

Police Blotter

Activity July 27 – August 2 | By Donna Christopher

Traffic
In 26 motor vehicle stops, police issued one summons, 11 infractions, two written warnings, 10 verbal warnings, and twice took no action. The infraction rate was 46 percent. Five crashes occurred, with no injuries reported.

On August 1, an officer stopped a vehicle after observing it repeatedly fail to maintain its lane on Route 53, Newtown Turnpike, and Giles Hill Road. Following an investigation, the operator, a 60-year-old Redding man, was arrested and charged with Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs and eight counts of Failure to Drive in the Proper Lane.

The man was released after posting bond and was scheduled to appear at Danbury Superior Court on August 18.

Theft
A theft of a 2017 BMW X5 on Main Street was investigated on July 31 when the vehicle’s owner reported that it had been taken without permission by a female he met on a dating app. Later that day, the vehicle was recovered by Norwalk Police Department, and a 58-year-old woman was taken into custody and charged with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. ■

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The Legal Voters in the Town of Redding, Connecticut, and those entitled to vote therein are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Special Town Meeting to be held on **September 8, 2026**, at **7:00 p.m.** at the Redding Community Center, 37 Lonetown Road, to consider and vote upon the following:

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*DATED at Redding, Connecticut this 17th day August of 2026.
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Impact of Wire Mill dam removal is subject of study

By Rocco Valluzzo

A study by Trout Unlimited and SLR Consulting will focus on the feasibility of removing the dam on the former Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill property in Georgetown to restore the flow of the Norwalk River.

Tying in with the Revitalize Georgetown plan, the one-year study will include sediment sampling results and the potential impact of dam removal on upstream areas and historic ruins. The project is currently in the information-sharing and preliminary analysis phase. Trout Unlimited and SLR are reviewing the existing Georgetown Revitalization plan, specifically examining the proposed river configuration and the “little island” feature.

“They’re going to be doing a lot of studying of how the removal of our dam will impact upriver,” said First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton at a Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, August 13. “And that will influence what our project is.”

Preliminary sampling indicates that sediment in the factory pond contains contaminants exceeding criteria, specifically petroleum by-products from road runoff, and not heavy metal from the Wire Mill. While the exact cubic yardage to be removed has not been estimated yet, contaminated sediment behind the dam will eventually need to be trucked out.

“These are early-on conversations,” said Pemberton. “This is very limited and partial information.”

Additional information also is required to determine how dam removal will affect flooding in Ridgefield and the integrity of the Metro-North railroad bridge. Dam removal impacts are primarily expected upstream rather than downriver. The study will specifically look at the impact on the upriver area, including the railroad bridge and potential flooding issues.

The Revitalize Georgetown plan, which was delivered by architecture and consulting firm Pirie Associates to the Board of Selectmen this summer after over a year of research, public feedback, and planning work, includes saving a specific historic ruin, which is a building at the Wire Mill site with a remaining wall and dam infrastructure. There was some concern that preserving this structure may not be feasible if the dam is removed.

Pemberton said she plans to meet monthly with Trout Unlimited and SLR Consulting for project updates. She inquired about them developing a dedicated webpage for public communication, using the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government’s (NVCOG) Kinneytown Dam storyboard as a model. Built in the 1840s, the Kinneytown Dam is an inactive hydroelectric dam spanning over 400 feet wide and standing roughly 30 feet tall on the Naugatuck River between Seymour and Ansonia. It now serves no useful purpose and blocks fish migration. ■

Variance will be needed for new Project Adventure sign | By Rocco Valluzzo

Acting on a referral from the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Commission reached a consensus that a permanent sign for John Read Middle School’s Project Adventure course honoring a student that died earlier this year must go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a hardship variance.

Measuring 5 feet x 13 feet x 6 inches, the proposed sign is approximately 10 times the normal size for signage allowed by the Town’s Zoning Regulations and is to be placed between two 20-foot-high steel poles approximately 15 feet off the ground. It is made of pre-fabricated aluminum designed to look like wood and engineered to withstand 120 mile-per-hour winds.

The sign is intended to honor Luke Sorce, a seventh grader who tragically died in January 2026. The design incorporates his original artwork depicting trees and contains a quote he frequently used.

Mike D’Agostino, Director of Facilities and Operations for Easton-Redding-Region 9, presented renderings for the project at the Commission’s Tuesday, August 11 meeting. He cited Joel Barlow High School signage as a precedent for larger municipal signs, though Commission members noted those are building-mounted rather than freestanding.

“The size and the height were discussed within our team and the school community,” D’Agostino said. “We feel like the height and the size of the sign is proportional to the venue.”

D’Agostino added that the sign was placed at a 20-foot height (with 15 feet of clearance underneath) to prevent middle school students from hitting or “dunking” on the sign, and to match the visual scale of the challenge course’s 45-foot poles behind it.

The Commission noted that Zoning Regulations generally limit freestanding signs to 18 square feet and typically only for locations with multiple business establishments. There are currently no freestanding signs of this nature in Redding.

While the Commission acknowledged the aesthetic value of the tribute, significant concerns were raised regarding its scale and lack of precedent in the town. Members expressed that a sign of the proposed size mounted high on poles lacks “human scale” and functions more like a billboard than a tribute. It was noted that the text at the bottom of the sign might be illegible to viewers due to its height and placement.

“I think we all agree that it’s a very handsome graphic,” said Commission member Regina O’Brien. “The rendering and the quote are lovely, but to me, the scale at which it’s being proposed diminishes everything that’s attractive and meaningful about it. I think you can have an absolutely beautiful remembrance and a beautiful sign that just isn’t 20 feet tall by 13 feet wide.”

The Planning Commission will issue a formal referral letter (opinion of consistency) to the Board of Selectmen regarding the sign as a municipal improvement. Because the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to bypass Zoning Regulations without Zoning Commission approval, an application to the Zoning Board of Appeals is required regardless of the Planning Commission’s recommendation. ■



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Zoners consider separate driveway restrictions, size caps for ADUs | *By Rocco Valluzzo*

Acting on a request from the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission began discussions on the possibility of amending the Town's Zoning Regulations regarding detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) at its Wednesday, August 12 meeting.

The primary goal of the request is to align Zoning Regulations with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), which aims to preserve Redding's rural character. Key discussion points included restricting separate driveways for ADUs to prevent "pseudo-subdivisions" and establishing a clear definition for "subordinate" massing to ensure ADUs do not overpower primary residences.

Planning Commission Chair Laurie Heiss emphasized that the POCD repeatedly stresses maintaining low density and a one-dwelling-per-two-acres aesthetic. She said members of the Planning Commission are concerned that allowing detached ADUs with separate driveways and mailboxes creates the appearance of a subdivision, which contradicts the Town's long-term planning goals.

"Once you make another curb cut and another driveway and a different mailbox and whatever, it changes the look and feel," she said. "If you did that up and down

Cross Highway, it would look like a very different place.”

The proposal suggests that detached ADUs should utilize the existing driveway of the primary residence rather than creating a new curb cut. Zoning Commission members raised concerns about properties with difficult topography. It was agreed that in cases where a single driveway is physically impossible, applicants would need to seek a hardship variance.

Heiss noted that the changes would apply only to detached ADUs. She added there also is currently a lack of clarity in the Zoning Regulations glossary regarding the term “subordinate.” The Commission discussed emulating State guidelines or existing attached ADU rules by setting a specific size ratio between detached ADUs and the primary residence.

Zoning Commission member Amy Atamian suggested limiting detached ADUs to 50 percent of the primary house's square footage, while maintaining the absolute cap of 1,000 square feet. Clearer definitions are intended to make the application process more predictable for residents and easier to administer for the Commission.

The Zoning Commission will confer with Zoning Enforcement

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took place at the southernmost of the three. The flooding situation has caused dirt, rocks, and roadway material to flow off the normal roadside and into the gorge area south of the road's intersection with Goodridge Road and Meeker Hill Road.

"Where the flooding occurs is in a low spot, and on the riverside any water will flow over the bank and down a steep slope," noted Jamie Gracy, Director of Public Works. "It's quite a distance to the bottom." Gracy added that the other side of the roadway consists mainly of rock ledges, which will complicate any road widening that might prove necessary.

“Our Town’s consulting engineers, Tighe and Bond, did an assessment of what’s needed to properly correct the flooding and erosion,” continued Gracy. “And the expected cost reached the point where we had to put the work out for a bid. This is legally mandated by the State, above a certain cost level.”

In the meantime, the Highway Department reduced traffic to an alternating one-way pattern. It also installed a “Jersey barrier” – one of those familiar movable concrete barricades used in road work. This will temporarily block the compromised section of roadway and prevent vehicles from further damaging it with their weight.

"In addition, we added permanent curbing to the edge to keep any additional water from flowing down the steep slope and adding to the washout and erosion," Gracy said. "The curbed area is roughly 150 to 200 feet long and so far, it's doing the job of preventing water flow."

Through the work package covered by the RFP, the Town aims to stabilize and reconstruct the roadway. Because Poverty Hollow Road is a Town-designated Scenic Road, all repair work must be performed in keeping with that status and receive approval from the Planning Commission.

The Town also aims to restore two-lane traffic in the affected section. "This is not going to be a quick or easy fix," said Gracy. "There's a lot of traffic that uses Poverty Hollow Road as a cut-through to Easton and Monroe, particularly a high volume of Amazon trucks. Just during our assessment [with Tighe and Bond], we witnessed

about 30 Amazon trucks traveling the road.”

During their August 11 meeting, Planning Commission members discussed their own site walk of the affected area the day before.

"There's obviously no way to reopen it," said Pemberton. "The Highway Department checks it after rain to be sure that the remaining lane is stable – and the good news is that the curb is working to keep more water from flowing over."

Pemberton pointed out that she had checked on another part of Poverty Hollow Road that same morning, and that a cone had been placed in this second location. "It has been undermined by the river, further down," she noted. "It's since been shored up with rock. The river and heavy rains over the last several years have been eating away at the riverbank."

If there is a silver lining to this event, it is that there has been no bridge damage as in previous heavy rainstorms. "The bridge itself is okay," Gracy added. "It's a bit narrow of a bridge, but normally two lanes."

At the same time, the Highway Department has been dealing with flooding on the opposite side of town along a section of Simpaug Turnpike that parallels the Metro-North railway tracks. While heavy rain has exacerbated the flooding, it is not the only cause: the culprits, in this case, are beavers that build dams in the adjacent pond as well as in the streams that flow into it. These block the flow of water, causing it to pool on Simpaug Turnpike.

When rains are heavy, that blockage results in a significant flood, Gracy said. "And it's not our property ... it's Metro-North," Gracy said. "Metro-North has to take the beaver dams down. The beavers then rebuild their dams overnight."

Earlier last week, Metro-North undertook a stronger measure, visiting the site after the last train had passed through in the wee hours of the morning. Railroad personnel used a Gradall excavator to remove the beaver dams. At the same time, heavy-duty pumps were used to remove volumes of standing water.

Gracy noted that the Highway Department is still fielding many phone calls about Simpaug Turnpike. Nonetheless, the flooding has receded somewhat for now because of the mitigation measures. ■



The after-school squeeze

Boys & Girls Club looks for collaborative solutions with Park and Rec for after-school programs

By Donna Christopher

Expanding and strengthening after-school programming through community collaboration was a central focus of the Park and Recreation Commission's special meeting on Wednesday, August 12.

Meredith Schuchard, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Redding-Easton, joined Board members Chrissy Franklin and Collette Faulknor to present the organization's mission and programs to the Commission. The Town had just completed interviews of Director candidates for its own Extended Day after-school program, a role which has experienced high turnover in the last two years.

"We've had three main directors in a relatively short period of time for the program, come and go, and I thought it made sense to look at all of our options," said First Select-woman Julia Pemberton, who said she had invited Schuchard to make the presentation to the Commission. "Including hiring a wonderful full-time Extended Day Director... but I thought we should look at all of our options."

The Boys & Girls Club provides after-school programs, sports, arts and leadership opportunities for young people in Easton and Redding. The Club has greatly expanded its programs for children at Redding Elementary School and John Read Middle School in recent years in response to demand from families. Most notably, the middle school program, which is offered from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, was made free to students, resulting in a 158% increase in participation.

The elementary school program has also expanded to three days a week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Park and Recreation Extended Day program is available for children in grades K-4 from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. at the Redding Elementary School and Community Center facilities.

Collaboration with other community organizations and other Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Connecticut is an important part of the Club's approach. Local partnerships include Mark Twain Library, Redding Garden Club, Redding Neighbors & Newcomers, and The Granite. The Club also draws on the national Boys & Girls Club network for training, leadership development, and ideas for responding to changing youth needs.

That collaborative approach was echoed by Park and Recreation Commission members, who said they see after-school programming as a community-wide effort rather than the responsibility of a single organization. Working with schools, families, non-profit organizations, and other youth-serving groups can help identify gaps, share resources, and create more opportunities for children.

Presenters said the Boys & Girls Club after-school programs are designed to be inclusive, with students with special needs participating alongside their peers and receiving additional one-on-one support when needed. The Club also maintains a safety committee that meets quarterly.

A major challenge, however, is space. For the elementary school after-school program, limited indoor space and staffing constraints currently restrict programming to just three days a week. The school district provides bus transportation to the Boys & Girls Club, while the Boys & Girls Club manages the programs.

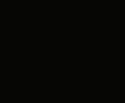
The Boys & Girls Club is looking at ways to make better use of existing facilities as demand grows. The organization has the capacity to serve more students but needs appropriate space and staffing to expand. Funding comes from program revenue, grants, fundraising, and special events, with efforts focused on maintaining access to the free John Read Middle School program.

The Park and Recreation Commission also emphasized the importance of finding consistent space for its Extended Day programming, which often competes for space with school- or PTA-sponsored after-school activities and other Park and Recreation programs, while keeping after-school care affordable.

Schuchard asked the Commission to discuss potential partnership opportunities between the Club and the Town of Redding for youth programs, specifically the Extended Day program.

"We were thrilled that the Park and Rec Commission invited us to share more about the programs we offer for children in Redding and

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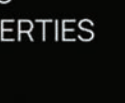
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OPINION

Navigating the age of AI in education

AI should be used as an assistant, not a source | By Victoria Flishenbaum

A student sits down to write a history essay. Instead of opening a textbook or brainstorming ideas, she opens her computer and types a prompt into an AI chatbot to receive a complete essay in less than 10 seconds.

Using AI for your schoolwork is a bit like a laundry basket – if you rely on it too heavily without proper sorting or a critical eye, it becomes a pile of mixed-up information. Just like laundry, if you don’t take the time to separate, evaluate, and handle things on your own, you can lose track of what is important, or even let the mess grow to the point where you can’t figure out what is your original work and what is a robot’s.

With that being said, the use of artificial intelligence has certainly increased in the past couple of years. As more students begin to rely on AI for help with homework, studying for tests, and – worse-case scenario – writing papers for them, a question that needs answering rises to the surface: How is AI really being used in schools?

For many students, AI has become a regular part of their academic routine, assisting them with studying new material or preparing for exams. However, AI also is being used unethically. Many students are beginning to use the “helper” for writing assistance, generating full papers that would take hours to write in just 15 seconds. Teachers are concerned about this.

“Kids no longer see the difference between their own work and AI’s,” said Tim Huminski, an

English teacher at Joel Barlow High School and Director of the Writing Center. Students are running the risk of losing skills that make us innately human. Using AI can weaken critical thinking skills by encouraging reliance on automated responses and answers, reducing problem-solving skills, and limiting opportunities for individuals to engage in independent thinking.

Despite the concerns AI brings, many teachers recognize that AI can be a valuable educational tool when used responsibly. Rather than having AI do the work for students, AI can help students better understand difficult concepts outside the classroom, organize ideas, and prepare for assessments.

Christopher Angell runs the AI Squad at Joel Barlow High School, which is a teacher-formed group that discusses how to reduce the use of AI within the classroom. He considers the challenge of stopping AI “like trying to stop the internet.” Teachers get to know their students through their work, but AI can get in the way of that. As a result, the AI Squad discusses ways to help both teachers and students use the platform properly. Instead of attempting to eliminate AI altogether, teachers at Barlow are using an approach that tries to focus on teaching students how to use it ethically and effectively without resorting to cheating. This can help encourage students to use AI as a learning resource and wean off depending on it for every school assignment, fostering the growth of their own creative thinking.

As students begin to turn to AI for fast answers and convenience, educators are also working to establish clear guidelines for its use. Although Joel Barlow High School does not have a formal “AI policy” at this time, it does have an Academic Honesty policy discussing the rules of AI, stating that, “Plagiarism is taking the work done by someone else, including AI-generated content, and claiming it as yours.” The policy also emphasizes the importance of using AI to “brainstorm and refine ideas, fine-tune research questions, find information on a topic, and create an outline” only with teacher’s permission. Rather than completely banning AI, the school’s guidelines acknowledge that the technology can serve as a useful tool when used appropriately. At the same time, the policy makes it ultimately clear that students are responsible for producing their own work and maintaining academic integrity.

It is essential for students to stop using AI for generating content and take control of their own learning. As Joel Barlow High School Principal Dr. Mario Almeida told me, “I don’t want to hear what a robot thinks, I want to hear a student.” Instead of turning to automated answers, students should challenge themselves to think critically and analyze information independently, so that AI remains a tool and does not become the source of truth. ■

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Joel Barlow High School

State adopts new cellphone and screen time guidance for schools / continued from page 1

phone notifications and social media platforms for damaging students’ ability to focus and references a 2025 warning from the U.S. Surgeon General linking early screen exposure with poor social, emotional, and health outcomes. It also cites a 2025 survey from the State Department of Education in which 57% of educators identified cellphone use as a major classroom disruption.

Shepard Fisher, a new student member of the State Board of Education from Maloney High School in Meriden, said students have come around to the idea of a bell-to-bell ban and recognize how disruptive cellphones are in school. He said his concern now is how this all will be implemented.

“Whether that policy is actually followed is a question that remains unanswered,” Fisher said. “I know from my experience as a student, the transparent ... answer is no.”

Meriden has an “off-and-away” policy, meaning students can use their devices in the hallways and

at lunch but should have them off and away during class, unless the teacher says otherwise. During this year’s debate over the bell-to-bell ban, the district’s Superintendent, Mark Benigni, said the policy provided a mix of accountability and flexibility that would be lost if the ban passed. The head of Meriden’s teachers union supported a ban, saying the existing rules created too many opportunities for conflict between students and teachers at the start of each class.

In a statement earlier this month, Benigni said his district appreciated that the Board left the ultimate decision on cellphone restrictions to local districts.

“Meriden Public Schools will continue to support our ‘off and away’ procedures, and the district does not intend to make any changes at this time,” Benigni said.

Fisher, who helped lead a student walkout at Maloney this spring in support of increased State funding for public schools, said he hopes the State matches

the new recommendations with material support.

“It really comes down to a matter of resources, and how much are we willing to commit financially to developing a curriculum in ... classrooms about how to deal with technology,” Fisher said.

Moving beyond personal technology, the new guidance also urges districts to audit their educational technology in order to figure out the impact it has on schools and, if appropriate, shift away from “screen-based learning.”

It includes an overview of the role educational technology should play for elementary, middle and high school students, adapted from guidance from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. And it offers extensive guidance to districts on how to develop and implement policies with support from stakeholders throughout the community. ■

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Back to school

What’s new this year? | By Anne Young Albanese

While students have been enjoying camp, traveling, swimming, working, and sleeping in, the administrations at Redding Elementary School, John Read Middle School, and Joel Barlow High School have spent the summer preparing for the 2026-27 school year.

Redding Elementary School (RES)

Principal Melissa Labroschiano and Assistant Principal Kim Roy are working on a variety of changes to improve the school day for Redding’s youngest students. There are 470 students this year, with 11 new families entering first through fourth grades.

The preschool classes of four-year-olds will begin studying Spanish for the first time this year. There are two classes, and each class will take Spanish for half of the year. RES preschool students also participate in the same “special classes” as the older kids, with the same certified teachers. They will have a music period, a library period, and an art period.

Before the first day of school on August 26, there will be orientations for kindergarteners and for first and second graders, allowing students to meet teachers and staff and acclimate before the start of the school year.

The Redding Board of Education focused on building renovations last year, so students will be returning to familiar facilities, with no major changes over the summer.

John Read Middle School (JRMS)

The biggest change at John Read Middle School this year is Christopher Geissler beginning his role as Principal. Geissler began his position on July 1, after serving as Principal of Middle Gate Elementary School in Newtown for 15 years.

“As I begin my first year as JRMS Principal, I want to express how honored I am to join the John Read Middle School community. One thing has become abundantly clear – JRMS is a special place. It is a school built on strong relationships, dedicated educators, supportive families, and a community that cares deeply about its children. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received and excited to begin this journey together,” he said.

Geissler plans to look, listen, and learn before making any major changes. He has met with staff, students, and families to learn about their priorities. He has already revised the weekly school newsletter, based on their feedback. Additional changes are anticipated once Geissler has had a chance to observe the school in action after the students return.

JRMS has hired new teachers for Grade 8 Math/Algebra and Special Education. The school is still seeking a certified Structured Literacy Reading Specialist.

This summer, the Redding Board of Education focused on renovations at JRMS. The fifth-grade wing has new furniture, the sixth-grade classrooms were painted, and the lockers were replaced. Seventh- and eighth-grade hallways also were painted. The school has replaced much of the outdoor Project Adventure equipment. In addition, there are new tables for the courtyard and blacktop by the side dining area.

JRMS recently hosted an orientation event for fifth graders and new students, providing an informative and friendly introduction to the school ahead of the first day of school on August 26.

RES and JRMS both are looking to hire non-certified staff. Paraeducators and cafeteria/recess supervisors are needed at both schools. This is a great opportunity for parents who are looking to work during school hours.

Joel Barlow High School (JBHS)

Head of School Dr. Mario J. Almeida has overseen a variety of changes at the high school this summer. The most significant change is the new cell phone policy, which will allow students to use their cell phones only in the cafeteria during lunch. Cell phones are banned in any other part of the building during the school day, even if students are in the auditorium or in a classroom during their lunch period.

There will be a few new faces among the teachers and staff at JBHS, including a new speech pathologist, behavior technician, Spanish teacher, and Wellness PE teacher. The school is still looking for a certified special education supervisor, behavior technicians, special education paraprofessionals, and security staff.

Four bathrooms were renovated over the summer, and the classrooms in hallways A and B are getting new furniture. There will also be new furniture in common spaces where students can sit and study together.

The Counseling Department has developed a counseling curriculum, which will help the students, families, teachers, and Counseling Department work together to focus on students’ well-being and social-emotional learning. In addition, the Department has created an early college experience in partnership with the University of Connecticut; there will be five classes that students will be able to take to earn high school and college credit. ■

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Book Review

Mithim | By Carina McNally

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Mithim is a story from the Irish writing mind of Carina McNally. It is told in the first-person. The story functions as an Irish folk tale, told against the occupation of Ireland by Oliver Cromwell’s forces when the English invaded and occupied Ireland in 1649. Mithim is a displaced noble daughter, a survivor of the occupation and a practitioner of healing. “Healing Women” were a priesthood of sorts, and Mithim is secretly one of them, hiding from English soldiers deep in the Wexford forest. Mithim is from a noble family, the McMurrroughs.

Their domicile, Killenea Castle, was burned to the ground in 1649. Since then, Mithim has lived simply in the Wexford forest. She is thoughtful and intentional, while those around her have fallen prey to betrayal or are in fact victims of the hated British soldiers. Women of that time were socially and religiously constrained. Add an occupying army, and an author has all elements of metaphor to make an historical point about injustice derived from fear. McNally subtly points to change by underscoring that “Sugar, pepper and paprika are norms in the kitchen. The flavors of faraway lands, once exotic, are now commonplace...”

Yet there are deep vestiges of religious background in the irrereligious mind of Mithim. She mythologizes trees in the same way others pray to the Virgin Mary. “...it’s a tree that brings good luck and prosperity to land where it grows.”

Since then, science has revealed a tree’s mystery in a subtraction of mystery, and limited paths to expression for the embedded religious sentiment. But Mithim is a facile player. She knows that life is precious and not to be squandered from fear. As a noble woman and recent commoner, Mithim communicates within a normalcy of both classes. She is tacitly accepted by both, as a healer, and as a woman in a special relationship with nature and bounty. Mithim, in fact, is a well-conceived character for her time, and perhaps ours.

The military action as written did not take place, and the author is clear about that from the beginning. Fiction entertains and enlightens. What does the author of *Mithim* seem to intend for a reader to experience? As a novel that leans on history, the author intends fiction to be instructive. It is. The author intends that the reader reflect on the imbalance of societal power which excluded women, including religion. Her examples are copious. As a character, Mithim remains elevated in the reader’s imagination during the story – she is her own woman. She is telling her own story, which exists, as folk stories often do, between the allegorical and the mythopoeic. Especially Irish folk stories. ■

Review by Tom Casey,
author of *Human Error*,
Strangers’ Gate, and
Unsettled States

Library Corner

Second lives of literature | By Erin Shea Dummeyer

A friend recently texted to tell me there’s a copy of the first volume of the *Mark Twain Library Cookbook* in Bonnie Slotnick’s Antiquarian Cookbook Shop in the East Village of New York City. This cookbook, originally published in 1971, features contributed recipes from Redding residents of the time. I am familiar with the book because our Cookbook Club, motivated by curiosity and nostalgia, recently decided to cook from it. We chuckled about how many of the recipes called for only four ingredients, with a can of Cream of Onion Soup often one of them. Although I do not know the route

this 1971 cookbook took to find its way into this antiquarian cookbook shop in New York City, I can guess it changed hands a few times before it ended up there. This got me thinking about our upcoming 65th Annual Mark Twain Library Book Fair and all of the books contained therein. Many of them are being sold with the purpose of enjoying a second life, but I am sure if the books could talk, then shoppers would find that some of them are enjoying their third, fourth, or even seventh life. What a treasure it is to shop at the Fair and think about the shelves these books once inhabited. The

laps they spread their spines on. The bags they got toted around in. And now they are serving another purpose: to be sold again to raise funds for our town library. It’s truly magical. And for folks wanting to check out the 1971 edition of the *Mark Twain Library Cookbook*, you can find it available for loan from our local history collection. Or perhaps you might just find it in the Cookbook section of the Book Fair, taking place over Labor Day Weekend at the Redding Community Center. ■

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Songs my father sang | By Katherine Simmons



The author’s father

One of my most treasured memories of father was when he would sing to us. His serenades were not a constant, but occurred spontaneously, generally while he was driving. The destinations of those day trips I cannot recall. What I do remember is the feelings his singing evoked; safety, comfort, simple happiness, like stepping out your front door after a particularly harsh winter to the first embrace of springtime. And when my father sang, the world could do no wrong. His repertoire was vast and varied and his choice of song could fluctuate depending on his mood in that moment of time. Though not a professional singer, he could hold a tune quite nicely. His voice, deep and strong, would always sound just a wee bit higher in pitch when he sang of home.

Although born to an Irish mother, his family moved to Scotland where he was raised, then in later years returned to the U.S. where he became general manager of an Irish Pub in midtown Manhattan, called Rosie O’Grady’s. While he favored Irish music, one of my father’s most sang tunes was “Loch Lomond,” a traditional Scottish folk song he learned as a boy. “By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie braes, Where the sun shines bright on Loch Lomond Where me and my true love will never meet again On the bonnie, bonnie banks o’ Loch Lomond.”

And my father, a poet at heart, would never fail to share the meaning of those melancholy lyrics involving two prisoners of war, one to be released and the other to be hung. The high road represented the normal road of life, and the low road represented the road that the soldier sentenced to death would take, his soul returning to his homeland in the highlands. On some days my father quoted strange, yet interestingly captive poems I recall to this day: “Who killed Cock Robin? I said the sparrow, with my bow and arrow. I killed Cock Robin.” That one never quite sat well with me as a child or for that matter,

an adult, as I could never bear the thought of the robin being speared. When in a whimsical mood, my father might sing this nonsensical children’s song, which never failed to lighten the mood if someone was having a bad day: “Oh! Mairzy doats and dozy doats And liddle lamzy divey A kiddley divey too, wouldn’t you?” And how can I forget the many romantic songs my father loved? I recall one tune performed by Perry Como which my father sang often...“I wonder who’s kissing her now?” Though as a child, I often pondered from the back seat of our station wagon why my father would be kissing another woman... And then there was the daring Louie Armstrong number: “Oh when we’re dancing and you’re dangerously near me, I get ideas. I get ideas...” Or, the slightly more madcap and risqué: “Cigarettes! And Whiskey! And wild, wild women. They’ll drive you crazy they’ll drive you insane!”

The tune so catchy, my toddler sister would sometimes sing along, much to the dismay of my mother. Another selection my father sang throughout his life, was from the classic movie, *My Fair Lady*. An uplifting song I too found so lovely, that I chose it for the dance with my father on my wedding day:

“I have often walked down this street before Beneath my feet before All at once am I, several stories high Knowing I’m on the street where you live.” When his four daughters prepared to leave home for our first year away at college, my father had a ritual, this one too in song. He never failed to serenade us with this favorite: “We’re no awa’tae bide awa” whose translation goes something like this: “Oh, we are not away to stay away, We are not away to leave you. We are not away to stay away. We will always come back and see you.” And as our family gathered around the dining room table the night before the departure, my father would raise a glass and in that high pitched tone, sing these words earnestly in tribute. My mother, understandably sad a daughter was leaving home, did not share his enthusiasm and often left the table in tears, but not before casting a few choice words at my father. But he never wavered, delivering the lyrics without a hint of sadness or woe, as was his nature. And I will always love that sentiment of leaving – but always coming home. There is one more song, which will forever remind me of my father; the beautiful and haunting

ballad, “Green Fields of France,” which tells the tale of a traveler who passes the tombstone of a young Irish soldier, Willie McBride and the pointlessness of war. “Did they beat the drum slowly, did they play the fife lowly? Did they sound the death march as they lowered you down? Did the band play the “Last Post and Chorus”? And did the pipes play ‘The Flowers of the Forest’?” My dear dad himself departed this world, far too soon... But not without one last song to be sung. On one of my last visits, knowing my father was nearing the end of his life, I slowly walked the hospital corridor, bleak and sterile, leading to his room. Approaching, I paused. There it was, the sound of that distinct, slightly high-pitched voice. Entering, I glanced at his bedside; my sister was in the corner, and neatly tucked beside him, his three young grandchildren mesmerized by the tune. And knowing his days were dear, he sang to them the song he loved: “You take the high road, and I’ll take the low road, but I’ll be in Scotland afore ye. Where wild flowers spring and the wee birdies sing, On the steep, steep side of Loch Lomond.” ■

Zoners consider separate driveway restrictions, size caps for ADUs / continued from page 3

Officer Mike Moran to clarify the procedural requirements for this request and ensure the wording aligns with his previous instructions. It will draft a formal definition for “subordinate” massing, potentially using a percentage-based limit to provide clarity for applicants. Changes to the proposed regulatory language will be submitted to the Town attorney for legal review

once the Commission reaches a consensus. The Zoning Commission deferred final deliberation on the proposed language until all permanent members are present to ensure a full vote. Any proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations would require a noticed public hearing before adoption. ■

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Rachel Staffier of New Pond Farm recognized as one of Connecticut’s Women Farmers of the Year

By Pamela Brown



Photo courtesy of New Pond Farm State representative Anne Hughes and Rachel Staffier at a recognition ceremony last month.

Rachel Staffier is proud to be a female farmer. “My whole family is from generations of farmers in Tennessee, so I grew up visiting my family farm there, which is now recognized as an almost two-century working farm in the state of Tennessee. I’ve always been drawn to following in those footsteps of family before me,” said Staffier, who has worked in farm management at New Pond Farm Education Center since 2019.

Staffier’s dedication to the agriculture industry was recognized by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture earlier this month when they named Staffier as one of Connecticut’s Women Farmers of the Year. At New Pond Farm’s August board meeting, State Representative Anne Hughes presented Staffier with an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly.

“Being selected was incredibly meaningful. I submitted a nomination sharing my story, and I was fortunate enough to be chosen alongside many other women in agriculture,” said Staffier.

According to Priya Desai, New Pond Farm’s Executive Director, Staffier represents many of the qualities of the modern farmer – hard work, stewardship, innovation, education, and community.

“She approaches everything she does with humility, sincerity, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. While she may be quiet by nature, her impact is anything but. Rachel represents the future of agriculture, and we’re fortunate to have her on our team,” said Desai. “Rachel is an exceptional steward of both our animals and our land. She understands that farming today is about educating people, caring for the environment, and strengthening connections between farms and their communities.”

Last spring, the United Nations declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer to highlight the essential roles women play across food systems and the challenges they face.

“Connecticut is ahead of the curve nationally when it comes to women in farming roles and we want to celebrate that,” said Agriculture Commissioner Bryan P. Hurlburt, adding that these farmers have made vital contributions to the resilience and growth of

Connecticut’s agricultural landscape. According to the 2022 USDA NASS Census of Agriculture, there are more than 3,800 female farmers in Connecticut, making up 41% of all agricultural producers in the state. Nationally, women account for 36.3% of all producers.

At New Pond Farm, Staffier works alongside Mike Murray, Director of Farm Operations, who she described as having “beyond a wealth of knowledge.” Staffier’s responsibilities include milking, pasteurizing, property management, mentoring students, supporting educational programs, contributing to fundraising and marketing initiatives, and more.

“I’m proud to be a representative of female farmers, because even though I work for a small farm in a small state, I have the potential to give even one little girl the chance to see me driving the tractor, milking the cows, or working outside, and for them to think to themselves, ‘I can do that too!’ I love inspiring anyone who steps in the barn,” said Staffier, who earned a degree in Animal and Veterinary Science from the University of Rhode Island and worked on a pastured poultry farm for two years. “I’ve learned so much, and I found a passion for working outdoors and caring for livestock. I love these animals. I cherish their personalities and having such a strong influence on them growing up and having the best life at New Pond.” Staffier also appreciates reaching a wider audience through her fun and informative posts and photography on New Pond Farm’s social media profiles.

Desai noted Staffier has been a personal resource to her as she began her tenure leading the organization two years ago. “Coming into New Pond Farm without a farming background, I’ve learned so much from her. She has patiently explained everything from pasteurization and haying to the many daily practices that keep a working dairy farm thriving,” said Desai. “She shares her knowledge generously and helped me better understand not only how our farm operates, but why these practices are so important to animal welfare, environmental stewardship, and our educational mission.”

Staffier finds strength in staying true to herself. “I am who I am. Being a proud gay woman in a male-dominated field is a feat in itself. I value knowing that I can stand alongside anyone in agriculture. With great teachers, a willingness to learn, and a good work ethic, I’ve proven to myself that dedication and determination matter way more than gender. Farming is about showing up every day, putting in the effort, and never being afraid to learn something new. I wake up every day and love my job and love where I work, so that has become one of the things I’m most lucky to have in life.” ■

The after-school squeeze / continued from page 3

Easton. As a leader in youth development, we are always excited to explore options that increase access to safe, affordable after school programs,” she said.

“The Park & Recreation Commission strongly supports inter-community collaboration to enhance youth programming in Redding. We are delighted to have recent survey data from families within the program to help guide

these priorities,” said Commission Chair Angela Caes following the August 12 meeting.

Shannel Lewis, the new Director of Park and Recreation’s Extended Day, begins in her role this week. Lewis has a background in education and youth activities in public and private schools in Greenwich, Stamford and Brooklyn. ■

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THE NATURAL WORLD

Why garden hoses can be dangerous in summer weather

By Terry Karpen



Photo by Terry Karpen

When you use a garden hose, water stays inside the hose even after you have turned it off. Water sitting in a hose in direct sunlight can reach over 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

Risks of using hot hose water:

- Plants – Hot water harms roots and can cause wilting or plant death.
- Birds – Filling a birdbath with

hot water burns visiting birds’ feet and mouths.

- Children – Filling a kiddie pool or running a sprinkler with hot hose water can scald a child’s skin.

Safety Tip:

Always run the hose until the water is cool before you use it. Feel the water with your hand and, if it’s hot, let the hose run on pavement or a bare spot until the water feels cool before spraying. ■

Terry Karpen is proprietor of Queen Of Spades Gardens and Landscapes in Redding

Redding’s Big Outdoors: Summer on the Saugatuck / continued from page 1

from the ground. It was covered in moss and patina from the copper inside and presented a problem – the trail was split in two, and we would either go left or right. We chose to go left, and the trail became muddy due to its perpetual shade in the shadow of the large boulder. There were smaller, slippery moss-covered rocks, like tiny offspring of the large one, and there was an overhang with collapsed trees and cobwebs in the air created by overachieving spiders thinking they could weave dead trees together with their webs. I coughed and clawed the webs out of my way.

Suddenly, a thick fallen tree emerged in the middle of the trail between an old stone wall and the

end of the large patina-covered boulder. Careful not to touch the decaying tree, I hoisted myself over like a track runner completing hurdles and came upon what seemed to be a dirt road. The road could be a remnant of the Redding when horse-drawn carriages and log cabins existed, or simply a connection from a one-way trail to the more traversed highway to the Reservoir. Whatever the answer might be, it made for a nice change from cobwebs in my mouth.

As we walked down the old road, the stone walls flanked us on either side; the Reservoir, slowly getting larger, stands proudly at the end and we stopped to look out. The reeds swayed in the light

breeze, intermittently breaking the glass reflection of the lake. I snapped another picture, my friend put on Mood Ring by Lorde for the journey back, and we commented on how our skin looked amazing in this lighting.

We’re not really the hiking sort, preferring to tan, languishing on the beach or strolling the streets of Westport stopping in stores, but in that moment, when the reeds and rushes caught the summer light, we realized just how much our hometown offered us. ■

Willow Bradford is a 2025 graduate of Joel Barlow High School and a Redding Sentinel summer intern

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OBITUARIES

Wade William Roese
February 18, 1939 – August 13, 2026



Wade William Roese, 87, of Redding passed away on August 13 at home. Wade was born in Mineola, NY to Edith and William Roese on February 18, 1939. He graduated from Mineola High School in Mineola, NY, and earned a BS from Long Island University at C.W. Post in Brookville, NY. He married Theresa Stone on April 15, 1967 in Freeport, NY, and they moved to Redding in 1970.

Wade began his professional life working at Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, Spery Gyroscope, and Perkin-Elmer Corporation. After working at two architectural firms, he established his own architectural design firm in Redding. Additionally, he served as Building Inspector for the Town of Wilton and as Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Redding. After moving to Redding, Wade became

active in the community. He was President of the Redding Jaycees, served on the Redding Building Committee, and joined the First Church of Christ Congregational, becoming active in the Men’s Club, teaching Sunday School, and serving as Deacon. He enjoyed pitching for Perkin-Elmer in the Danbury Men’s Softball League and playing first base for the Mooses in the Redding Park and Recreation Men’s Softball League. Additionally, he coached girls softball at the then Redding Boys’ Club and freshmen girls softball at Joel Barlow High School.

Wade began his decades-long dedication to Redding Fire & EMS Company No. 1 as a lifetime member playing drums in the marching band. Years later, he attained the rank of Fire Police Lieutenant and earned certifications as an MRT and EMT. Following years of responding to EMS calls, he became a certified EMS instructor, assisting in training new EMTs within the department, EMT students at Joel Barlow High School, and EVOC. He also served as EMS Captain, Company Vice President, and Deputy Fire Marshall as well as an Associate Member of the West Redding Fire Department. Wade was a proud member of the 1/87 Vehicle Club and served as President of the Danbury Railway Museum. A life-long lover of trains, photography, and playing drums, his passions

included scratch-making HO scale trucks and cranes, cartography, making fudge, and UConn Womens’ Basketball.

Wade is preceded in death by his parents, Edith and William, his brother Guy, his beloved wife, Theresa, and eight cherished granddogs.

He is survived by daughter Tina Marie Roese; daughter Jill Roese Adrian, her husband Patrick Adrian, and seven beloved granddogs; granddaughter, Bridgette Burdick; great-granddaughter, Billie Rhoades; brother-in-law, Dr. William Pierce and his wife, Theresa Pierce; nephew William Pierce, his children, William and Catharine Pierce, and his partner, Shubha Sunder; nephew Jonathan Pierce, his wife, Talia Pierce, and their children, Drew, Graham, and Tanner; niece, Gillian Pierce; and longtime friend John Frank.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 22 at the First Church of Christ Congregational, 25 Cross Highway, Redding, with Reverend Suzanne Wagner officiating. The family invites all to wear red in honor of Wade. Arrangements are by Green Funeral Home, 57 Main Street, Danbury.

Memorial donations may be made in Wade’s name to Redding Fire & EMS Company No. 1, PO Box 185, Redding Ridge, CT 06876-0185. ■

Jennifer Sand Bodurtha
March 16, 1961 – August 5, 2026



Jennifer Sand Bodurtha, 65, passed away on August 5, 2026, at her home in Redding with her children and husband by her side after courageously living with Multiple Sclerosis for 38 years.

She was born on March 16, 1961, in Kemmerer, Wyoming, to the late John Sand and Virginia (Cooper) Sand Quinn. Jennifer lived in various towns in New York and New Jersey throughout her childhood and attended St. John Fisher College where she earned a bachelor’s degree in Communications. She later earned a master’s degree in Elementary Education from Western Connecticut State University.

Jennifer met her husband of 40 years, Alan, on a blind date, and

they were married on June 14, 1986. She worked in various roles at The Perrier Group for many years before becoming a stay-at-home mom, a role she treasured. In her early years, she enjoyed doing counted cross stitch, camping, hiking, and swimming. She always found joy in spending time with her family and listening to ‘70s music. Jennifer also had a passion for writing children’s books and was very proud to become the published author of *Hildy and Harold Take on the Teasers* in 2023. She was a member of Calvary Independent Baptist Church and found continued strength and resilience through her love of God.

Jennifer is survived by her husband Alan, daughter Kate (Reece Adamson), son Russell (Nora), and grandson Oliver; her siblings David Sand, Carolyn Pickering, and Michael Sand; she is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jennifer will be remembered for her kindness, love, positivity, ready smile, and infectious laugh. She will be immensely missed, and our memories together will be greatly cherished.

Per her request, there will be no services. Donations in her honor can be made to the Connecticut Humane Society or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. ■

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