staff, residents, guests, and members of the local community—many toting small children—gathered around a bonfire by the lakeshore of the Isabella Freedman Center on Sunday, Oct. 8, to listen to Darlene Kascak, a traditional Schaghticoke storyteller, share Mahican stories of the land.

“I don’t read these stories in a book,” said Kascak, who is the education director for the Institute of Native American Studies in Washington. “I sit down with an elder, and that elder gives me the story as a gift,” she said. “Then it is my job to guard that story, keep it safe, and pass it down to the next generation.”

At Isabella Freedman, the Jewish retreat center outside of Falls Village, the story-telling session was a new addition to the rituals that honor a less-observed holiday called Simchat Torah, or “joy of the Torah.” Following on the heels of Sukkot, the weeklong Jewish harvest festival, Simchat Torah marks the annual completion and restarting of the Torah (in contemporary Judaic practice, the Torah is read more or less consecutively over the course of a single year).

“Sukkot is a Jewish cele-



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Darlene Kascak, the Education Director for the Institute of Native American Studies in Washington and a member of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, told traditional Mahican stories at the Isabella Freedman Center in Falls Village on Sunday, Oct. 8. Kascak demonstrated the length of the indigenous history on the land by unfurling a string of beads, with each bead representing 100 years.

bration of land and harvest and abundance,” said Adamah Farm Director Janna Siller, who organized the event with Kascak. During a period that honors the land, she said, it felt important to acknowledge those who stewarded the land before the dispossession of the colonial period.

“We want to integrate into that [celebration] the awareness that this land that we’re living on is a place that was once inhabited very differently,” Siller said. “We don’t want to just layer our stories on top of a land that already has stories.”

On Oct. 8, Isabella Freedman’s campus was still dotted

with sukkahs, the delicate, temporary shelters that observers dine under during Sukkot. The structures are supposed to be so fragile that they will topple in a strong breeze, and so transparent that the stars are visible through the roofing.

Kascak looked at home standing by the bonfire with her audience gathered around her, some in fleeces, some in Yarmulkes, perching

on concentric benches and nestling in beach chairs.

Her stories—how the chipmunk got his stripes, how the rabbit got his ears, how the owl got his big, staring eyes—were kid-friendly, with clear internal logics, and clear delineations of right and wrong. They seemed to take place in a gentle time before humans walked the Earth; mistakes were funny, or silly, and explained the peculiarities of each native animal.

“The thing we have to protect is the lesson woven into that story,” she said. “How we get there—we all have our own style. But we have to keep true to that lesson.”

Some of these stories, said Kascak, have been told for 1,200 years. They’ve been adapted down the generations: new languages, new landscapes, new socio-cultural backgrounds.

“Learn the stories of your culture,” she entreated the over-12 crowd. “It’s a wonderful way to teach your kids.” (The children in question were rapt—particularly when asked to imitate the wolf puppies who tried to teach themselves to dance by standing against tree-trunks.)

Kascak’s stories seemed to be almost exclusively about the vital need for respect—for other beings, for others’ bodies, for one another’s needs, for one another’s differing, essential natures, and thereby for oneself.

If true respect had been practiced by these woodland creatures, it seemed, things might have turned out differently. Chipmunk could have let Bear go about his business, and eat his berries in peace. Owl could have had patience with Rabbit’s needs. Fox could have had respect for Rabbit’s differences. Turtle could have recognized that the realm of the air was not meant for him but belonged to the birds, and that he had his own realm in the lake, and that that was enough. But in Kascak’s telling, that is not what happened.

In their seats, listeners shivered watching the afternoon sun drain from the land. The lake darkened, the shore grasses flashed red in the ember-colored light, then melted into the wide blue shadow of evening.

Winter clothing drive in Salisbury

SALISBURY — All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church will again hold its annual winter clothing drive and giveaway. The event will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, which is at 313 Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury.

Winter clothing may be donated and dropped off at the church at any time between now and Nov. 10. Please be sure clothing is clean and in good condition. Winter clothing for all ages will be accepted, including coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves and boots. For more information, call 860-824-1340.



PHOTO BY MAUD DOYLE

Vigil for victims of domestic violence

Project SAGE, formerly Women’s Support Services, held its annual candlelight vigil in honor of victims of domestic violence on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Lakeville. “The thing about domestic violence is that it’s invisible—it happens behind closed doors,” said Virginia Gold, director of client services at Project SAGE. “We walk to make it more visible.”

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OBITUARIES

Roger Aloysius Wolf

MILLERTON — Roger Aloysius Wolf, 71, a twenty year resident of Millerton, New York, formerly of Mohegan Lake, New York, died peacefully on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.



Roger was a retired carpenter having worked for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 11 & Local 2682 based in Elmsford, New York.

Born Aug. 27, 1952, in White Plains, New York, he was the son of the late William and Anne (Cuzma) Wolf of Shrub Oak, New York. He was a graduate of Lakeland High School in Shrub Oak and a proud member of the "Oakiers" crew. He was the loving and devoted companion to his high school sweetheart, Pamela W. Michaud for over twenty years. Pam survives at home in Millerton.

His beloved daughters, Emma and Chelsea, shared the following sentiments and reflections of her dear father; "Dad was a very talented artist and an avid lover of nature, he had respect for all life forms that dwell within it. He was an adventurer, one of the best natural navigators you'd ever meet. Dad loved to take long rides in his car and go to random places that he always made feel so magical. He was an excellent cook and his "secret" ingredient was lots of love and care. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to make others smile and laugh. He could be serious as well and could handle any issue that came his way, he was fearless. For most of his life he was a

very talented carpenter, he was also a loving companion, father, grandfather and uncle. He always gave 100% and so many people were fortunate to call him a friend. He had a big heart and he always made sure that you knew you were special. He was loved by so many, and he always spoke with kindness and wisdom and really enjoyed meaningful conversations. We are so proud to call him our father, he worked hard, and he turned whatever tasks he was doing into meaningful works of art. He will be missed deeply and loved forever. We love you Dad and you will always be in our hearts. Until we meet again..."

In addition to his companion, Pam, Roger is survived by two children, Emma Wolf and her wife Danay Smutek of Mohegan Lake, and Chelsea Wolf and her companion Michael Cahill of Highland, New York; Pam's children, Chris and Gregg Michaud; two grandchildren, Kieran and Ronan Cahill of Highland; two brothers, Stephen and Jamie Wolf, and a sister, Midge Haughey Wolf. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother William "Billy" Wolf.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Roger's memory or to send flowers to the service, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Benjamin Robert Moyer

WASSAIC — Benjamin (Ben) Robert Moyer, 65, of Wassaic, New York, passed away on Oct. 8, 2023, with his loving longtime girlfriend, Donna Boyles and adoring dog (Baby Girl), at his side. He was a devoted husband to the late Emma (Casey).



Ben was born Apr. 5, 1958, in Sharon, the son of the late Harry (Bob) and Gloria Moyer. Ben graduated from Webutuck in 1976. He was a career licensed mechanic and highly regarded in his trade. Most recently, he was employed at First Student School Bus Company as a mechanic.

Ben had a zest for life and the need for speed. Ben enjoyed riding his motorcycle, attending motorcycle rallies and car shows. When he did relax, he loved vacationing in Maine with his girlfriend.

He lived every moment to the fullest and was always there to help anyone in need. He had an amazing sense of humor and never seemed to let life, as challenging as it was at times, get him down. Ben loved his dogs and always had a story to tell about them if you had the time to listen. A lifelong friend described him as "Gentle Ben" and that was truly who he

Marsha Constance Soper

KINGSTON, N.Y. — Marsha Constance Soper, 77, passed away Oct. 1, 2023, at the Geer Village Skilled Nursing Facility in Canaan, Connecticut.



Marsha was born in Kingston, New York on May 19, 1946, daughter of the late Everitt M. Soper, Jr. and the late Constance (Dalo) Soper. Marsha was a longtime employee of the New York (Verizon) Telephone Company.

She is survived by a brother, Edward Soper (Helen) of Delray Beach, Florida, and a sister, Michelle Nerone, (Francis) of Lockport, New York. She was predeceased

by a sister, Marlina Buley, of Kingston, New York.

Marsha was a loving aunt to Michael (Mary-Beth) Nerone and their children, Gavin and Griffin; James (Valarie) Nerone and their children Luke, Seth and Naomi; Scott (Divina) Buley and their son Dylan, and John Buley. Marsha was a devoted caregiver to her mother for many years, a good friend to many, and loved helping others.

A private gathering to celebrate Marsha's life will be held later this year at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kingston, NY.

Kathleen L. Farrington

NORTH CANAAN — Kathleen L. Farrington, 70, of North Canaan, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Kathie was born Aug. 24, 1953, to Richard and Gertrude Sullivan in Walpole, Massachusetts. After Kathie graduated from Walpole High School in 1971, she then married her husband, Wayne, and they went on to have two children, Jessica Simmons and Melissa Hajek.

Kathie retired from Geer Adult Day Center after many years of service and worked part-time caring for a wonderful woman in Canaan thereafter.

Kathie was cherished by so many people. She was a strong and caring wife to Wayne for 50 years. She was a beloved mom and best friend to daughters, Jessica and Melissa. She was a loving, loyal, and sarcastic sibling to her brothers, Scott Sullivan of Wrentham, Massachusetts, Brian Sullivan of Newark, Delaware, and her sister, Nancie McDonald (Keith) of Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Her biggest role and the one she held most dear was being the best grandmother to Molly, Keegan and Haley Simmons, and to Julia Hajek. She was immensely proud of her grandchildren and her

love will be carried with them forever.

Kathie had numerous things she was passionate about. She was an avid gardener and was most proud of her hydrangea bushes. She was an incredible scholar and prolific reader. She always had an enormous history book by her side and loved nothing more than discussing history and current events with her friends and family. During the summer, Kathie always enjoyed the family pilgrimage to Cape Cod where she was in constant search of the "perfect clam chowder". A dog lover, Kathie cherished all her Labrador Retrievers through the years.

Kathie was a selfless human being who always put the needs of others before her own. She was patient, kind, loving and enormously dedicated to everyone she knew. She was a humanitarian who exhibited extreme empathy to all. She was funny and sarcastic and could light up a room with her presence.

Calling hours will be Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. at Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, CT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Douglas Library, North Canaan, CT.

Rita Easton

SHARON — Rita Easton, 90, passed away Oct. 4, 2023, at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon.

Rita was born Rita Bernard on Sept. 8, 1933, to Henry and Victoria Bernard in Connecticut and grew up in New Britain.

Rita had a full life working as a model and actress and later as a writer. She moved to New York City to begin her modeling and actress career in her late teens. She became a weekender in South Kent in the 1980's, and later became a resident

of Sharon.

She had a regular beat reporting about Arts and Antiques for the Newtown Bee. Rita loved music and the arts and played piano and sang. She enjoyed being part of the Kent Players Theater Group and truly loved her Connecticut home and friends.

She is survived by her son, David Easton, daughter-in-law Kathy Cole Easton of Maplewood, New Jersey, two grandchildren, Ezekiel and Isabelle, and cousins Robert Makoski and Marie Makoski.

A memorial service will be held in her honor in the Spring of 2024.

For more obituaries, see page A5

Sharon Hospital to present senior wellness workshop

SHARON — Sharon Hospital, in partnership with The Salisbury Senior Center, will host a free Senior Wellness Workshop on Friday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Salisbury Senior Center at the Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville.

Members of the surrounding community are invited to join Sharon Hospital's Director of Rehabilitation Services, Melissa Braislin; as well as physical therapists Emelie Gold and Virginia Billups, as they lead a 90-minute senior wellness workshop.

The workshop will focus on balance, fall prevention, and stroke awareness. This workshop will consist of half lecture, half movement. Please come prepared to move.

All are welcome. No need to register ahead of time and there is no cost.

For questions or more information, please contact Director of Rehab and Cardiology Services, Melissa Braislin at (860) 364-4446 or Salisbury Senior Services Director, Lisa McAuliffe at (860) 435-5186.

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<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT The next meeting will be Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoioi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On The Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 Childrens Camp Shabbat Services Hebrew School CTeen YIP Judaism With A Smile! chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org</p>
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North Canaan candidate meet at Colonial Theatre Oct. 29

NORTH CANAAN — There will be a Meet and Greet event for all candidates running for selectmen in North Canaan who wish to participate.

The Meet and Greet will be on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre, 27 Railroad Street, in North Canaan. This is a

family-friendly event featuring games and crafts for kids of all ages.

Refreshments included. This is a great opportunity for the residents of North Canaan to have questions and concerns fielded by all candidates about the upcoming election and the future of North Canaan.

OBITUARIES

Constance Lenore Felton Elias Rakity

WEST CORNWALL — With deep sorrow and love, we share the passing of our dear beloved mother, Constance Lenore Felton Elias Rakity who died peacefully at age 96 on Friday evening, Sept. 29, 2023, with her daughter Leslie and family in West Cornwall, where she had resided happily for the last few years of her life.



She leaves behind three devoted daughters, Janet, Viki and Leslie, three devoted sons-in-law, 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, a loving stepson, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many good friends who adored her and will never stop loving her!

Connie was born on Jan. 31, 1927, and grew up in Brooklyn, New York. She attended PS 197, James Madison High, Brooklyn College and The University of Wisconsin where she studied science. She received an MA in education at Adelphi University.

Connie was a one-of-a-kind woman, a wonderful human being full of curiosity, spirit, courage, love, laughter, poetry, song, dancing, rhythm and an ability to create playful joy wherever she was and whomever she was with. She was one of the kindest, sweetest, loveliest and most generous people in this world. She fought for social justice from a young age, helped in the war effort during World War II, helped co-found and run a cooperative nursery school in Long Island, taught science to children and found her passion as a landscape and portrait photographer. At 86, she made a courageous move to Israel known as Aliyah to be near her eldest daughter and family who span four generations. She lived an active life in Jerusalem, exhibiting her special photographs which demonstrated her innate affinity for nature and the world of the imagination.

She was a pioneer donor in the Sadna, a school co-created by her daughter Janet to serve special needs children and adults (where Connie's grandson Hanan now lives and flourishes). She was a great supporter of Technion

University in Israel and The Southern Poverty Law Center in the United States.

At 91, she moved back to America and lived with both her daughters, Viki in New Hampshire and Leslie in West Cornwall.

Mom loved gardening, animals, children, puppets, poetry, playing the piano, dancing, quilting and making pottery. In her last years, she enjoyed playing her tambourine tirelessly in time to her favorite musicians such as Harry Belafonte, Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, Pete Seeger, Bach, Brahms, Beethoven and all kinds of music. She made everyone smile as she was always ready to recite her favorite poem "The Owl and The Pussycat" by Edward Lear. She helped everyone around her, actively engaging in life, people and community. She was a dedicated supporter of Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater, a non-profit co-founded by her daughter, Leslie Elias.

The family would like to thank the wonderful caregivers who helped support her through her last few years and through the VNA and hospice. The love and kinship she engendered around her was truly remarkable. We all are humbled and grateful for the time spent by her side.

Connie always wished for racial equality, tolerance and world peace. She created peace around her.

A celebration of her life with music will be held this winter in her home in Cornwall.

Donations in her name Constance Rakity can be made to Southern Poverty Law Center: www.splcenter.org and to The Technion Fund www.ats.org/giving/technion-fund/ The Technion funds innovative solutions to humanity's most pressing challenges through scientific research and education. From advanced health and medicine to revolutionary technologies that enhance our quality of life to a more sustainable planet, join Technion's brightest minds in creating a better future for Israel and humanity.

Marie L. Dickinson

CANAAN — Marie L. Dickinson, wife of the late William L. Dickinson, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Marie is survived by her children; Vickie Dickinson Thompson and her husband Roger. Edward Dickinson and his wife Susan. Also a granddaughter, Elisia Rotel-

la. Services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kara Zinke Emergency Fund PO Box 1209, Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home.

Full house for rail trail expansion talk

By Judith O'Hara Balfe

GHENT — Approximately 150 people turned out for the information session hosted by the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) in on Sunday, Oct. 15.

The meeting hall of the Ghent VFW was just about filled to capacity in a gathering that also served as HVRTA's annual membership meeting.

The invitation was extended to the public to discuss the 8-mile expansion of the rail trail from Philmont to Ghent. The conversation was spearheaded by HVRTA Chair Phil Meeks, HVRTA Executive Director Lisa DeLeeuw, and Mark Morrison of engineering firm of MKM Landscape Architecture of New York, which is planning the 8-mile extension.

Aside from a detailed description of the addition to the existing rail trail replete with maps, PowerPoint slides and lively discussion, refreshments were served. Following the presentations, the audience was invited to make comments and ask questions.

Meeks extended welcome to all, including several local officials who attended. He said, following the meeting, "I was very pleased with the turnout at our annual meeting. There were a lot of very good questions on the expansion of the trail, and the benefits to our local commu-



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, Dan Barufaldi, Ghent Town Board; Lisa DeLeeuw, Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association executive director; HVRTA Chair Phil Meeks; Ghent Town Supervisor Craig Simmons; John Howe, Mayor of Chatham; and Mark Morrison of MKM Landscape and Architecture of New York met in Ghent Oct. 15, regarding the expansion of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

nities."

A few questions centered on the impact the trail would have on its nearest neighbors, and its accessibility. Members of the Rail Trail Association were also on the agenda, and were able to address many of the questions as the group oversees the maintenance of the existing trail and the expansion as it takes place.

One of the items talked

about was the fact that the new section will be paved, and will reach well into central and northern Columbia County. When finished, the trail will lead hikers into the Village of Chatham, not too far from where the Shaker Museum is expected to be built.

Ghent Town Supervisor Craig Simmons and Village of Chatham Mayor John Howe

were among the attendees, as was Ghent Councilman Dan Barufaldi. Howe remarked that Chatham is beginning a multimillion-dollar water project, roughly in the area of the rail trail expansion. Such is his belief in the trail: He hopes to get the water project moving ahead of the expansion so that, once completed, there will be no need to disturb the trail when the expansion has begun.

What the residents do want to hear is that there will be ample parking for the cars of the hikers, that the trail will be well maintained, and that all rules will be enforced, such as not cutting or removing vegetation, no unleashed pets, no feeding wildlife, no camping or fires, and quiet when near local residences.

A grant in 2023 allowed for the final design and engineering plans for the expansion; however, it is not yet funded. Grants and donations are being sought, and completion will depend on when the funds can be acquired; however, the project is now "shovel-ready" as soon as the funds are in hand.

Repair café mended, rejuvenated and fixed for the good of the environment

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — No item was in too sorry a shape to be looked at, and many were just in need of a handy person's skilled hands to put the item back into service.

Such was the community spirit that has led to another in a series of Repair Cafés organized by the Climate Smart Task Force and the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), which was held at the Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Seven stations were available to area residents, specializing in free minor fixes such as garment repairs, blade sharpening, restringing of stringed instruments, bookbinding repairs, bicycle and small appliance repairs, and furniture repairs.

For those who could not attend this time, the event will happen again in April, around Earth Day, the organizers said.

"Every little bit helps," said Stacy Mantel, coordinator of the Climate Smart Task Force, which is working toward achieving Bronze status for the town in the statewide Climate Smart program. The Repair Café will earn points toward that goal.

"People are excited to learn about this event," said Christy Gast, secretary of the town's CAC. "We are happy to help our Amenia residents to remove items from the waste stream," Gast said, noting that each repair event reduces the volume of materials going to the landfill.

Town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle noted that some participants are active CAC members from other towns where similar events are being considered.

Appliance and bicycle repairs were being offered by Rhett Rohback of Amenia, who operates a local fabrication business, but he was happy to volunteer for the event. David Meharg, also of Amenia, was offering ser-

vices in restringing acoustic musical instruments.

Small furniture repairs were offered by Russell Burchette of Pine Plains, and Victoria Herow of the Amenia Public Library was on hand to repair books. Busy with sewing tasks, Pam Hoilund of Ancram had plenty to do, having built up a small but manageable backlog of mending things.

"It's growing," Gast said, estimating that the Repair Café had doubled in size since it was first offered in April.



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David Meharg repaired string instruments.

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Honey Hill subdivision proposal packs P&Z hearing

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — A public hearing on the proposal to build a 20-lot subdivision along the Housatonic River in North Canaan drew more than 60 residents to North Canaan Town Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The plan was presented by George Johannesen of Allied Engineering on behalf of landowner Bruce McEver. Through the site plan, Johannesen showed that no structure would be within 300-feet of the river and how the applicants have considered forest conservation throughout the design process.

The proposed lots range in size from 2.7 acres to 9.1 acres, each with a septic tank rated for up to five bathrooms. The site plan showed a 24-foot-wide loop road connecting to Honey Hill Road on both ends. After completion, the road would be given to the town to maintain.

A third-party report from WMC Engineering raised questions about the width



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Residents and intrigued citizens filled North Canaan Town Hall on Oct. 10 for a hearing on the proposed 20-lot subdivision at Honey Hill Road along the Housatonic River (near where it meets the Blackberry River).

of the road, which did not adhere to the town standard of 26-feet. The report also noted no catch basins or runoff drainage.

Johannesen said the omission of catch basins was intentional. "It works better. There's less maintenance for the town and it also gives it more of a country feel as opposed to a city type road."

On the issue of narrow roads, Johannesen said a

24-foot road without curbs "eliminates a lot of the impervious areas and it discourages people parking on the side of the road."

He noted the septic plans have already been approved by Torrington Area Health. The proposed homes would be connected to town water and Eversource electric.

Seeking to preserve the wild and scenic river corridor, many attendees expressed stark opposition to the application. The vast majority of written and verbal testimony at the hearing spoke out against the subdivision.

A letter from the Housatonic Valley Association requested the withdrawal of this application until a review by the town's Inland Wetland Commission can be completed. Johannesen said the plan was proposed to IWC in August and it determined a permit is not required because no structure falls within the inner corridor of the Housatonic.

Christian Allyn of the Housatonic River Commis-

sion said no plan on this subdivision was ever presented to HRC.

"The developer is required to inform us as commissioners when there is a development within the inner corridor or the outer corridor," he said. "That was not done."

Tom Zetterstrom noted that the new homes will not be affordable. He called for P&Z to deny the application as presented and requested a heavy reduction in development if the project were to go forward.

"This proposal perplexes me and saddens me. To commit 20 houses to be built on Honey Hill river frontage would allow the developer to take private financial advantage of a public resource that the Housatonic River Commission worked to protect for 40 years," said Zetterstrom. "The 20-home proposal should be denied, or at least cut back to less than half the number of houses."

In response to Zetterstrom, Johannesen noted that the land is large enough

to build up to 69 lots and single-family homes. The proposed 20-home subdivision was the result of McEver's desire to preserve the forest.

Neighbor Sue Boult spoke passionately against the proposal, advocating against the "destruction of a sacred forest" and citing quotes from Bruce McEver's conservation poetry.

From McEver's book "Many Paths," she quoted from page 281, "I've often thought that conservation and ecological movements are indeed forms of religion. A kind of worship of land and trees. And now increasingly necessary for our preservation."

Boult also cited numerous town regulations that exist to protect the character and natural features of North Canaan.

After all testimonies were read into the record, McEver spoke. He thanked the audience for their feedback and for reading his poetry. He summarized his relationship with the land and explained his decision to propose a

subdivision.

"I guess I've been accused here of being environmentally insensitive. I'm not. What I found when I came back to this [land], I had bought it 20 years ago, was that it was filled with invasives," he said. "It had to be cleared out. That force was untenable. You couldn't get in there."

He said after an extensive effort to remediate the land, "It's now viable. The forest is breathing."

On his motivation to move forward with developing homes on the land, he said his hope was to improve the town's economy.

"This town's on the edge of an economic downfall I'm afraid," McEver said. "You need a shot in the arm. You need something to turn this town around."

The applicants then discussed the potential to designate up to 15% of the land to be preserved as open space. McEver also owns abutting land that could be used for this purpose.

With this, the opinion of the room seemed to shift as McEver received considerable applause following his remarks.

Zetterstrom said designating a particular plot near the Blackberry River as a public Western Greenway has been a longstanding goal of local conservationists.

"That would be meaningful to North Canaan," said Zetterstrom.

"We're open to that suggestion," said Johannesen.

The hearing on this proposal was continued to Nov. 13, allowing the applicants a month to meet with IWC and HRC and further review the report from WMC Engineering.



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Alex Echevarria from the Little Guild, with co-star Charlie the pit bull, appeared in Veden's video.

Veden premieres newest video

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Eric Veden has released the 30th episode of his Falls Village series of videos.

Like the town he chronicles, Veden's videos are idiosyncratic.

Episode 30 starts off with cell phone footage of a small child chasing ducks.

Then it's off to the well-tended gardens of Page Dickey. Even the non-plantly among us can see the thought and effort that goes into maintaining an outdoor garden like this.

Deven interviews two mainstays of the Falls Village volunteer ambulance squad, Michelle Hansen and Andrea Downs.

Downs says calls are up and speculates that people who delayed or went without medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic are now sick, resulting in more calls.

Veden asks about trail rescues. Hansen says "a couple of times we hiked through the night" to find lost or injured hikers.

"These trails require some skill and stamina" says Downs. "You have to be in shape."

The next segment cap-

tures parishioners from the Falls Village Congregational Church greeting the dawn on Easter Sunday on Grassy Hill, by a wooden cross erected in the 1950s.

Next up, Alex Echevarria from the Little Guild brings a couple of dogs to the David M. Hunt Library.

The first, Charlie, is a female pit bull. The second, Andy, is a basic dog that "looks like the dog we had growing up."

Echevarria says too often people looking to adopt rescued dogs focus on the breed and appearance, but in this case looks are definitely deceiving.

Charlie is very tolerant and affable, and Andy is "very insecure" and requires a careful handling.

Two more Hunt events finish up the disc. Woodworker Andrew Jack gets down to the nitty-gritty with a whittling workshop, and the father and son team of Shamu and Lev Sadeh expound on jazz history and demonstrate with their trumpets.

The Falls Village videos are available for sale or borrowing at the Hunt Library and may also be seen on Veden's YouTube channel (enter Eric Veden in search box).

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Our Towns

Sharon holds hearing on solar plans

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Plans to install a solar array at Sharon Center School (SCS) were summarized by the developer and discussed by residents who attended a public hearing at the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Town Hall.

Representing the developer, Verogy of West Hartford, in conjunction with the Connecticut Green Bank, was Brad Parsons, Verogy's Director of Design and Permitting.

Parsons reviewed the details of the project that would build a ground-mounted solar panel array on town-owned land adjacent to SCS.

When operational, the installation would offset the power utility costs for the school by using solar power, Parsons said.

The site proposal recognizes that the 2.5-acre rear lot at the school was once used for a nature walk, a resource for education and recreation. To conserve that use, Verogy met with school personnel and devised a way to incorporate the solar panels into the site and preserve some of the existing nature trail.

According to the Verogy plan drawings, the solar panels ten feet in height would be installed within a square of land measuring 182 feet by 205 feet, surrounded by a chain link fence.

Parsons noted that the plan would see the removal of 12 trees on the site, leaving the stumps in place. Three young evergreen trees would be planted to act as a visual buffer for neighbors.

Understanding that silt fencing would be used to hinder runoff, P&Z member Stanley MacMillan asked about who would maintain the fencing.

The public comment portion of the hearing was initiated by Doug Rick of the Sharon Energy and Environment Commission (SEEC), who spoke of the value of renewable energy, noting that



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Residents gathered on Oct. 11 at the Sharon Planning and Zoning hearing to discuss concerns regarding the new solar array project at Sharon Center School.

more than 300 public and private schools in the state have installed solar panels, and he noted the potential energy cost savings to the town.

Abutting property owner David Levinson felt that neighbors had not been properly notified of the plans as they were developed.

"I am a believer in solar," Levinson said, but he added that he questioned the process that would have approved installation of a proposed 446 panels.

"I know more about solar than I ever did before," Levinson added, as he has studied the Power Purchase Agreement signed by the town and extended by Green Bank. He noted that if the SCS does not use the specified minimum of generated

solar power, there will be a penalty.

Levinson asked for a town meeting vote and a more thorough examination of the proposal.

"As a town, it is important for us to have a vibrant, successful school. There are larger issues at hand than saving money," Levinson said, although he acknowledged that the SEEC's intentions are good.

Resident Patee Hecht said that she fully supports the installation of the solar array, but she said that the plans did not recognize the existence of the onsite nature preserve. She said that the twelve trees that are slated for removal had been planted to provide habitat. She called for the planners to replace the twelve trees.

Neighboring property owner Carolyn Mattoon, who serves as SEEC chairman, said that in 16 years, she had never seen a single person walking in the nature preserve.

SEEC member Roger Liddell said that the project "has enormous benefit to the town."

First Selectman Brent Colley suggested that an additional town meeting might be an appropriate way forward.

"It's a town decision," Colley said, adding that the Connecticut Green Bank does a great job, that this is a partnership opportunity.

"They could have walked away," he said, "but instead they took the action of extending the term of the Power Purchase Agreement."



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Anne Cameron's weaving will be on display Oct. 21.

Historical society highlights 'ancient craft' of weaving

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The art of weaving dates back thousands of years, making it a logical subject for an upcoming exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society that will explore the work of a local weaver.

The historical society gallery will exhibit the textile weaving talents of local resident Anne Cameron during the society's open hours between Saturday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Dec. 8. An opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Cameron said that she began weaving about twelve years ago when, as a pastor, she was attending a retreat conference in Washington State. She signed up for a weaving class being offered at the conference and has been weaving ever since.

"Weaving is an ancient craft, and it is fitting that the Sharon Historical Society is

showing a modern take on this artistic fiber technique," Cameron said.

"The methods of weaving have not changed fundamentally in thousands of years," she added.

Over the years, Cameron recounts that she has worked with all sorts of variations, including simple weave structures on a rigid "heddle loom" to the highly sophisticated 32 harness computerized "dobby loom." She favors complex twills, and she really enjoys exploring creative uses of color. A rigid wooden tabletop heddle loom is often used with good results by beginners. The larger dobbie loom is more complex, able to create more intricate designs, possibly moving whole sections of yarn at once rather than a strand at a time.

The current exhibit will include a sampling of her shawls, scarves and sophisticated household items, Cameron said.

Republicans party in Salisbury

The Salisbury Town Republican Committee hosted a pizza party and a raffle at The Town Grove on Sunday, Oct. 15. Republican candidates turned out in force.

At right, George Logan (R), who is challenging sitting U.S. Rep. Jahana Hays (D-5), drew raffle tickets with Barbara Schoenly. Below, from left, incumbent Salisbury Selectman Don Mayland, George Logan, Salisbury Board of Education candidate Stanley Morby (and his daughter), STRC Chair Tom Morrison, Board of Ed. candidate Peter Becket, and incumbent State Senator Stephen Harding (R-30).



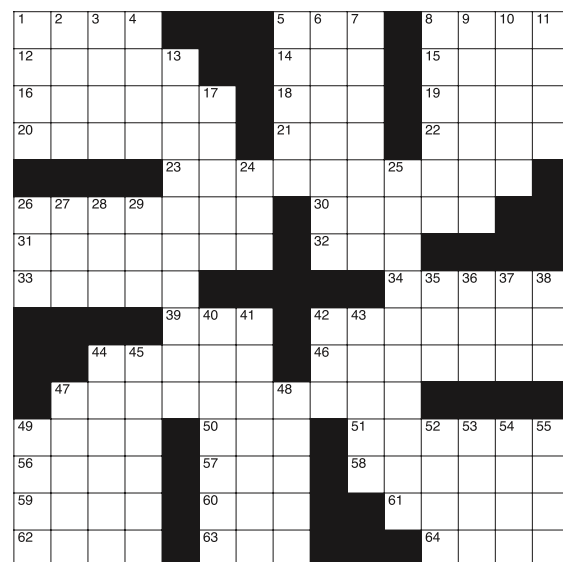
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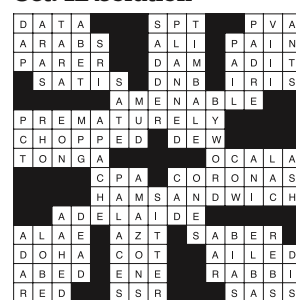
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1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
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61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

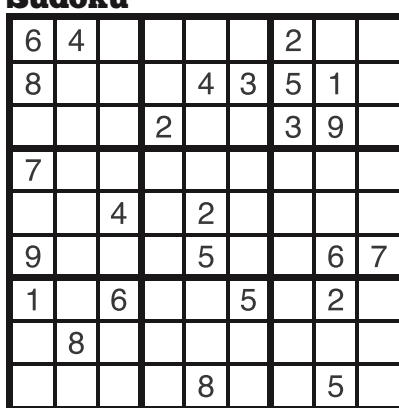


9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
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54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

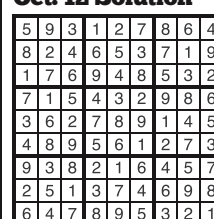
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Meet the candidates: North Canaan

FIRST SELECTMAN

Christian Allyn

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

Christian Allyn graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2017, started his company Invasive Plant Solutions, which now employs a staff of 7 there and wrote the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. He has served on the Board of Selectman since 2017. He also serves as a Housatonic River Commissioner and on many local nonprofits including the Foundation for Community Health, Friends of Beckley Furnace, Canaan History Center and many more.



can get all of our townspeople's projects on a plan to be executed and use that plan to get grants for those projects.

Why do you want to be selectman?

Becoming a Selectman and a First Selectman has been the goal of my life. In 2017 I got elected to the Board of Selectman and was able to work hard to change the narrative on North Canaan from a declining small town to an up-and-coming town in the eyes of the New York Times. I am excited to run for First Selectman to push that positivity forward to North Canaan's top office and work everyday to continue to uphold North Canaan a beacon of hope in Northwest Connecticut.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Top priorities are to finish what I have started, getting the Ruggles Landing project finished, Blight Ordinances brought to a town meeting and find a resolution to reopen our Greenway trails. There after I will begin rewriting the Plan of Conservation and Development so we

How would you improve the town?

I will continue to work every day for the town of North Canaan. With my involvement in many community organizations I have built a deep base of background knowledge of our town and will continue to use that for the benefit of everyone. Restructuring our town government to make it better able to receive grants is what North Canaan needs. By taking the time to rewrite the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and seek grants North Canaan will be in a great position to continue improving.

Anything to add?

It has been a joy to serve on the Board of Selectmen. As announced by Jesse Bunce and myself, Jesse will not be stepping down so that I have a spot on the Board of Selectmen. Therefore if voters want me on the Board of Selectmen they must vote for me.

SELECTMAN

Ann Talmadge

Unaffiliated Write-in Candidate for Selectman

My father encouraged me to join the military and at the time, I never thought I would end up a retired veteran of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. I was activated into service overseas on three occasions to support air operations in Kosovo, Bosnia and Iraq. In addition to military service, I have been a federal government employee for almost 20 years working in different agencies in Washington, DC. I now work for the US Air Force at Hanscom AFB, Bedford, MA building a better Air Force.



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Why do you want to be selectman?

I believe in North Canaan and its residents. Our town has great people who want to see it succeed and be a viable community with a government that supports and protects its residents. There are opportunities for growth in business which my experience can help foster. There are opportunities to live healthier, by establishing healthcare, exercise areas and good nutrition with our farming community. And, I want to take advantage of the sage knowledge of our older residents.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

I'll get straight to the point. My top priorities are to finish projects that have already been started and which align with my three key areas:

Building a healthy community.
Strengthening and mod-

How would you improve the town?

We have two green spaces that have languished that I'd like to bring under the town's oversight whether it be through supporting nonprofit organizations or as town parks. I am also seeking ways to build a land trust so we can avoid situations that we are currently facing with one of our green spaces. I hope to work with the other selectman to seek out and draft grants designed for rural communities. And I would like to revamp our town's website to improve dissemination of information.

Anything to add?

The opportunity to become a selectman arose and I decided to try to participate in helping to manage and grow North Canaan. I would like to emphasize that one doesn't have to be in the government to help. I encourage our residents to volunteer.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Brian M. Ohler

Republican Nominee for First Selectman

- 12 years in the United States Army; Military Police
- 3 combat tours; Iraq and Afghanistan
- Small business owner; safety consultation
- Former CT State Representative
- Former member of North Canaan Board of Finance
- Vol. Firefighter and EMT
- Regional Director; Hartford Healthcare
- Four college degrees; Masters in Public Administration and Emergency Management; Masters in Healthcare Administration; Bachelors in Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Associates in Criminal Justice.



Why do you want to be selectman?
Serving others is a commitment that can never be taken for granted, nor taken lightly. To me, servant leadership has always been a guiding virtue. I believe, as diverse as my life has been, it has provided me with the life experience, professional opportunities, and education that is necessary to lead Canaan into its next chapter. I want to help create a government that is accountable and equitable; one that champions success, eliminates hardships, and invites continuous civic engagement.

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If elected, what are your top priorities?

Ensure the health and safety of every resident, eliminate wasteful spending, identify more efficient methods of governing, improve the function and processes of every town board and commission, capture grants and financial aid, adopt a new

regional education budgeting formula, help businesses thrive and succeed, create a more robust sports program for our youth, update town utilities and facilities, make the Town Hall more accessible, and be a constant champion for Canaan!

How would you improve the town?

Canaan has been gaining momentum. But I believe that I can form and lead a team that has the innate ability to truly foster a civic and social environment that creates greater opportunity for every resident, family, and business; focusing more on overall affordability, sound capital investments, stronger governmental processes, expansive economic networking, creating reliable public and private partnerships, and establishing an advocacy for enhancing our quality of life as a whole.

Anything to add?

No matter where our differences may be, we can rely heavily on the one common denominator that lives within all of us; that Canaan is our home, it's our love. Let that be the fuel needed to bring our voices and ideas together. www.brianohler.com

Get to know the selectman candidates ahead of the 2023 municipal election. In North Canaan, there are two candidates for first selectman and three candidates for selectman vying for a seat on the town board. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

Election basics

Voting day for 2023 municipal elections is Nov. 7. North Canaan's polling station will be at Town Hall, 100 Pease Street from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots are already available from the Town Clerk. Absentee ballots can be placed in the ballot box outside Town Hall and will be counted at the polls.

North Canaan's Board of Selectmen is composed of a first, second and third selectman. The first selectman is the town's chief elected official who administers town business on a day to day basis, the Board of Selectmen is responsible for superintending the town's affairs subject to control of town meetings. Selectmen in North

Canaan are elected to two-year terms. They are seated on the board one week after election day. The annual salary of the first selectman is \$32,000 and the annual salary of the second and third selectmen is \$6,500 each.

The candidate for first selectman that receives the most votes will become first selectman through 2025. The remaining first selectman candidate then drops into the pool with the candidates for selectman. The candidate that receives the most votes in the pool will become second selectman, and the next highest will become third selectman through 2025 (subject to state law on minority representation).

SELECTMAN

Craig Whiting

Republican Nominee for Selectman

48 years old. Born and raised in North Canaan. Graduated from HVRHS. Served as FFA Alumni President. Jr Firefighter and 30 year member of Canaan Fire Company, still active. Served many years as a line officer. Served on the Board of Finance. Finishing my 3rd term as a Selectman. In the process of acquiring my pilot's license. I work in Facilities management at a local private school. I was the facility manager at a large, state owned facility in RI. Very passionate for our town.



Why do you want to be selectman?

I have dedicated my last 6 years to the town of North Canaan. Brian and I have come up with a 50 point plan to bring North Canaan to the next level. I hope to be part of the leadership that improves our town infrastructure, communication, tax base by supporting business growth, continue working towards a safe community by providing support to our first responders in EMS, Fire protection and police. I would like to see North Canaan as a destination to support our local businesses.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Over 70% of our tax dollars in North Canaan go to education. We cannot sustain affordable living when our portion of the regional budget increases by 20% in 4 years. As a town representing less than 10% of the regional grand list we cannot be paying 39% of the budget. The

discussion should be "how do we divide the budget in a way that is fair and equitable for all of the taxpayers in Region 1" instead of dividing it amongst the towns in a way that punishes family friendly towns financially.

How would you improve the town?

I have a written tax incentive program for businesses ready to be reviewed by the EDC and then approved at a town meeting. This will promote new businesses as well as to promote our current businesses to invest in their properties. Making sure we have the right people in the right offices is essential to the smooth operation of the town. If Brian and I are elected we will review all departments and make sure we are providing all the services required.

Anything to add?

The biggest complaint I receive is directly related to property taxes. There are 2 ways to lower taxes, increase the tax base or lower the regional school budget. I think we need to prioritize both to make a difference.

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SELECTMAN

Jesse Bunce

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

I'm a lifelong resident of North Canaan. My family has been here for generations. I'm married with a 18-month-old son. I own and manage a successful excavation business, and because of that business I have strong and planning and organizational skills. I manage over 1/2 dozen employees. I've been on the Planning and Zoning board for 2 years.



Why do you want to be selectman?

I feel that North Canaan needs a change in a positive direction. We need to get our spending in order and make things more affordable for young families to enjoy a good quality of life in this town and for the older population to retire comfortably.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

Make small changes to cut non-essential spending in the budget. Search for grants and other funding opportunities to protect the general fund. Communication and transparency are key. Be sure that all Town of North Canaan elected officials, appointed officials and town employees are held to a standard of transparency and respect the tax payers. Review all processes at the transfer station to ensure ef-

How would you improve the town?

Review all road status to be sure that they meet the specifications. Make strides for families to offer more local programs tailored to children, work to increase school aged and infant care available. Work with business owners to better understand the needs they have and how the town can help. Communication across the Board to ensure all parties are working for the good of the community

Anything to add?

We're going to have a MEET AND GREET for candidates on Oct. 29, from 1-4 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre, Canaan, CT. Please join us, families are welcome! Refreshments and games, too.

Salisbury voter registration session to be held on Oct. 31

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, for unregistered residents who wish to vote in the up-

coming Nov. 7 municipal election.

Residents who have just turned 18, just moved to town or have been on military leave may still register on Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet the candidates: Sharon

FIRST SELECTMAN

Casey T. Flanagan

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

I am a lifelong Sharon resident. I live here with my wife Meghan and 10-year-old son Jack. I have been employed for 23 years at the Weatherstone Estate in Sharon where I am the Head of Grounds and Maintenance. I am a member of the Transfer Station Advisory Committee; I served 4 years on the Board of Finance and 4 years on the Board of Selectmen.

Why do you want to be selectman?

Ultimately, when I think about why I want to be First Selectman of Sharon it's because of my son, Jack. I want to make Sharon a place that he is proud to call his hometown. I want to ensure he has the opportunity to work and raise a family here. The position of First Selectmen will be a good fit for me. I feel like I have a good understanding of the current challenges that face Sharon.

What are your top priorities?

Ensure that the day-to-day operations of the town run smoothly. Utilize technology to create efficiency for employees and create better experiences for residents. Work closely with Road Foreman to ensure he has adequate resources. Support the volunteers and organizations that provide Sharon with essential services. Continue to support



efforts between Sharon and Salisbury to address the garbage crisis. Support Sharon Housing Trust in their effort to create more affordable housing.

How would you improve the town?

Transparency and communication are essential when serving the public. I will do my best to ensure information is readily available and key stakeholders are involved from the beginning. We will improve the decision making process in Sharon when we attract more people to the early stages of a conversation rather than the eleventh hour.

Anything to add?

I get a great deal of satisfaction being part of the team of employees and volunteers that serve Sharon. I look forward to the opportunity to continue that over the next two years.

SELECTMAN

John Brett

Unaffiliated Candidate for Selectman

I was born and raised in Bergen County NJ, graduated from Fordham University and enjoyed a career in Investment banking working for Morgan Stanley & Co, Paine Webber Inc. and the UBS AG as a derivatives sales trader. I currently reside in Sharon CT, living here full time for the past 10 years. I am involved in the community in a number of ways; Hospice volunteer, board member Sharon Audubon, administrator Artgarage, Committee member Sharon Connect Task Force and part of the local music scene.

Why do you want to be selectman?

I've come to appreciate the wonderful place we live in, particularly Sharon and after getting to know the area and some of the people who live here, I feel compelled to increase my involvement in town matters. I hope to bring positivity, inclusion and respectfulness to the position as I am a seeker of consensus aligned with what's best for Sharon. I believe I can bring a useful perspective to the Sharon Board of Selectman.

If elected, what are your top priorities?

In conjunction with the town officials, offices, committees and residents, I believe that creating a long term planning strategy for the town that addresses the issues confronting our town and region like affordable housing, economic development, transfer station logistics, education and



connectivity. I am looking forward to serving the town and hopefully bringing ideas and perspective to whatever other issues may come about. I also believe that what transpires with Sharon Hospital is critical.

How would you improve the town?

In a more general sense, the big overarching issue that our town and region face is poor demographics. We need to find a way to retain young people and families so that they can live and work here. Affordable housing and economic development go hand in hand towards this problem. I am hoping that through tackling some of the more immediate local issues and creating a long term plan will ensure that the town's present and future are on the right track.

Anything to add?

Thanks for the opportunity to share my history, views and hopes that I bring to the table as I embark on public service as selectman in Sharon.

Get to know the selectman candidates ahead of the 2023 municipal election. In Sharon, there is one candidate for first electman and two candidates for selectman. All three will be seated on the board. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

SELECTMAN

Lynn Sharon Kearcher

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

I was born and raised in Sharon. Worked several years in publishing in NYC managing a staff and adhering to deadlines. Locally, I've served on several committees.

Why do you want to be selectman?

To further serve the town.

What are your top priorities?

I believe the priorities should be decided by the collective Selectmen body.

How would you improve the town?

The town is pretty much perfect.



Election basics

Voting day for 2023 municipal elections is Nov. 7. Sharon's polling station will be at Town Hall, 63 Main Street from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots will be already available from the Town Clerk. Absentee ballots will be counted at the polls.

Sharon's Board of Selectmen is composed of a first selectman and two additional selectmen. The first selectman is the chief executive and administrative officer. He is an ex-officio member of all commissions and boards within the town government. He also is authorized to appoint non-elective officials and personnel,

with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and sees that all laws and ordinances governing the town are faithfully executed. The Board initiates the ordinances and laws of the town.

Selectmen in Sharon are elected to two-year terms. They are seated on the board two weeks after election day. The annual salary of the first selectman is \$78,422 and the annual salary of the other two selectmen is \$5,982 each.

Casey Flanagan will become first selectman through 2025. Lynn Sharon Kearcher and John Brett will become selectmen through 2025.

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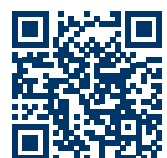
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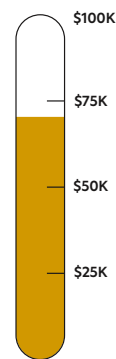
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through its celebrations and outreach programs.

"I was drawn to the event because I, like so many in our community, continue to mourn the tragic loss of life and horrific violence inflicted on innocent Israelis at the hands of brutal terrorists," said Logan.

"I wanted to be able to join our community in prayer and show my steadfast support for our Jewish neighbors."

Silence speaks volumes

About a half dozen Northwest Corner organizations, officials and individuals, whose family members have either been impacted by prior acts of violence against Israel, or who serve the Jewish community, declined to comment.

Two days after the attack on Israel, a rally was held in New Haven in support of the Connecticut Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-CT), which represents 150,000 Muslims statewide.

According to the CAIR-CT, the Israel/Palestine war stems from decades of systematic violence and oppres-

sion targeting Palestinians.

In a statement last week, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy called the attacks on Israeli civilians by Hamas terrorists on the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War "unconscionable."

He said the United States "stands firmly with the Israeli people and supports the government of Israel's right to defend itself from this horrific violence."

Murphy said "many people on both sides will suffer as a result of Hamas's orchestrated attacks, which will only cause more chaos and misery."

Gov. Ned Lamont, who directed U.S. and State of Connecticut flags lowered to half-staff until sunset on Saturday, Oct. 14 in recognition and in mourning of the lives lost from the attacks in Israel, noted: "Our hearts break for those facing this terror. Connecticut stands in solidarity with the people of Israel, and we are praying for

lasting peace for the entire region."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), who said she was not aware of the recent vigil in Litchfield but would have attended, noted that she has

cause they are experiencing shock and heartbreak over the loss of life and violence targeting very young children and the elderly who were just living their lives."

Horn said the events unfolding in Israel may be particularly traumatic for people who had relatives in the Holocaust "and have spent so many years building a better life, and now to be faced with this. You know what's coming."

The state official, who formerly chaired the Public Safety Committee that passed legislation to help state police deal with hate crimes, also pointed to a heightened awareness of antisemitism.

Having worked with several Jewish organizations in the past, Horn said she is "aware there is an uptick in antisemitic language. It was definitely on the upswing then, and they were concerned about that becoming a continuum."

"I wanted to be able to join our community in prayer and show my steadfast support for our Jewish neighbors."

George Logan, 5th Congressional District candidate

had casual conversations with people in passing since the conflict broke out.

"They have been expressing heartbreak and bewilderment, grief and fear, over this situation and are trying to figure out how best to hold the people who are most affected by this in our care."

She suggested that those who want to help can reach out to local Jewish organizations, but noted that some people, or organizations, may prefer to remain private for personal reasons.

"I think it kind of encapsulates the desire in people trying not to make political statements out of this, or be-

RUN & WAG

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over-all. Only seconds later, Brittany Telke finished first in the dog/human category with her dog Mazikeen for the third straight year. Brittany loves the race and said, "Mazikeen is a sight dog and when he sees friends and family along the way he wants to stop and visit". No stopping this time helped them claim victory once again.

A happy day for The Little Guild, friends, families, runners, and most of all the four-legged companions of every possible variety.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

At Run & Wag on Oct. 14, Julie Norwell and canine companion "Raleigh" joyously jogged through Cornwall.

PUPPETS

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and magic, and puppets are all about that. It's an ancient form of art and a great vehicle to gently communicate big ideas to an audience," she adds.

Friday's festivities began with a series of short films in the great hall of the Norfolk Library presented by Heather Henson, daughter of legendary puppeteer and creator of The Muppets, Jim Henson.

Henson took questions from an enthusiastic audience and afterwards spoke of her father's work, legacy, and the presence of puppetry in Connecticut mentioning workshops at the O'Neill Theater in Waterford and degrees in puppetry at the University of Connecticut.

Fitzgibbins and Henson had been in touch by email.

"Heather was curious how we put this together, especially since we hadn't thought to look at obvious resources such as the puppet guilds that already exist in Connecticut. She helped me attend a puppet festival in Coney Island, New York, and introduced me to the puppetry community. It was great to see what makes puppeteers tick and

what they need for support," Fitzgibbins says.

On Saturday, The Tanglewood Marionettes, a group from Ware, Massachusetts, that offers traditional and innovative styles of puppetry, performed the classic fairy tale "Sleeping Beauty" at 10 a.m. Dream Tale Puppets, a group from Cotuit, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, performed "Alice or the Red King's Dream" in the Battell Chapel at 1 p.m.

Resisting the rain, the colorful Puppet Parade pranced through the town Green at 3 p.m. with large scale puppets including a butterfly, birds, an eagle on stilts, purple and red dragons, the sun and the moon, and other fantastic nature and fantasy-based creations to the delight of children and adults.

About the festival and their plans for next year Fitzgibbins says, "We're going to be having an African American puppeteer named Tanya Nixon-Silberg whose puppet show is based on social issues called 'My Night In The Planetarium.' We know the stage builder Sarah Nolen who works with her."

HOUSING

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roughly \$231,280. Salisbury's median income is \$72,658.

An "Existential Crisis"

In the last 20 years, Salisbury has seen an exodus of young adults and young families. The median age—now 52 in Salisbury—is about 10% higher than the figure in Litchfield County.

The median income—not adjusted for inflation—fell 13.6% between 2010 and 2019 (the second largest drop in Connecticut in that period, after Mansfield), according to census data.

Affordable housing in Salisbury is now "an existential crisis" for the town, said Jim Dresser, who served as a Town Selectman for 12 years, and is now a member of both the Affordable Housing Commission and the Affordable Housing Committee.

The problem is not new—it has simply grown starker and more urgent. Back in the year 2000, in a series of meetings sponsored by the Salisbury Association, a forum of residents determined that the lack of affordable housing was the most pressing problem facing the town. They cited shortages of workers and professionals, particularly teachers and healthcare workers, seniors losing longtime homes, diminishing numbers of emergency services volunteers and healthcare workers, and an economically stagnant "downtown."

At the time, "there was already difficulty getting staff at Sharon Hospital. Difficulty finding plumbers and home health care workers and so on," said Dresser. "It just wasn't in everybody's face like it is today. Today, you go to LeBonne's at 5:00 in the afternoon, and it's 'closed early lack of staff.'"

A well-documented and increasingly perilous shortage of teachers, healthcare workers, non-medical caretakers, emergency service volunteers—not to mention cashiers and restaurant workers, plumbers and contractors, butchers and stockists—belies the less obvious decline in qualified municipal workers, journalists and writers, non-profit professionals, small-business owners and entrepreneurs, and managers at local banks and other businesses.

"There is a large segment of this community that is

incrementally being forced out of our town," said Michael Klemens, chairman of the Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission. "Ultimately, a community that lacks a diversity of income levels, a diversity of people, of different socioeconomic levels, different abilities, different interests, is a community that becomes unhealthy and unsustainable."

Unless the trend is reversed, said Klemens, Salisbury cannot sustain "the community as we have known it."

The Problems

In order to support a diversity of people, said Klemens, we need a diversity of housing. That is what Salisbury does not have.

"We housing folks refer to a housing ladder, which I'm sure we've all been on—you start on the bottom rungs, maybe a studio apartment in college, then a one bedroom," said Dresser. "Eventually you might get to the point where you can buy a small starter house—that's the housing ladder. If the bottom rungs are missing, you can't get on it."

Of Salisbury's primary residences, 81% are detached, single-family homes, more than a third of which have four or more bedrooms. (Two-bedroom units constitute 18% of the town's housing stock).

In part, it's a zoning problem, said Jocelyn Ayr, the Director of the Litchfield Cen-

ter for Housing Opportunity.

"I work with all of the 16 communities in Litchfield County on affordable housing plans," said Ayr. In every case, she said, the only kind of home you can build "by right [...] is just a single-family home on three acres, basically." Anything else requires a special permit from the town, the notification of the abutters, public hearings, at minimum, she said.

Salisbury's housing crisis is further deepened by the town's unique peculiarities.

In Salisbury, just 36.4% of housing units are owner-occupied, compared to 64.5% in Litchfield County. (Nearly half of the housing units in Salisbury are "second homes" or short-term rentals.)

The topography of the area is also particularly poorly suited to building. "There's a land shortage," said Klemens. "It may seem more that's ironical given how much land there is, but there's very little buildable land" that isn't being farmed, he said. Most of the land in the township is wetlands, floodplains, or steep, rocky slopes and mountains.

The Plan

If implemented in its entirety, the 2023 Plan would create 100 new affordable housing units in the next ten years, bringing the total number of housing units defined as "affordable" up to 157 by 2033.

In their discussion prior to adopting the 2023 Plan,

each of the three Town Selectmen emphasized that the Plan does not have to be effected in its entirety.

"It's a plan, which is the key word," said Selectman Don Mayland. "As with all plans, some things may have to be change."

"This is a guideline," agreed Selectman Christian Williams. "It will assist us in achieving our goals. It's not set in stone. It has to go through the other committees and boards of our town for approval on anything that gets done."

The Board of Selectmen also took up other issues that the Plan touched on. First Selectman Curtis Rand raised the question of "homestead" legislation, which would offer some kind of tax relief to longtime Salisbury homeowners for whom the property tax burden has become too high to afford.

"[Property tax] is hollowing out of the middle class, it really is," said Williams. "It's making it unattainable to be in the middle class and living in this town. There's something we have to do about this. [...] Affordable housing is part of it but it's not all of it."

"Well this is a problem, a serious problem," said Mayland. "And it warrants some serious thought to it."

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Renew, Reuse, Ready-to-Wear

Trash is back on the catwalk in the best possible way. Returning after the success of its 2019 debut, The American Mural Project in Winsted, Conn., will host the one-of-kind live Recycled Runway competition on Saturday, Oct. 21. In this TV-show-like challenge, designers must turn one man's garbage into an editorial-ready garment. From scrapped film negatives to discarded luggage, nothing is off the table (or the sewing bench), as long as the ready-to-wear look is 75% recycled material.

It's a concept that has only become more relevant since the last Recycled Runway, as consumers are developing an increased awareness of the harm

the fast fashion industry (mass-produced, low-cost retailers that often use plastic fibers) has inflicted on the planet. The UN has named fast fashion responsible for 10% of global carbon emission.

American Mural Project Executive Director Amy Wynn pointed to several Recycled Runway designers working towards a future of more sustainable apparel.

One of the contestants, Diana Cesaro, an Avon, Conn., based designer, sells her sustainable clothing through an online business on Etsy, a popular e-commerce platform that often specializes in handcrafted and vintage items. "When Diana was invited, she said, 'This is going to be great be-

cause I'm all about really making people aware of this awful element of waste in the apparel industry," Wynn said. "She said each pound of waste from apparel production is associated with two pounds of carbon dioxide. In the fashion industry, yearly, as much as 92 million tons of clothing end up in landfills."

Each of the contestants in Recycled Runway is also competing on behalf of a charity of their choice, with votes for their designs made through donations. Cesaro's charity is FABSCRAP, a non-profit organization based in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It was created to meet New York City's commercial textile and recycling needs," said Wynn. "Materials that traditionally would have gone into the landfill are now being correctly recycled and made available for reuse."

Wynn pointed to another contestant, Songlan Wu, a graduate of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and a technical designer and the New York City-based fashion house Sachin & Babi, as another artist stitching eco-consciousness into

her work, combating waste through what Wu calls "slow fashion." "Songlan Wu's upcycling materials by using leftover yarns and discussing intentionality when it comes to material in her work. It's handcrafted, slowed down fashion concepts, using methods like hand-sewing and beading and embroidery and knitting and hand-dyeing so that you can use even less electrical energy. She's making it by hand, she's not using production elements. She's also talked about planning carefully so that you incorporate leftovers into your designs, and in doing so, you also have less waste."

For tickets to Recycled Runway go to www.americanmuralproject.org. Doors open at 6 p.m.



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Designs by Recycled Runway competitor Songlan Wu

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The Serious Make-Believe of Artist Danielle Klebes

On the penultimate floor of Maxon Mills in the Wassaic Project's 2023 summer exhibition, "Counting the Seconds Between Lightning and Thunder," several life-sized, 3D portraits on wooden cutouts stood like ushers, guiding the viewer to climb the last staircase and enter the final installation: Danielle Klebes' "7th Floor Walk-up."

A collection of over 100 paintings made

up the contents of this space, an interior blending reality with imagination. From the red plastic Solo cups on the mantle to the taxidermy on the walls, from the books on the bookshelf to the magazines on the coffee table to the floor itself, everything in the space was a painting, creating a liminal space between reality and fantasy.

Klebes was born in Rochester, N.Y., but moved for the first of many times just two

weeks later. Her mother, an artist as well, lived her life following her muse, which meant that Klebes and her sister followed along with her.

This itinerant childhood left Klebes with brief stints in "all of New England," Florida, and even some time in Japan. Now rooted more than she's ever been in Wassaic, a hamlet in Amenia, N.Y., Klebes is investigating place and what it means to be in a community.

In 2020, she applied to The Wassaic Project's exhibition and residency program. "It's pretty famous in the art residency world," said Klebes, "and I'd been doing residencies for about three years, so I was dying to get to Wassaic."

The residency and the exhibition were both canceled due to the pandemic. A fellowship opportunity opened instead, which Klebes applied for and received. She was a fellow for about five months and then was hired as the full-time programming coordinator. "This is like my dream job, so I'm so excited."

This is also the longest she's ever been anywhere. Standing relatively still, Klebes now gets to observe as other artists come and go, inspired and ignited



SELF-PORTRAIT PHOTO BY DANIELLE KLEBES

Painter Danielle Klebes' next exhibition will open at Jennifer Terzain Gallery in Litchfield, Conn., on Saturday, Oct. 29

by an ever-changing cast of characters. She said: "I love the community aspect of being in a residency. It keeps me pushing myself. If I'm alone in my studio, it's too easy to let yourself off the hook. It's really important to be around people that inspire you."

Klebes knew she loved painting from a very early age. She took a painting class as a child at the Currier Gallery (now Currier Museum) in New Hampshire. "I wasn't interested in make-believe. I was very serious."

It is this kind of serious make-believe that is at the center of Klebes' work. Her upcoming solo show, "NOWHERE," at the Jennifer Terzian Gallery in Litchfield, Conn., opening Sunday, Oct. 29, will showcase interiors transporting viewers into a world where reality and imagination coexist.

The beauty of everyday life is in a conversation with the intricate details that often go unnoticed in what Klebes calls a sort of "eye spy" approach to painting. "I'm having fun doing

multiples," she said, "where the same things appear...find this car, find this calendar..."

In the few weeks leading up to the show, Klebes is interested in painting real spaces and the made-up ones of her imagination. She explained, "It's the accidental things that make you realize it's a real space." She continued: "I did this painting of my brother and sister, and my brother was wearing these weird black socks, and you realize these would never be there unless they were really there because they're just so strange. Those moments only happen in real life. By inventing, it cleans it up too much somehow. So in my last month before the show, I want to paint real spaces."

Sharing a home with her girlfriend, former Wassaic print fellow McKinzie Trotta, and working at The Wassaic Project has provided Klebes a new stability and space to explore. It has also provided ample storage space for her paintings—her mother's ever-changing abode required a recent relocation of her artworks from her basement.

The question of what makes a space "real" now pervades her artistry. With incredible attention to detail, she dissects the essence of presence, the tangible evidence of existence, and the struggle to portray "now HERE" instead of, perhaps, "nowhere."

"There's something about queerness in a small town," she explained, "I feel much more like I want to shout it from the rooftops." Now reunited with some of her older work, she's curious about the characters and what role they will play, the role that a chosen family plays in one's life.

Klebes mused, "I am still trying to find the balance of reflecting my life in my work," and continued, "I love painting. Period. I'm curious. I like people. It's what always comes back."

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Sports

High school hockey teams face off in South Kent Fall Classic

By Riley Klein

KENT — Top tier high school hockey hit the rink for three days of all-out action during the South Kent Fall Classic from Oct. 13 to 15.

The round robin tournament featured four teams: South Kent School 18U, Northwood School 18U (New York), Little Caesars 18U (Michigan), and Cégep André-Laurendeau (Quebec).

Each team faced off against the other three schools on the ice at Stockdale Arena on South Kent School's campus. The tournament victor was determined by overall performance throughout the weekend.

A regulation win awarded three points, while an overtime shootout victory awarded two points. An overtime shootout loss awarded one point and a regulation loss yielded no points.

As early as day one it was evident that this Fall Classic would be one to remember. Before puck-drop, South Kent Head Coach Connor Court expected "an excellent weekend of hockey with some very good teams coming into town."

South Kent opened the tournament with an afternoon match against Little Caesars on Oct. 13. The Cardinals' keeper Connor Broderick was a brick wall in the net, helping South Kent win 2-0 in the first game. Austin Michaud and Daniil Dyachkov each scored once for South Kent.

The Northwood Huskies faced off against Cégep André-Laurendeau, Le Boomerang, on day one in what proved to be a heated contest on the ice. A couple scuffles broke out late in the game and landed some Huskies in the cage. Le Boomerang capitalized on the first power-play but couldn't connect on the next. Northwood held on to win 2-1 over André-Laurendeau.

Little Caesars took on Northwood on Oct. 14 to start day two of the tournament. Northwood's dominant puck control left Little Caesars with few offensive opportunities in the game. The Huskies won 4-0 in their second game of the Fall Classic.

South Kent played Cégep André-Laurendeau on day two. Le Boomerang had a



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Connor Broderick was a brick wall in net for South Kent in the opening game of the Fall Classic on Oct. 13.



The Cardinals' speed helped them defeat Cégep André-Laurendeau on day two of the tournament.



After going undefeated in the 2023 Fall Classic, Northwood School posed for a team photo on center ice.

clear size advantage, but superior speed gave the upper hand to the Cardinals. South Kent scored in the first minute and led throughout. They ate some hard hits on the boards, but stuck it out for a 4-0 win against André-Laurendeau.

On the final day, Le Boomerang played Little Caesars to determine third place in the Fall Classic. André-Laurendeau came out to a 2-1 lead in the first period, but Little Caesars responded and took a 3-2 lead by the end of the second. In the third, Little Caesars scored early, then Le Boomerang came back when it counted and tied the game 4-4 with under a minute to play. A 5-minute sudden-death overtime resulted in no goals, leading to a shootout. Little Caesars clutched the win and earned third place in the tournament.

The grand finale match was South Kent versus Northwood on Oct. 15. With both teams having won their previous matches in regulation, this one was for all the marbles.

Northwood got off to a hot start and scored twice in the first period. The Huskies tacked on another goal early in the second to go up 3-0. Both teams slugged it out for the final period. Monstrous hits rang off the plexiglass like a bell. The bench added to the noise by pounding their sticks against the wall harder and harder with each slam.

With five minutes left in the game, South Kent got

on the board. The Cardinals caught wind and unleashed a flurry of shots in the final minute. None got past the keeper, and the game ended 3-1 in favor of the Huskies.

South Kent placed second with six points. Little Caesars took third with two points, and Le Boomerang ended with one point.

The Huskies posed with the title banner on center ice before heading home to Lake Placid.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Deflating the pontoon boat is a sure sign that summer is over. That and the leaves.

Gone with a whoosh

By the time you read this I will have returned from a week's vacation in the Catskills.

Meanwhile I wrapped up the Mt. Riga side of things over the Columbus Day weekend, with the help of my cousin, who understands the plumbing better than I do.

This meant putting the pontoon boat away, always a melancholy duty. The air whooshing out of the pontoons drives it home. No more aimless floating around, catching a large-mouth here, annoying a pumpkinseed there, and occasionally irritating the single most ornery finned creature in freshwater, the pickerel. (Usually when a fish is caught and released, it beats it. Not the pickerel. They hang around a few yards away for hours, glaring.)

A large part of the camp closing was already done, so the annual Inspection of the Mustard Bottles was unnecessary.

My cousin Julie, the famous TV chef, thinks we should work up the Inspection into some sort of contest. Possible parameters include: Number of mustard containers with less than one ounce remaining; number of mustard containers with more than one ounce remaining, and thus candidates for taking home, where they will sit untouched in the fridge for at least one year; types of mustard, with bonus points for more exotic varieties.

Camp closing means deploying anti-mouse materials. Because we have dogs in the equation, my inclination to go with highly toxic poisons cannot be indulged, as dogs will eat anything.

After considerable trial and error, we have settled on the fabric softener sheet.

The key here is to buy the cheapest brand. The things absolutely reek, and once they've been strewn liberally about the furniture and bedding, it's hard for me to breathe. I outweigh the average mouse by 2720 ounces (170 pounds) to something close to the average amount



TANGLED LINES

PATRICK SULLIVAN

of mustard left in a bottle (i.e. one ounce or less). So if I'm choking, imagine what it's like for the mice.

What these things do to your clothes is best left undiscovered.

On the Catskill agenda: A presentation Sunday, Oct. 15 at the Phoenicia Library that is billed as an oral history of fly-fishing on the Esopus. This is also known as guys sitting around lying about fishing, with cake.

The resumption of the world-famous Cinema, Angling and Culinary Appreciation film festival. The idea behind CACA is to spend the day busting a gut on the water while back at the camp a rich stew-like concoction cooks bubbles away in a slow cooker.

With dinner, we settle in for a critical examination of the world's most appalling films.

This year we will take on at least two of the "Deathstalker" sword 'n' sorcery movies made by Roger Corman in Argentina in the 1980s for about \$11.87. The consensus is that the second and third installments are the best, number two starring Denison University's own John Terlesky, and number three featuring a stunning star turn by Thom Christopher as the evil warlock Troxartes. The scene where Thom, wearing a turban, channels Gloria Swanson in "Sunset Boulevard" is particularly virulent.

I also have the three original "Evil Dead" flicks teed up, in stunning Blu-Ray. And if we stick with the gore, can "Basket Case" and "Slumber Party Massacre" be far behind?

I suspect the little blue lines are going to get more of a workout than usual. There's been a lot of rain over there, and the smaller streams drain first.

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Hello Autumn

A few weeks ago we were saying goodbye to summer. School had started. Summer vacations had concluded. It was an in-between time to look back at a full season of outdoor events and activities. Now, fall is settling in. We have months of cold weather ahead and the signs are all around. Many birds that migrate south over winter have left. The low-flying barn swallows begin their migration when the temperature drops. The honking of Canada geese is a familiar fall sound in the Northwest Corner hills. The bright-colored goldfinch has left. Some of our townspeople also migrate south as snowbirds.

Students have settled into school, and for some midterms are already here. Fall sports are geared up for turf battles between schools. Many parents are in the throes of the soccer travel challenge. Some sports have begun to move indoors.

Homeowners are debating when to bring in the outdoor furniture — if at all — and some have mowed the lawn for the last time. Others are busy with another seasonal ritual: raking leaves. Or not.

Inside, the furnace has fired up. Or not. Some hapless homeowners have to call for service because the furnace didn't work on the first fall temperature test.

Once the house warms up, it becomes a draw for all the mice seeking shelter and food for the winter ahead. These pointy-nosed invaders are highly successful with their annual migration into our historic, Colonial-era homes. Just another sign of the season.

Every fall New England becomes a destination for leaf peepers, but this year the fall colors may be less pronounced, according to the experts. A major factor was the wet summer season. The National Weather Service reported that Litchfield County's summer rainfall was double the normal amount. Rain dilutes the sugars in the leaves, affecting the hues. Cold nights help trigger the changeover, but many nights have only seen temps in the forties. We're at the end of the third week in October, when the color change is typically in peak range, and professional photographers and leaf watchers are scrambling to capture and witness fall foliage in all its boldness and glory.

Black bears are stocking up for a long winter's hibernation that typically starts around Thanksgiving. Now, they can be seen everywhere, of course.

Another ubiquitous sign of the fall season can be found on front lawns and roadsides throughout the Northwest Corner: campaign placards. Tuesday, Nov. 7 is Election Day, and this election cycle will see contested races for selectman in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, and Salisbury. Throughout October, profiles on participating candidates are published in *The Lakeville Journal* in our 'Meet the candidates' series. This week, read about candidates in North Canaan and Sharon on page A8 and A9.

My vote for Kitty Kiefer

I am writing in support of Katherine "Kitty" Kiefer for Selectman.

Raised in the shadow of Mt. Riga, Kitty has all the qualifications to help move our town government forward. A lawyer, former Town Selectman, Grandmother, Kitty understands our town's history and where it needs to go for the future. Also, she has helped develop the current POCD (Plan of Conservation & Development — about to be published). Involved, open and approachable, she represents a fresh and much needed approach; She will not reside in Town Hall but will be "out there" fashioning a forward path. Vote for Kitty, support Kitty. She is the candidate for this time...she understands where the Town needs to go!

Ward Belcher

Salisbury

Appreciating support for housing exhibit

Many thanks to Moore and More Printers and The Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation (NWCTCF) for their help and generous support of the Salisbury Association's excellent affordable housing exhibit in the Academy Building. The foundation underwrote the printing of an accompanying booklet (free while they last) of articles illustrative of the community and personal impact of our current housing crisis. Moore and More's fee and service were exceptional. They are well known for their support of local nonprofits, as is the Community Foundation. We are indeed fortunate to have such community minded organizations in our area.

Mary Close Oppenheimer,
Salisbury Affordable Housing
Commission Board Member

More letters on next page.



Stan's the Man

Election time is approaching this November and Stan Morby is a candidate for a position on the Salisbury Board of Education. The Salisbury Republican Town Committee endorses Stan for this important commitment to our town and its educational system.

Stan is local and active in the community and is employed by the Town of North Canaan in the Highway Department. He has a young daughter who attends the Salisbury Central School. Stan is involved and invested in his child's education where he serves on the PTO, the after school and summer programs as does his wife Larissa, who is a reading specialist at the school.

Motivated, hardworking and dedicated to what is best for our communities' children, I believe Stan's the man for this job and will make an excellent addition to this Board. On the website, Salisbury Central School states; "The Board of Education believes that the ideal learning environment is one in which students, parents, teachers, administrative staff and the Board of Education work together towards the continued improvement of the educational process." Stan strongly supports this endeavor, in particular the importance that parents play in their children's learning environment.

I support electing Stan to the Salisbury Board of Education, as he has all the attributes and qualifications desired to assist in overseeing the overall health of the Region One school district in a responsible, caring, and effective manner.

Liz Sayre

Salisbury

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for Travel Club support

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude to the Northwest Corner community for their support toward our recent school fundraiser. Thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses and individuals, over \$40,000 was raised at the Wine Dinner and Auction to support the Housatonic Valley Regional International Travel Club. These funds will allow over 40 students to travel to Spain, Portugal and Iceland where we will explore and learn about these amazing countries. Your generosity and support

of our program is widely appreciated by HVRHS!

We would like to thank Denise Cohn and Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders for spending many months organizing the fundraiser. With their hard work, the dinner was a wonderful success! Much gratitude also goes to the White Hart Inn for hosting the dinner, planning a delicious menu, and supporting our school.

The dinner would not have been possible without the guidance and dedication of our teachers, Mr. John

Lizzi, Mrs. Danielle Melino, Ms. Taylor Monico and Mrs. Letitia Garcia-Tripp. We thank them for making the time to work on this fundraiser alongside their classes at school.

Lastly, we are extremely grateful to our parents, families and Region One community members who worked with us to support our dreams of international travel. We can't wait to immerse ourselves in these cultures!

HVRHS International
Travel Club

Christian Allyn for First Selectman

Fifteen years ago my husband and I bought a home in Canaan. One of the first places we went to explore was the Beckley Furnace and were delighted to find a young man there on a Saturday volunteering to talk to visitors about the history of the furnace, he was so enthusiastic about the history and uniqueness of Canaan we learned a lot about our new home town.

I had served on the Housatonic River Commission (HRC) representing Cornwall for 10 years, at that time, so my friend and fellow HRC Commissioner, Fred Ruggles, asked if I would continue serving as his sec-

ond on the HRC representing Canaan. After Fred's death I asked Tim Abbot who we could find to replace Fred on the HRC. He recommended Christian Allyn. I talked to Christian over the phone and made a date to meet him at the next Selectman's meeting. I was delighted to see the very same young man walk into the Town Hall that I had met at the Beckley Furnace.

Since that time I have become a close friend and big supporter of Christian. Christian participates in everything from economic development to beautification projects. He not only attends meetings but does the work, planting the trees and treat-

ing the invasive plants and trying to help everyone.

Christian wrote The Plan of Conservation and Development for North Canaan as a senior at UConn in 2017. This is a state mandated plan that other towns paid tens of thousands of dollars to have someone write. It was approved by the Board of Selectman in 2018.

Christian worked with the Foundation for Community Health and State Representative Maria Horn to get funding for the new Community Health and Wellness Center, currently being built on RT. 44.

Christian worked with

the Fire District to make amendments to the Main Street Railroad Crossing Project, ensuring that there was a sidewalk between Roma Pizza and the Canaan Depot and ensure that there was a usable sidewalk on the Northeast corner of Railroad and Main.

He is kind and generous and has hope for the future of Canaan.

I could go on listing his fine qualities but the paper won't print this if it is too long. Vote Christian Allyn for First Selectman.

Lynn Fowler

North Canaan

TURNING BACK THE PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1923

Mr. H. Roscoe Brinton returned Saturday from a two weeks' hunting trip with a party of Florida friends in New Brunswick, Canada. Moose hunting was the specialty of the party and Roscoe informs us that he was fortunate enough to kill a bull moose (not the 1912 variety.) He left the head to be stuffed and mounted and it will be sent on to him later.

There was quite a brilliant display of northern lights on Tuesday night. The weatherwise say this indicates much colder weather.

The auto traffic last Sunday was as heavy as at any time during the summer season. The fine weather appealed strongly to those owning motor cars and that means a large part of the population.

LIME ROCK — Mr. and Mrs. Cooley of New York are camping on the hill side in one of Miss Jennie Brasie's fields.

ORE HILL — Much annoyance has been caused in this place by the fact that the C.N.E. trains no longer stop here. Jitney service is the only way of getting in and out of the place for those who wish to travel.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar. To submit calendar items, email editor@lakevillejournal.com

OCTOBER 21

The Fall Festival and Makers Market

Mohawk Mountain, 46 Great Hollow Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Join us Oct. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Fall Festival and Makers Market, featuring food trucks, craft fair vendors, live music, hayrides, bounce houses and touch-a-truck with Cornwall VFD.

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum 7th Annual Meadows & Trails 5K Fundraiser

Outdoor Discovery Center, 120 Muser Drive (off Angola Road), Cornwall, Conn.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for their 7th Annual Meadows and Trails 5K at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Cornwall. Race packet pickup & same-day registration will open at 9 a.m., the 5K begins at 11 a.m., and the Awards Ceremony begins at 11:45 a.m. Enjoy the beauty of nature as you run or walk on trails through grassy fields, past lively ponds, over rolling hills, and through forests cloaked in Autumn colors! The entire 5K course is off road on the Nature Museum's 177 acre property and has been maintained to accommodate runners. This important fundraiser directly supports the organization's nature-based education programs provided to schools and families, fun and educational events throughout the year, and the care of their Animal Ambassadors!

5K registration can be found on the Nature Museum's website at www.hhn.org/mt5k. Registration includes a race packet, t-shirt (first 150 registrations guaranteed), and post-race refreshments. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. Early Bird entry fee for ages 19 and up (through Oct. 8) is \$30. Entry fee for ages 19 and up beginning Oct. 9 is \$40.

Touch a Trade

31 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent, Conn.

Touch a Trade returns for its 2nd annual trades festival on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Connecticut Antique Machinery Association and Eric Sloane Museum. The event will offer youth and adults alike the opportunity to safely participate in trades, crafts, and self-sufficiency skills with their own hands. Planned activities include carpentry, woodworking, masonry, welding, plumbing, electrical wiring, along with arts and crafts and pumpkin painting for younger attendees. Local food and music will be on offer for participants of all ages to enjoy. Visit www.touchatrade.org for more info.

Giant Mineral Sale!

Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science, 31 Kent-Cornwall Road (Route 7), Kent, Conn.

A giant mineral sale will be held at the Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral

Science on Oct. 21.

Thousands of minerals and fossil from Connecticut, New England and worldwide will be available. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details call the museum at (860) 927-0050.

The sale will be cancelled if raining.

Your Date With The Moon

Norbrook Farm Brewery, 204 Stillman Hill Road, Colebrook, Conn. norbrookfarm.com

Saturday, Oct. 21 is International Observe the Moon Night, so if you are in or anywhere near Colebrook, stop by the Norbrook Brewery (Rt 182) from 7 to 9 p.m. to learn little known facts about lunar science, and join in a fun evening of moon gazing.

The event is sponsored by the Colebrook Land Conservancy's first annual Nancy Phelps Blum Lecture Series, part of its community outreach programs.

Special guest Carol B. Ivers, Planetarium Director at Central CT State University, will lead off at 7 p.m. with a lively presentation that will enrich our connection to the moon.

Bring binoculars and/or a telescope if possible—but if not, some will be available at the event. Admission is free. Hot cider will be served.

OCTOBER 22

Conquer the Monstrous Climb: Join Us for the 5th Annual Salisbury Beast 5K!

Salisbury, Conn.

Are you ready to take on Connecticut's most monstrous 5K challenge? Look no further than the thrilling 5th Annual Salisbury Beast 5K, set amidst the picturesque landscapes of Salisbury, Connecticut. Brace yourselves for an exhilarating adventure that will test your limits, all while supporting a noble cause. Lace up your running shoes, gather your friends, and get ready to conquer the monstrous climb!

The Salisbury Beast 5K will take place on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 9:30 a.m.

Register by 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 at runsignup.com/Race/CT/Salisbury/TheSalisburyBeast

OCTOBER 24

Literacy Night

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will partner with the Falls Village Daycare Center for a Literacy Night at the library. The evening will feature seasonal stories read by Stacey Calo, principal of the Lee. H. Kellogg School, music and songs with Adam Sher, and snacks. Each child that attends will go home with a free book. This all ages event is free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 26

White Hart Speaker Series: Tara Kelly, NO LAST WORDS & Ralph

Sneeden, THE LEGIBLE ELEMENT

The White Hart Inn, 15 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

On Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. there will be another event in The White Hart Speaker Series, presented in partnership with The White Hart Inn & Scoville Memorial Library and moderated by John Coston, Editor in Chief, The Lakeville Journal & Millerton News.

FREE. Registration Required. eventbrite.com/e/white-hart-speaker-series-tarakelly-ralph-sneeden-tickets-712143970787

Outdoor Movie Night

Kent Memorial Library, 32 North Main St., Kent, Conn. kentmemoriallibrary.org

Join us and House of Books for a spooky outdoor movie night behind the Kent Memorial Library! We will be showing Carnival of Souls. Dress warmly, blankets encouraged!

Opera Outing

Sharon Park and Recreation, Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon Park and Rec will host a trip to Goodspeed Opera House to see "The 12." Set in modern times with powerful music and writing, The disciples come to terms with the death of their leaders.

The group will be leaving the Sharon Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 26 and arriving at the Gelston House for a noon lunch. The show is next door at 2 p.m. Return to Sharon around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$100.

Call 860-364-1400 or email Sharon.rec.ctr@snet.net to reserve your seat.

OCTOBER 27

Senior Wellness Workshop at the Salisbury Senior Center

42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn.

The Salisbury Center at the town Grove is hosting a Senior Wellness Workshop on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join Sharon Hospitals Director of Rehabilitation Services, Melissa Braislain as well as Physical Therapists Emelie Gold and Virginia Billups for a free workshop focused on fall prevention and stroke awareness. The workshop is part lecture and part exercise class. Come prepared to move. Light refreshments will also be served.

For further information contact Lisa McAuliffe at 860 435-5186 or email Lmcauliffe@salisburyct.us

OCTOBER 28

Halloween Pet Costume Parade

Robertson Plaza, Station Place, Norfolk, Conn.

On Saturday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m., bring your furry friend to this not-to-be-missed event. In addition to the pet costume parade, there will be seasonal snacks and face-painting.

Bring the whole family! Registration is requested.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OHS holding Sharon Hospital accountable

On Oct. 10, 2023, the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) approved Nuvance's Certificate of Need (CON) application to terminate the intensive care unit (ICU) and open a lower-level progressive care unit (PCU) at Sharon Hospital. On the positive side, OHS's Agreed Settlement includes nineteen conditions of which the following five require Nuvance to maintain the current level of care, hopefully protecting area residents from unnecessary transfer to other hospitals:

"Nuvance will continue to provide, consistent with its best practices, and will not reduce, the acuity of critical care services.

"Nuvance shall maintain staff at the level currently existing in the designated ICU, in the resulting PCU and shall report such staffing levels to OHS every six months for a period of three years.

"Nuvance shall maintain, update and/or improve the current level of critical care equipment as necessary to maintain the population and acuity of critical care services currently offered.

"Nuvance shall provide

OHS with data regarding the acuity of care levels of patients every six months for three years.

"And, Nuvance shall annually report to OHS the number of patients transferred from the PCU to another hospital, by month, including the reason for transfer, for a three year period."

These requirements reflect promises Nuvance made in their pre-filed testimony of Feb. 6, 2023. Dr. John Murphy, CEO of Nuvance, stated: "The PCU (progressive care unit) will have the capacity to treat all patients who currently receive care in the Sharon Hospital ICU." Dr. Mark Marshall, vice president of medical affairs, elaborated: "The Hospital's PCU will have the capacity to care for critically ill patients who require ventilators to breathe or who need hemodynamic monitoring (procedures to check blood circulation and monitor heart function) or vasoactive medication (drugs that can either increase or decrease blood pressure as needed or increase or decrease heart rate as needed.)"

OHS plans to hold them to their word in order to protect vital services for

critically ill patients in our service area. This echoes the intent reflected in their proposed final decision of Aug. 28, 2023, to preserve the maternity unit at Sharon Hospital in denying Nuvance's request to close it. In addition, Gov. Lamont, U.S. Sen. Blumenthal, U.S. Rep. Hayes, CT Attorney General Tong, CT Comptroller Scanlon, and others have heard us and "have our back." We are deeply grateful for their commitment to our community.

Finally, we have piqued an interest in rural health regionally. Connecticut Comptroller Sean Scanlon has established a Committee on Rural Health Care to improve its delivery in rural areas. Hopefully, the Committee will make recommendations to improve access to care, transportation, funding, equity, and collaboration. Now, all stakeholders in our communities must continue to work together to strengthen our hospital.

David R. Kurish, MD
Sharon

More letters on
previous page.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

Continued from
previous page.

50 years ago —
October 1973

All Penn Central rail freight service in the tri-state area stopped entirely for 24 hours beginning at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday. Service resumed Wednesday only after a day-long hearing conducted Tuesday by the Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. Freight customers on the Berkshire Line between Canaan and Pittsfield, Mass. and on the Harlem Valley Line between Dover Plains, N.Y. and Chatham, N.Y., had received no warning of the abrupt halt in service. The shutdown hit 6900 miles of Penn Central freight-only track scattered throughout the East and the Midwest. In the Canaan area the sudden halt in shipments threatened to play havoc with industries such as the Pfizer lime plant, with farmers awaiting shipments of feed, and with lumber and farm equipment dealers.

Friends and admirers numbering more than 500 turned out on Bill Barnett Day Sunday afternoon to honor Salisbury's retiring first selectman at the scene of his favorite project, the Town Grove.

The Housatonic Valley Regional School Board has appointed Kenneth L. Bartram of Sharon as chief custodian at HVRHS. Mr. Bartram will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John D. DuBois who retired Sept. 30 after over 34 years of service.

The North Canaan Fire Company has received an offer of "up to two acres of land" for a new firehouse from Pfizer Company. The location offered to the firemen is the site of the former Wickwire farmhouse and lies near the Pfizer plant. Fred Wohlfert, member of the firemen's Real Estate Committee, said this week that the offer has been referred to the committee for review.

Falls Village firemen got a new truck this weekend, bolstering their firefighting capabilities. They also disclosed that the ambulance service they provide the town is imperiled. The real ambulance problem is one of people, not of equipment or housing. To operate an ambulance service they are required, by state regulations, to see that ambulance volunteers receive the intensive training courses offered in the area by Sharon Hospital. The fire department members, with jobs, family and fire training obligations, are finding it hard to meet that requirement, according to fire chief David Goddard.

25 years ago —
October 1998


Steve Blass came home this week and his town welcomed him in full force Monday at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Several baseball games were played, followed by a talk from Mr. Blass and a full dinner. Mr. Blass reminisced about growing up in Falls Village. He mused on attending first grade at Hunt Library before Lee H. Kellogg School was constructed, selling apples and seeds, and love. "I was first introduced to romance and religion in Falls Village," he said. "Whichever girl I was after, I would just go to

her church."

CORNWALL — With the sale of his 100-acre farm on the eastern banks of the Housatonic River here, singer James Taylor and the farm's new owners, George Boyle and Marianne Pirotta, have crafted a conservation easement that will protect the farm's gently rolling hills forever. Mr. Taylor, who has owned the farm since the early 1980s but has not lived on it, has been a keen advocate of sustainability — meeting present economic needs while protecting natural resources for future generations.


The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department has grown too big for its britches. Hence, it is considering a site on Route 7 to construct a new facility. Members approached the Board of Selectmen Thursday, seeking support in obtaining the property. The prospective location is the "town gravel bank," which lies on Route 7 south between the Marshall property and the Falls Village Sawmill. The property is owned by the town.

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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Recently we had a positive test for coliform bacteria in well water for a house that was being inspected. Coliform is relatively common in wells and it is recommended to have your well water tested yearly. For more info on coliform, here is a great primer: portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/environmental_health/pdf/04BacteriaInPrivateDrinkingWaterWells0409.pdf. The next issue is what action to take if coliform is present in the water. The simplest step is to shock the well with chlorine. This will clear up the water but is not long term. A UV filter for example is long term, but will require yearly replacement of the filter. For more info on what type of water treatment system is best for your needs, please see this CT DPH's publication: portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/Publications/19QuestionstoAskwhenPurchasingJune2016.pdf



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Viewpoint

Do we call it Biden's Wall in the Rio Grande Valley?

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall . . ." from Robert Frost's "Mending Walls."

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER

By MAC GORDON

President Biden once vowed that not another foot of wall would be constructed under his watch.

But on Oct. 5, the Department of Homeland Security announced its intention to build up to 20 new miles of border barrier in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, one of the busiest crossing spots for migrants attempting to enter the U.S. The Biden administration also announced it waived 26 federal laws including the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Endangered Species

Act to permit more border wall construction in southern Texas, using approximately \$200 million of federal funds appropriated in 2019. In a press conference, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said "there is presently an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads in the vicinity of the border of the United States in order to prevent unlawful entries into the United States in the project areas."

But despite Mayorkas's statement the particular border location chosen for the barriers in Starr County, Texas is an area where there have been few illicit border crossings for some time.

President Biden said he had tried to get Congress to cancel or redirect the 2019 appropriation but was unsuccessful and therefore was obligated to spend it for border barriers. When asked by a reporter whether he thought walls along the border "worked", his reply was emphatically "no!"

The idea of securing the border with walls or fences did not originate with former President Trump. It began in the Bush ad-

ministration and continued during the Obama years. The Secure Fence Act passed by Congress in 2006 gave the Department of Homeland Security the authority to suspend dozens of laws so to facilitate the construction of a border wall or fence. The Customs and Border Patrol agency has been clearing land including portions of Indian reservations, national forests, the National Butterfly Center and the 2,088 acre Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, one of the most popular bird watching destinations in the country.

Prior to the Trump administration, more than 600 miles of border barriers (mostly fencing) had been installed along the nearly 2,000 mile border. Most of the "border barriers" constructed from 2016 to 2020 were fencing, largely repairs of previously installed barriers; fewer than 199 miles of new barrier have been installed.

President Biden told reporters that the waiving of more than 39 environmental laws and other restrictions was designed to speed up the implementation of the construction; however, if Biden thought the wall was a bad idea why would he want to waive the rules to help accomplish something he thought ineffective? He must have known that environmentalists would be furious about this as would native American groups and property owners along

the Rio Grande whose land along the river would be compromised and may well be confiscated by any additional barrier building.

Despite the overwhelming failure throughout history of barrier walls to keep peoples apart, Trump has continued to claim, without any evidence, that walls "work".

Trump promised his followers that he would build a large, beautiful wall (paid for by Mexico!) along the entire southern border, 1952 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea. Although they repaired and rebuilt nearly 400 miles of existing fence barriers, actually the Trump administration built just 52 miles of the 1,952 mile wall Trump had promised.

It has always been possible for those who wanted to go over, under, or around to do so. The cost of making "impenetrable" walls, especially in difficult terrain has proven staggering expensive; even the Trump administration has reverted to less expensive, easier to build fencing in most cases. But they never seemed to rely on less costly high tech surveillance systems including drones and more officers in the field to apprehend invaders.

At the Rio Grande, the borderline is actually in the center of the river but the construction has had to be set back behind the flood plain on the U.S. side for both environmental and political reasons thereby making hundreds of square

miles of U.S. borderland inaccessible. And the ancillary costs of creating these barriers, (roads, support facilities, utilities, and so on) can be even more expensive than the barriers.

As Will Hurd, the former congressman for this part of Texas and a current Republican Presidential candidate put it: "Trump's wall is a third century solution for a twenty-first century problem."

Why has Biden caved in and taken on expanding Trump's wall? The situation at the border has gotten worse with more and more immigrants and asylum seekers attempting to enter the country. They seldom are willing to wait years for U.S. officials to process their applications; instead they try to enter the country any way they can. Biden knows that the whole immigration system needs to be reorganized but has been unable to get necessary Republican cooperation.

Democrats are likely to rationalize Biden's about face as just politics although most environmentalists will be scornful. Perhaps by taking on this tiny segment of the border barrier Biden thinks he will gain political ground, at least with independents if not with Republicans. This remains to be seen. The symbolic political cost of implementing Trump's folly may prove costly for Biden.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



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Vintage view

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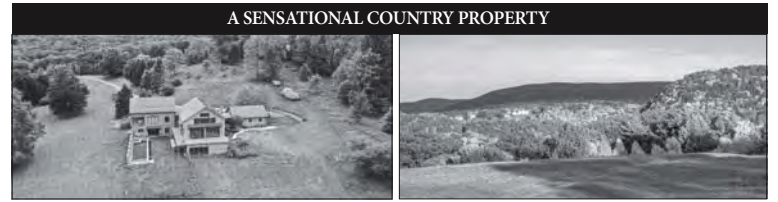
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Millbrook School is seeking to fill the role of Director of Principal and Leadership Gifts, a full-time exempt position which will report to the Director of Advancement. The person in this position will help to deepen the relationships parents, friends and donors have with Millbrook School and strengthen the perceived value of giving to the school. This Advancement team member will play a vital leadership role in securing aspirational philanthropic support for Millbrook's Annual Fund and comprehensive campaign. Key responsibilities include:

- Secures five, six and seven figure major and planned gift commitments.
- Cultivate and steward Millbrook's parent and past parent constituencies.
- Manages a portfolio of 80-100 major gift parent prospects.
- Manage and solicit gifts for Millbrook's VI Form Gift program.
- Conducts prospect qualification in the early phase of a campaign.
- Develops Individual Prospect Plans for all parent prospects in portfolio.
- Reaches out to 100% of managed portfolio in a given fiscal year.
- Serves as resource for consultation on prospects in fellow fundraisers' pools.
- Maintains accurate, up-to-date records of prospects and donors in RE NXT.
- Ensures that major gift conversations are in motion for each subsequent fiscal year.
- Drafts and executes gift agreements with director of advancement and gift processing team.
- Stewards donors in major gifts portfolio to inspire long-term relationships with Millbrook School.

Education and Qualification Requirements

- At least three to five years of experience in development with a proven ability to engage individuals, secure gifts, and the ability to inspire donors to provide significant philanthropic support.
- Proven record of fundraising success securing major gifts in the six and seven figure range.
- Experience managing a prospect portfolio of at least 80+ major gift prospects.
- Understanding and appreciation for the philanthropic process and individual giving behaviors.
- Bachelor's degree and direct solicitation experience.
- Demonstrated professional experience, preferably within an educational setting.
- Proficiency in Raiser's Edge, Google applications, Microsoft Office Suite.
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills & works collaboratively with others.
- Ability to travel extensively and on a regular basis domestically and internationally.
- Effective communicator with ability to compellingly articulate Millbrook's mission and authentic needs to donors and prospects
- Builds strong relationships with teammates, campus partners, and external community.
- Proficient in communicating Millbrook School's priorities & programs to a range of prospective donors.

Specific Requirements / Essential Function

- Must be able to read, write, speak, and understand the English language.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances warrant such action.
- Must have the ability to work harmoniously and effectively with others.
- Must be able to follow written and oral instructions.
- Must have patience, tact, cheerful disposition and enthusiasm when dealing with alumni, parents, donors, personnel, students, and family members.
- Must be able to work in person, on campus.
- Must be able to travel and attend school/community events on nights and weekends.
- Must have a clean and valid driver's license and a valid passport.
- Must be proficient in composition of written communication.

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- Must be able to move intermittently throughout the workday.
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- Must be able to cope with the mental and emotional stress of the position.
- Must possess sight/hearing senses or use prosthetics that will enable these senses to function adequately so that the requirements of this position can be fully met.
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Interested candidates should contact Patti Starzyk, Director of Human Resources, via email at pstarzyk@millbrook.org or send it to Millbrook School, 131 Millbrook School Road, Millbrook, NY 12545.

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