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Gasoline tanker spill forces evacuations, road closure in Norfolk

By Emily Edelman

NORFOLK — A gasoline tanker truck rolled over in the early morning hours of Saturday, Nov. 5, on Route 44 just east of the Village Green, spilling thousands of gallons of fuel into the town's storm drain system.

According to the police report, a tanker truck operated by Lamont Barham, 27, of Bridgeport was driving westbound when the truck swerved into the opposite lane, hitting a utility pole and then a fire hydrant.

The vehicle then rolled onto its passenger side and spilled its entire contents of 8,200 gallons of fuel into the town's drainage system.

Following a response by the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Depart-

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN BARBAGALLO

A gas tanker rollover on Saturday, Nov. 5, on Route 44 in Norfolk spilled thousands of gallons of gasoline, prompting residential evacuations and mutual aid from several area emergency organizations. Route 44 east of the Village Green will be closed until Friday, Nov. 11.

Freund's Farm enters new era

By John Coston

EAST CANAAN – Eugene and Esther Freund started the family dairy farm more than seven decades ago, and when the time came to hand it down to the next generation, Eugene looked to his sons, Ben and Matthew.

Now, the time has come again for the next handoff and the brothers have found a 27-year old "cow man" from Pine Plains, N.Y. to take over their herd of 300 Holstein milkers.

Ethan Arsenault, in partner-

ship with Lloyd and Amy Vaill of Lo Nan Farms in Pine Plains, has purchased the cows and leased the barn, and will continue the Freund dairy tradition.

Arsenault's farm is called Canaan View Farm.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without Lloyd and Amy," Arsenault said Saturday, Nov. 5 as he stood outside the milk house, flanked by Ben and Matthew. The cows will remain on the Freund Farm, and Arsenault plans to continue to distribute through the Agri-Mark Cooperative that sells under the

Kent's School Resource Officer

Cabot brand.

Freund's Farm, which became the first dairy in the state to innovate with robotic milkers, will continue its two other major businesses: Freund's Farm Market & Bakery and the Cow Pots product line.

The farm always has been a family affair. Matthew's wife Theresa has grown what started as a roadside stand into a year-round market. Today, Freund's Farm Market & Bakery is a go-to for many in the

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Calico Fair fun

Bonnie Doyle got a touch-up on her face paint job by Stephanie Tierney, who held a second-place prize ribbon in her other hand at the Calico Fair in North Canaan on

Saturday, Nov. 5. Tierney won for her peanut butter and

strawberry jelly cupcake in the Cupcake Challenge. The fair

supports the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry operating out of

The Pilgrim House as a mission of the North Canaan Con-

gregational Church. A sizable crowd attended. First prizes

in the cupcake event were awarded to Martha Kitchen and

to Sadie Chapell, 12, in the youth category.

plan approaches town vote

By Leila Hawken

KENT — A special town meeting and a town-wide referendum have been tentatively scheduled for next month to consider whether to hire a second state trooper as a School Resource Officer and to contract EMS services for the coming fiscal year.

Check election results online

The Nov. 8 election results occurred too late for the Nov. 10 issue of The Lakeville Journal. Please see tricornernews.com for election results by town.



The special town meeting is tentatively slated for Friday, Dec. 2, at Town Hall, to begin at 7 p.m. A town-wide referendum vote will then be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, between 12 noon and 8 p.m., at the town hall.

The two items to be discussed at the town meeting and later voted upon at the referendum are to approve an appropriation in the 2022-23 budget of \$200,000 to hire the services of a second state trooper who would serve as a School Resource Officer during the school year and provide additional police coverage when school is not in session.

The second item to be considered is a proposed \$100,000 appropriation to pay for contracted EMS services during the upcoming fiscal year.

The formal wording of the call to the meeting will be approved at the next selectmen's meeting.

At their regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3, selectmen also discussed a request submitted by the Swift House Task Force to allow for the hiring of an architect who would detail the work required to satisfy Americans with Disabilities

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<u>Sharon internet</u>

Frontier offers alternative fiber plan

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — With little more than a week remaining before the scheduled town meeting and vote on whether to approve a partnership with Comcast to expand internet coverage to all underserved homes and businesses, Frontier Communications has offered an alternative proposal to the town to provide high-speed fiber service.

The town meeting on Comcast's \$1.6 million plan is scheduled to be held on Thursday, Nov. 10, at Sharon Center School beginning at 6 p.m.

Although Frontier's proposal is still in the planning stage, an information meeting was held on Tuesday, Nov. 1, when company representatives presented their proposal to the public, although details of design and cost were incomplete.

"Connecticut is a priority state for Frontier," said Allison Ellis, Frontier's senior vice president for regulatory affairs. Also representing Frontier at the Zoom meeting was Mike Levin, vice president, though he offered no comments during the meeting.

Ellis explained that Frontier is emerging from bankruptcy with a new leadership team after restructuring, noting that Frontier currently covers the town with its existing network. Through a partnership agreement, if enacted with the town, they would extend that network to all unserved or underserved properties in 2023, using aerial lines on their existing poles

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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.

e-Bike hit and run

On Friday, Oct. 28 at approximately 2:50 p.m. an unknown electric bicycle was traveling west on Route 44 west of Route 7 in North Canaan. The bicycle hit a 2022 Ford Bronco driven by Ginger Wagner, 48, causing minor damage to the Bronco. Connecticut State Police is investigating a hit-and-run evading motor vehicle accident.

Head-on collision

On Sunday, Oct. 30 at approximately 12:50 p.m. a 2017 Subaru Outback driven by Suzanne Colpits, 48, was traveling east on Boinay Hill Road when a 2014 Chevrolet driven by Eric Magni, 16, was heading west and veered into the other lane, causing a head-on collision. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene. Magni was issued an infraction for failure to drive in the proper lane.

Sideswipe in Cornwall

On Monday, Oct. 31 at approximately 10:40 a.m. a 2004 Subaru Frontier driven by Kevin Lagoy, 28, was traveling westbound on Route 4 in the Town of Cornwall when a 2022 Freightliner driven by David Farineau, 39, and owned by UPS was traveling eastbound. The Subaru traveled over the middle of the roadway and

sideswiped the truck, which sustained functional damage to the bumper, headlight and quarter panel. No injuries were reported. The Subaru was towed from the scene and Lagoy was cited for illegal operation of a motor vehicle without minimum insurance.

Gun charge after accident

While investigating a motor vehicle accident on West Greenwoods Road in Norfolk on Wednesday, Nov. 2, Troopers observed a large knife inside the vehicle in reach of the driver. David Kulokowski, 39, of Avon. When asked Kulakowski said he had a loaded handgun in the vehicle. A search revealed a loaded Glock handgun with a 13-round magazine containing 13 rounds of 40 caliber hollow-point ammunition. Kulakowski stated that he didn't possess a Connecticut pistol permit. He was placed under arrest and transported to Troop B for processing. Kulakowski was charged with carrying a pistol without a permit, possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle and possession of a large capacity magazine. He posted a \$25,000 bond and was released.

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.

Salisbury Bank holds food drive

Salisbury Bank announced its 15th annual Fill-the-Basket food drive through Dec. 16.

nated directly to local food pantries serving each area. Local pantries are in need of a variety of donations in-



Sidewalk work

Work continued on a new sidewalk on Route 44 in Salisbury on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The sidewalk now extends from the Scoville Memorial Library beyond Salmon Kill Road.

Online This Week

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

Telemedicine at Sharon Hospital

Sharon hospital's new telehealth kiosk offers patients access to medical specialists. See the video at www.triconernews/multimedia.

Vandalism at Millerton park

Vandalism at Eddie Collins park was discovered on Oct. 30 and three juveniles were questioned. See www.tricornernews.com for the complete story.

Yale law professor to discuss **Constitution at Salisbury Forum**

LAKEVILLE — Yale Law School's Akhil Reed Amar, returns to the Salisbury Forum to discuss the origins of America's Constitution in the late eighteenth century, and the link between this document and the jurisprudential earthquake that occurred at the end of the 2021 Supreme Court term in landmark cases involving abortion, guns, and religion. The event is Friday Nov.

Correction

In an article in the Nov. 3 issue about Cornwall's new housing advocate Jessica Brackman, it was incorrectly stated that her son Daniel attended Cornwall Consolidated School.

18 at 7:30 p.m. at The Hotchkiss School.

Due to construction on campus, parking at Hotchkiss for the event will be at the Marrs Athletic Center at 22 Lime Rock Rd. (Route 112). There will be three shuttle buses to bring attendees to and from the auditorium. Signs and staff will direct guests to this parking lot. Please allow extra time

Seating is limited. Please

Salisbury approves town board, committee names

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The following list of appointments was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting Monday, Nov. 7:

Animal Control Officer: Lee Sohl, Jim Sohl (assistant).

Director of Health (oneyear term): Torrington Area Health District

Economic Development Committee (one-year term): Ward Belcher, Robert Schaufelberger, Tom Shachtman, Bruce McEver, Kitty Kiefer, Janet Graaff.

Grove Advisory Committee (one-year term): Maggie Crain, Anne Day, George DelPrete, Megan Foley, Anthy Hellmers, Elyse Harney Morris, Kristen Neary-Marks. Jacqueline Rice, Rhonda Rinninsland, Charles Brown (Chair), Ethan Watt, Dennis Card, John Sullivan.

Historic District Commission (five-year term): Elyse Harney, Heidi Hoeller, alternate (one-year term).

Historic District Advisory Board (one-year term): Candace Cuniberti, Leon McLain.

Northwest Council of Governments (one-year term): Curtis Rand, Christian Williams, Donald Mayland.

Parks and Forest Commission (four-year term): Kay Key, Christian Williams. Pathways Committee (three-year term): Natalia

Smirnova. Recreation Commission (six-year term): Becky Lachaine.

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission (threeyear term): Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Mary Close, Jon Higgins.

Salisbury Sharon Resource Recovery Authority (one year term): Ed Reagan, Alternate. Salisbury Fire Commission (1-year term): John Mongeau, Cynthia Hoage, Donald Reid, Jr., Rick Roger, Commissioner, James Wood, Commissioner, Lawrence Hoage, Maintenance Supervisor.

Scenic Roads Committee (one-year term): Kay Key, Jane Kellner, Stephanie Pellegrino, Margaret Vail, Christian Williams.

Torrington Area Health District (three-year term): Peter Oliver (Salisbury representative).

Town Historian (two-year term): Jean Porter McMillen

Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (fouryear term): Barbara Bettigole. Tree Warden (two-year

term): Mat Kiefer

Water Gate Keeper (oneyear term): Rodney Webb, Fred Schmidt.

Wildlife Management Officer (two-year term): Rodney Webb.

Conservation Commission: Tom Blagden (term expires 11/2024); Maria Grace (11/2023); Lee Potter (11/2026); Susan Rand (11/2024); Zachary Sadow (11/2026).



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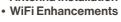
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Our Towns

North Canaan weighs downtown growth through partnerships

By Leila Hawken

NORTH CANAAN — Having recently heard a presentation from a downtown development organization, the Board of Selectmen discussed community advancement during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and decided to refer the organization's proposal to the Economic Development Commission (EDC).

The proposal was received from the Connecticut Main Street Center Program (MSCP) based in Hartford. That program is a member of Main Street America, an arm of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The goal of the program is to promote economic and community development through public and private partnerships while remaining sensitive to the size and capabilities of participating communities.

First Selectman Charles Perotti reported that partici-

Falls Village lists ARPA candidates

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At a special meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2, the Board of Selectmen discussed (but did not finalize or vote on) distribution of federal pandemic relief funds.

The list: Falls Village Housing Trust, \$30,000; Center on Main, \$15,000; the day care center, \$10,000; bridge repair, \$15,000; Housatonic Youth Services Bureau, \$5,000; Lee H. Kellogg school, \$50,000; the Senior Center, \$\$4,000; parking lot improvement at the town-owned 35 Railroad St. building (the old firehouse), \$20,000.

This accounts for \$149,000 of \$162,084.33 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, leaving a balance of \$13,084.33.

During public comment Daly Reville said no funds should be allocated for the Falls Village Housing Trust until the Planning and Zoning Commission has completed the latest Plan of Conservation and Development.

First Selectman Henry Todd pushed back, saying the POCD won't be ready until the end of 2023.

The selectmen made no decisions, and two selectmen will have to recuse themselves on two items when it is time to vote. Dave Barger is the board chair of HYSB, and Greg Marlowe owns the property that the housing trust is considering buying.

Todd said the next step is discussing the ARPA list with the Board of Finance.

pation in the program would carry an annual cost to the town. The EDC is being asked to determine whether the elements of the proposed program are already represented by existing initiatives being pursued by the EDC.

The MSCP has identified six core components of a healthy downtown area including place, economic vitality, stewardship, inclusiveness, sustainability and connectivity. The four-point approach to healthy development includes economic vitality, design, promotion and organization.

Eversource is listed as a founding sponsor of the MSCP, continuing a commitment inherited from its predecessor CL&P (Connecticut Light and Power) one of the initiators of the program in the 1990s.

The selectmen will receive the EDC's comments in the coming weeks and continue discussion at their December meeting, Perotti said.

Vax clinic at HVRHS on Nov. 18

FALLS VILLAGE — There is a COVID-19 vaccination clinics coming up at Housatonic Valley Regional High School for people aged 12 years old and up.

The date is Friday, Nov. 18., 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

All hands on deck

Ninth-graders, under the watchful eye of class advisor Jeff Tripp, held a car wash fundraiser at the Emergency Services Building in Falls Village, Saturday, Nov. 5.

Turkeys for teachers Nov. 19

NORTH CANAAN — A Turkeys for Teachers and School Staff event will be distributing free turkeys on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Stop & Shop plaza.

Alyssa Caliendo, branch manager of The Moxie Group, at Bay Equity Home Loans in West Hartford, is organizing the event and is working with various local sponsors to give away as many turkeys as possible.

Caliendo said the goal is to give away 150 turkeys to area teachers and school staff. Registrants will be able to pick up their frozen turkey between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Stop & Shop plaza.

Teachers and staff can register here: www.bayequityhomeloans.com/sp/turkeysfor-teachers-west-hartford/

Tax credits aimed at historic rehabilitation talk Nov. 17

SALISBURY — Julie Carmelich from the Connecticut State Historic Presentation Office will present information on the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive for businesses in historic buildings on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Wardell Room of the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

Owners of commercial buildings and homes with businesses in historic districts may be able to seek tax credits for historic rehabili-

Kent library hosts young adults

KENT — Kent Memorial Library will hold a series of game and refreshment nights on the third Thursday of every month for those who are 21 to 30 years in age starting on Thursday Nov. 17 at 32 tation. The talk is sponsored by the Salisbury Association Historical Society.

Buildings in the village centers of Salisbury and Lakeville, as well as other communities in our area, may qualify for this benefit. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and discuss eligible properties. For more information, contact the Salisbury Association at 860-435-0566 or info@salisburyassociation.org.

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Cannonball Run 5K

Eric Ciocca of Northampton, Mass., finished first in the Ed Mcguire Cannonball Run (5 kilometers) Saturday, Nov. 5, in Falls Village with a time of 19 minutes 15 seconds. Charlie Taylor of Simsbury was second at 20:52, and third overall and the first female finisher was "Quinn's Momma" from Naugatuck at 22:00. It was the 22nd year of the event.

Sher, 'a serious reader,' takes over as executive director of Hunt Library

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Meg Sher is the new executive director of the David M. Hunt Library.

She started the job Oct. 1, replacing Erica Joncyk, who has retired.

Sher has worked for the library since 2013. She was recruited by Joncyk.

"I'm a serious reader," Sher said in an interview Friday, Nov. 4. "That's how Erica and I got to know each other."

Sher has plans for the library. "I'm excited about forging partnerships with other community organizations," she said, citing the recent cemetery walk co-sponsored by the library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

Children's librarian Rita Delgado has a "Story Time" trip to Great Mountain Forest scheduled.



Meg Sher is the new director of the David M. Hunt Library.

And the library is one of six in the state to partner with Libraries Without Borders, who will provide data about underserved residents in the town, and help the staff "get services beyond the walls of the library."

Devon Jenkins has also

joined the Hunt staff. He will be running a "computer programming boot camp" and eventually offer one on one technology appointments for individuals.

Sher is married to Adam Sher. They have two children, Eli (age 7) and Noah (4).

Cornwall joins pickleball trend at Foote Fields courts

By Riley Klein

that supports the road. Con- ing with the fire department CORNWALL — The struction is expected to be- to see what their needs are, Board of Selectmen met on gin on Monday, Nov. 14, and to review options and deterwill take approximately three days to complete, during which time the road will be closed to traffic.

strengthen the embankment truck. Ridgway will be meet-

Cornwall voters pass capital spending plan

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL - The town's five-year Capital Plan was met with unanimous approval during the annual town meeting on Friday, Nov. 4.

The meeting was held at the Cornwall Consolidated School.

More than 20 residents were in attendance as First Selectman Gordon Ridgway began the yearly review.

Ridgway started by explaining the contents of the report and covering the financial analysis for the previous fiscal year.

"The town did end the fiscal year with a substantial surplus of about \$280,000," said Ridgway.

He went on to explain the majority of this surplus was generated from the collection of back taxes.

Ridgway then made a motion to vote on the fiveyear Capital Plan that will cover the fiscal years of 2024 through 2028.

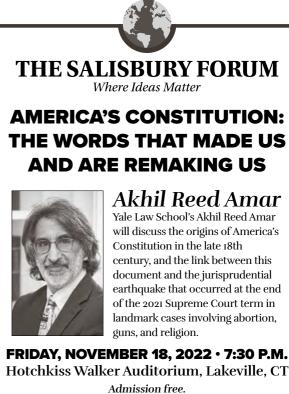
The new budget outlined the funds needed to address repairs and replacements upgrades, and computers, repairs for town buildings, a new firetruck, a new DPW mowing tractor, a new highway truck, and repairs to the town's bridges, culverts and guide rails.

The plan is set to be im-

plemented on July 1, 2023. This meeting was then ad-

journed, concluding just 15 minutes after it began.

"It was probably the shortest town meeting ever," said Richard Griggs, Cornwall resident and videographer.



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within Cornwall, including road repairs, updates to the Cornwall Consoli-PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN dated School in the areas of flooring, wiring, energy

Tuesday, Nov. 1, and began by welcoming pickleball to Cornwall.

The courts at Foote Fields on Furnace Brook Road will be for shared use, alternating hourly between basketball and pickleball. Todd Piker will hold a pickleball clinic at the courts on Saturday, Nov. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. to instruct on scoring and doubles play.

"Pickle snacks are optional," said Michelle Shipp from Parks and Recreation.

"Cornwall is joining the national trend. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation," First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said.

River Road repairs Repairs have been scheduled for a 40-foot section of River Road. The work will

Five-year capital plan

Revisions to the five-year capital plan for 2024 to 2028 were reviewed.

The first item addressed was the transfer of \$75,000 from the Town Buildings' budget line into the funding for Cornwall Consolidated School to help cover the costs of repairs and updates.

A \$20,000 increase to the fire department budget was added as the department seeks to purchase a new fire

mine a timeline. A motion to approve the five-year capital plan was put

forth at the town meeting on Friday, Nov. 4 and was unanimously approved. (See story above.)

Animal control

Lee Sohl is the new animal control officer for Cornwall. Sohl will handle calls related to domesticated animals, such as lost dog calls. Sohl will work alongside Brad Hedden, an animal control officer. Any calls for large animals (bear, deer, etc.) should be directed to DEEP or state police.

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Stephanie Ostrom Yeaton

NORTH CANAAN – On Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, Stephanie Yeaton, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away at age 75.

Stephanie was born in Portland, Maine, to Ida and Leroy Ostrom. She raised three children with her loving husband Billy. Stepha-

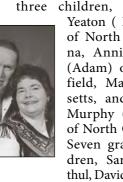
nie worked at Geer Nursing Home for many years. She loved being a caregiver and made many lifelong friends. She loved reading romance novels and doing word search puzzles.

She loved visiting the Falls Village Senior Center with her friend Shirley Hewins on Thursdays where she also had many friends. Wangum Village was her home for the last 8 years. She enjoyed sitting outside with her friends and going to events at the community room.

COPAKE — Edna Van Sise, 90, of Copake and formerly of Wingdale, New York, passed away peacefullv on Monday Oct. 31, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 9, 1932, in Mount Kisco, New York, she was the daughter of the late William Lane and Edna Terwilliger (Sisson).

Edna grew up and attended school in Pleasantville, New York, where at the age of 12, she met the love of her life and eternal soulmate, George Van Sise. George and Edna were inseparable and their love for one another flourished as time passed. On Feb. 25, 1950, in Mount Pleasant, Edna and George exchanged their vows and one passionate kiss, which led to 72 years of marriage; 7 decades and 2 years of laughter, 864 months of happiness, 26,295 days of wisdom, and most importantly 631,128 hours of memories. Mr. Van Sise survives at home.

Edna loved wearing matching shirts with her love, George, collecting dolls, res-



Stephanie leaves behind three children, Donald Yeaton (Bonnie)

of North Carolina, Annie Rand (Adam) of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and Tracy Murphy (Shaun) of North Canaan. Seven grandchildren, Sarah Pothul, David Pothul,

Meghan Pothul, Shane Murphy, Hillary Murphy, Desiree Brady and Thomas Brady III. Three great grandchildren Micah Walker, Zachary Brady and Zelda Brady. Three siblings Steve Ostrom (Ruth), Joanne DiGiacomo (Mike) and Maryjane Flint (Ray).

Stephanie was preceded in death by the love of her life, William H. Yeaton.

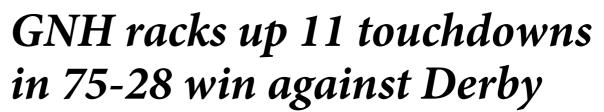
A service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church in North Canaan.

Edna Van Sise

children, 21 Great Grandchildren and her loving dog Ashley. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by one Grandson and one Great Grandson.

Calling hours were held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, at Peck and Peck Funeral Home located at 7749 South Main Street, Pine Plains, where a funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor Rick Totten officiating. Interment took place at Irondale Cemetery, Millerton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice and Northeast Baptist Church.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.peckandpeck.net.



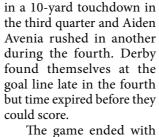
By Riley Klein

WINSTED - The Gilbert/ Northwestern/Housatonic Yellowjackets hosted the Derby Red Raiders at Gary Fecto Memorial Field on Saturday, Nov. 5. The two teams combined for 103 points in an unusually high-scoring game.

The Yellowjackets got the job done on all sides of the ball as they scored on offense, defense and special teams. The first quarter alone saw three rushing touchdowns by the GNH backfield, a pick-6 by Colby Sanden, and a 65-yard punt returned for a touchdown by Fred Calder-Camp. The swarming Yellowjackets were too much for the Red Raiders to handle as GNH took a 34-0 lead by the end of the first.

Derby fought back in the second quarter and found the end zone on four occasions both on the ground and in the air. But GNH didn't let off the gas and scored another four touchdowns to bring the score at halftime to 61-28.

As the clock ran throughout the second half, the Yellowjacket backfield pressed on. Grayson Ursone rushed



a score of 75-28. GNH improved to 6-2 as Derby fell to 0-8 on the season.

The Yellowjackets will take on the WCA Spartans (4-4) in Waterbury on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m.





PHOTO BY SAVAGE FRIEZE

Fred Calder-Camp rushed downfield during the GNH vs. Derby game on Saturday, Nov. 5, in Winsted.



cuing chihuahuas, gardening, trips to Lake George, spending time and holidays with family, raising and fostering children and being the best Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and kind hearted, caring and compassionate woman that she could ever be. Edna, although gone, will never be forgotten and will be truly missed by many!

Other than her loving husband, Edna is survived by one brother, David Lane of Colorado, one Sister Hazel Peters of Florida, six children, William Van Sise (Melonie Van Sise) of Pine Plains New York, George Van Sise (Wanda Van Sise) of Palenville, New York, Joan Dibono (Leo Dibono) of Hopewell Junction, New York, David Van Sise (Adele Van Sise) of Seminole, Florida, Edna Governale (Joseph Governale) of Pawling, New York, and Roy Van Sise (Laura Van Sise) of Pleasantville. She is also survived by 19 Grand-

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Ethan Arsenault, center, purchased the dairy cows at Freund's Farm in East Canaan and leased the barn from Matthew Freund, left, and Ben Freund. Arsenault is in partnership with Lo Nan Farms in Pine Plains.

Northwest Corner with its greenhouse and commercial kitchen.

Cow Pots, biodegradable planting pots made from composted cow manure, is an innovation started by Matthew. Distribution of Cow Pots is nationwide.

Cow Pots were featured in a 2007 episode of the Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" program.

The Freunds said they wouldn't be able to make this change without Arsenault.

"A dairy farm needs a cow man," said Ben. "When he walks into the barn, he can sense immediately if there is a problem."

Ben said that when the brothers began to think about finding a new owner for the herd, he called Lloyd Vaill of Lo Nan Farms. And Vaill had an immediate candidate.

Arsenault, who attended Delaware Valley University in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, has been interested in cows since the fifth grade. His work day begins early in the morning and ends as the evening sets in. It's not unusual for him to be summoned to the barn at all hours.

Canaan View Farm has three employees, five milking robots and a robotic feed pusher nicknamed "Juno."

"Farming is now on the cutting edge of science and technology," he said. A screen on a computer in the milk office depicts a fever-line graph of each cow's milk output, just one indication of the advanced techniques used in milk production on the farm.

But Arsenault — the 'cow man' that he is-was asked about what experiences on the job are among the most meaningful.

"When you're bottle-feeding a newborn calf," he said, "there's nothing like it."

TANKER SPILL

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ment and Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance at 5:58 a.m., Eversource cut power to the area. Residents were evacuated from the area for safety reasons, and those who chose and/or had no other options were moved to Botelle Elementary School, which also serves as the town's emergency shelter.

Cleanup by the state Department of Energy and **Environmental Protection** (DEEP) began that afternoon.

DEEP's investigation found that gasoline spillage from the upended truck traveled under Pettibone Lane into the brook at Maple Avenue and then down to the culvert at the five-way intersection of Emerson Street, Mills Way, Shepard Road and John Curtiss Road.

A sand berm was placed, blocking the gasoline from moving farther down Shepard Road and preventing it from entering the Blackberry

Sharon Internet

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and underground lines where necessary.

Fiber provides residential service speeds estimated at up to 2 gigabytes per second (gps), scalable up to 10 gps, Ellis said.

"Frontier is offering access to the digital society," Ellis added.

Residents posed questions about installation, capability and cost.

"When we cover the town, we will install fiber to replace DSL. Fiber is not distance-sensitive," Ellis explained.

Resident John Brett, a Frontier customer for ten years, asked about the company's commitment to customer service.



Route 44 in Norfolk was closed following a gasoline tanker rollover on Saturday, Nov. 5.

River.

According to Norfolk Emergency Management, DEEP's monitoring of the river has produced no evidence that any gasoline from the spill has reached it. The Connecticut National Guard Civil Support Team is assisting with air and soil observation. The EPA considers the site "of federal interest."

"The scope of this incident is basically unprece-

dented in town," said Jonathan Barbagallo, the town's assistant emergency management director and public information officer.

The evacuations came to an end at around 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and Route 44 residents were allowed to return to their homes after metering by the NVFD.

Traffic detours were set in place. The town's emergency services said that Route 44 east of the Village Green will be closed until Friday, Nov. 11. Temporary traffic lights are expected to be installed to allow for an alternating lane of traffic.

Soil core samples are being taken, and Maple Avenue and Pettibone Lane continue to show signs of contamination. The brook from Maple Avenue to the five-way intersection has been heavily contaminated, and DEEP and Environmental Services Inc. are vacuuming affected water. There are still no signs that the spill reached the nearby Blackberry River. Cleanup efforts at all sites are expected to take several weeks.

The driver was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington and treated for minor injuries. Barham was found at fault in the accident. Trooper Lance Carlson of Troop B in North Canaan issued a warning for failure to maintain lane.

"We have reputational challenges to overcome," Ellis responded, adding that fiber corrects some of the past service shortcomings. "Fiber is very stable."

Sharon Connect weighs in Jill Drew, co-chairman of the Sharon Connect Task Force, said that Frontier has indicated that it will string fiber on its poles whether or not it has a partnership agreement with the town.

Ellis indicated that Frontier is hoping to speak with the town about a partnership to extend that fiber service availability to all homes.

Selectman Dale Jones

cost that Comcast is offering.

Drew said that in advance of the Thursday, Nov. 10 town meeting on the Comcast proposal, the town would like to receive firm numbers from Frontier and more proposal details. She added that there is no chance that the town meeting will be a vote to decide between Comcast and Frontier.

Sharon Connect co-chairman Meghan Flanagan emphasized that the Frontier plan when it is presented will need to go through a review process by various town boards. To view the information session as well as to view a chart containing side-by-side comparisons of the four courses of action, go to: www.sharonconnect.org. Falls Village looking too

Sharon is not the only Northwest Corner town discussing broadband with Frontier. At a special meeting of the Falls Village selectmen Wednesday, Nov. 2, First Selectman Henry Todd reported a recent meeting with Frontier, which approached him about bringing broadband access to about half the town.

Todd said the Frontier representative's data on households was incorrect. He added he believes Frontier included households in North Canaan and the Amesville section of Salisbury, and that he provided Frontier with correct data.

KENT PLAN

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Act (ADA) requirements and to renovate the building to accommodate public use.

Selectmen Glenn Sanchez sought information on a preimount of funds needed

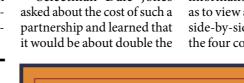
es impacting the current year. It seemed clear to him that the current year's budget would not support the hire.

"We need to see a yeardate line-item budget,"

like to see it before the next selectmen's meeting.

"It's important that we find the money," de Rham added, saying that the numbers that would result from

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to hire the architect and the selectman Rufus de Rham amounts of on-going expens-

said, adding that he would absolutely necessary.

an architect's study would be

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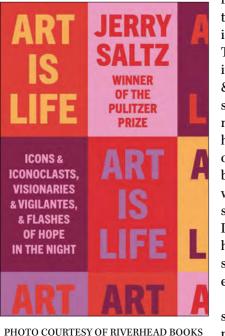
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ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN Should art live as the Earth dies?

nknown to one another, a group of painters have come to the common conclusion that the most banal and even vulgar trappings of modern civilization can, when transposed literally to canvas, become art." This was printed in Time Magazine in 1962, profiling a series of artists, including 30-year-old Andy Warhol who was working on his series of screen printed portraits of Campbell's soup cans. The soup was mocked as the enemy of serious art, and 60 years later we can only speculate on what the late Time art editor



Bruce Barton, Jr. would have made of soup being even more literally transposed onto canvas.

The thick orange splat was seen across the internet on Oct. 14, dripping down Vincent van Gogh's sunflowers when two young female climate activists threw tomato soup at the painting hung in the National Gallery museum in London. Sealed behind protective glass, the van Gogh was undamaged.

The day the soup hit the glass, New York Magazine art critic and Pulitzer Prize Winner Jerry Saltz took to his Twitter to write his immediate

> reaction. "I find this nightmarish iconoclasm Taliban-like in its sick certitude & imperious self-righteousness & implied hatred of any other idea of beauty. The art world needs to stand up to this. I love beauty & hate the destruction of the earth. Paradox." The demonstration was part of a series

Berkshiremuseum

committed by Just Stop Oil, an environmental activist group that have received criticism, and even online conspiratorial speculation of being a hoax, due to their funding being tied to the American oil heiress Aileen Getty. The group also invites supporters to donate to their cause via cryptocurrency — a digital form of payment that uses vast amounts of energy to produce and is responsible for, as Business Insider reported in March, 40 billion pounds of carbon dioxide emission in the United States.

Just Stop Oil's sights are set on the United Kingdom's government ceasing the issue of new oil and gas licenses, in line with the widely reported data that fossil fuels are the leading cause of the Earth's global warming, leading to air and water pollution, sea levels rising, heat waves and wildfires. The demonstration at the National Gallery, filmed and quickly uploaded to the internet, has been followed by copycat stunts done in solidarity but not directly connected to Just Stop Oil. These

have included mashed potatoes hurled at Claude Monet's "Haystacks" at The Museum Barberini in Germany and two Dutch men who were arrested and sentenced to time in prison for targeting Johannes Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring" with a can of soup. Both paintings were framed behind glass and were declared undamaged by the museums.

There is an impulse to discuss the protests using the worst metric we have to talk about culture, equating popularity with quality. The incident at the National Gallery spread quickly across social media, captured on film with tension and shock, a gut punch of a moment as it seemed one of van Gogh's works would be tarnished forever. It was easy to question the motives — why a painting? Why van Gogh? Why soup? The viral impact seemed to be the only message. Before the incident, most had no idea who Just Stop Oil was, and afterward... they did. Popularity is also an interesting topic in itself to broach. Vincent van Gogh never sold a painting when he died by suicide at age 37 in 1890. He has since become the nost well-known painter in Western culture. His paintings are in fact, what we think of when we think of art. But they have only existed for a relatively short amount of time, a 20th-century touchstone that we uphold. Amazingly, we have preserved his work for the public to see, but the planet we have inflicted devastating destruction upon is of course much older. There have been other targets hit by Just Stop Oil - Scotland Yard, Harrods - buildings drenched in globs of effervescent orange goo. But the broken social contract of the museum, the sense of betrayal in watching our shared sense of beauty and humanity shown to be so suddenly vulnerable to destruction, will be the lasting impact.

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"I'm not saying art is sacred, only that it does something somewhat undefinable," Saltz writes in his new collection of essays, "Art Is Life: Icons and Iconoclasts, Vision-

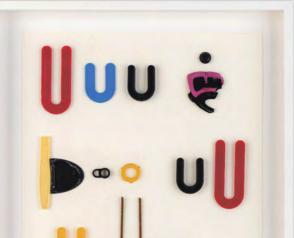
STILL LIFE: VASE WITH FOURTEEN SUNFLOWERS FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY LONDON, ILLUSTRATION BY JUST STOP OIL

> aries and Vigilantes, and Flashes of Hope in the Night."

> "In a sense, the museum is an ecstasy machine, a building filled with wormholes and time warps..." Saltz continues. "Museums are strange places where people stand in front of inanimate objects, talk to themselves, and experience rapture."

Art critic Jerry Saltz will discuss his new book at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Nov. 12. Advance tickets required.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR







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Matt Magee, 'It's All About You'

A simple line curved upward into a horseshoe loop becomes one of the most evocative letters in the Modern English alphabet, the accusatory and self-reflective

"U." In the fractured shorthand language of texting "u" alone is a full sentence, a complete thought structured as an obligatory question. It means "I answered your question about me, so I suppose, if we must continue talking, please answer your own question in return." U, yes you, meaning me. Delving into numerology and symbology, Brooklyn-based artist Matt Magee collects objects and arranges them like a kidnapper arranges magazine-clipped text on a ransom note, letters mismatched in color and size, floating together until meaning emerges, left up to you to understand.

"It's All About You" is now on display at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

The Life and Art of Hilary Knight

"I am Eloise. I am six. I am a city child. I live at The Plaza." So begins the opening pages of the book by actress-turned-author Kay Thompson and the then-young man who helped bring her creation to life, the illustrator Hilary Knight. Originally intended for adults when it was published in 1955, "Eloise" was repackaged for the children's section in 1969. For decades Eloise, contumacious, indulgent, and wickedly fun,

red ribbon looped in her untidy blonde mop, has lived on not just as one of the most recognizable American picture book characters, but as one of the most recognizable fictional New Yorkers. After all, what could be more captivating, or more exclusive, than growing up living in the Plaza Hotel? She was the prima darling of enviable girlhood until the arrival of that most coveted of American Girl dolls, glossy-haired Samantha Parkington, who lives in tony Edwardian era





ILLUSTRATION BY HILARY KNIGHT

ular a place to call home

New York. That said, Samantha is forced to learn harsh truths about working-class slavery via child factory labor, echoing the 1910s images captured by photographer Lewis Hine. Sans any sort of visible parental figure, Eloise exists out of time or sociology, confined to the walls of the Plaza, an ecosystem all its own. She is a scamp and a bother and a companion to those who dwell within this orderly world of opulence — the concierge, the fur-encased ladies in The Palm Court, a martini-swilling lawyer.

as Hogwarts. The young will always be fascinated by fictive children who live in extremes — both **Roald Dahl and Charles** Dickens knew this well. The confines of poverty are as fascinating as the trappings of wealth, as long as the child is essentially unloved, and therefore untethered and able to explore. Stability is hardly good charac-

ter-building. "Eloise and More: The Life and Art of Hilary Knight" opens on Nov. 12 at The Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.



Georgia O'Keeffe

Why is Georgia O'Keeffe the only female painter we know? "Marie-Antoinette with the Rose" is an oil painting we can all conjure in our imagination, moon-silver gown against the dusky blue sky, the definitive image of the last queen of France. But how many can name the artist, Élisabeth Vigée Le Brun? A portraitist in the ornamental and antiquity-inspired Neoclassical movement, Vigée Le Brun was part of a cultural moment in art that included other prominent female painters like Angelica Kauffman, Marie-Denise Villers, and Rose-Adélaïde Ducreux. Yet it is undeniably a man, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, who is the name in Neoclassicism. In the 20th century, it would take true knowledge of art to name important - but hardly commonly known female painters like Lee Krasner, Helen Frankenthaler, or Yayoi Kusama. So what is it about Georgia O'Keeffe, an American modernist, serene yet sensual and stirringly provocative, that jumps out to even the least studied museum-goer? Her vulva-shaped florae are an indelible touchstone for bold expressions of



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Georgia O'Keeffe by Alfred Stieglitz

femininity on the canvas. With their rippling folds and cavernous depths, O'Keeffe changed the way we look at flowers, as much as she changed the way we look at the female artist, making herself the subject in photographers' portraits, framed

as mysterious, sexual, and thoroughly modern for the time.

Roxana Robinson will present "Georgia O'Keeffe: *Reading the Work as the* Life" at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., on Nov. 12. Advance tickets required.



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Contemporary Fall Openings

Two group contemporary art show open on Saturday, Nov. 12, both the final gallery exhibitions for 2022 offered by Kenise Barns Fine Art in Kent, Conn., and Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn. At KBFA's "Radical Chrome" five female painters illuminate their canvases in bold combinations of bejeweled color, while at "Rotating / Axis" presented at Furnace, our tilting planet and the shifting seasons inspires a collection of geometric designs that echo both the harmony and discord of change.



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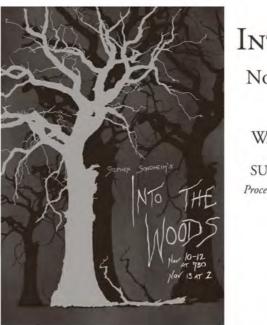
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Be aware of those around you; extend a helping hand

erhaps one of the rarest traits to survive the years of societal change due to the worldwide pandemic is empathy. Seems ironic, doesn't it? Yet we have all witnessed or heard about the rudeness of some patrons at restaurants, the behavior some customer service representatives have received, or the aggressiveness of some drivers who feel their route is the most important one no matter who may stand in their way.

One thing we can all be sure of, however, is that nobody has come through COVID's spread unscathed. If people haven't had serious illness from the viral infection, then their family members were affected by it, or their earning power was, or they suffered losses of loved ones, family and friends, that were devastating.

Yet still many seem to try to do their best to continue on as if their problems were not overwhelming, to try to find ways to cope with situations they never foresaw in life.

This newspaper has had articles recently about the increased use of area food banks, which have seen more volume since the pandemic took hold in 2020. The increases surely mean there are people who have not needed to use the services of food banks until now. One person from Salisbury, Claudia Barnum, found herself in the food line at the Corner Pantry in Lakeville recently, and decided to share with our readers her experience, which she hadn't expected to have until many difficulties took over her life and that of her family.

In a recent interview, Claudia said that the worst part of her financial hardship is the medical bills. First she, then her husband, broke bones that needed to heal. Her sister was in a serious car accident at Christmastime in 2021, and is still working hard to heal and recover from it. Claudia said she used to help volunteer at nonprofits, but now needs to tap into their resources. "I was a teacher at Region One for 35 years," she said, "but even with a pension, still the bills could not be met. I was always a positive person. But now, isolation and hopelessness can start to take over."

She waited in line at the Corner Pantry for about an hour, and said the people in line with her looked about the same; exhausted, done. What happened next took her into another level of sadness. Here are her words: "Today I cried my way through the food pantry line in Lakeville. I was very thankful for the help I received, yet so embarrassed because I needed it. I left the parking lot of the Church and pulled out on to the road leading into Lakeville Center. My mixture of gratitude and grief was interrupted by a loud, relentless car horn. A yellow Mercedes convertible was bearing down on me. It was obvious I had just left the food line, and we were, after all, at a stop sign. I thought, 'What is life like from your perspective? Do you know at all what is going on around you? Please, wake up!' Claudia is grateful for the help of the food bank, and of so many others in the community, during this hard time for her family. But her wish is that those who are doing well understand that many around them are stretched close to the breaking point. "Be kind – you never know what people around you are going through. Be compassionate. Do something positive and pay it forward for those who need help."

Opinion



Sunset over Salisbury cemetery

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Sharon Hospital L & D necessary

This letter is in response to the letter written by Dr.Leroy Nickles of Sharon Hospital, which was published Oct. 27 in this newspaper. Dr. Nickles writes: "Sharon Hospital can handle emergency situations, including those surrounding pregnant women and babies in the community. That is "All Good and Well", but Dr. Nickles fails to mention all the women who are not in an emergency situation yet! When these women feel the labor of their child's birth, most often their husband, a family member or a friend will drive them to the Hospital, which might take approximately 20 minutes.

If the maternity department closes, these non-emergency deliveries might become an emergency for the expectant mother as well as for the baby, if they have to travel longer than here to fore. And, don't forget: these women are not in an ambulance; they are driven most

likely by a non-medical individual.

This is a profound reason why so many people are against the closure of the maternity department at Sharon Hospital. In addition, I would like to mention that many of us older people are jubilant about the influx of young families in this beautiful, active and deeply alive community.

Mieke Armstrong Salisbury

Difficult decisions for the hospital

As the Chair of Primary Care at Nuvance Health, I spearhead and participate in the ongoing conversations with Sharon Hospital leadership, community physicians, and the volunteer board regarding our commitment to expand access to primary care across Sharon Hospital's service area. I am writing today in support of the Sharon Hospital Transformation Plan, including the proposed closure of the Labor & Delivery department.

I understand better than most the weight that goes into a decision such as this. With my years of experience in healthcare, particularly in primary care with a board certification in family medicine, I recognize the importance of supporting women throughout the duration of their lifespan. However, we must also recognize that a rural hospital like Sharon Hospital needs to adapt as healthcare evolves. Prior to joining Nuvance Health, I worked in rural Iowa where Labor & Delivery and ICU patients were always referred to tertiary care centers. I saw first-hand Labor & Delivery patients safely and successfully transferred to hospitals within driving distance, where mothers and babies were still guaranteed high-quality care.

Sharon Hospital's proposed transformation plan is focused on strengthening the services that data shows are needed most across the region. Closing Labor & Delivery is a difficult but necessary decision that will allow us to invest in other services to help the hospital remain strong in serving our community. The Sharon community is changing while healthcare delivery is evolving. It is imperative that we expand access to primary and specialty care across the region for our patients, and we can only do this if Sharon Hospital is sustainable for the future. As my team works to support the transformation plan and focus on growing primary care in a rural market, we must be creative to attract new talent to the

area to build and maintain a strong primary care infrastructure for the future. Our local recruitment committee has left no stone unturned in our recruitment efforts, most recently spearheading Sharon Hospital specific recruitment video featuring local actors and trusted Sharon Hospital physicians. As a result of these myriad efforts, we've welcomed new, skilled clinicians to our primary care team - proof of our commitment to the growth-based aspects of the transformation plan.

I'm confident that Sharon

TURNING **BACK THE** PAGES NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago - November 1922

Mr. Anson Williams has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to cast his vote on Tuesday.

-The country has been saved again. The returns didn't suit everybody but then, you can not please 'em all.

50 years ago — November 1972

Election Day proved a happy day for incumbents as a spectacular display of ticket splitting in Northwest Connecticut brought victory for all those in office and defeat for all challengers. Winners were President Richard Nixon, U.S. Rep. Ella Grasso, State Senators Lewis Rome and P. Edmund Power, and State Representatives John Groppo and Gordon Vaill. The three big surprises came from Mr. Nixon, Mrs. Grasso and Mr. Groppo.

— A black bear has been sighted in this part of Connecticut and, predictably, someone is after it with a rifle. ... Conservation Officer Peter Begley said Tuesday that the hunt is legal, since there is no closed season on bear, but that no one may hunt on private property without the owner's permission, and several complaints have been received about the bear hunter trespassing.

 Acting Salisbury First Selectman George Kiefer signed a check this week for the \$16,000 down payment on purchase of the former Children's Colony property on Long Pond.

25 years ago — November 1997

Falls Village political newcomer Gabriel Seymour narrowly edged incumbent selectman Louis Timolat Tuesday for the first selectman's seat by a 17-vote margin.

-Food banks and community service organizations in the Northwest Corner face the loss of one of their major supporters next spring when Norfolk's Deer Spring Bruderhof moves away. From the Fishes and Loaves food bank in Canaan, to OWL's Kitchen in Salisbury and the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Winsted, local community aid organizations this week said the loss of the Norfolk group will be keenly felt.

Hospital's transformation plan will allow us to devote more time and resources to continuing the expansion of primary and specialty care services that are currently needed in our community. This plan will keep Sharon Hospital strong, ultimately creating a healthier region.

Cornelius Ferreira, MD Chair, Primary Care at Nuvance Health

Sharon

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More letters next page.

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

Full service hospital needed in NW Corner

In a recent Sharon Hospital evaluation, an emergency room patient reported, "I wish there had been a surgeon who could have treated me. The hospital I was transported to was a nightmare." This candid answer is not unusual. More and more emergency room patients are being transferred due to limited surgical coverage.

When Nuvance was formed in 2019, the Certificate of Need (CON) signed with the state of Connecticut required Sharon Hospital to maintain all essential services for five years until April 1, 2024. Last year, Nuvance announced its plans to shut down maternity and scale back the intensive care unit (ICU), and in February of this year the ICU was closed for six days. Both maternity and ICU are contractually obligated to remain open. Fortunately, the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy (OHS) has opened an investigation into Nuvance's adherence to the CON. The public hearing to determine whether Nuvance can close maternity has been rescheduled for December 6, and Nuvance has applied to reduce the ICU to a "progressive care unit."

When I came here 40 years ago, there were four full-time general surgeons in private practice. About 20 years ago, after Sharon Hospital was sold to a private equity firm, there were two general surgeons providing 24-7 coverage with temporary contractor backup. Since 2018, five primary care doctors have left the service area. There has been a 28% reduction in inpatient surgical volume. Then this past May, Nuvance terminated the contract of a Sharon Hospital surgeon leaving only one full-time general surgeon. Evidently, the plan was to use temporary contractors to cover.

Unfortunately, since May, there have been many three-day weekends and other without general surgery coverage here. In October, the operating room schedule was blank 39% of the time. When a surgeon is not available, surgical patients have to be transferred to Vassar Hospital, Danbury Hospital, or other hospitals. About 40 patients are transferred from Sharon Hospital to other hospitals every month, but not all of these are surgical cases. This has led to a sizable reduction in hospital revenue and a decrease in essential services to the community.

Recently, an attempt to transfer a patient was unsuccessful because no beds were available in Poughkeepsie or Danbury. The patient was kept overnight and surgery was performed at Sharon Hospital. Fortunately, this patient did well. What will happen in inclement weather or when there is no time to transfer a patient, if a surgeon is not on call? Most patients and their families want to be treated here. Why do they have to experience the extra anguish of transportation and treatment at a remote facility? Not to mention, transporting patients is an expensive burden on the ambulance services.

The Northwest Corner needs a full-service community hospital. Recruiting another general surgeon and more primary care doctors would be a necessary step in the right direction.

David R. Kurish, MD

Sharon

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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One definition of what is "mine"

"What's yours is mine and what's mine is my own." — James Joyce

In 2020, the White House, our nation's house, was commandeered by Trump as campaign headquarters for his failed election. Trump gave his Republican Convention Speech from the White House bringing him vibrant criticism from government ethic watch dogs along with South Dakota's tall and, until of late, well respected Senator John Thune, Republican minority whip.

Trump purchased in 2013 the old D.C. Post Office, converting it to a luxury hotel from which Trump and his organization made substantial profits during his term of office - raising Emoluments Clause violation issues. He filled the expensive postal property with Saudi officials, other foreign visitors doing U.S. and Trump Organization business along with Secret Service agents paying \$1000 a night for housing. From 2016 to 2020, Emolument Clause along with Hatch Act violations couldn't be seriously progressed amidst a fleet of other Trump legal violations/ abnormalities, international exploitations.

presidency for personal aggrandizement by collecting government records including top secret confidential files for his personal scrapbooks, social splash bric-abrac. Trump likes to gather memories and brag, so according to him, his access to confidential U.S. files as POTUS mutated to his ownership of them — "They are mine.

Unequivocally, he asserts whatever he would have had to do to declassify documents, he did — regardless that classification is not the legal issue at hand — possession is. Official documents are specified for the National Archives' secure storage not an easily accessed resort basement storage room lacking security, lacking organization, lacking legality, lacking sense.

What else has, might Trump metamorphosis from US documents, monuments, objects to "mine" — Trump's. If a masterpiece from the National Gallery or Smithsonian is loaned to him as president for a term in the White House, is this art loan then his to be packed and taken along when he leaves office? Does 45 recognize any boundaries to what is "mine": Judicial powers, legislative

powers, prosecutorial powers, "my justices", "my generals", "my nuclear weapons."

If Trump runs again for president and if he is elected, will he convert national treasures to Trump treasures? Might the Trump Organiztion, should it survive until 2024, convert Mt. Vernon to a luxury rental for foreign dignitaries — a handsome, private locale for MBS when he is in D.C. If Trump is president, is Mt. Vernon "mine", are the Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington Memorials, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island "mine", can they be converted to commercial Trump spaces, diminished to political servitude?

"They are mine," 45's proclamation balances with his "never me." He is never accountable, he is never subject to legality, laws, order. He screams he can stand on 5th Avenue, kill a person and it is "never me." "Lock her up," a favorite Trump rally cry for women: Hillary, Gretchen, Pelosi, is never chanted for him nor his cadre of felons with commuted sentences, like Flynn, Stone, Bannon, many more. Trump 's closest allies are convicted felons. Can they vote?

Kathy Herald-Marlowe Sharon



Sharon L & D plan can work well

I am an RN and Quality Director at Sharon Hospital. I am writing this letter in support of Sharon Hospital's transformative plan and urge my fellow community members to understand the facts of this plan and the benefits to our community.

I have been an RN for 30 years, and I am a longtime resident of Litchfield County. I am keenly aware of the unique challenges hospitals face, especially in terms of recruiting and retaining clinicians and staff to this area. I know that at Sharon Hospital, these issues are especially challenging.

I gave birth to my three children at New Milford Hospital, which gives me the understanding of giving birth within a rural region as both

much interest.

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OB/GYN and L & D spe-

circumstances, a patient can

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ther care. In my experience,

however, it may take up to

40 minutes for a patient to

arrive at a neighboring hos-

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a mother and as a caregiver. I understand mothers' concerns about when and where their birth plans will take place. However, I want to offer a different perspective to those who have brought up safety concerns with Sharon Hospital's plans.

When New Milford Hospital phased out their labor and delivery unit in 2013, I witnessed firsthand how leadership and staff were able to make that transition effective, efficient, and most importantly, safe. In the many years since New Milford Hospital closed their Labor and Delivery unit, they have seen no emergent births, and in the event there is a patient who does present and birth is imminent, staff have received all necessary training. Most importantly, the service lines the New Milford community needed most are thriving. I can confirm that this model can and will work for the sustainable future of a hospital.

The healthcare landscape is changing, and I understand that in order to remain part of our community and grow in the services we need most, that includes making tough decisions as it relates to areas that are underutilized. While I share in the community's sadness around losing a service, I know that Sharon Hospital's transformative plan was made in the interest of our patients and fully anticipate that it will lead to the enhancement of services most needed by our community. Amy Llerena

Sharon

Clothing drive thanks community

On behalf of the parishioners of All Saints of America Orthodox Church, I would like to express our appreciation to the local community for supporting our recent clothing give away. Thank you to The Lakeville Journal, to Moore and More Printing, and to WQQQ radio for their help with publicity.

In 2021 and 2022, Trump

Thanks to Montage in

Millerton, the transfer stations of Salisbury, Sharon and Cornwall, St. John's Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ in Cornwall for helping with collecting. We send a special thanks to Salisbury School and Hotchkiss for their donations of clothing

Lastly, thank you to the generous people in our com-

munity. Thousands of items were collected and all leftover clothing was given to local nursing homes, and shelters. We feel so blessed to be able to help others and to be part of such a caring community. Hope Mongeau

Church Council Member Salisbury

Those veterans, complex realities

Many folks who know also say that the feelings of see things that go against what we do at The Equus depression, isolation and the values with which they

Effect introduce me as the anxiety in the veterans we were raised. Many have told me that it seems okay when one is 'in country' with battle buddies, but the experience is entirely different when one is home — alone. So, if you happen to encounter someone who served in the military on this Veterans Day, it's always good to welcome them home - no matter where or when they served. Ask where they were stationed and what that place or those places were like. They are after all, our fellow country men and women who signed a blank check to Uncle Sam and I for one, am very glad they returned.

Hospital should provide L & D

person who works with horses and veterans with PTSD. While it is easy to categorize people with diagnoses, as usual, the reality is far more complex.

For the most part, veterans' real desire is to come home, reconnect with their friends and families, feel comfortable in their own skin and find meaning and purpose in life. For some however, this is way easier said than done.

Some say they'd prefer to go back into combat, but in our experience, this is more a matter of missing the esprit de corps and mission-driven focus than some "addiction" to adrenaline. I would see are not hallmarks of a psychological "disorder" but rather ones borne out of the transition from one culture to another.

One culture is highly structured and exists to serve a higher purpose. Many who come home find civilian life more driven by self interest and personal gain where people sometimes say one thing and do another. This is not 100% true, but it is certainly not untrue. They also have trouble finding careers or jobs that value the skills they have honed in the military.

There aren't many professions that require lethal force. Moral injury is another issue for combat vets who do and

Jane Strong The Equus Effect

By two they came, and so they went

They were a pretty much a town fixture — not only at the Wake Robin, but also with town residents for more than a decade during long early morning walks and on Wells Hill Road.

Zeus and Hermes navigated a difficult beginning in Kentucky, where they were rescued from the same neglectful home. Why someone would mistreat two such special beings is a mystery, as is the miracle that they remained together until discovered online at their second rescue, this one in Indiana, still somehow unseparated.

Once they made it to the northeast, to Lakeville, they proved naturally ascendant as "Lords of the Manor," as befits the Royal line of Standard Poodles, which is what hilltop. they were. What is not a mystery: their unfailing social grace, quiet intelligence and gentleness, which never failed to impress and serve as a mirror of we thought to be – their loving natures putting to shame the vanity that befalls us.

Adventure was a fixture of their long lives, and perhaps a key to their impressive longevity. They travelled thousands of miles across U.S. and Canada, navigating states and border guards with aplomb — true Lakevillians at heart in all ways.

They made it back to the Wake Robin this year — their final season. Lakeville is where they belong, and here they will remain, their final resting on the Wake Robin's

Sharon

Zeus, 16. Hermes, 15. By two they came — and so they went.

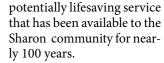
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Zeus and Hermes

As a physician who pracpital. That is assuming that ticed emergency medicine at an ambulance is readily Sharon Hospital for 30 years, available and that the road I read Dr. Nickles' October conditions are good. That is 27 letter to the editor with time that a woman who has active internal bleeding as Dr. Nickles tries to rea result of a ruptured ectoassure the Sharon Hospital pic pregnancy or an unborn community that the emerchild who is experiencing ingency department is ready trauterine distress may not to take care of all Labor & have. I have been in the position of taking care of those Delivery (L & D) emergencies. That is simply not pospatients and I have always been grateful that an OB/ sible. Let's remember that an emergency department is not GYN specialist could arrive an operating room and that and get the patient(s) immeeven the best skilled emerdiately to the operating room gency physician and staff do when needed.

> Let's remember also that Nuvance is not being asked to create a new service at Sharon Hospital. It is instead taking away a necessary, and



How much money does Nuvance need to save to justify a maternal death or a child that is so disabled that he or she will require specialized care for the rest of his or her existence?

I am not sure what Nuvance means when it says it is following a "growth-based Sharon Hospital Transformation Plan", but I do know that closing the L & Ddepartment at Sharon Hospital is a terrible idea and robs the community of an essential service.

Richard A. Bennek MD Merion Station, Pa.



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Our Towns Sharon studies Hilltop Road solution to speeding drivers

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Residents along Hilltop Road explored the topic of installing engineered speed humps to slow traffic that passes by their homes, which they said poses a hazard to pedestrians and Sharon Center School traffic.

They also discussed other traffic-slowing options during a cordial meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Sharon Town Hall.

First Selectmen Brent Colley opened the meeting that he termed "an information conversation." According to Colley, it would be

a conversation that would continue as the selectmen would continue the search for a solution in upcoming meetings.

Engineer Kermit Hua, HWH Enterprises LLC of Meriden participated remotely to discuss the plans he created detailing installation of speed humps, not bumps, along Hilltop Road.

Speeding is a town-wide issue, Colley said, concerned that action to rein in speed on Hilltop Road might serve as a precedent for the entire town.

"This is larger than you think," Colley said.

Hilltop Road resident John Hecht noted that 14 residents on Hilltop Road signed a petition calling for action to calm the traffic on their road that serves as a connector road between Routes 41 and 4, bypassing the town center.

Hua's plan envisions three humps to be installed south of the crest of the hill, between that point and the intersection with Route 4. Each hump would be warned with signs and painted indicators on the pavement.

The humps designed by Hua accommodate the concerns of emergency personnel, town plows, and town maintenance crews.

Each hump would be 3 inches at the highest point near the road's middle, tapering in height as the hump extends to each side.

For the town crew, Colley said, their concerns center on the height of the humps and road drainage.

For emergency personnel, the concern surrounds the potential for longer response time.

Resident Bill Braislin noted that modern vehicles ride closer to the road, offering less clearance, and he suggested that the school buses

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traveling to Sharon Center School should be checked for clearance.

David Levinson noted that he usually walks twice a day along the road with his dog and has had numerous close encounters with speeding vehicles.

Colley noted that an electronic speed sign that is now placed on Hilltop Road is collecting data.

Recalling last summer's speeding forums held at Veterans' Field, selectman Casey Flanagan suggested that if the town is serious about wanting to control the speed, then a physical barrier would

serve.

That measure, however, would deflect traffic to Main Street. Residents responded that they do not want to lessen the volume of traffic necessarily, they just want drivers to control their speed, noting that offending vehicles are often delivery trucks.

Flanagan said that local residential drivers seem to observe local speed limits on the whole. He suggested rumble strips as a possible solution.

"We have a greater understanding," Colley said at the close of the meeting. "It's the beauty of conversation."

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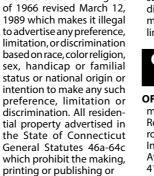
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