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Jay William Puzinski of Winsted, left photo, was arrested by the State Police in connection with an Aug. 6 attempted robbery in Cornwall. Another man, right photo, is believed to have robbed a bank in Sharon on Aug. 2 and could also be involved in the Cornwall attempted robbery.

## Arrest in an attempted bank robbery on Aug. 6

By Cynthia Hochswender

The Connecticut State Police arrested a Winsted man on Friday, Aug. 6, in connection with a bank robbery attempt at the Cornwall branch of the National Iron Bank.

The arrest was made at the bank during the incident.

Jay William Puzinski, 48, a resident of Winsted, was charged with Conspiracy and Criminal Attempt to Commit Robbery in the 2nd Degree and held on a \$50,000 bond. He is scheduled to appear in Litchfield Superior Court on

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### A shot at normalcy

## New vaccination mandate targets nursing homes and hospitals

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Hospitals and nursing homes in the Northwest Corner and around the state now have a new tool in their arsenal in the fight against the newly dominant and highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19: mandated vaccines of workers.

An order by Gov. Ned Lamont on Aug. 6 requires that staff at nursing homes, long-term care facilities and residential care homes be vaccinated by early September. That edict, which imposes a fine of \$20,000 per day to facilities that fail to comply, follows on the heels of a recent announcement by the state's hospital association that all Connecticut hospitals will soon require COVID-19 vaccinations for their workers.

The mandates have been met with support by hospital and nursing home leaders in rural northwest Connecticut,

who said they are prepared to impose those orders, even at the risk of losing employees who will quit rather than get the shot.

Nursing homes were among the hardest hit by earlier surges of the novel coronavirus, and Kevin O'Connell, CEO of Geer Village senior community in North Canaan, said it is a move that must be taken. "My attitude is that no one wants to go through the pain and suffering of another outbreak. There really is no other solution. The sooner we all get on board, the better off everyone will be."

### Unvaccinated staff tested positive

O'Connell is well aware of the risk of losing staff because of the state mandate, particularly during an already challenging hiring climate, "but we will survive and get through it. The job market will stabilize even if people decide to seek employment elsewhere."

"We have already seen that since hospitals announced

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The ceremonial shovels were out in force and so was the community as the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon celebrated the start of renovations and construction of an addition during a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 7.

## Sharon's library digs in and kicks off capital campaign

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — The Sharon community and its elected leaders, friends and neighbors turned out to celebrate the long-awaited start of construction of an addition to provide handicapped access and other conveniences for the architectural gem that is the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on the Green. A ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony was held

on Saturday, Aug. 7.

"This has been years in the making," said Tom Trowbridge, president of the library's Board of Directors, as he recounted the remarkable history of the library. Much consideration had been given to the construction materials in 1893 before it was agreed that the library exterior was to be built of Stockbridge marble. And so, it was, and it has endured well.

In more recent years, the

library sought changes that would align its services to meet today's needs, to modernize while retaining those elements that give the library its character.

Trowbridge recalled that the library embarked on a program that would result in a strategic plan for the future, a townwide survey that was followed by a feasibility study.

"The final step is today," Trowbridge said to cheers and

applause.

The final step being celebrated at the groundbreaking was two-fold. First was construction to provide handicapped access: a handicapped accessible restroom, along with a lift for wheelchairs and patrons for whom steps present a challenge.

Additionally, the project will include major renovations

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## COVID-19 uptick and concerns about chiller unit in Sharon Hospital update

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — Sharon Hospital held its bi-annual community update via Zoom on Thursday, Aug. 5, during which hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko gave an update on the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and its impact locally (see related article, this page), as well as the status of the temporary chiller unit set up outside the hospital and steps being taken to mitigate excessive noise.

Hirko and several speakers from the Nuvance system also unveiled an enhanced Nuvance Health website and Spanish language Facebook page, announced several new hospital accreditations and advances, and addressed steps being made to ensure sustainability for Sharon Hospital into the future as part of a larger health-care system

During the approximately 90-minute virtual forum, participants also heard from

representatives of the independent consulting firm PYA, who presented a Certificate of Need affiliation update on Sharon Hospital.

Hirko started the discussion by announcing that "COVID-19 has reared its ugly head again," marking a fourth wave of the novel coronavirus to hit the community. All of

Connecticut's eight counties, he said, have been identified by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) as being areas of "substantial transmission."

### Visiting hours have been adjusted

While there are currently no patients being treated for COVID-19 at Sharon Hospital,

the administrator said in light of the uptick in people with active infections, he expects to start seeing these patients soon.

"This delta variant is very scary. It's to the point that we have gone to having all of our unvaccinated employees wear

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### Three-day forecast

Friday ..... Thunderstorms, high 90°/low 72°  
 Saturday ..... Cloudy, 82°/63°  
 Sunday ..... Cloudy, 81°/59°

## 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.

### Protective order

On Aug 2 at approximately 7 a.m. Troop B arrested Nicholas Brewer, 41, of Millerton based on a warrant stemming from an incident that occurred in Sharon on July 23. Brewer was charged with violation of a protective order and scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court on that same day.

### Collision near parking lot

On Aug. 2 at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Route 44 in North

Canaan a 2013 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Leah Renee, 36, of Millerton attempted to turn into the parking lot of Stop & Shop and was struck by a 2016 Ford Fusion driven by Nicholas Marc Ziotnick, 46, of Mansfield Center, Conn. Both vehicles were driven from the scene. Ziotnick was issued an infraction for failure to wear a seatbelt.

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 cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com.

## The future of Alzheimer's research, with Scott Small, Aug. 17

SALISBURY — Dr. Scott Small, director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Columbia University, will speak on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at noon at Noble Horizons on Zoom.

A specialist in aging and dementia, Small has run a National Institutes of Health-funded laboratory for nearly 20 years and has published more than 140 studies on memory function and malfunction. His neuroimaging and molecular work has led to seven patents. His research has been covered by The New York Times, The New Yorker and Time and his insight into Alzheimer's disease recently led to the formation of Retromer Therapeutics, a new biotechnology company that he co-founded.

In addition to directing Columbia University's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Small is the Boris and Rose Katz Professor of Neurology in the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain. He is the recipient of numerous awards and published his first book in July 2021.

His book, "Forgetting: The Benefits of Not Remembering," explains how forgetting actually benefits our brains; it also examines groundbreaking developments in Alzheimer's disease.

Small is a resident of Millerton and New York City.

At the time of his last presentation at Noble Horizons, he had just received national rec-

## Clothing aid for Salisbury students

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services is sponsoring a back-to-school program. Gift cards for school clothing will be provided to children in the town of Salisbury. Families who are in need are asked to call Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.



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### Dr. Scott Small

ognition for his lab's revelation that age-related memory loss really is a distinct condition from pre-Alzheimer's, offering a hint that what we now consider the normal forgetfulness of old age might eventually be treatable.

More information and registration for this program are at www.noblehorizons.org or 860-435-9851, ext. 190.

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## FAMILY & FRIENDS



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Alexander Becket, the son of Peter and Ann Becket, wed Gia Kobara at Joshua Tree National Park, Calif.

## Gia Kobara married Alexander Becket in June

LAKEVILLE — Gia Rose Kobara of San Diego, Calif., daughter of Mitchell and Susan Kobara, was married Saturday, June 5, to Alexander Morse Becket, son of Peter and Ann Becket of Lakeville.

The ceremony was held at Joshua Tree National Park, Pi-oneertown, Calif.

The bride, a graduate of San Dieguito Academy and

the University of California at Santa Cruz is a technical recruiter at Pinterest.

The groom, a graduate of Indian Mountain School, The Hotchkiss School (class of '99) and the University of Virginia is a music agent at the Creative Arts Agency in Los Angeles, Calif.

The couple reside in Los Angeles.

## HAWK WATCH



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A large red-tailed hawk enjoyed the peace and quiet on the Sharon Green on Sunday, Aug. 8.

## Early bird on the Green

SHARON — The Sharon Green was peaceful and deserted on Sunday morning, Aug. 8, following the excitement and activity on the Green the prior day (see stories on the events in this week's paper).

It was a lovely time to sit quietly on one of the wooden benches and watch the world go by and perhaps scavenge for dropped food and rodents. Which seems to be what this red-tailed hawk was doing Sunday.

The sizable raptor, who was probably 2 or 3 feet tall, perched on the back of a bench, occasionally swing-

ing his head around in what appeared to be a full circle, like an owl. Occasionally he poked at his feathers with his sharp beak.

A few people came out to admire the bird, and take photos with their phones. One woman, on her way to work in a pickup truck, said she's seen the hawk hanging around the neighborhood lately.

After a few minutes of increased human activity around it, the hawk flew off into some trees in the direction of the nearby burial ground.

— Cynthia Hochswender

## Salisbury Family Services Art Show, Sept. 18

SALISBURY — Salisbury Family Services' Clothesline Art Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. under a tent on the Green at The White Hart.

Forty Salisbury resident artists and artisans will be their displaying and selling their work. Admission is free and

artists may keep all proceeds; this sale is an opportunity for Salisbury Family Services to offer thanks to artists in town.

There will be an early buying opportunities for event spon-

sors from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For more information, go to [www.salisburyfamilyservices.org](http://www.salisburyfamilyservices.org) and click on the Clothesline Art Show link at the top of the page.

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# Our Towns

## Many shoppers, fewer vendors at craft fair

By Sadie Leite and Leila Hawken

SHARON — Perfect weather and a busy schedule of events on the Sharon Green brought out plenty of visitors for the 62nd annual Sharon on the Green Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Aug. 7. But while visitor attendance was strong, vendor participation was halved, with about 40 participants, compared to the peak of 80.

The fair was not held in 2020, because of the COVID-19 quarantine. Longtime fair organizer Matt Andrulis-Mette said the loss of momentum from last year is partly to blame for the low participation rate from vendors. He also said that craft fairs in general are facing waning interest.

The fair is a fundraiser for the Sharon Recreation Department; Andrulis-Mette has been director of the department for decades. Funds raised at the fair this year will go toward senior programs and activities for teens, he said.

Sixty-two years ago, the craft fair was created as the Clothesline Festival. As many as 170 artists would compete for a limited number of vendor spaces; they were chosen by a panel of judges.

Portrait artist Dennis Baccheschi of Torrington said the first art show he ever participated in was in Sharon 54 years ago, when it was still the



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Dennis Baccheschi of Torrington has been showing and selling his paintings at the annual Sharon craft fair (held this year on Aug. 7) since 1968.

Clothesline Festival. He recalled that the fair back then was connected to a gallery that was associated with the theater.

It was mostly painters who participated. Each would set up a display and choose one painting to present to a panel of judges that was convened at the theater. Ribbons and a small amount of cash were the top prizes.

"It was my first year out of art school in Boston, in 1968." It was at the Sharon fair that he sold his first painting for \$18.

His paintings can now be found throughout the U.S. and Canada. Baccheschi said has probably attended 30 of the ensuing 55 years of fairs, but at 73, he is thinking that this year's show may have been his last appearance.

These days, in addition to paintings, almost any type of craft can be found at the fair, from birdhouses to quilts to doll clothes. Blacksmith Will Trowbridge once again set up his equipment on the Green and demonstrated how to work sticks of iron into useful and decorative objects.

Community organizations also came out with informa-

tional booths.

The Food of Life Pantry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church had a table displaying preserves and other edible delicacies. Co-warden Samantha Lucas and the Rev. A.J. Stack said that in the past year they have distributed enough food for 200,000 meals; the volume has tripled during the pandemic.

Stack observed that when the pandemic struck people could easily have stepped back. Instead, he said, the first question they asked was how they could help.

There were also activities that day at the Historical Society and at Sharon's library.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Music and merchandise were the big draws for the annual Kent Sidewalk Sale Days from Aug. 5 to 8.

## A delightful weekend to be out and enjoying the Sidewalk Sale Days

By Lans Christensen

KENT — The Kent Sidewalk Sales returned last weekend, with goods for sale in tents and on tables outside the town's many retail establishments, the annual and popular tag sale at St. Andrew's Church and of course music at many locations throughout the weekend and throughout the town.

The popular Joint Chiefs performed favorite songs in the Land Trust field on Route 7 on Thursday evening, Aug. 5. The Kent Lions Club and the Democratic and Republican town committees had tents in the center of town.

The weather was perfect and the multi-day Chamber of Commerce event was a success. Town residents and day-trip visitors alike turned out to buy everything from jewelry to shoes to pre-owned books at the Kent Memorial Library sale. A few Appalachian Trail thru-hikers were also in town, as is often the case; it must have made them wonder if Kent is always so bustling.

## The ways we have invited invasives to thrive

By Leila Hawken

SALISBURY — The ecology of invasive plants and vines drew a rapt audience to a talk by an expert conservation biologist co-sponsored by the Lyme Public Library and the Lyme Land Trust.

Conducted on Zoom, the program was promoted by the Scoville Library due to deep area interest in the subject.

Speaking to an audience of 35 participants on Thursday, Aug. 5, Jim Arrigoni, staff biologist at the Connecticut Audubon Society, presented the long view of how living things are moved about by environmental conditions, biology and opportunity.

The program was titled, "Invasive Plants in Connecticut." Identifying them was briefly touched upon, but the intriguing questions of why they are bad — and whether they are all bad — were dealt with in more depth.

"Have we prepared the way for invasive plants to thrive, and does it matter?" Arrigoni posed as questions to consider.

The field of biogeography was explored by Charles Darwin in the 19th century, Arrigoni noted, as he studied how nature gets distributed. One

pathway identified by Darwin was the power of hurricanes to transport seeds and small creatures from island to island. British ecologist Charles Elton contributed greatly to the question with his 1958 work on how species move around the planet, Arrigoni said.

We have furthered the negatives with our human development in the name of progress, Arrigoni noted. The effects of that development have been to accelerate those natural movement processes. Think of climate change and land clearing.

"Non-native invasives are a sub-set of non-natural species," Arrigoni explained.

"We're not going back to 1492," Arrigoni said, indicating that the natural terrain of flora and fauna then was very different from now. "The Atlantic salmon just won't come back," he added.

Because of climate change, animals and plants that they feed on are migrating to higher elevations or moving north to find cooler temperatures that are more to their liking.

Connecticut ranks fifth in the U.S. in percent of tree cover, Arrigoni said, referring to studies completed in 2012. The state ranked third in percent of impervious surface area. But

the state is first today in combined forest cover and impervious surface. That sets the stage for invasives, he said.

Invasives dominate on roadsides where highway construction has disturbed the ground, providing opportunity for the invaders to thrive, Arrigoni noted. That is the reason that vines are consuming the trees adjacent to highways, he said.

Noting that the state is leading in per capita income, Arrigoni said that with wealth comes landscaping, a thriving business that impacts the natural order. Herbivores, including the dense deer population, contribute to distributing invasives widely.

As do birds, eating the berries and dropping the seeds. The vigorous and spreading invasive plants then choke out native plants and create a haven for insects. Japanese barberry is a favorite hangout for ticks.

"For invasive plants, Connecticut rolls out the red carpet," Arrigoni said. The count of invasive species in the state now stands at 97, and more are coming.

But on the other hand, Japanese barberry also provides ideal cover for the warbler population. And, the birds do benefit from the berries, including those of oriental bittersweet.

"Oriental bittersweet is my most hated invasive," Arrigoni said, but it does provide food for the fall migrating birds.

As for control, Arrigoni said, "Every situation is different; there is no silver bullet."

## OBITUARY

### Beverly Joy (Tanner) Stickles

Beverly Joy (Tanner) Stickles, 71, passed away peacefully in her sleep Wednesday morning, Aug. 4, 2021. She was reunited in Heaven with her late loving husband, David Carroll Stickles (May 13, 1942, to May 21, 2011).

Bev was born on Nov. 19, 1949, to the late Bertha (McCauley) and Arthur Tanner Sr. in Sharon.

Bev is survived by her loving and devoted daughters, Davida Joy Stickles and her fiancé, Jerson Rodriguez DiGirolamo, and Amanda Elizabeth Long and her fiancé, Abu Minah; her beloved grandchildren, Tyler Recchia, Christopher and Makayla Milano, Cadance and Kaylee Shufelt and Alex, Aaron and Noah Long; and two precious great-grandchildren, Piper and Xander Recchia.

Bev is also survived by her siblings, Helena Francis, Virginia Whitbeck, Gloria Stickles,

Diane Baker, Arthur Tanner Jr. and Charles Tanner.

She was predeceased by her lovely sisters, Shirley Rivard, Carol Call, Alice Tweed and Cecelia Ralph.

Bev's greatest joy was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved watching them grow up and cherished every moment she had with them. Each one of them brought her so much happiness. She also enjoyed playing the slot machines at Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mohegan Sun Casino and her trips to Atlantic City with her sister Lena.

A time of visitation and sharing of memories was held Aug. 8 at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Pine Plains. Interment will take place privately in Irondale Cemetery.

To leave a message of condolence for Bev's family, go to [www.peckandpeck.net](http://www.peckandpeck.net).

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# Our Towns

## Back in the saddle again at Millbrook Horse Trials

By Lans Christensen

MILLBROOK — One of the premier equestrian events of the Tri-state region is the Millbrook Horse Trials, which were held last weekend at Riga Meadow at Coole Park.

Competitions began with dressage on Thursday, Aug. 5, which is an essential part of the three-part horse-and-rider competition known as eventing. Eventing began as a test for cavalry riders, and includes dressage, cross-country and jumping.

The Millbrook Horse Trials website describes the dressage test as, “a series of compulsory movements performed on the flat in an arena. The performance must be fluid, balanced, and accurate, presenting an overall picture of grace and harmony. It reflects the cavalry officer’s need for an obedient, attractive mount on the parade ground.”

Anyone who watched the equestrian portions of the Olympics in Tokyo will have

seen horse and rider competing in what almost look like ballet; that is dressage.

Cross-country is more rugged. Rider and horse must negotiate obstacles on a natural course at high speed.

There is jumping in the cross-country portion of the trials, but the actual jumping tests are done on a course with obstacles such as water and fixtures at different heights.

It isn’t only horses and riders who come to the annual Millbrook Horse Trials looking their best. The weekend is also a social highlight for horse country residents, with parties and luncheons throughout the weekend.

For anyone who wants to upgrade their outdoor gear, there is also always an extensive outdoor vendor fair that features everything from saddles and boots to portraits of beloved animals.

To see the final results from the weekend, go to [www.eventingnation.com](http://www.eventingnation.com) and [www.millbrookhorsetrials.com](http://www.millbrookhorsetrials.com).



Alexander Conrad and Amore competed in Open Novice A at the Millbrook Horse Trials.

PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

## It was a summer weekend for art lovers and history buffs

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Art and history mesh well in the hearts of Cornwall residents. In one weekend, both passions could be satisfied, as the Rose Algrant Art Show graced the auditorium at Cornwall Consolidated School (CCS) for most of the weekend and the Cornwall Historical Society welcomed visitors to a summer reception to celebrate its exhibit of early town maps.

Since 1959, the Rose Algrant Art Show has been a social highlight of the summer season, and this year the tradition continued, although without a reception due to COVID-19 considerations.

The art and the artists drew many attendees to view a full array of local talent in the visual arts.

If you missed the actual show, it can be viewed on YouTube, thanks to videographer Richard Griggs.

And then, on Saturday, Aug. 7, in the afternoon the town turned out for “Map Stories,” the current summer exhibit at the Cornwall Historical Society. There were speeches, refreshments and conversation.

Included in the conversation was a comment overheard that this was “a perfect sum-

mer afternoon.” Voicing that comment was Sheila Zachman, who attended the event with her husband, Paul Rollin, and their young daughter, weekenders in Cornwall for the past nine years.

Zachman went on to praise the caring nature of the whole community, all drawn to the event to celebrate the work of the historical society.

Inside, the exhibit features an 8-foot-tall map of the town, surveyed over 40 years by town official and 19th-century land surveyor George C. Harrison, a map he completed in 1896. The map is a reconstruction of the original town land grants, still accurate today.

Historical Society President Cindy Kirk said that the society is “doing well,” withstanding the effects of the pandemic. She drew attention to a children’s activity that is part of the exhibit, allowing children to find their homes on a map and place a pin where they live. For some, it is their first contact with a map on paper.

Society Curator Suzanne Fateh spoke of a positive year in which many newcomers came to town. Since moving away from urban areas, “they are interested in knowing more about the town and its history.”

“Mapping is a way of gath-

ering and reporting information about people and places — the library for landscape,” Fateh explained.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway spoke of the value of maps and how they can demonstrate how town roads were laid on old well-worn trails, such as those along the Housatonic River.

“It can bring you back to what it was like to be here and live here in the early days, say around 1740,” Ridgway said, recalling the dates of his own ancestry when George Tanner and his family lived in Cornwall before moving to Warren to escape the smallpox epidemic that plagued the town in those years.

The early settlers were fighting the British and also smallpox, he noted. Ethan Allen attracted the ire of Salisbury town officials for advocating inoculating local people against smallpox.

Speaking of the map exhibit, Ridgway said, “Without these records, we would not know the history. We would not know the story.”

An honored guest of the reception was Susan Hellman, now of Brooklyn, N.Y., whose grandfather, George Chandler Harrison, created the 1896 map. Her ancestors had come to Cornwall in 1762. She said

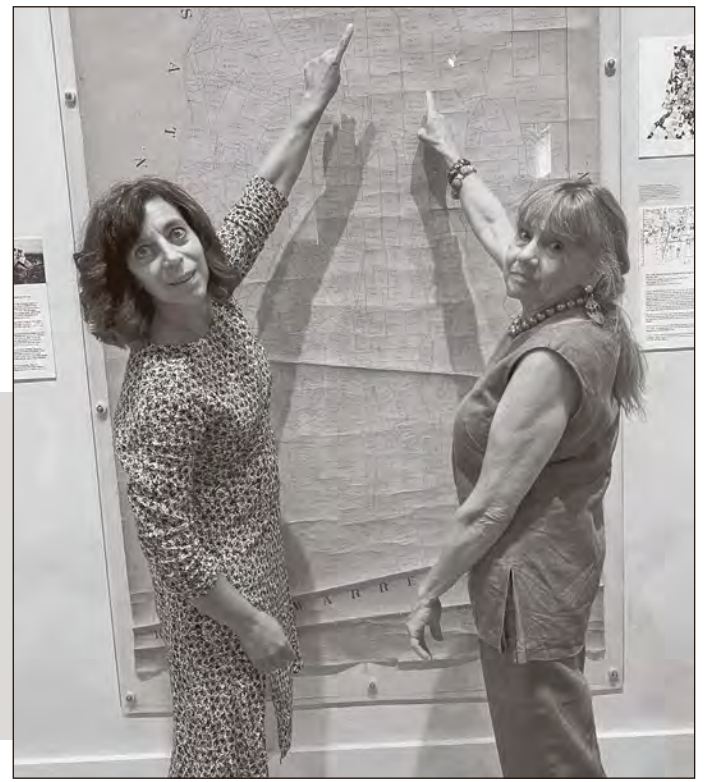
that her grandfather had donated the 8-foot map to the Cornwall Library for the good of the community.

Also on display in the exhibit are the surveying equipment Harrison used to do his work.

The exhibit will continue until Oct. 16. The society is open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; go to [www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org).

PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Susan Hellman, at right, and Cornwall Historical Society Curator Suzanne Fateh looked at a map of Cornwall drawn by Hellman’s grandfather in 1896.



## The New England cycle route is expected to go through Cornwall

By Leila Hawken

CORNWALL — Cornwall is within the expansive Western New England Greenway that stretches from New York to Montreal. A bicycle route to be known as Bicycle Route 7, now in the approval stages, is expected to pass through Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall. As an initial step toward making the vision a reality, the selectmen heard a report and approved signage at their regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3. The meeting was conducted on Zoom.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway explained that the new signs will alert people that bicyclists will be passing through town.

Cornwall resident and avid cyclist Terry Burke introduced Dan Bolognani, executive director of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. The Western New England Greenway (WNEG) involves three states: Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. All three are cooperating in the Greenway program and the initiation of the bicycle-friendly route, Bolognani reported.

“It’s really an economic development tool for the towns it runs through,” Bolognani said,

noting that the bicycle route will pass through West Cornwall, where two cycling businesses and other businesses are sure to benefit.

The new Route 7 bikeway will bring cyclists north along Route 7 from Kent to Cornwall Bridge, then follow Route 4 until it turns left onto Route 128 and proceeds west into West Cornwall. It then heads north along River Road to Falls Village, the only stretch of town road involved in the Cornwall section.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) has indicated that permission to post signage must be obtained from each town along the route, Bolognani said, and once that permission has been obtained, then DOT will consider adding its approval.

“It will cost nothing to any town,” Bolognani said, as it is a federally funded program.

The selectmen’s approval was unanimous to post four bicycle route signs along River Road and to designate that stretch of town road as part of the route, endorsing the concept of the designated Bicycle Route 7.

Similar approvals will be sought from other area towns along the proposed route, Bo-

lognani said.

### COVID concerns

In other matters and in view of rising COVID-19 numbers, the selectmen agreed to continue holding meetings on Zoom indefinitely.

“Masks for now, Zoom for now, and get vaccinated,” Ridgway said.

Proceeding carefully with Fred Thaler’s request to attempt a mid-September production by The Town Hall Players, the selectmen agreed to approve the use of Town Hall.

Ridgway reported that Thaler had indicated that the troupe would plan a “very small production,” and restrict the audience to 25. The cast will all be vaccinated. And the meeting room/performance area would be thoroughly sanitized using UV light after each performance.

“They have shown flexibility,” Ridgway said, so he favored allowing the Players to continue with their planning.

The battle with invasive knotweed continues, Ridgway reported. Herbicide spraying is scheduled at the gravel bank on Rattlesnake Road. An additional patch has been discovered in the vicinity of The Bend that Ridgway felt could be dealt with at the same time.

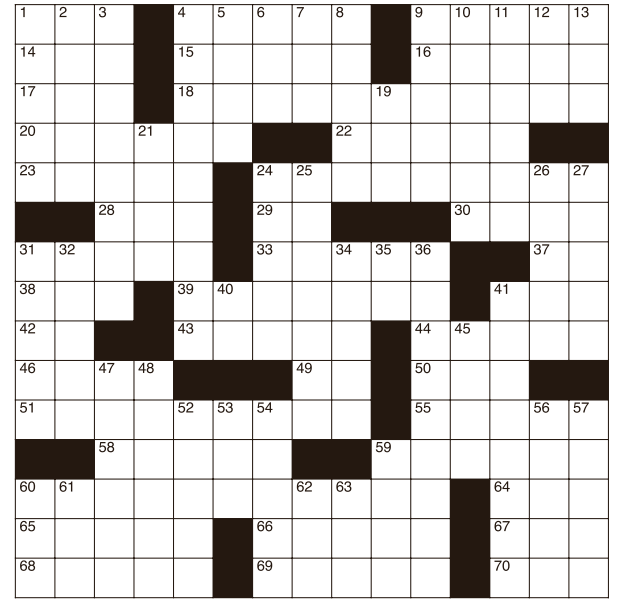
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Calls balls and strikes
4. Turkish officer
9. Repaired shoe
14. Grass genus
15. Small, sealed vial
16. Primp
17. Immoral act
18. A tool to communicate
20. Crumbles away
22. Egg-like
23. Districts (abbr.)
24. Dressed
28. Small island (British)
29. Dialect of Chinese
30. Force unit
31. Borderlines
33. Norse gods
37. Morning
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Tell a story
41. Consumed
42. Atomic #58
43. About old Norse poems
44. Fencing swords
46. One-time Tigers third baseman
49. Southpaw (abbr.)
50. Neither
51. Conversations
55. Distinctive manner or pronunciation
58. Cyprinids
59. Appropriate to a festival
60. Pearl Jam frontman
64. Wrath
65. Italian city
66. A way to get there
67. A nose or snout
68. German seaport
69. A horse for riding
70. Airline representative (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

1. Unhappy
2. Silk fabric
3. Unbroken view of a region
4. Middle Eastern territory
5. \_\_\_ and Andy, TV show
6. Central processing unit
7. Department of Housing and Urban Development
8. Midcentury newspaper columnist
9. Weapon
10. Delivered a speech
11. Probably going to happen
12. Midway between northeast and east
13. Danish krone
19. Synthetic resin (abbr.)

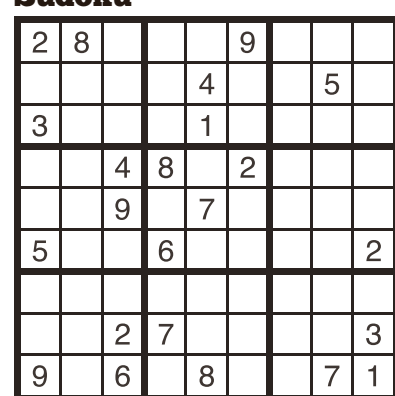


21. Fall slowly in drops
24. Bestow an honor upon
25. Childishly silly
26. Related on the mother’s side
27. Populations of related plants
31. Coherent
32. Tribe of ancient Britons
34. Financial firm Goldman \_\_\_
35. Stephen King thriller
36. Went in again
40. Commercial
41. Poking holes in the ground
45. Prisoners of war
47. Pursued pleasure
48. “Seinfeld” character
52. Body of water
53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.)
54. People who utilize
56. Nostrils

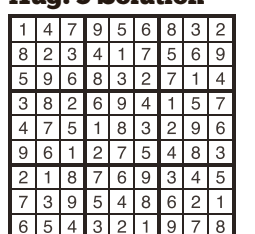
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## VACCINE

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plans to mandate staff vaccinations that there are some people who have quit" to take positions at other facilities, including nursing homes, where immunization was not mandatory. But no more. "We are all going to feel the pain of this," noted O'Connell.

Geer announced on Aug. 3 that one unvaccinated staff member tested positive for COVID-19 at its nursing and rehab unit, and in response all residents and staff have been tested. As of Aug. 4, results of rapid testing conducted for nursing center residents and staff were negative, said O'Connell, and additional testing at three of the facility's four centers came back negative. "I anticipate we will not have any other positives. It looks like it was just this one staff member."

Geer's CEO added that there is no reason for anyone to question the impact vaccines have in reducing illness and preventing death in those infected with the virus. "The reality is that information is out there on the safety and efficacy of vaccines, and if you want to make an informed decision there is absolutely no reason not to have the information you need."

### 'There will be no safe haven'

Sharon Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko said some hospitals that have begun mandating vaccines have seen a 10% to 12% resignation rate among staff, which is an added burden at a time when employees are hard to find. Many health-care workers are leaving their jobs at hospitals and seeking employment where vaccines are not required. "But pretty soon, there will be no safe haven," as a growing number of private employers start requiring that workers roll up their sleeves.

Hirko said Sharon Hospital is currently "firming up the details" of the mandate, which will include medical and religious exemptions. "We know this is the right thing to do to keep the community safe and in order to provide high-quality health care."

"We worked very hard as a community and as a health care system to mitigate all the problems with this virus when it first came out and, you know what? We controlled it. But things became lax and now we can't get out of our own way." Vaccine hesitancy, said Hirko, "is keeping the virus alive. It's looking at us, and just laughing at us."

"You can have all the technology you want," noted Hirko, but it all boils down to vaccines. "Too many people are refusing to get vaccinated so that the virus can burn itself out."

Evidence of that has materialized with the current, fourth wave of COVID-19. As of Aug. 6, there were no admissions of patients with COVID-19, said

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Hirko, but based on the uptick in cases, that could change soon.

The coronavirus, said the Sharon Hospital administrator, "is an opportunist and will find the most vulnerable"—meaning the unvaccinated, including children.

Historically, as with prior diseases such as measles and chicken pox, he said, "that's the most susceptible population toward the end of these epidemics."

### CDC: indoor masking advised

With the new delta variant spreading around the country, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its masking guidelines for fully vaccinated people.

The CDC advises that all individuals who live in a place with "substantial" or "high" coronavirus transmission should wear their masks indoors, whether or not they are vaccinated. All five counties in Connecticut are currently labeled areas of "substantial" transmission.

"If we are not careful, we could find ourselves back where we were" at the height of the pandemic, noted Hirko.

At Noble Horizons, Molly Tanner, director of nursing at the 91-bed senior community in Salisbury, reported on Aug. 6 that one staff member has tested positive for the virus, and there have been zero positive cases among residents. The worker, she said, had no direct contact with residents. "We are still COVID-free," said Tanner,

who noted that between 80 and 85 percent of staff have received the COVID-19 vaccine.

Referring to the current spike in community transmission, she said, "We are concerned about what is out there, and as the rate continues to climb throughout the country, we are tightening things up again," with heightened infection control practices and rules on visitation.

"People have become more lenient with mask use, which has fueled the spread."

Tim Brown, spokesman for Athena Health Care Systems, the owner/operator of Sharon Health Care center, reported on Aug. 6 via email: "The staff and residents at Sharon Health Care Center have been very fortunate to not experience any cases of COVID-19 for some time now. We continue to perform temperature checks and health screenings each shift on our staff and follow CDC and Connecticut DPH guidance on infection prevention."

Since the COVID-19 vaccines became available, the Sharon facility has advocated and educated staff, residents and families to obtain the vaccine. "Vaccination remains the most important defense against illness and hospitalization from COVID-19," he said, noting that Athena will continue to monitor implementation of vaccine mandates in Massachusetts in accordance with an Aug. 4 executive order from Gov. Charlie Baker. Connecticut's mandate came hours after Brown's email.

## HOSPITAL

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high-end masks," and visiting hours have been adjusted. The hospital is also offering screening and testing for the coronavirus, services that the hospital is "ramping up" once again.

Hirko said the hospital has been offering a vaccine to unvaccinated patients upon discharge, and he pleaded with the community to get vaccinated in light of the national spike in cases.

"If there is a take-home message, it is to please consider the COVID-19 vaccine. It is safe, present and you can help all of us as we move forward through this stage."

He directed those with vaccine hesitancy to visit the hospital's website ([www.NuvanceHealth.org/coronavirus](http://www.NuvanceHealth.org/coronavirus)) for facts and information.

### Imagining Sharon Hospital in 2025

Hirko explained that the senior leadership team at Nuvance has been working throughout the pandemic with

its board, physicians, the Foundation for Community Health and staff to "reimagine" what Sharon Hospital will be, now and in the future as part of a larger health-care system.

Sustainability, he said, is at the root of that mission, and one plan is almost ready for rollout. "We will notify the community and have a separate community forum at that time."

He also announced that Sharon Hospital has been certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission in collaboration with the American Health Association/American Stroke Association. Other recent accolades include the hospital's recent 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, which ranked the Sharon facility "above national average" in the categories of patient experience, readmissions and overall patient safety.

Sharon Hospital was also recently named co-recipient of the Northwest Connecticut Chamber of Commerce's Quality of Life Award.

"This was like frosting on the cake," said Hirko, who described the award as a morale booster. "We really appreciate what the staff have done."

As a thank-you to hospital employees, Hirko said he is hoping to host an outdoor

## 'We are going to be OK'

Dr. James Shepherd, an infectious disease consultant at Yale-New Haven Hospital who lives in Sharon, said that while the delta variant is rapidly spreading, those who have been vaccinated are experiencing less-severe symptoms.

"Vaccinations are progressively 'uncoupling' infection from hospitalization and death," said Shepherd, who referred to a chart from the UK showing the second wave from last fall where the rising case rate produced a rising death rate.

The third wave from May/June with the delta variant shows a similarly rising case rate but a very low and steady death rate.

"This is the impact of vaccinating around 70% of adults," said Shepherd, who noted that the situation is similar in Connecticut, where about 70% of adults are immunized, "so we are going to be OK."

The situation, he explained, pertains to the UK, Israel, Germany and the northeastern United States, "which have been quite efficient in vaccination distribution and where the levels of hesitancy have been around 30%."

However, noted Shepherd, places like Tennessee, Missouri and Louisiana, where only 35 percent of adults have been vaccinated, "will still see hospitalizations and deaths rising as delta variant spreads."

The take-away? "The virus may spread, particularly variants like delta that are more transmissible, but they won't cause the same spread of disease and health-care pressure as they did last year. Vaccines," he said, "are the key."

## LIBRARY

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to the library's historic interior while keeping the integrity of the original.

The second step is to finish off a fundraising campaign for the \$3 million project. The good news shared at the event is that already upwards of \$2.72 million has been raised, according to Lorna Edmundson, chair of the campaign titled "Honoring the Past, Forging the Future."

Expressing gratitude for the generosity of donors to bring the campaign this far, Edmundson announced that \$280,000 remains to be raised.

David Moore, chairman of the Building Committee, pointed to the years of effort that preceded his joining the 10-member committee just two years ago. He estimated that the planning began around the year 2000 and continued to the present.

In the spring of 2020, the library sought an architect for the project, eventually selecting QA+M Architects of Farmington for the design phase. One of the firm's specialties is historic preservation, said Gretchen Hachmeister, the library's executive director.

Using new materials for the rear addition, Moore said that the façade will be cast stone to complement the existing materials. The roof will be metal.

Attending the event was U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-5), who said that she was excited to see the library becoming Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant, and to see that "so many people in the

## "Libraries are the keystone of their communities."

State Rep. Maria Horn

community are so supportive of their library."

State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) said of the event, "It's nice to celebrate this together. Libraries are the keystone of their communities."

She added that she has been watching the campaign from its beginnings and been impressed by how many people have been involved in contributing to the success.

State Sen. Craig Miner (R-30) spoke of the beauty of the building and how time can catch up to an historic gem; it can take architects and thoughtful residents to find solutions and see the building emerge into its future.

Tours will be offered over the next several months to share with residents the vision of what the new library will look like.

Hachmeister said that she is also planning Zoom discussions about the project. Dates will be found on the library website.

Donations of any size are welcome from residents, Edmundson said, urging everyone to participate in the final step of the campaign. Some may want to purchase pavers.

More information on donations is available at the library's temporary home at the American Legion Hall, 15 New St., or on the library website at [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org).

are hoping that constructing a barrier wall around the chiller will lessen the noise until repairs are complete. He asked for patience.

"We are very sorry for this and I, as president, take full responsibility," said Hirko.

### Plans for a North Canaan clinic

The Sharon Hospital president also reported progress toward building a Nuvance Health primary care network throughout Connecticut and New York. "We are in the early phase of consolidating and adding to our practices," said Hirko, who explained that the

process includes the establishment of a health clinic in the North Canaan area to serve the uninsured and underinsured in the region.

Hirko lauded the hospital's many volunteers with deep ties to the area. "They are the backbone of the community. They are the glue." Many have retired, but "they came back to help out" during COVID.

He also gave a "heartfelt" thanks to the community for meal deliveries, gifts and outpourings of support throughout the pandemic and this unprecedented time. "It really wears you down."

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## ROBBERIES

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Aug. 20.

A second person is being sought in connection with the robbery.

State Police said that, "The description and surveillance footage of the second suspect matches that of the suspect in the Sharon bank robbery that occurred on Aug. 2" at Salisbury Bank and Trust.

The police are asking anyone with information on to call Troop B in North Canaan at 800-497-0403.

In an unrelated incident, a man was arrested Thursday, Aug. 7, on the Green in historic Litchfield for shooting multiple gunshots into the air. The person was not identified. The State Police reported that, "There were no injuries reported and the suspect was transported to an area hospital for mental health issues."

This is the second shooting this summer on the Litchfield Green, a normally tranquil spot. The first was in June and involved an attorney with Cramer and Anderson, which has

offices on the Green (across the street from the former site of the county courthouse, which is now in Torrington).

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picnic later this summer depending on how the COVID situation plays out.

### The noise of the chiller unit

In the segment of his presentation on community issues, Hirko apologized to residents who live in the vicinity of the hospital for the noise disturbance emanating from a temporary chiller unit set up in the front of the hospital. In late April a power surge led to a complete breakdown of the hospital HVAC unit, he said, and estimates to replace the broken parts were on par with the cost to replace the entire unit, so a custom unit was ordered.

Despite trying "every mitigation known to man" to reduce the noise from the temporary unit, said Hirko, they have not had much success, but

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# COMPASS

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## Books Galore at One of the Summer's Few Library Sales

The world hasn't really fully emerged from the COVID-19 quarantine yet. One way you can tell: There have been almost no library book sales this summer.

The annual sale at the stately library in Norfolk, Conn., is an exception and the sale promises to be even bigger than normal:

There was no sale in 2020, so there is a backlog of books on all subjects and from many decades.

The sale hours are Friday, Aug. 27, from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

After 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29, the remaining books are free for anyone who wants them. There are often many, many volumes remaining at the end of the sale and are likely to be even more this year.

The library actually



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**This year's book sale at the Norfolk Library in Norfolk, Conn., is expected to be bigger than ever, with extra inventory that wasn't sold during last summer's COVID-19 quarantine.**

appreciates having them taken to loving homes by bibliophiles, so don't feel shy about coming Friday and Saturday, but returning with large shopping bags on Sunday.

A donation in lieu of a specific fee will be appreciated, of course; this is a

fundraising sale.

Face masks are encouraged; social distance is challenging as bibliophiles search the tables, often shoulder to shoulder.

Norfolk also has a large farmers market, with artisan crafts as well, on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. at the field behind the library ([www.norfolkfarmersmarket.org](http://www.norfolkfarmersmarket.org)).

The library is at 9 Greenwoods Road East in the Norfolk Historic District and online at [www.norfolklibrary.org](http://www.norfolklibrary.org).

— Cynthia Hochswender

## Chamber Music, Outdoors, in August

This season's Summer-time Sounds concerts by the Sherman Chamber Ensemble begin Thursday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. in Washington, Conn., at the Salem Covenant Church and continues with 6 p.m. outdoor performances on Friday, Aug. 13, at Kent Barns in Kent, Conn., and Saturday, Aug. 14, at the IGA Plaza in Sherman, Conn.

This summer's program is "Czech It Out," highlighting violinist Doori Na in a solo performance of "Valor for Solo Violin," an original composition by Charles Ives Music Festival Artistic Director Paul Frucht.

Joining Na will be Susan Rotholz (flute), Jill Levy (violin), Monica Davis (viola) and Eliot Bailen (cello). Other works include Flute Quartet in C, K285b by Amadeus Mozart and Antonín Dvorak's String



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**Violinist Doori Na, at right in the photo, leads a trio of performers in this summer's Sherman Chamber Ensemble performances from Aug. 12 to 14. Sherman Chamber Ensemble Artistic Director Eliot Bailen, at far left, is the cellist, Susan Rotholz, center, is the flutist.**

Quartet The Slavonic in E flat Op. 51.

For the Friday and Saturday concerts attendees are

asked to bring their own chairs. There will be alternate locations in case of rain; check the Ensemble's

website at [www.SCEmusic.org](http://www.SCEmusic.org) on the day of the concert.

Concerts will follow CDC and State of Connecticut Covid guidelines for social distancing and rules for events and programs. Face masks are requested for those who are unvaccinated. Attendees may bring their own food, snacks and beverages to picnic, or visit and support local purveyors.

General admission to the concerts is \$25. Children 15 and under will receive free admission when accompanied by an adult purchasing a regular admission ticket. Tickets may be purchased at [www.SCEmusic.org](http://www.SCEmusic.org) or by calling 860-355-5930. Tickets may also be purchased at the concert, subject to availability.

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PHOTO BY LINDA STILLMAN

Linda Stillman, an artist in Hillsdale, N.Y., was inspired during and by the COVID-19 pandemic to learn more about the non-native invasive plants that threaten our environment.

### ART AND THE DANGER OF INVASIVE PLANTS

Artist and gallerist KK Kozik opens her ICEHOUSE Project Space in Sharon, Conn., again on Saturday, Aug. 14, with a project by Linda Stillman called "Bitter/Sweet."

Invasive non-native plants are a source of concern to anyone who loves our local landscape. Stillman has constructed an installation from the very plants about which she aims to raise consciousness.

"During the coronavirus lockdown, I found refuge in daily walks along my street in Hillsdale. Trying to identify the roadside plants, I discovered that almost all of them were non-native invasives. My growing awareness of the dangers of these plants coincided with our growing understanding of the invading virus.

"Learning to iden-

tify and name the plants and distinguish them from similar benign species was the first step in my research. I eventually narrowed my focus to the 12 most destructive invasives in our area. In the tradition of the amateur artist/naturalist, I painted images of the plants on round canvases with their common and Latin names, outlined in orange. These *tondi* are arranged in a clock-like circle, hinting at the urgency of preserving biodiversity."

The opening reception for "Bitter/Sweet" will be Aug. 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibition will run through Sept. 18 and can be viewed by appointment only. Get details on the location and make appointments by calling Kozik at 917-488-8740.

— Cynthia Hochswender

### TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at [www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar](http://www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar).

### THE VALUE OF 'ART' AND OTHER INTANGIBLES

Yasmina Reza's play "Art" has been performed in Paris, London, on Broadway and can be seen until Aug. 22 in the outdoor Roman Garden Theatre at Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, Mass., a center for summer theater in the Berkshires.

The play was first performed in its original French in 1994; it was translated into English by Christopher Hampton, but the questions it raises are universal. Who in the modern world hasn't looked at certain pieces of art and wondered how they could possibly be valued at such high prices?

"Art" explores that question but also looks at the value of another intangible: friendship. And at the root of friendship, art purchases and so many transactions, there is money.

This three-man show was directed by Christopher V. Edwards and is performed by Lawrence L. James, "ranney" and Michael F. Toomey.

Shakespeare & Company is at 70 Kemble St. in Lenox, Mass., and online at [www.shakespeare.org](http://www.shakespeare.org).



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## EDITORIAL

## Let's keep ourselves, families, neighbors safe

Let's be real about this: The fact that so many public spaces and cultural venues have been able to open, or reopen, and have at least some version of a normal season has given us reason for celebration this summer. But as the delta variant of COVID-19 has become more and more of a factor in the newly increased spread of the coronavirus, there is also reason to question whether openness is going to continue to be the best approach to social interaction. This is the case especially, but not exclusively, where vaccination rates are low.

Part of the problem, even in Connecticut, where our vaccination rate — according to [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov), it is now around 60% — is that any residents who aren't vaccinated can initiate a renewed hot spot of COVID. (For the current situation in the Northwest Corner towns, especially the medical facilities, see the article by Debra Aleksinas in this week's Lakeville Journal; and see Dr. Richard Kessin's columns on COVID at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com) and the next page for even more insight.)

For some perspective, [www.ct.gov](http://www.ct.gov) has percentage rates for those who are fully vaccinated, town by town, as follows, as of Aug. 5: Canaan/Falls Village, 94%; Cornwall, 75%; Kent, 76%; North Canaan, 52%; Salisbury, 83%; Sharon, 62%; Torrington, 57%.

Those who aren't vaccinated in this state by this time should be able to find a relatively simple way to fix that (except, of course, those children under the age of 12, who cannot receive the vaccines and are vulnerable). When the COVID-19 vaccines were first made available to the public, there was some confusion and difficulty with signing up for appointments and figuring out the best approach to being inoculated. But now, it's quite easy to find access to vaccines, at no cost and even, in some areas, with bonus rewards. Walgreen's in North Canaan has an open and helpful approach in serving its customers, as does CVS in Millerton, N.Y. There have been multiple clinics open to all. So, are all those who aren't yet vaccinated keeping away from the needles by choice?

If so, now is the time to have the discussion about the reasons to take the step and be vaccinated. There are a number of misinformed and untrue statements about vaccination circulating online and on right-wing cable news channels (which Fox News finally backed off from and encouraged its community to get the shot.) For those who are afraid of the rumors associating multiple serious side effects, including infertility, with COVID vaccines (and really all vaccines, but let's focus on the worldwide pandemic here), it is worthwhile to compare the data of actual recorded side effects from being vaccinated with the repercussions from having the disease itself, COVID-19 and any of its variants. No contest.

The speed with which the scientific community released the vaccines puts some people off; yet, much research had already gone into mRNA vaccines over decades leading to their feasibility in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Look it up.

Without vaccines having been developed in the face of this pandemic, the planet's human species would look very different right now, decimated even worse than it has been by a rampant coronavirus. Those who are adamant about remaining unvaccinated should not depend on their neighbors who took the vaccine to protect them and their families; they should protect themselves, and therefore those around them.

Get the vaccine.

## This family history is one of inclusion, not division

I would like to share an experience and how it relates to critical race theory. I grew up in a small city called Yonkers, N.Y. In the early 1960s, the neighborhood was predominantly Italian. As the years went on the neighborhood had changed, people started selling their homes and African American people started to move in. Suddenly people started to move out. However, my dad did not budge, he was adamant. He said to us as a family it should not make a difference who our neighbors are!

And he was right, we got along great. As time went on family members were pressuring us to move; however, my dad paid no attention. We loved our new neighbors and we became great friends. My mother was concerned about my association with my new friends. She said to my brother, will they be a bad influence on me? My brother exclaimed that, "Mom, Angelo is a bad influence on them!"

Racial extremeness was not an issue at Dad's house. I would ask myself, why? Dad was never prejudiced. Dad grew up in a very poor family, his father came to this country from Naples, Italy, in 1919 he worked hard and ran a little shop sell-

ing Italian olive oil. He hired African Americans to help him. He loved and respected his workers.

In fact, when they went back south to visit, they brought back a possum. My grandmother cooked it Italian style with onions and garlic, tomato sauce and invited them over for a Sunday meal.

One of the African Americans was a man named Sonny, he was a strong man and a very good boxer. He would let nothing happen to Granddad. My granddad had a good relationship with all of the African American people in his day. The secret was he treated them with dignity and respect.

Sadly it was not something popular in his day. My granddad died a very young man. He was 40 years old. Getting back to this controversy, critical race theory. This is something I will not believe in because not all white people are racist, there are millions of people that find this theory offensive. It will only cause harm to all Americans, including African Americans. And will cause a great division between good men like my grandpa who tried to conquer racial division!

Angelo J. Prunella  
Sharon



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

## A day at the beach: Lakeville

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Wants civil engagement, fair deal

Public interest in the discretionary regulations proposed by the Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is high and rising. But it is far from the "hysteria" that Michael Klemens asserted during the Wetlands Commission meeting on July 20. Hundreds of property owners simply want to understand what new restrictions (and fees) they may face for routine homeowner activities. That strikes me as more akin to measured reason than hysterics.

Mr. Klemens is a valued expert in sustainability. But his position as chair of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission gives him an outsized voice in matters that relate to the local environment — even if they are not P&Z business. He should weigh his words carefully and not quickly dismiss the concerns of taxpayers who would be most directly affected by proposed regulations.

Mr. Klemens went public with his thoughts on the proposal only 24 hours before the July 20 public work session. This timing left even Wetlands commissioners saying they had not had time to read his material, in which he calls for expanding the upland review area to 300 feet — beyond the already contested proposal of 200 feet.

This thinly veiled threat was lost on no one: You dare question a setback enlarged to 200 feet? Fine, we'll go to 300 feet. This is behavior that has no place in a civil discussion. It invites precisely the kind of hysteria that Mr. Klemens purports to lament.

Teed up as the first public speaker, Mr. Kle-

mens was allowed to set the tone and direction of the entire discussion. Speakers in favor of the proposal were granted an overwhelming amount of time. Town leaders set a time-limit and then allowed obvious allies to filibuster away precious minutes with nostalgic drivel and presentation of irrelevant data, leaving those opposed with severely constricted time at the end of the evening.

I ask for genuine engagement. I want to understand the implications of the proposed changes. I want to know why the changes are being sought and what demonstrable problems they are meant to solve. I want to see science specific to our lakes and waterways that supports these conclusions. So far, the only visible response to such requests has been an apparent backroom deal with the P&Z to lend heft to a position the Town cannot or will not justify under the law and with hard data.

At the July 20 meeting, we heard plenty about our natural assets: frogs, turtles, rare plants. We must protect them. But no one offered data specific to our lakes showing that the proposed changes would make any difference. We appear to be managing these spaces quite well already.

I don't pretend to understand government process. But I know what fair dealing looks like, and I do not see it here. Let's get all the information out so that we can empower individuals to reach an informed conclusion and feel confident their view is being considered before a decision gets set in stone.

Dan Kadlec

Salisbury

## It's time to unify Falls Village

Summer Greetings. If you are not from Falls Village, don't read this. I want to inform you about the machinations of your current first selectman. I don't use names as that's not my style, although a number of writers have freely used my name on these pages to attack me. So'okay. I'm a big boy and have been called lots'a names. I was recently called a racist. That's okay too, cuz I ain't one. I lived in Manhattan for 60 years, schooling, working and partying happily shoulder to shoulder with all manner of people, sharing our common humanity.

I was describing how the housing development we've been protesting for two years in Lime Rock Station would "ghetto-ize" our little neighborhood. The circumstance was a public hearing about the first selectman's application for a federal grant for \$700,000-plus for wells, septic and stormwater systems for the "River Road" development: 16 units of affordable housing that would double our population down here, concentrating 58 people in the woods two miles from town. We've been trying to get the town to start small and build a few units in town where new citizens would be includ-

ed, not marginalised far away. I meant my remark in the classic sense: "A ghetto is part of a city that has been established for a minority group of people with particular economic, ethnic, or religious backgrounds."

"Greenwich, Conn., is a ghetto, in a way," I said. Not good enough. The first selectman called me at home at 9:30 one morning and suggested I should resign from the new Falls Village Affordable Housing Task Team that I am a co-operative constructive member of. We are working to build a consensus plan about moving forward on affordable housing in town. "No, thank you," I said and asked he stop his attacks on me. He then tried to have a selectmen's meeting to kick me off the team. Some really smart allies heard about it and contacted the Connecticut Freedom of Information officer to ask if he could do that. "No" was the answer. Gotta have two weeks notice and it's gotta be a public hearing.

This is a classic "shoot the messenger" scenario. Me. I merely "described" what he and the Falls Village Housing Trust are actually "doing." The first selectman stated time and again that the town would have no fiduciary/fiscal relationship

with the development, yet the town would be responsible to repay the funds if the development doesn't get built. And they've used COVID, and their authority, to try to muzzle dissent. Seventy-one people signed a petition for a referendum last summer asking for a vote yay or nay on the development: denied by the first selectman. If the first selectman has succeeded at anything, it is to divide this town as never before, denying the public a voice and intimidating opponents.

I am a member of the Falls Village Affordable Housing Task Team and my views here do not necessarily reflect the opinions of that group.

Colter Rule

Falls Village

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— Philip Huntley, Lakeville

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## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1921

SALISBURY — Twenty-two friends of Nettie Morey met at her home Saturday afternoon to celebrate her tenth birthday. After several games had been played, the birthday cake was cut. A gift of money was found in one of the pieces. Many pretty and useful presents were received.

—Ralph DiMeola, Anthony Frisco and Dominick Cruseca, taken north of Canaan last week Wednesday night with an automobile laden with liquor, were fined a total of \$360.18 by Justice Ford at Canaan. The fine was paid by New Haven parties.

— A row of pea vines 100 feet long, heavily loaded with pods and every pod completely filled with peas, is the sight that John Grogan, Fr. Donahue's gardener, is showing his friends these days. They are a sight worth seeing.

50 years ago — August 1971

The Litchfield Savings Bank has filed with the State Banking Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for approval to open a branch office in Lakeville, according to H. Curtis Ferris, president of the bank.

—Edward and Priscilla Reagan will live in the Holley-Williams House in Lakeville which is being prepared as a museum by the Salisbury Association. The Reagans will exchange house and grounds care for a six-room apartment in the historic old house.

—Frederic Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Harmon of Falls Village, is home on sick leave after Army service in Vietnam. Recovering from a bout with malaria, he will be at home until the 30th of this month before reporting for a two-week stay at Fort Devens, Mass.

25 years ago — August 1996

SHARON — She was born Aug. 7, 1896, and this week she celebrates her 100th birthday. Eunice Abbott Yoakum, mother of writer Robert Yoakum of Lakeville, lives in an apartment in Sharon, and thinks there is nothing particularly remarkable in turning 100. Mrs. Yoakum was born in Hartford and remembers seeing Mark Twain when she was five years old. The family moved to Arizona where she went to high school and college. Her most vivid memory of these years is of nursing Mexican workers during the deadly flu epidemic of 1918.

CANAAN — After nearly two years, people still call Edwards Supermarket on East Main Street Finast. Within the next few months, they will have to deal with another name change, when Edwards becomes Stop and Shop.

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



## Viewpoint

# Past generations of immigrants 'came right in'

How often have you heard people say how proud they are that their ancestors who migrated to this country long ago came here "legally," unlike those terrible illegals today.

Well, the truth is, most of our ancestors came here legally because no one stopped them. It was difficult, if not impossible, to be illegal. As a recent history of immigration to the United States succinctly put it, "Before the 1920s, immigration to the United States was numerically unrestricted."

The first immigrants mostly came from western and northern Europe — the British Isles, Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, places with whom the earliest settlers easily identified. It wasn't until large numbers of people from southern and eastern Europe began to arrive — Italians, Greeks, Armenians, Russians, Poles and Jews from any country — that quotas and other restrictions began to be instituted.

These immigrants mostly fit the invitation on that welcoming statue in New York Harbor — "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free" — people fleeing abject poverty, famine and oppression. They were welcomed because they were needed and because this was a free country.

Once they arrived, though, the new residents were not necessarily given hearty welcomes. The first "different" immigrants arriving in great numbers were Catholic refugees from the great Irish famine of 1845-52, who settled mostly in New York and Boston, where they were told they "need not apply" for jobs. Hostility turned next to the large numbers of Germans who competed for jobs with those who got here first. It began a pattern of earlier arrivals considering themselves superior to groups coming later, a practice that continues to this day.

But they were all legal until 1875 when the first restrictions were enacted, banning criminals, those with contagious diseases, polygamists, anarchists, beggars and importers of prostitutes, according to the Pew Research Center.

There was one exception: Asians. A huge influx of Chinese immigrants, seeking gold in California or jobs building the transcontinental railroads, alarmed the natives and led to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882.

But for Europeans, except for the disease spreaders, anarchists and other less desirables, it was a free ride for the 19th and part of the 20th centuries. It's true that it took some

courage, especially for those coming from nations that were not English speaking, but basically, these tired and poor had nothing to lose.

They were moving to a better place, a land of opportunity, with many even believing the myth that the new nation's streets were paved with gold. But even without the golden pavement, the new nation was also without famine and there were opportunities to rise from poverty.

Then, in the 1850s, immigration opposition found a new voice, with the founding of the American Party or "Know Nothings." The party derived its appeal from being anti-everything — especially anti-Catholic, Jewish and immigrant in general. The party nominated former president Millard Fillmore for president in 1856 and he got 21% of the vote. But that was the peak for the American Party as it faded in the Civil War with the emergence of the Republican Party.

Though the Know Nothings quickly disappeared, their prejudices thrived and survived as the immigration flow shifted to the southern and eastern European nations in the 20th century. By the 1920s, laws were passed setting quotas on the numbers of each national group to be admitted. These quotas favored the "Nordics" over the Slavs, Italians and other ethnic groups from southern and eastern Europe.

The exclusion of Chinese, our World War II allies, was lifted in 1943 while even long-time Japanese residents and citizens were held in "internment" camps during the war.

Restrictions weren't imposed on immigrants from the western hemisphere until 1965. Until then, our southern and northern borders were truly open, welcoming just about all comers from Canada and Latin America.

It was a different story for Muslims, who temporarily joined the Chinese for total exclusion when President Trump signed an executive order banning them from January to

March 2017. A second order lifted the ban to just Syrians but greatly reduced the admission of other Muslim refugees. President Biden revoked that executive order on his inauguration day.

And so, we can expect continued changes in how the USA deals with immigration, depending on the myths and realities we encounter and the politics and prejudices of coming generations.

But the next time you hear someone brag about his legal immigrant ancestors — and you're in the mood for an argument — tell her they were legal because no one kept them out.

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## COVID: Public health and medicine

I was looking forward to writing about something other than COVID-19 and there is a lot to discuss. But first, let's put the delta variant into some context. General Colin Powell once said, "The enemy always gets a vote" and hopeful situations can change, even if the enemy is a virus. A month or two ago we were optimistic about our ability to contain SARS-CoV-2, but then the delta mutation appeared and attacked the unvaccinated. Vaccinated people can be affected and pass on the virus; they do not get very sick, and rarely die, but that distinction is often lost on people who passionately oppose vaccines. The image of a congressman thundering on in the well of The House of Representatives about how the vaccine does not work sticks in my mind.

Unvaccinated people can get very sick, and some of them are children. In Louisiana every pediatric hospital ICU bed is occupied. The medical system, whose nurses and physicians have proved their valor, do not like seeing children unnecessarily ill. Hospitalization costs a lot in human anguish for patients, staff and their families. The cost in dollars is immense. The most affected Southern states seem to be getting that message and vaccination rates are up, but even if everyone in Louisiana, Texas and Florida got a first dose tomorrow, it would take weeks to see an effect. The governor of Florida has vowed punishment of school districts or businesses or cruise lines that require vaccines or masks. People should understand that public health measures are the only ways to contain a local epidemic and to save an economy. Mr. DeSantis is bluffing and has already been called out by local school districts. He wants to be president and in some people that desire corrupts judgment. The pandemic in Florida will not end well for him or many of Florida's people.

What do we mean by public health? As a subject it covers everything from clean water to vaccines. Public health workers deal at country- or city-wide scale to find the sources of illness and contain them. If a city has contaminated water, all the antibiotics in the world will not help. If the water is contaminated with lead, PCBs or arsenic, that will also lead to calamity. If an area is infested with disease-carrying mosquitoes, ticks or tsetse flies, the people will get debilitating diseases; they will suffer and so will the economy. Any population-wide affliction is the concern of public health workers. They also make sure that patients carrying infectious diseases follow their course of treatment

and do not spread drug-resistant tuberculosis or COVID-19. At the beginning of a pandemic, public health measures, including quarantine, are the most effective tools we have. The late New Yorker writer Berton Roueché celebrated these public servants in his book, "The Medical Detectives." Anyone interested in a career in medicine or public health should read it. Mr. Roueché helped direct a lot of us toward medicine and biological research.

COVID-19 is the medical event of our times and I have been writing about it for a year and a half. I have done my best to unify these essays to describe the evolution of the pandemic in an article that appears online, with illustrations. Where my predictions were wrong, I say so. Where our officials failed us, I also give an opinion. I have described the virus and how it works. I have included information on how our immune systems work, including the innate immune system and the adaptive immune system. Warm-blooded life would be impossible without them. Where there are mechanisms common to all infections, I write about them. I have covered the ways in which industry and basic scientists collaborate and what each does best. Above all, we must plan for the next pandemic and make sure it does not kill 610,000 people in the United States alone, as COVID has. I describe my first scientific experience more than 50 years ago with a virus called T4. T4 infects bacteria rather than humans but at a certain level, a virus is a virus and T4 taught us a lot about molecular biology. The essay, with illustrations, "A Brief History of the SARS-CoV-2 Coronavirus Pandemic" is on my website, www.RichardKessin.com.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To a supportive community of people, from NECC

My original hope was to reach out to you post-COVID with a huge thank you for your support of the North East Community Center (NECC), but the pandemic has not ended as we had all hoped. However, I believe it is important to reach out now, even though the path ahead is still uncertain. If there is one thing I have learned over the past year, it is that this community has unwavering strength in the face of difficulty, profound compassion in the presence of suffering and boundless generosity in a time of shared struggle. We can and will get through this final phase. Looking back over the last year gives me all the evidence I need of our collective resilience.

When we learned that we would have to shut our doors, it took only three hours for our staff to move to "remote" operations. I can assure you — our staff has impressed me every day in their ability to keep working, and to work harder than ever, to ensure that we serve those who need help... all while suffering the same pandemic challenges we all experienced.

Despite our fellow organizations and businesses having to distance, never have I seen more effort to aid the community we serve than I have during this pandemic. This support came as: The Watershed Center, LaBonne's and Hillsdale IGA helping us order food supplies; Businesses and media in the area offering free/discounted support to spread the word about our helpful services, crisis fund and ways to donate/volunteer; Local farms and gardeners such as Rock Steady providing local produce for our food pantry; Farmers Market vendors that stuck with us through the pandemic including Breezy Hill Orchard, Broadfork Farm, Coco's Crumbs, Herondale Farm, Jacuterie, Miracle Springs Farm. There are more, too numerous to mention here; Staff/leaders of the towns, villages and county we serve for aid throughout the pandemic to better serve our region; Our local foundations who contributed incredible support; State and other entities for keeping our grant-funded programs going.

We witnessed extraordinary dedication from 50-plus volun-

teers who helped, even during the worst days, to deliver meals, maintain gardens and transport produce from farms to tables.

I also must thank individuals and businesses who supported our 2020 and 2021 Chef & Farmer Brunch fundraisers. We reached our 2020 fundraising goal, despite the pandemic, and continue to invite donations to the 2021 campaign.

As we all look ahead at an uncertain path, our board of directors and I express our full-hearted gratitude to this wonderful community of people, working hard to help each other. We'll continue to be here for you and thank you for being here with us.

**Christine Sergent**  
NECC Executive Director

Millerton

### Legalized marijuana not an issue for NW Corner

Look, the legalized marijuana was going to come to us sooner or later. It's really no different than Prohibition in the 1920s. People still had access, and still drank. We can't stop progress.

I believe if they hadn't legalized it people would still grow it, or buy it, elsewhere to smoke it. I am no angel, I've smoked it in my younger years, I won't deny it. As Bill Clinton said when asked, he tried it but didn't inhale. Mr. Craig Whiting, you quoted how North Canaan was the poorest town in Region One, when this may be an answer.

Look to the pros and cons and the towns in Massachusetts are getting money to put in the town coffers. It is just not federally taxed.

**Michael Parmalee**

North Canaan

*More letters previous page.*



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### Hawk in flight

### Realtor® at Large

Many of the caves near Twin Lakes that we used to visit as kids have been closed off. I thought it was to reduce risk and trespassing, but in fact the purpose was to protect the native bat populations which are in decline. Spelunking in the winter has a negative impact on bats hibernating and may introduce to the cave the white nose syndrome fungus, which is deadly to bats. So bat gates cover the entrance to the caves which allow bats to pass, but not people. For more information please look up www.nracs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1081678.pdf or happy to email a copy.



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**The Cornwall Library**, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www.cornwalllibrary.org. The Annual Labor Day Weekend Art Sale - Opening Reception, Sept. 3, 5 to 8 p.m.; Show runs Sept. 4-6.  
**Craven Contemporary**, 4 Filling Lane, Kent, Conn. www.artnet.com/galleries/craven-contemporary/. The Flowers Featuring Alex Katz and Michael De Feo, Through Sept. 19.

**Wassaic Project**, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y. www.wassaicproject.org. If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now: 2021 Summer Exhibition, May 22 to Sept. 18, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.

### BOOKS

**House of Books**, 4 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.houseofbookscct.com. Kurt Andersen, "Evil Geniuses" in conversation with Kerri Arsenault, Aug. 14, 6 to 7 p.m.  
**Oblong Books & Music**, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com. Oblong Online: Mona Awad, All's Well, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. (online). In-Person Event: Joshua Ferris: A Calling For Charlie Barnes, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

### DANCE

**Jacob's Pillow**, 358 George Carter Road, Becket, Mass. www.jacobspillow.org. Onsite Event: Streb (Leir Stage), Aug. 18 to 21, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 22, 2 p.m. Onsite Event: Ballet Coast To Coast (Leir Stage), Aug. 25 to 28, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Aug. 29, 2 p.m.  
**Mahaive Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaive.org. Paul Taylor Dance Company, Sept. 3 and 4, 8 p.m.  
**PS21 Chatham**, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org. Movement Without Borders - Ballet with Adam Weinert, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.; Instable, Aug. 14 to 15.

### KIDS

**ASAP!**, 6 Bee Brook Road, Unit B, Washington Depot, Conn. www.asapct.org. 11th Annual Celebration Of Young Photographers, submissions open Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, exhibit Nov. 14.  
**Berkshire Botanical Garden**, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org. Family Fridays: Under One Sky: Songs & Stories for the Whole Earth, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to noon.  
**The Mount**, 2 Plunkett St., Lenox, Mass. www.edithwharton.org. Family Ghost Tours, Fridays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
**NorthEast-Millerton Library**, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www.nemillertonlibrary.org. Lunch on the Library Lawn, Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

### MISC.

**Connecticut Antique Machinery Association**, 31 Kent Cornwall Road, Kent, Conn. www.ctamachinery.com. 36th CAMA Fall Festival, Friday, Sept. 24 to 26.  
**Housatonic Heritage**, Salisbury, Conn. www.housatonicheritage.org. 2021 - The 20th Annual Housatonic Heritage Walks, Saturdays & Sundays from Sept. 4 to Oct. 3.

### MOVIES

**The Moviehouse**, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net. The Goonies, Aug. 11 and 14; Respect, opens Aug. 13; Free Guy, opens Aug. 13; Confronting the Past: Italian Film Classics of the 1970s, Aug. 18 to Sept. 5.  
**Norman Rockwell Museum**, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm.org. Raiders of the Lost Ark 40th Anniversary Screening, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. (6 p.m. for reception).

### MUSIC

**Close Encounters With Music**, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org. PRISM Quartet (Saxophones), Sept. 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
**Crescendo**, Lakeville, Conn. www.worldclassmusic.org. "Conversation Galante - A Courteous Conversation" - 18th century French Baroque Flute Chamber Music, Aug. 13, 7:30 p.m.; "How lovely Are the Messengers" - Well-known and beloved Choral Favorites from Tallis to Mendelssohn, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Music Mountain**, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org. Riverboat Stompers Jazz Band, Aug. 14.

**Northwest Music Association**, Salisbury, Conn. www.northwestmusicassociation.com. New Baroque Soloists, Aug. 12, 5 p.m. (online).

**Sharon Playhouse**, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org. The Sounds of Swing & Soul, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.; Laser Encounter, Aug. 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.

### TALKS

**The Salisbury Forum**, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org. Erik Edstrom: "What

Does Patriotism Mean, Anyway?", A Zoom Webinar, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. (online).

### THEATER

**Mahaive Performing Arts Center**, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaive.org. Berkshire Opera Festival: Verdi's Falstaff, Aug. 21, 1 p.m., Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m.  
**Warner Theatre**, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org. The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales, Aug. 14, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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### SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

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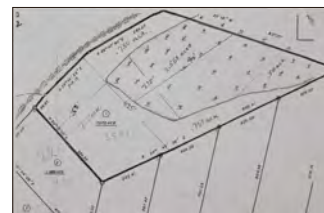
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