

## TOWN BY TOWN

## BETHLEHEM

## Woodbury man hospitalized after motorcycle crash Friday

A Woodbury man suffered serious injuries after his motorcycle was rear-ended by a car on Flanders Road in Bethlehem Friday.

Brian Coppola, 58, of 31 Bethwood Lane, was transported to Waterbury Hospital as a result of the 12:35 p.m. accident.

Police said Coppola was traveling north on a 2008 BMW K1200GT when he was rear ended by a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Michael Lupachino, 28, of 74 Old Army Road, Watertown.

Police said the impact pushed Coppola into a 2000 Toyota Corolla driven by Frances Cooke, 77, of 73 Crane Hollow Road, Bethlehem.

Coppola was transported by Bethlehem EMS.

Both the motorcycle and Jeep Grand Cherokee are registered in Coppola's name while the Corolla is registered to the Abbey of Regina Laudis, located nearby.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is being asked to contact Trooper Donohue at State Police Troop L at (860) 626-7900.

## WATERBURY

## Car fire at Walmart doused by first responders; no one hurt

On Sunday evening, members of the Waterbury Police Department were called to assist the Waterbury Fire Department on a report of a vehicle on fire in the parking lot of a Walmart, 910 Wolcott St.

According to a release, the unoccupied vehicle on fire was extinguished upon arrival and no injuries were reported.

Two nearby parked cars sustained fire damage from the blaze.

All vehicle owners were contacted and the incident remains under investigation by the Waterbury Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office.

## FALLS VILLAGE

## Self-guided tours available of 7 cemeteries in Falls Village

The D.M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will host self-guided tours of two of Falls Village's seven cemeteries on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. Guides will introduce participants to important and interesting figures in Falls Village history, including the library's namesake David M. Hunt, Charles Beebe, noted artists Emil Carlsen and Troy Kinney and their families and Harriet Chapin, the victim of a murder/suicide. The tours will take place at the Grassy Hill Cemetery on Point of Rocks Road and the Sand Hill Cemetery on Route 63. Please wear sturdy walking shoes as the terrain can be uneven. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 30. Donations are appreciated.

## SALISBURY

## Hotchkiss School's concert season begins on October 15

The Hotchkiss School will kick off its 2022-2023 guest concert season with two concerts in October. On Saturday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m., the Hotchkiss Philharmonic, guest conducted by Polish maestro Mariusz Smolij, with German cellist Alexander Hülshoff, will perform works by Mozart and Dvorak.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m., the acclaimed Fine Arts Quartet, joined by pianists Fabio Witkowski and Gisele Witkowski and bassist Alexander Bickard, will perform rare chamber works by Romanian composer George Enescu.

Both concerts will be held at Katherine M. Elfers Hall on the Hotchkiss School campus. There is no admission charge.

## SALISBURY

## Noble Horizons hosts exhibit 'Art of Aging' starting Oct. 17

Noble Horizons invites the community to "The Art of Aging: Noble Horizons' First 50 Years," an exhibit hosted by Salisbury Association. The multimedia exhibit runs from Oct. 17 to Nov. 19 and features artifacts and photos chronicling Noble's first half-century, including memorabilia, handwritten stories and videos featuring familiar faces from the last 50 years.

Noble Horizons is a not-for-profit senior living and health care community founded by local residents in 1972. The Salisbury Association is at 24 Main St.; hours can be found at salisburyassociation.org and more information is at noblehorizons.org.

## FALLS VILLAGE

## Falls Village library hosts art exhibition on all things culinary

D.M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., will host "Amuse-Bouche: An Appetite for Art" group exhibition starting with an opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The show features a cornucopia of painting, photography and sculpture, celebrating man's relationship with all things culinary, said organizer Garth Kobal, "with two dozen local artists serving up small bites and generous sides."

Participating artists include Marsha Altemus, Sue Berg, Pamela Berkeley, Janet Andre Block, Sarah Blodgett, Elizabeth Buttler, Erika Crofut, Robert Cronin, Sergei Fedorjaczenco, Zoe Fedorjaczenco, Emily Fuller, Serena Granbery, Richard Griggs, John Hodgson, Vincent Inconiglios, Gail Jacobson, Garth Kobal, Audrey Leary, Pieter Lefferts, Ken Musselman, David Noonan, Sue Pakula, Robert Andrew Parker, Gayle Shanley, Tilly Strauss, Terry Wise, Lilly Woodworth and Judith Wyer.

## Southbury marks its anti-Nazi legacy

## Events planned for the 85th anniversary of ejecting Bund

BY STEVE BIGHAM  
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

SOUTHBURY — This year marks the 85th anniversary of when the town said "no" to the Nazis and the community is marking the occasion with a series of special events next month.

The events, concluding the weekend of Nov. 11-13, celebrate its pride for local citizens who stood up against the Third Reich, even as many others around the world were still turning a blind eye.

Organizers say the commemoration is being planned because much more has been learned about the story over the past decade; also, they say, because many people have moved to Southbury and surrounding towns who may not be aware of these important events in American history.

In fact, until about a decade ago, hardly anything was known about how in 1937, just a few years before the start of World War II, a brave group of Southbury residents, led by town officials and clergy, came together to take a historic stand against a plan to establish a Nazi camp here. They did so in the defiance of what at the time was a worldwide approach to appease the Nazis, whose anti-Semitism was already known, but whose murderous plans to take over the world were not yet universally known.

Southbury resident Ed Edelson said on Sept. 25, 1937, Wolfgang Jung purchased 178 acres of land in Southbury for the German-



REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN ARCHIVES

Southbury's response to the German-American Bund's plan was big news as seen in this front page from the Republican-American in 1937.



REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN ARCHIVES

Southbury residents protest the proposed establishment of a Nazi camp in town in 1937.

American Bund, intent on building a Nazi camp, similar to other camps that had begun to pop up around the nation, all designed to promote an anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi agenda.

According to the history books, Southbury established its first zoning commission, which quickly

passed an ordinance that forbade land usage in the town for "military training or drilling with or without arms except by the legally constituted armed forces of the United States of America."

The ruling effectively closed Southbury to the Bund.

"The residents of South-

bury united to fight back against this Nazi invasion of their town. Southbury was the only government that stood up to Nazis before the end of 1937," Edelson said. "I think we should celebrate that."

It's a story that, until the release of Scott Sniffen's 2012 documentary, "Home of the Brave: When Southbury Said NO to the Nazis," went largely unknown, but is now considered a major event in American history.

The papers of Reverend M.E.N. Lindsay, a leader in 1937 while serving at South Britain Congregational Church, are now part of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Next month's anniversary events will include a director's showing of the documentary, panel discussions on the significance of the story, related musical performances and presentations to honor many of the people involved.

Numerous local organizations, as well as Region 15 schools, are taking part in the program.

A historic road marker will be dedicated at the South Britain Congregational Church so that, according to organizers, people driving through Southbury will know what happened here in 1937.

In the weeks before the commemoration, Southbury Library will host a film festival featuring films related to World War II and the rise of Nazis.

For information, a complete schedule of events and to register, visit southbury-ct.org/1937.

## AT BAT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



MEGAN JULIAN REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Pink and white balloons lined the entry way of Union City Little League field on Saturday in honor of their Breast Cancer Awareness Game.

## New store lights the candles in Cornwall Bridge

BY RUTH EPSTEIN  
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

CORNWALL — The aroma is what first attracts customers when they enter Plaid Rooster Co. candle shop at 22 Kent Road in Cornwall Bridge. Soon after, eyes turn to the colorful candles of all sizes and shapes that are tastefully displayed throughout the shop.

Owner Andrea Appelbaum just opened the business this week. She has a gift shop in Newtown and has plans to use the other side of the Cornwall Bridge building for a similar shop.

With a home in nearby Goshen, Appelbaum is familiar with the area and was pleased to have the opportunity to purchase the building when it came up for sale.

The tables and shelves are lined with a variety of candles that Appelbaum is quick to point out are made from American-grown soy with no paraffin content. She is pleased with the current movement that's veering toward healthy, organic products.

"Those who light these candles aren't breathing in anything toxic," said Appelbaum. "There are no dyes, no artificial chemicals. All the fragrances are clean and natural. They also don't have lead wicks, which are prevalent in other can-



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Andrea Appelbaum stands in her newly opened Plaid Rooster Co. candle shop at 22 Kent Road in Cornwall Bridge.

des. We use cotton." She added that they burn longer than the average commercial candle. All the candles are made on-site by a group of women who assist Appelbaum in the production.

She picked up a dough bowl, which is made from hand-carved Mexican Spanish oak, noting that is a popular item in her other store. Filled with a candle, they have pressed flowers as designs. "It's called that because when it's empty it's a replica of a bowl for kneading dough," she explained.

The candles are made of fragrances such as cinnamon, pumpkin and lavender. She's readying for Christmas, when customers will be able to purchase candles smelling of cranberry, spruce and much more.

A series of fire bowls are bright and shiny, replicating fire pits. Among them is lump of coal, personal fire pit and warm glow fire pit. There are ones for all occasions, such as the baby reveal candle. Small ones fit into ramekins. All are finished off with ribbons for gift giving.

Most of the candle holders are reusable and can be refilled at half the original price. Items range from the small candles at \$18, to the larger ones, which have an average cost of \$40.

Current store hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. The website is plaidroosterco.com.

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