



Special, Inside

# The Lakeville Journal

lakevillejournal.com

58 PAGES IN 3 SECTIONS VOLUME 129 NUMBER 42

© 2026 LJMN Media, Inc, Periodical Rate Postage Paid at Lakeville (Town of Salisbury), Connecticut 06039

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 \$3.00

Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

## HVRHS FFA

# Agricultural students display skills at Open House

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Agricultural students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School showcased 154 projects during the annual FFA Open House Wednesday, May 13, drawing parents, alumni, judges and community members to celebrate a year of hands-on learning.

Founded in 1940, the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter is part of the nation's largest student-led organization, preparing students for leadership and careers in agriculture, science, business and skilled trades. The annual open house serves as a year-end showcase highlighting the culmination of students' week-long projects.

Students enrolled in second-semester agricultural education classes

are required to participate in the open house, which counts as a summative grade. Judges — which include members of the community — provide feedback on the projects.

"We reach out to the community asking for business leaders, industry professionals, as well as parents, former students and teachers," said Dave Moran, Ag-Ed department chair. He said the goal of the open house is for students to demonstrate a skill they have learned and show their proficiency to the public.

Michael Gawel Jr., a junior from Sheffield, Mass., demonstrated to judge David Parks how GPS technology can make operating an

See FFA, Page A10



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

A Life Star helicopter lands on the front lawn of Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Saturday, May 16, to transport a motorcycle crash victim to a hospital.

# Weekend crashes prompt emergency responses in Lakeville, Lime Rock

By Aly Morrissey and Christian Murray

LAKEVILLE — Two serious crashes in the Northwest Corner over the weekend prompted major emergency responses and added to a string of recent vehicle accidents across the region.

The most dramatic incident occurred Saturday, May 16, when a motorcycle and pickup truck collided at about 1:30 p.m. near the intersection of Routes 7 and 112 in Lime Rock, temporarily shutting down the roadway and prompting a Life Star helicopter landing at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The Life Star landed at the high school shortly before 2 p.m. as people gathered nearby ahead of a dance recital hosted by the Lakeville-based Blue Studio.

According to Connecticut State Police, John Cashman, 64, of Granby, was struck by a 2016 Ford F-250 while attempting to turn his 2015

See CRASHES, Page A12



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

A black bear roams in Salisbury. DEEP spokesperson Bill Flood said Northwest Connecticut is generally the busiest area for bear sightings in the state.

# Bold bear encounters spark concern across Northwest Connecticut

By Aly Morrissey

Residents across Northwest Connecticut say an apparent increase in aggressive black bear activity is becoming a growing concern, with social media flooded this spring with photos, sightings and reports of close encounters — some deadly for pets and livestock.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) said bear activity is high this time of year in the region and urged residents to follow standard precautions, including

securing garbage, removing bird feeders and using electric fencing around livestock.

But for Dan and Meg Lago, who live on a six-acre farm on the Kent-Warren line, the warnings feel inadequate after what they believe was a devastating bear attack that killed two of their Nigerian Dwarf goats earlier this spring.

"We came down and saw one of them dead in the pen," Dan Lago said. "Then you could see where it dragged the other carcass over the fence and into the woods."

The couple said they had raised the goats for four years without

See BEARS, Page A12

# Thousands turn out for Trade Secrets in support of Project SAGE

By Aly Morrissey

LAKEVILLE — Temperatures climbed into the 80s during the 26th annual Trade Secrets garden and antiques sale held at Lime Rock Park Sunday, May 17, drawing thousands from all across the region to browse rare finds and enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Founded by acclaimed designer and author Bunny Williams more than 25 years ago, the nationally renowned event serves as a fundraiser for Project SAGE, a local domestic violence agency, and accounts for roughly 30 percent of the organization's operating budget.

In addition to the more than 2,500 visitors — who formed a long line in the morning sun at the entrance — vendors from western Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York gathered to sell rare and native plants of all varieties. Antique dealers and high-end home goods vendors also displayed a colorful and eclectic array of

See TRADE SECRETS, Page A11



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Virginia Gold of Project SAGE helps a customer at Trade Secrets.

## Bunny Williams' Manor House Garden Tour

By Christine Bates

FALLS VILLAGE — In addition to the annual plant sale at Lime Rock Park, Trade Secrets weekend is known for its private garden tours, attracting design and garden enthusiasts from

across the region. This year, tours were offered in Connecticut and New York.

Acclaimed designer and author Bunny Williams — who founded Trade Secrets more than 25 years ago — will be participating in the tour. See GARDEN TOUR, Page A11



CELEBRATING 129 YEARS of Fostering the Free Flow of Information and Opinion

## Local Matters

# \$75,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News are alive and well and thriving. But we still need your help to build the future. If we don't grow, we won't survive.



To help guarantee the future, members of our board are offering an urgent \$75,000 matching challenge through June 15. Every dollar you give up to \$75,000 will be doubled.

The Lakeville Journal  
LakevilleJournal.com/donate  
See ad on page A9

# Regional

## In The Journal this week

REGIONAL .....	A2	OUR TOWNS.....	A7-11
OUR TOWNS.....	A3-5	COMPASS .....	B1-5
LEGALS.....	A4	CALENDAR .....	B4
OBITUARIES .....	A5, A7	CLASSIFIEDS.....	B5
OPINION .....	A6	SPECIALISTS.....	B6

### Online This Week

**Falls Village targets firehouse sale to offset cuts**  
Town hopes future sale proceeds will help offset proposed budget cuts. Read more at [www.lakevillejournal.com](http://www.lakevillejournal.com).

## 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.

### Modified go-kart runs off road

On Friday, May 8, at approximately 3:30 p.m. Carson Riva, 16, of Canaan, was transported to Waterbury Hospital with injuries from a crash on Carlson Road in North Canaan when the Yerf-Dog go-kart with an Arctic Cat 440 engine he was driving lost control and ran off the road. Due to severity of injuries, Troop B troopers reported no action yet taken in the case.

### U-turn ends in crash

Daniel Quezada Solano, 33, of Canaan was traveling eastbound on Greenwood Roads East just east of Ashpohtag Road in Norfolk on Sunday, May 10 at approximately 5:30 a.m. when he attempted a U-turn in his 2014 Ram 2500 pickup, traveling off the shoulder and striking a tree stump. He was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington by Norfolk Ambulance for suspected minor injuries.

### Disorderly conduct arrest

Troop B troopers were dispatched to the Wildwood Inn on Route 272 in Norfolk on Monday, May 11, at approximately 4:45 p.m. on report of a disturbance. Sam Bell, 56, of Norfolk was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court.

### Collision in Sharon

On Monday, May 11 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Frederick Spoor, 81, of West Cornwall was traveling south on Route 7 in Sharon in a 2005 Jeep Liberty Sport while Krzysztof Haratyk, 46, of Torrington, was driving a 2008 Honda CR-V east on Route 4. Spoor's Jeep proceeded into the eastbound

lane of Route 4, causing a collision with the Honda. No injuries reported and Spoor was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

### Van strikes utility pole

On Friday, May 15 at approximately 3:15 p.m., Steven Gomez, 57, of Lakeville, was eastbound on Route 112 in Salisbury in a 2023 Ford Transit when he traveled off the road, striking a utility pole. Another vehicle, a 2025 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Joshua Gibson, 34, of Kerhonkson, New York, was forced to travel off the road and became stuck in mud on the westbound shoulder. Gomez was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

### Stop sign collision

Lawrence Carlson, 65, of North Canaan, was westbound on Route 7 in Canaan near Page Road in a 1995 Mack truck at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 when a 2009 Toyota Tacoma, driven by Jacob Ellison, 20, of Guilford, Conn., failed to observe a Stop sign. The Tacoma collided with the Mack. Ellison was issued a written warning for failure to obey a stop sign.

### Motorcycle crash investigated

Nicholas Brazzale, 34, of Salisbury, was southbound on Route 7 in Salisbury in a 2016 Ford F250 at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 in the area of Lime Rock Road. John Cashman, 64, of Granby, riding a 2015 Harley-Davidson Street Glide motorcycle attempted to make a left turn from a Stop sign in front of the Ford, resulting in a collision. The incident is under investigation.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Send mail to P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send to [editor@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:editor@lakevillejournal.com).

# Salisbury home prices decline while sales activity rises

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY – The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in Salisbury, excluding condos, fell to \$806,500 for the period ending April 30, 2026, down 28% from a year earlier.

The latest median was down from \$1,127,000 for the 12 months ending April 30, 2025, and 10% below the \$892,000 recorded for the comparable period ending April 30, 2024.

The number of single-family home sales for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2026, rose to 50, up from 42 for the previous 12-month period in 2025.

Inventory was stable in mid-May, with 18 properties on the market compared with 19 a month earlier. The market continued to skew toward the high end, with 11 homes listed above \$1 million and five below the median of \$806,500.

Rentals were plentiful in mid-May, with 16 furnished summer homes still available. Similar to last year, four homes had been rented through realtors since January, with prices ranging from \$5,600 per month to \$37,000 for the summer season.

### Salisbury

#### Transfers in April

27 Robin Hill Lane -3 bedroom/2 bath home built



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

235 Main St., an apartment building on .93 acres next to Salisbury Central School that was built around 1900, sold for \$745,300 in April 2026 in a private transaction.

in 1974 transferred by 27 Robin Hill Lane to Lemon Properties LLC in a private transfer recorded on April 10, 2026, for \$310,000

235 Main Street – Apartment building with 9.5 baths sold by Wells Hill LLC to Lemon Properties LLC in a private transfer recorded on April 10, 2026, for \$754,300

48 Long Pond Road – 3 bedroom/3 bath home sold by Gay Morris Trustee Gay Morris 2024 Revocable Living Trust to Joshua Halpert and Runnan Zhong for \$1,150,000

60 White Hollow Road – Garage Unit 9 sold by LRP Garages LLC to Rabin Ephram in a private transfer recorded on April 20, 2026 for

\$350,000

Undermountain Road – 3.52 acres sold by William Halsch, Mary Elizabeth Howard and Peter Halsch to Christopher Lancto and Kathleen Devaney for \$298,000

125 Washinee Heights Road – 3.29 acres sold by Donald Ronchi and Jane Ross to 127 WHR LLC in a private transfer recorded on April 24, 2026, for \$2,702,000

99 Washinee Heights Road – 3 bedroom/3 bath on 3.2 acres sold by Estate of Patricia Medvecky to Donald Ronchi and Jane Ross for \$2,702,000

11 Conklin Street – 3 bedroom/2 bath home on .65 acres sold by the Estate of

John Michael Walsh to Kristine Jennings for \$395,000

87 Canaan Road, Unit 2F – 2 bedroom/3 bath condo sold by Emily Vail to Peter and Sandra Oliver for \$377,000

\* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded between April 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026, provided by Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS and market statistics from InfoSparks. Note that recorded transfers may lag sales by a number of days. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY

SAT-SUN-MON • MAY 23, 24, 25

# MEMORIAL DAY SALE!

DOORS OPEN 10AM-5PM

RECLINERS

STARTING FROM \$399

SOFAS

STARTING AT \$599

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SUPER SPECIAL!

LIMITED QUANTITIES

Queen Size MATTRESS & BOXSPRING

REG. \$599

Choice of Firmness

\$399

## EVERYTHING IS REDUCED!

SAVE ON SOFAS • LOVESEATS • CHAIRS • BEDROOMS  
DINING ROOMS • DINETTES • GLIDERS • SECTIONALS  
SOFA BEDS • DESKS • BOOKCASES • MEDIA CENTERS  
T.V. CABINETS • FUTONS • RECLINERS • DAYBEDS  
AND EVEN OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Deals Not Found on the Internet or in the Big Box Stores!

OLDE FARMS FURNITURE

\$100 OFF

Any purchase of \$999 or more

One coupon per household. Cannot be combined with any other offer or any previous or current offers. Expires 5/25/26

OLDE FARMS FURNITURE

\$200 OFF

Any purchase of \$1999 or more

One coupon per household. Cannot be combined with any other offer or any previous or current offers. Expires 5/25/26

OLDE FARMS FURNITURE

\$300 OFF

Any purchase of \$2999 or more

One coupon per household. Cannot be combined with any other offer or any previous or current offers. Expires 5/25/26

## Falls Village targets firehouse sale to offset proposed budget cuts

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — During its regular meeting Monday, May 11, the Falls Village Board of Selectmen asked the Board of Finance to allow the town to replenish \$50,000 in capital reserve funding through the future sale of the former firehouse at 35 Railroad St.

The request came after a Board of Finance vote on April 27 that directed the selectmen to cut \$100,000 from the proposed 2026-27 budget plan.

As part of the reductions, the selectmen proposed re-

moving \$50,000 from the town's non-recurring capital reserve accounts, which help pay for major expenses such as fire trucks, ambulances, heavy equipment and bridge repairs.

Read more at [lakevillejournal.com](http://lakevillejournal.com)

Don't Miss This Week's Special Inserts! Sales and more!

Check them out inside.

• Ocean State Job Lot

## Our Towns

# Matt Mette's 27 years of service to Sharon parks and recreation

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON – Longtime Parks and Recreation Director Matt Mette was honored Saturday, May 16, at Veterans' Field to celebrate his retirement after 27 years of service to the town.

Residents of all ages gathered at the park pavilion to share memories of Mette's tenure and wish him well during a ceremony in which the day was declared, "Matt Mette Day."

Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee stood together to toast — and roast — Mette, jokingly listing his "top 10 excuses" for being late to meetings, including needing a haircut, a broken bicycle and having to attend a concert. On a more serious note, committee members reflected on the impact he had on the community during nearly three decades leading the department.

Committee Chair Donna Christensen said she was struck by Mette's ability to juggle schedules and connect with residents across generations.

"You have been a role model for our kids and given seniors confidence," Christensen said. "Thank you for



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

**Matt Mette and wife, Roberta, listen as Mette is lauded at his retirement party May 16.**

my friendship."

Rebecca Thornton praised Mette for his coaching, noting her own children benefited from being in his programs. She also coached with him.

"It's been an honor and pleasure to have him as our rec director," Thornton said. "I always felt as if we were part of a family. My kids and I have a special place in our hearts for him."

Michele Purdy remembered when Mette was a school bus driver for her four sons. She recounted how he eased their concerns on their first rides.

"He would welcome them with his jovial smile," Purdy recalled. "If I were to ask

my boys what was one of the best things about growing up in Sharon, they'd say 'Matt Mette.'"

First Selectman Casey Flanagan has known Mette since he was child, having taken part in parks and recreation programs. "You've made this field and the town beach what they are," Flanagan said. "You've given us places to gather and be a community. Your support demonstrates your love for the community and the job."

Mette was visibly touched by the remarks made by his son, Aiden Mette, who spoke about his dad being his hero. He said he was fortunate to be able to spend so much time with him while grow-

ing up and realized how much he cared about the town.

"I hope I can look back someday and be like him," Aiden said. "I'm so proud of you."

Several attendees participated in Mette's senior bus trips. Pauline Moore said she loved the excursions to such destinations as the Goodspeed Opera House and Culinary Institute of America, among many others.

"It's so nice to get out," said Jane Kellner of Salisbury. "He took us to places we would never have gone. He brought us fun and wonder. And he always found good places for lunch," she added.

In addressing the crowd, Mette said it was never just him, but a team effort that made the programs succeed. "I never felt I was doing it alone. It's been a great job — a great experience."

Mette's successor, Bryan Failla, was named the new Parks and Recreation Director in April. The committee decided to divide the responsibilities previously handled by Mette, with Failla overseeing programming, while a member of the town crew will maintain the facilities.

## Northwest Corner libraries launch regional digital navigation program

By Aly Morrissey

A collaborative of seven Northwest Corner libraries has secured funding to launch a regional digital navigation program aimed at helping residents adapt to an increasingly technology-driven world.

The Northwest Connecticut Library Collaborative recently received a \$33,666 grant from the Foundation for Community Health to support the first year of the initiative, with contingent approval for two additional years. The collaborative plans to hire two part-time digital navigators to provide one-on-one tech support throughout the region beginning this fall.

The collaborative includes the Cornwall Library, Douglas Library, David M. Hunt Library, Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Kent Memorial Library, Norfolk Library and Scoville Memorial Library.

The digital navigators will help residents with tasks ranging from setting

**"Libraries have evolved into community centers where all types of programming are offered, and technology has become such a part of our daily lives."**

*Gretchen Hachmeister, Library Director, Hotchkiss Library of Sharon*

up email accounts and printers to accessing telehealth services, applying for jobs and learning how to use other digital devices.

"Libraries have always been the trusted source for accurate information," said Gretchen Hachmeister, executive director of the Hotchkiss Library. "Over the years, libraries have evolved into community centers where all types of programming are offered, and technology has become such a part of our daily lives."

Hachmeister said the library staff are regularly asked to troubleshoot technology issues, but often lack the time or specialized expertise.

"We get every possible tech question at the library," she said. "This new program will allow us to have people with higher skill levels than the average staff person."

The concept for the program is four years in the making, Hachmeister said, with a collaborative, multi-library approach emerging as a necessity due to a lack of financial resources for small rural libraries.

A digital navigator will be available in each library three hours a week with a predictable, set schedule.

Additional support came from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation for training, equipment and digital literacy curriculum subscriptions.

The collaborative hopes to hire digital navigators by early summer, train them throughout the season and launch the program region-wide by October.

# Local blacksmith unveils Hotchkiss Library sign

By Aly Morrissey

SHARON – A new sign was installed at the Hotchkiss Library Friday, May 15, featuring handmade ironwork by William Trowbridge, 80, a local blacksmith known for his traditional approach. The sign was commissioned by architect David Moore, who oversaw the 2023 renovations of the historic library.

Trowbridge said his personal style emulates ironwork from centuries past. He said the sign commissioned for the Hotchkiss Library was designed to reflect the era in which the building was constructed, in 1893.

"It's certainly something that would have been seen around the time the library was built," Trowbridge said.

The sign has decorative scrolls around the outside leading up to a large "H," along with a shaped iron figure reading a book at the top. The sign itself was made by nearby Ghi Signs in Canaan.

"It's a very traditional sign," Trowbridge said.

Instead of bending and welding metal with modern tools, Trowbridge uses forge fire and shapes iron with a hammer, giving the work a more historically accurate appearance.

"My shop is a pretty good copy of what would have been seen in the 18th century," he said.

His approach takes a lot longer than it would with modern tools, like electric welders.

Trowbridge also designed a sign for the Sharon Historical Society next door, featuring similar decorative elements. One of his favorite details is the use of collars — bands or straps that wrap around two or more pic-



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY

**Sharon-based blacksmith William Trowbridge shows off the new sign at The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, installed May 15.**

es to hold them together. Mostly functional, Trowbridge takes pride in viewing the collars as decorative elements, as well.

His work is prominently featured throughout Sharon and surrounding towns. He said people don't always notice iron, though he's not sure why.

While Trowbridge seems happy to work quietly behind the scenes, Hotchkiss Library architect David Moore was happy to praise his craftsmanship.

"This wasn't just an addition to the library — it was a full renovation and restoration project," Moore said. "Part of that included restoring the building's signage. We wanted something that reflected the character of the building, and we had a beautiful example to draw from,"

Moore gestured toward the Historical Society sign.

"After seeing William's work, we thought, 'How could we not do this?'"



**An iron figure reads a book atop the new Hotchkiss Library of Sharon sign.**

## Silvano Monasterios Jazz Concert

May 24, 2026  
3:00 PM

Cornwall Town Hall  
STEINWAY PIANO

Music Mountain Summer Festival



**"Silvano brings deeply intricate and thought-provoking mastery to his compositions. Perfectly balanced with compositional and improvisational concepts."**  
— Jazzweek.com



Buy Tickets in Advance at [musicmountain.org](https://musicmountain.org)

Send news tips to [editor@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:editor@lakevillejournal.com)

## HVRHS announces third quarter marking period Honor Roll

### HIGHEST HONOR ROLL GRADE 9

Joanna Haratyk (Torrington), Noell Laurry (Kent), Elexis Petkovich (Canaan), April Puerto (Salisbury), Solomon Schmidt (Salisbury), Alastair Schnepf (Wassaic), Gia Torzilli (Gaylordsville), Marisol Vaughn (Kent)

### GRADE 10

Mia Belter (Salisbury), Louise Faveau (Salisbury), Kailyne Foley (Canaan), Eliana Lang (Salisbury), Lily McCabe (Salisbury), Alison McCarron (Kent), Katherine Money (Kent), Sadie Morales Chapell (Salisbury), Abigail Perotti (Canaan), Owen Schnepf (Wassaic), Juliette Trabucco (Kent), Federico Vargas Tobon (Salisbury), Emery Wisell (Kent)

### GRADE 11

Adelaide Almeida (Salisbury), Byron Bell (Cornwall), Olivia Claydon (Canaan), Georgie Clayton (Sharon), John DeDonato (Salisbury), Natasha Dennis (Canaan), Adelyn Diorio (Canaan), Kellie Eisermann (Salisbury), Alexa Hoadley (Kent), Finian Malone (Sharon), Meadow Moerschell (Kent), Rivers Richard (Canaan), Ishaan Tantri (Salisbury), Ivy Zheng (Canaan)

### GRADE 12

Lily Beurket (Cornwall), Evelyn Flores-Hernandez (Canaan), Kiera Greene (Canaan), Simon Markow (Cornwall), Alexa Meach (Canaan), Iby Sadeh (Falls Village), Alex Woodworth (Salisbury).

### HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 9

Anna Ayer (Salisbury), Bella Bell (Canaan), Phoebe Conklin (Salisbury), Lainey Diorio (Canaan), Lyla Diorio (Canaan), Elden Grace (Salisbury), Katelyn Holst-Grubbe (Canaan), Ava Humes (Canaan), Tyler LaPlante (Canaan), Keely Malone (Sharon), Lola Miller (Falls Village), Grace O'Brocki (Salisbury), August Olson (Falls Village), Donald Polk (Cornwall), Olivia Simonds (Canaan), Scarlett Visconti

(Canaan), Jaxon Visockis (Salisbury)

### GRADE 10

Paige Beeman (Canaan), Max Bochnovich (Salisbury), Nico Bochnovich (Salisbury), Jackson Brammer (Sharon), Logan Bronson (Cornwall), Lucius Bryant (Cornwall), Zaira Celso-Cristobal (Sharon), Winter Cheney (Cornwall), Alisa Christiansen Madsen (Canaan), Tess Churchill (Salisbury), Luca Floridis (Salisbury), Samuel Garcia Pulido (Canaan), Beatrice Gifford (Kent), Angel Gonzalez (Salisbury), Aryanna Horton (Salisbury), Lilliana Hurley (Canaan), Chase Lowell (Canaan), Dany Martinez (Canaan), Mira Norbet (Sharon), Emily Ochoa Ramirez (Canaan), Nova Pratt (Canaan), Vilija Salazar (Kent), Schuyler Thompson (Falls Village), Payton Wagner (Canaan), Olivia Whitney (Canaan)

### GRADE 11

Hayden Bachman (Falls Village), Sofia Bindley (Cornwall), Karen Chavez-Sanchez (Salisbury), Christian DeDonato (Salisbury), Carmela Egan (Salisbury), Levi Elliott (Millerton), Lydia Fleming (Canaan), Grace Graney (Falls Village), Sydney Howe (Canaan), Jonas Johnson (Canaan), Aiden Krupa (Torrington), Makenzie Lidstone (Salisbury), Jackson McAvooy (Salisbury), Matthew McGuire (Canaan), Daniel Moran (Norfolk), Jackson Olson (Falls Village), Jasper Oyanadel (Falls Village), Gustavo Portillo (Canaan), Juan Xeché Coche (Canaan), Nathan Zani (Ashley Falls)

### GRADE 12

Peter Austin (Kent), Hayden Bell (Cornwall), Olivia Brooks (Salisbury), Victoria Brooks (Salisbury), Colby Brown (Cornwall), Cohen Cecchinato (Canaan), Ryder Conte (Falls Village), Christopher Crane (Canaan), Mia DiRocco (Cornwall), Shanaya Duprey (Canaan), Mollie Ford (Falls Village), Anna Gillette (Salisbury), Julissa Gonzalez (Cornwall), Nicolas Gonzalez (Salisbury), Maureen Graney (Falls Vil-

lage), Adam Hock (Kent), Sara Ireland (Salisbury), Hannah Johnson (Canaan), Madelyn Johnson (Canaan), Madison Melino (Austerlitz), Francisco Mendoza Ratzan (Canaan), Lennin Torres Pineda (Canaan), Celeste Trabucco (Kent), Silas Tripp (Falls Village), Ayden Wheeler (Amenia).

### HONOR ROLL GRADE 9

Isabella Curtis (Norfolk), Jessica Davis (Canaan), Emma Duffy (Sharon), Carter Finney (Canaan), Aubrey Funk (Canaan), Ryan Hinman (Canaan), Violeta Londono (Canaan), Braydon Majette (Sharon), Sawyer Margerelli (Salisbury), Sabrina Murtagh (Canaan), Jerron Nirschel (Falls Village), Sofia Paz-Cortez (Canaan), Mason Routhier (Canaan), Justin Sorrell (Canaan), Tallulah Truby (Sharon), Jenaveeve Wagner (Canaan), Austin Ward (Cornwall)

### GRADE 10

Krystin Ackerman (Canaan), Lyla Banffy (Kent), Peyton Bushnell (Falls Village), Clark Farr-Killmer (Amenia), Baxter Hayhurst (Falls Village), Chase Kading (Millerton), Paul Losh (Falls Village), McKenzie Lotz (Ashley Falls), Logan Miller (Falls Village), Nassim Nirschel (Falls Village), Chayton Pastre (Cornwall), Karmela Quinion (Canaan), Collin Walsh (Canaan), Jessica Watkins (Kent), Nathan Young (Cornwall)

### GRADE 11

Jasmine Bright (Cornwall), Kevin Eisermann (Salisbury), James Flores (Kent), Pedro Gonzalez (Canaan), Ryan Segalla (Salisbury)

### GRADE 12

Steven Barber (Cornwall), Everet Belancik (Cornwall), Devoge Brown (Kent), Katherine Crane (Canaan), Marc Hafner (Falls Village), Anthony Labbadia (Canaan), Logan Labshere (Canaan), Riley Mahaffey (Amenia), Madeline Mechare (Falls Village), Daphne Paine (Canaan), Owen Riemer (Canaan), Gabrielle Rooney (Falls Village), Cole Simonds (Canaan), Bailey Williams (Sharon).



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

CC Stevenson, far left, and Winter Williams, far right, run with IMS classmates May 19 to raise funds for a Salisbury sidewalk project.

## IMS students support Salisbury sidewalk initiative with Fun Run at Hotchkiss

By Aly Morrissey

LAKEVILLE — Ninth grade students at Indian Mountain School are turning classroom lessons into real-world action through a community initiative aimed at improving pedestrian safety along Route 41.

CC Stevenson and Winter Williams, ninth graders who will attend Hotchkiss this fall, are helping raise awareness and funds for a proposed sidewalk connecting the school campus to downtown Lakeville — a heavily traveled route that many students currently navigate on foot without a sidewalk. The project's culmination took the form of a Fun Run at the Hotchkiss track, during which community members ran laps for donations.

The project is part of IMS' year-long ninth grade capstone project, an interdisciplinary initiative inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Institute for Humane Education's "solutionary" framework.

"This project was designed to help remind students why we learn things,

which is to make a positive change in the world," said Tom Stewart, who leads IMS' sustainability programming and launched the program in 2016. "We learn about world issues and then students create potential solutions to those things."

Originally a short end-of-year assignment, the project has evolved over the past decade into a collaborative, year-long study combining science, history and English coursework with project-based learning. This year marked a significant shift with an increased focus on local issues with tangible outcomes.

For Stevenson and Williams, the issue was obvious.

"For many years, we've noticed the danger of how Hotchkiss students walk into town," Williams said. "We thought if we could find a way to support that sidewalk installation, it would be a great way to better our community as a whole."

After researching funding possibilities, the students connected with the Salisbury Pathways Com-

mittee, which is already pursuing grant funding for the sidewalk project. With guidance from the committee, the students focused on awareness and community support, organizing the Fun Run fundraiser.

"Making sure the community is aware about it and can support the cause moving forward is our goal," Stevenson said.

Stewart said the program challenges both students and teachers to embrace uncertainty and collaboration.

"The faculty involved are facilitators," he said. "They're there to help students get from A to B, but they're not directing much of the action."

Stevenson said the experience revealed how much impact young people can have when supported by a strong community.

"It was shocking to realize how much of an impact we can make just being ninth graders at IMS," she said. "It definitely gave me a new appreciation for how much a caring, supportive community can make a difference."

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BAUER FUND AND FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through grants to colleges, The Bauer Foundation provides indirect scholarship assistance for undergraduate college education to students residing in The Connecticut Regional School District One based on merit and need.

The Bauer Fund operates in the same manner. However, grants from the Fund are limited to students attending either Cornell or Wellesley.

Students attending Cornell or Wellesley should apply to the Fund. All others should apply to the Foundation.

New and returning application forms for the 2026-2027 school year are available at: [www.bauerfundfoundation.org](http://www.bauerfundfoundation.org).

Completed and fully documented applications must be returned to The Bauer Foundation at PO Box 1784 Lakeville CT 06039-postmarked no later than June 22 2026. Scholarship awards will be announced by August 23 2026.

05-14-26

05-21-26  
05-28-26

### LEGAL NOTICE SALISBURY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Salisbury Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 9:10am to act on an Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Roof Replacement at 50 Main Street, Salisbury CT, 06068. This Public Hearing will be held at Salisbury Town Hall, 24 Main Street, with Live Internet Video Stream and Telephone access available. The Meeting Link will be posted on the Town of Salisbury website: [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application is available for review by contacting the Salisbury Town Clerk's office: [www.salisburyct.us](http://www.salisburyct.us).

05-21-26

### Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2026-0319 by Todd Parsons for vertical expansion of a non-conforming structure and site plan application for

development activities in the Lake Protection Overlay District at 25 Morgan Lane, Salisbury, Map 64, Lot 06 per Sections 503.2 and 404 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application materials will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/](http://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [landuse@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.us). Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Robert Riva, Secretary

05-21-26  
05-28-26

### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on May 11, 2026:

Deemed Exempt - Application IWWC-26-22 by Blake Morrison for a request for jurisdictional ruling to demolish shed, construct new greenhouse, raised beds and fencing. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 25 lot 01 and is known as 144 Weatogue Road, Salisbury, CT 06068. The owner of the property is Emily Green.

Approved - Application IWWC-26-20 by owner Indian Mountain School Inc to resurface driveway and parking lot. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 06 lot 06-2 and is known as 204 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, CT 06039.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to

the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

Town of Salisbury  
Inland Wetlands and  
Watercourses Commission  
Sally Spillane, Secretary  
05-21-26

### ORDINANCE REGARDING THRESHOLD FOR SEALED BIDDING ON MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS

This Ordinance has been adopted pursuant to Section 1 of Connecticut Public Act 25-92.

Connecticut General Statutes section 7-148v provides that any municipality may, by ordinance, establish requirements for competitive bidding for the award of any contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the municipality.

Section 1 of Connecticut Public Act 25-92 provides for the amendment of Connecticut General Statutes section 7-148v to allow municipalities to provide that, except as otherwise required by any provision of the general statutes, sealed bidding shall

not be required for contracts or purchases having a value less than or equal to an amount established in the ordinance, which amount shall not be greater than thirty-five thousand dollars (increased from twenty-five thousand dollars).

Pursuant to the foregoing authority, the Town of Salisbury (the "Town") hereby provides that sealed bidding shall not be required for contracts or purchases having a value less than or equal to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

This ordinance will become effective fifteen (15) days after publication of notice of adoption in a newspaper having circulation in the Town.

Approved by the Town Meeting of the Town of Salisbury on May 14, 2026.

Kristine M. Simmons,  
Salisbury Town Clerk

05-21-26

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to [legals@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:legals@lakevillejournal.com) or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to [www.tricornersnews.com/legalnotices](http://www.tricornersnews.com/legalnotices) to view current and past legal notices.

# OBITUARIES

## Dr. Paul J. Fasano

SHARON — Dr. Paul J. Fasano DDS, of Brewster, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2026, in Boston after a long illness.

Born in Boston to Philip and Laura (Stolarsky) Fasano on Dec. 13, 1946, he grew up in Dorchester with his two brothers Philip and William. Paul attended the Boston Latin School and graduated from Boston College in 1968. He later completed Dental School at New York University in 1972.

He had a successful dental practice in Sharon, Connecticut and enjoyed coaching basketball at Housatonic Valley Regional H.S in Falls Village. After retiring to Brewster, he taught at the Dental Hygiene program at Cape Cod Community College. Paul was a passionate Boston College Eagles fan following all of their teams and his devotion to the Red Sox never faded. He delighted in coaching his three sons in basketball and cheering them on during their football games.

Paul leaves behind the love of his life, Judy, whom he



married on Dec. 31, 1973. He is survived by his three sons; Christopher of Alexandria, Virginia, Peter of Orleans, Massachusetts, and Matthew of Kennebunk, Maine, along with his four grandchildren Jack, Lily, Zoey, and Chase whom he loved very much.

Visiting hours will be Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Chapman Funerals & Cremations. 678 Main Street Harwich, MA 02645.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at Our Lady of the Cape Church at 11:00 a.m., 468 Stony Brook Road Brewster, Massachusetts 02631.

In lieu of flowers, the Fasano family requests that a donation may be made to the Peter Frates ALS Foundation on Paul's behalf, as well as his close friend and late brother-in law, Tom Kane. Peter Frates was a BC Baseball Player and founder of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Donations can be made at [www.petefrates.com](http://www.petefrates.com).

Notes of comfort may be made to his family at [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com).

KENT — David Niles Parker, 88, of Middletown, Connecticut, passed away at home on May 6, 2026.

Born January 20, 1938, in Wellesley, Massachusetts, the first child to Franklin and Katharine Niles Parker, David graduated from Wellesley High School, received his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan University, studied at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and earned his master's in education from Harvard.

David met his future wife, Borngy Hammer, at a college mixer, and in 1962 they married at her family home in South Kent. Together they raised four children and were married nearly 64 years.

He taught English in the Boston public schools, and at the New Milford, Connecticut High School, and took on extra work as a stringer for the Waterbury Republican, covering Kent and Gaylordsville, thereby launching his lifelong career in journalism. In 1968 he took on the job of running a small-town paper, The Millbrook Round Table in Millbrook, New York, where he worked as a reporter, managing editor, photographer, circulation manager and ad sales representative and everything in between. He went on to work at the Lakeville Journal, the Waterbury Republican, the Litchfield County Times, the Torrington Register-Citizen, and the Kent Good Times Dispatch. He also taught jour-



nalism courses at UConn, Torrington and took on diverse freelance writing projects, including articles for the New York Times, and a biography of Revolutionary War figure, Dr. Thomas Young. During the Vietnam War he participated in peaceful protests with his fellow Teachers Against War.

Never one to speak of himself, his family would find out by other means of his many talents, awards, and accomplishments. He did not belong to a religion, and considered himself an agnostic, but was a most fine example of a moral, ethical, honest, humble, kind, and good human being; he truly treated every person he ever met with kindness and respect.

He was a great lover of poetry, including that of Richard Wilbur, William Yeatts, Dylan Thomas and Carl Sandburg. He was especially fond of reading aloud poems by A. E. Housman. Literature was such an integral part of his life, and he would often explain himself by quoting a passage or referencing a literary character.

He had a lifelong love of singing and enjoyed doing so for children when they were young. He was especially fond of folk and classical music. In his later years one of his pleasures was to remember and share songs he had learned many decades earlier. When his children were young—and not so young, each night he would let his children choose the songs he'd sing them, many songs he learned from his father (which his children

went on to sing to their children, and their children to sing to his great-grandchildren.)

He also sang in various choirs, including the Kent Singers of which he was a proud and a beloved member.

For eighty-seven years, he spent every summer at his beloved family's cottage in West Falmouth, Massachusetts. Many summer mornings were spent reading the paper at West Falmouth Market, followed by swimming at Champoquoit Beach. There he spent many evenings sitting on the porch, singing and looking out onto West Falmouth Harbor.

He was also known to many as an avid sports fan, closely following the Boston Red Sox and UConn Women's Basketball, a passion that he closely shared with his daughter, Caitlin.

Family was very important and dear to him, and he is remembered fondly and in high regard by family, both close and extended.

David is survived by his

wife Borgny of Middletown, his children Stephen of Brattleboro, Vermont; Rolf also of Brattleboro, Vermont; Abigail of Kent, Connecticut; and Caitlin of Durham, Connecticut; grandchildren Julia Holly of Portland, Oregon; Madeleine Holly of Salem, Connecticut; Lily DiTota of Falmouth, Massachusetts; Emma Bournival of Watertown, Connecticut; Allison Mullins of New Haven, Connecticut; Finn Bournival of Durham, Connecticut; and Morgen Parker-Houghton of Brattleboro, Vermont; and great grandchildren Klaus and Grant Schubel of Salem, Connecticut; siblings Anne Schmalz of Bedford, Massachusetts; Theodore Parker of Wellesley, Massachusetts; John Parker of Yarmouth, Massachusetts; as well as many nieces, nephews and family friends.

Services include a private burial at Bulls Bridge Cemetery, at 1 p.m. on May 31, which will be followed by a Celebration of Life at the Kent Community House at 2 p.m.

## David Niles Parker

For more obituaries, see page A7

## Memorial Service

### Huntington Williams

CORNWALL — Beloved and greatly respected Cornwall resident Huntington ("Hunt") Williams, surrounded by family, died April 10, the result of an injury sustained from a fall. He was 95 years old and had lived in Cornwall, a town he loved

deeply, for the last 45 years.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, May 31 at 1PM at the North Cornwall Meeting House, burial is private.

A full obituary may be found on <https://www.kennedyfuneralhomes.com/obi>

## John Edward Calhoun

CORNWALL — John Edward Calhoun died peacefully at home on the evening of April 30, 2026, at Cathedral Pines Farm in Cornwall, Connecticut, surrounded by family. He was 86 years old. Born March 20, 1940, in Torrington, Connecticut, to parents Francis "Frank" Elinwood Calhoun and Mary "Polly" Everett Swift Calhoun, John was the fourth of six children who grew up on the family's dairy farm located in Cornwall's Coltsfoot Valley. His family's multi-generational presence in Cornwall dated back to 1792, fostering in John a deep sense of stewardship for the valley that stayed with him throughout his life.

John attended Cornwall Consolidated School through the eighth grade and graduated from The Hotchkiss School in the class of 1958. He attended Colby College in Maine for one year before graduating from Windham College in Vermont in 1964. At Windham, he met and married Elizabeth "Timme" Quay and had two sons, Nathan and Christopher, before divorcing in 1968.

As a young man, John ran the family dairy farm, taught English at the Rectory School, and ran a successful landscaping business with his first cousin John "Denny" Frost. In 1970, John married Nancy Clark Gray at her family's summer home on Yelpling Hill in Cornwall before immigrating to New Brunswick, Canada, in 1975. There, John and Nancy built Shikatehawk Farm in Glassville, began raising llamas, and had two daughters, Caroline and Sarah.

After eight years of farming in Canada, John and Nancy returned to Cornwall in 1983 as their daughters began their schooling. Together, on a treasured piece of Calhoun

land, Nancy designed and John built their 18th-century style farmhouse.

There they established Cathedral Pines Farm, set on a hillside apple orchard overlooking Cornwall Village and bordered by its 200-year-old n a m e s a k e — a 42-acre grove of old-growth white pines recognized as one of the largest, most significant remaining stands east of the Mississippi River.

This historic forest was a testament to the family's legacy of conservation. The Calhouns originally purchased the preserve in 1883 to prevent logging, later donating it to The Nature Conservancy in 1967. The land was ultimately deeded to the Cornwall Conservation Trust in 2020. Decades before that final transfer, however, a tornado decimated most of the ancient pines in July 1989. The destruction created years of daunting cleanup—a monumental task for which John was uniquely suited, given his penchant for the outdoors and his prowess with a chainsaw.

At Cathedral Pines Farm, John and Nancy spent the next 40 years building a life as hardworking entrepreneurs, breeding and selling llamas and running a bed and breakfast; raising their daughters; and contributing to Cornwall's civic life. John served as Cornwall's first Zoning Enforcement Officer for 15 years; as a trustee of The Cornwall Library for 17 years; and as treasurer for the Cornwall Cemetery Association for nearly 20 years. But it is perhaps his unofficial role as steward of Coltsfoot Valley for which John will be best remembered. As part of an intergenerational team of

Calhoun family members, John worked alongside his relatives to navigate the legal complexities of subdividing the family land and incorporating the Coltsfoot Valley Association in 1989 to permanently protect and conserve the valley. Well into his retirement, and despite living with chronic lymphocytic leukemia for twenty years, John spent countless hours bush hogging the valley and trimming Birdseye Brook—a labor of love that kept Coltsfoot Valley the natural focal point of Cornwall Village.

John found his greatest peace in nature, relishing its colors, sounds, and especially the birdsong. Often, he took in this natural world while wielding a maul, methodically splitting and stacking firewood—a source of pride right up to the end of his life. A lover of history, literature, classical music, and language, John possessed a sharp wit and sense of humor that belied his quiet reticence. His facility with words often shone through in memorable puns, witty jokes, and well-timed quips delivered from the head of his hand-hewn dining table—much to the delight of family and friends enjoying dinner and drinks on the hill. Cathedral Pines was a hub for those in John and Nancy's orbit, and together they were the ultimate hosts, providing a seemingly effortless hospitality fueled by Nancy's home-cooked meals, John's well-provisioned bar, and his masterfully built, roaring fires.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Polly Calhoun; his paternal grandparents, John Edward and Marjorie Elinwood Calhoun; his ma-



ternal grandparents, William Everett and Mable Alice Runner Swift; his siblings, David Swift Calhoun, Gordon Swift Calhoun, and Susan Gordon Calhoun Heminway; and his brother-in-law, James Callender Heminway, Jr.


He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 56 years, Nancy Gray Calhoun; their daughter, Caroline Claire Calhoun and her husband, Declan Patrick Curtin; and their daughter, Sarah Clark Calhoun and her fiancée, Emily Claire Garlough.

He is also survived by his siblings, Theodore Warner Calhoun (Karrin) and Faith Jade Calhoun; sister-in-law, Mimi Kentta Calhoun; sons, Nathan John McKay (Kate) and Christopher David Calhoun-McKay (Susanne); grandchildren, Colby John Calhoun McKay, Mackenzie Elizabeth McKay, and their mother, Dawn Marie Clark; grandchildren, Jonathan William Calhoun McKay and Liv Christine Calhoun McKay; step-grandchildren, Ryan Patrick, Brayden Michael, Collin Phillip, Brennan Blake, and Ronan Allen Curtin; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended Calhoun relatives, and dear Gray family members.

John's passing leaves a larger-than-life hole in the fabric of the Calhoun family and the Cornwall community. He will be dearly missed.

The family held a private celebration of John's life on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Cathedral Pines Farm. To honor John's deep Cornwall roots and lifelong love of local history, memorial gifts may be made to the Cornwall Historical Society or The Cornwall Library.

Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting [www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com](http://www.thurstonrowefuneralhome.com)

 <b>Worship Services</b> Week of May 24, 2026	
<b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a>	<b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
<b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge In-Person and on YouTube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a>
<b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a> 860-824-7252 FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a>	<b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
<b>Congregation Beth David</b> A Reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at <a href="http://congbethdavid.org">congbethdavid.org</a> ) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 <a href="mailto:info@congbethdavid.org">info@congbethdavid.org</a>	<b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 <a href="http://www.uccincornwall.org">www.uccincornwall.org</a> Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
<b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a>	<b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! <a href="http://www.all saints cornwall.org">www.all saints cornwall.org</a> Rev. Mary Gates
<b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194	<b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality
<b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a>	<b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a>
<b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	<b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a> We hope you will join us!
<b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   <a href="mailto:allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a>	
<b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a>	

### EDITORIAL

#### Let's hear it...

One of the things that sets a community newspaper apart is that its readers are participants in the communities it covers. The people who pick up this paper, read us online, or engage with us on social media are the same people making decisions at town hall, running the organizations that support our communities, and living with the consequences of the issues we report on.

"Let's Hear It ..." is a new weekly feature in which we pose a question to our readers and publish a selection of responses. Questions may touch on issues we're covering, invite readers to share their experiences and expertise, or simply be worth thinking about together. We'll share each week's question in print, online, and across our social media channels. Selected responses will appear in this section next week. Send responses to publisher@lakevillejournal.com.

So, let's hear it ...

**What is one change you'd make to your town center to make it more welcoming?**  
Include your name and town in your response.

## Billionaires in Beijing

Seventeen American 1%ers, billionaires, worth over a Trillion dollars, traveled to Beijing with Trump this past week. Only two of the seventeen flew with him on Air Force One, Elon Musk with his 6-year son, and Jensen Huang, NVIDIA CEO. The bulk of the to-be-silent-in-sessions commercial guests arrived on their own jets. Of course, these prominent executives spoke out of sessions with their suppliers, current and potential customers as they were restricted from speaking in joint sessions with the Chinese government - certainly not to approach or engage with Xi. The billionaires were there for show - to bolster Trump's image in his rather effete era of Iran, Epstein, and denials of economic strain for everyday Americans. American billionaires are 8 of the world's 10 richest and 24 of the world's wealthiest 50. Those in attendance are ambitious, Trump donors, seeking to expand trade with and within China - to enhance their presence in the world's second-largest economy bursting with market growth.

The China show was glitzy yet not sprouting high tangible success. Trump boasts that Boeing for the first time in a decade walked away with a Chinese buy of 200 Boeing planes, a smaller portion than the 500 planes being discussed prior to the trip and expected on Wall Street where Boeing stocks dropped almost 5% the day after the trip. Trump also bragged deals were made for soybeans and energy. Beef export licenses were restored yet strict quotes limit positive impact for US farmers. The beneficial impacts to the US of the China summit remain uncertain: Trump boasts while China is silent on "agreements" made. Unclear are any agreements discussed or confirmed by the billionaires independently. Unclear were any gains garnered by Eric Trump, his wife, as lucrative opportunities are the core of the Trump family. Ivanka Trump's company was granted approval for three trademarks in 2017 at a Mar-a-logo dinner with President Xi. Jared topped 2 billion \$ for his investment firm from the Saudis just after the 2024 election.

Missing from the list of prominent US billionaires on this trip were two who would individually rank as in the world's top 25 wealthiest - Winnie the Pooh and Mick-

### OPEN SPACES

KATHY  
HERALD-MARLOWE

ey Mouse - each worth \$80 billion plus. Pooh is cartoon non-grata in China, banned, censored actually as Xi is frequently likened to Pooh - round if not yellow- by Xi critics on line. What began as humorous fun poking has risen to Pooh recognized as an international symbol of resistance to Chinese internet censorship. Disney's Pooh and friends are deleted from all Chinese social media platforms and denied any entertainment venues - Christopher Robin, a Disney film released in 1918, was/is banned in China. Mi Lao Shu, Mickey Mouse, is highly popular, a massive brand icon, prominent at Shanghai's Disneyland and thus far uncensored.

Notably also banned in China was Marco Rubio - not a billionaire- just the Secretary of State as well as National Security Advisor. In 2020, China banned Rubio for his many negative statements regarding China and Xi. His name was transliterated changed to Marco Lu and thus granted entry, enjoyed talks and dined with the elite. Although tough Chinese words on Taiwan were reported, it is unclear if any Chinese assistance in the opening of the Hormuz Straits were applied for or received.

Photos in Beijing of Xi and Trump were of interest. Xi, 5'11 and Trump 6'2 (or perhaps 6'3) appear to be of equal height - neither shorter, smaller, lesser. Trump commented on Xi's central casting looks, in particular he noted Xi is "very tall". It is rumored that Xi wore height enhancing insoles. Trump is rumored to have had difficulty climbing steps - particularly a 30-step flight entering the Great Hall of the People. Xi paused to allow Trump a catch of breath, then placed a hand on Trump's back up the remaining stairs. 72 and 79, both men with indelible egos, vanity and intolerance a plenty.

May the world retain, struggle to improve balance and prosperity as two spoiled and pampered heads of state face off for power and influence - in China amid centuries of history and a bevy of American billionaires.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

### Connecticut Foundation for Open Government high school essay contest

Each year, the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government sponsors an essay contest open to all high-school students in the state. The contest focuses on First Amendment and open information issues. This year, students chose from three prompts (edited here for space constraints): 1.) the potential limitations on hate speech following the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk; 2.) the arrest and revocation of the student visa of a Tufts University Ph.D. student from Turkey who had written an opinion piece for the school newspaper critical of the university's position on the war in Gaza; 3.) the banning of the Associated Press from Oval Office events and Air Force One following its refusal to refer to the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America, which is President Trump's preferred name.

The Lakeville Journal has obtained permission to publish the 2026 top three winners out of 70 entries from across Connecticut. First place went to Nora Kallusky, a senior at Ridgefield High School. There was a tie for Second Place, so Mayumi Iwai, a junior at Greenwich High School, and Prithika Venugopal, a senior at Rocky Hill High School, both received that honor.



The views expressed here are not necessarily those of The Lakeville Journal and the Journal does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

We accept gifts, grants and sponsorships from individuals and organizations for the general support of our activities, but our news judgments are made independently and not on the basis of donor support.

Send to publisher@lakevillejournal.com  
Include name, town and phone number.  
Keep letters to 500 words or less.

#### EARLY DEADLINE

The deadline for letters to the editor for the May 28 issue is 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22.

## Free speech or a loyalty test?

Note: This essay was a second-place winner in a high school essay contest sponsored by the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government.

### MAYUMI IWAI GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL 11TH GRADE

ment reveals a deeper issue. U.S. citizens who express pro-Palestinian views may face social backlash or criticism, but they are not subject to deportation or legal penalties for their speech. In contrast, foreign students expressing the same views risk losing their legal status in the country. This creates a two-tiered system of speech: one in which citizens are free to dissent, and another in which non-citizens must self-censor or face state punishment.

Such a system is not only unfair but also dangerous for the broader functioning of American democracy. Universities in the United States have historically been places where controversial ideas are debated openly and where political discourse is seen as an essential part of education rather than a threat to it. From Vietnam War protests in the 1960s to modern policy debates, student activism has played a central role in shaping public opinion. If international students are forced to weigh their academic future and legal status against the risk of expressing a political opinion, the result is a chilling effect on speech. Instead of engaging in discussion, many students will choose silence

out of fear, and this silence does not remain limited to international students alone. When one group is punished for speaking, others inevitably become more cautious as well. American students may begin to avoid certain topics in class, professors may hesitate to encourage debate, and universities may shift away from hosting controversial speakers or discussions. Over time, this creates an academic environment where only safe or widely accepted views are expressed, while dissenting perspectives disappear from public conversation. That outcome does not protect democratic values: it weakens them by reducing intellectual diversity and discouraging the kind of meaningful debate that the First Amendment was designed to protect.

Ultimately, while the government has the authority to grant or revoke visas, that power is not absolute. It cannot be used as a tool to punish individuals for expressing disfavored political views without eroding constitutional principles. The question is not simply whether non-citizens have fewer rights than citizens, but whether the rights they do have can be stripped away whenever their speech becomes inconvenient. If the answer is yes, then free speech in the United States is no longer a protected right. It becomes something closer to a loyalty test, one that determines not just who may stay, but who may speak.

### THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

(USPS 303280)

An Independent Connecticut Newspaper

Published Weekly by LJM Media, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Dan Dwyer, Chair

64 Route 7 North, Falls Village, CT 06031

P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039-9989

(860) 435-9873 • lakevillejournal.com • editor@lakevillejournal.com

Volume 129, Number 42 Thursday, May 21, 2026

#### Mission Statement

LJM Media, Inc. Publishers of

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News

Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

James H. Clark  
Publisher & CEO  
Thomas K. Carley  
Chief Operating Officer  
Christian Murray  
Executive Editor

In Appreciation  
William E. Little, Jr.  
Chairman Emeritus  
Janet Manko  
Publisher Emeritus  
A. Whitney Ellsworth  
1936-2011  
Managing Partner  
Robert H. Estabrook  
1918-2011  
Editor and  
Publisher Emeritus

EDITORIAL STAFF: Aly Morrissey, managing editor; Patrick L. Sullivan, senior reporter; Natalia Zukerman, arts, lifestyle & engagement editor; Alec Linden, reporter; Madi Long, audience development editor.

ADVERTISING SALES: Roxanne Lee, Mary Wilbur, advertising account managers; Lyndee Stalter, classified advertising.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Sandra L. Lang, controller; Allen Deeds, finance associate; Michelle Eisenman, legals & obituaries billing; Sally André, Development Associate.

COMPOSING DEPARTMENT: Caitlin Hanlon, production manager; Olivia Montoya, graphic designer.

DRIVERS: Gary Hufner; Geoffrey Olans, John Runge.

CORRESPONDENTS: Debra Aleksinas; Jennifer Almqvist; Lans Christensen; Leila Hawken; Matthew Kreta.

LJM Media, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



PHOTO BY CAITLIN HANLON

### In bloom

Subscription Rates - One Year: \$120.00 in Litchfield County, \$147.00 outside county  
Known Office of Publication: Lakeville, CT 06039-1688. Periodical Postage Rate  
Paid at Lakeville, CT 06039. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LJM Media, Inc., PO Box 1688, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039-1688.

## Our Towns

# Intergenerational choir performance comes to Norfolk

*Litchfield County Choral Union will be joined by younger singers*

By Alec Linden

NORFOLK — The Litchfield County Choral Union will be joined by a younger generation of singers for a collaborative concert Friday, May 22, at the Battell Chapel.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the Torrington High School Select Chorus will perform alongside the 127-year old singing institution for a “high quality, high energy” program, according to LCCU President Felix Graham-Jones.

Graham-Jones said the event — a new addition to the group’s calendar this year — is meant to encourage a new generation of singers to get involved with the historic choir.

While the group’s member retention remains strong, he said, the choir’s next challenge is to attract new talent.

“I’m in my eighth decade, and I’m one of the young ones!” he said with a laugh. “We really need to be reaching into a younger demographic and building, building, building.”

He said he hopes to make the event a yearly fixture in the LCCU’s annual schedule, which centers around a summer performance in Nor-



The Litchfield County Choral Union at rehearsal.

folk’s historic Music Shed, a 1906 concert hall that is also used as a venue for the Yale University-hosted Norfolk Chamber Music Festival.

Friday evening’s performance will feature individual performances by each choir before culminating in a combined rendition of “Freedom Trilogy,” a piece written by renowned composer and choral conductor Paul Halley.

The piece was written for the acclaimed Farmington-based children’s choir Chorus Angelicus, founded

by Halley in 1991.

“It’s a very clever piece of writing,” Graham-Jones said.

He explained it combines three sources — European plainsong, African chant, and the hymn “Amazing Grace” — into what he described as a “crowd-pleaser” for both singers and audience members alike.

“It’s absolutely rewarding to be involved,” he said of performing the work, “especially if you’ve got a bunch of energetic, young voices getting excited behind the African chant.”

The performance will be directed by LCCU Music Director Gabriel Löfvall, who also serves as the music director for the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford and the artistic director behind Chorus Angelicus.

Graham-Jones said Löfvall’s experience with the piece itself and working with youth choirs positions the upcoming collaboration well for success, and will set the groundwork for future collaborations with the younger choirs throughout the Northwest Corner.

## OBITUARIES

### Madeline M. Metzger

SALISBURY — Madeline M. Metzger, 78, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 11, 2026. She was the beloved wife of Thomas “Tom” Metzger, with whom she shared many devoted years of marriage.

Born on May 4, 1948, in New York, New York, Madeline was the daughter of the late Anthony and Antoinette (Murphy) Brescia. She was a proud graduate of St. John’s University, where she earned her Master’s Degree in History, a subject she cherished throughout her life.

Madeline will be remembered for her warm spirit, quiet intelligence, and appreciation for life’s simple joys. She enjoyed long walks, crafting, watching movies, and chal-

lenging herself with crossword puzzles. She found happiness in learning, creativity, and time spent with those she loved most.

In addition to her loving husband, Tom, Madeline is survived by her sister, Marie Brescia. Madeline was predeceased by a brother, Tony

Brescia. A Celebration of Madeline’s Life will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville.

Memorial contributions in Madeline’s honor may be made to GEER Village Memory Care ([geercares.org/donate](http://geercares.org/donate))

To offer an online condolence, please visit [ryanfhct.com](http://ryanfhct.com)



### Beverly M. Scutieri

MILLERTON — Beverly M. Scutieri, 89, a fifty-four-year resident of Millerton, New York, died peacefully at her home in Millerton on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Scutieri had a long career in banking with Chase Manhattan Bank in Millerton prior to her retirement. She also served two terms on the Village Board in Millerton many years ago.

Born in Elizabethtown, New York, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Hazel (Straight) Cole. On July 26, 1958 in Mount Vernon, New York, she married Alfonso P. Scutieri, Jr. Mr. Scutieri passed away in 2017.

Mrs. Scutieri enjoyed knitting, reading and spending time with her grandchildren who affectionately named her “G-Bev.” She also really enjoyed spending weekends in the Adirondacks with her loving sisters for many years. She will be dearly missed by her devoted family and many dear friends.

Mrs. Scutieri is survived by her two sons, John Scutieri and his wife Sheila of Millerton and Michael Scutieri and his wife Beth of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; her sister, Cheryl Norton; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to

her husband and parents, she was also predeceased by two sisters, Nancy Sheldon and Jean Straight.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to the NorthEast/Millerton Library, P.O. Box 786, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Beverly’s memory please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)



## Blue Studio Dance marks third year with spring concert at HVRHS

By Aly Morrissey

LAKEVILLE — Blue Studio Dance marked its third year in business Saturday, May 16, with a spring concert at Housatonic Valley Regional High School featuring 115 dancers from towns across the region. Families and friends filled the auditorium to celebrate the culmination of a year of classes for dancers ages three and older.

“We’re really happy,” said co-founder Darcy Boynton after the concert. “Each year we learn so much and we’re always revising and changing how we do things to make it better.”

The concert featured a range of ages and dance styles, from fairytale ballet for the youngest dancers to tap, jazz, musical theater, ballet, contemporary and hip hop. The program also included student choreography and solos by high school seniors.

Boynton and co-founder Amber Cameron started Blue Studio Dance in 2023 to fill what they saw as a gap in dance opportunities in the community.

“So many good things in the world come from mothers wanting something for their children, looking around, not seeing it, and saying, ‘Well, I guess I have to do it myself,’” said Boynton, a mother of two.

“We wanted to build a place where kids could grow in all kinds of ways,” Boynton said, adding that the goal is to ensure Blue Studio remains welcoming to dancers of all commitment and skill levels.

Boynton grew up dancing on the same property in the Gray Studio before the Blue Studio was built. Though she always knew she wanted to work with children and own her own business, she said it’s still surreal to see the community that has formed in just a short time.

“It blows my mind to look around and see the yard full

of kids, parents and siblings playing in the grass while classes turn over, and all the busyness and excitement,” Boynton said.

“We wanted to create something that was community-based and creativity-driven,” she added.

Boynton’s eldest daughter, Remy, who participated in five Blue Studio classes this spring, said she feels natural on stage. Asked what it’s like to have a mother who runs a dance studio, Remy’s answer was effusive.

“It’s kind of like being famous,” she said, “Everybody at school is always asking, ‘What’s happening at the dance studio?’”

While the curtain has closed on the regular season, Blue Studio is turning to summer programming, including a three-week summer intensive for dancers ages nine and older, and a five-week visual arts camp with ROYGBIV founder and arts educator Ali DeProdocini.

For more information and to register, visit [bluestudiodance.com](http://bluestudiodance.com).



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY

HVRHS senior Sydney Howe celebrates her final year with a solo performance May 16.



Young dancers perform Sergei Prokofiev’s “Peter and the Wolf,” narrated by David Bowie.

For more obituaries, see page A5



Intermediate jazz dancers perform to “Don’t Take the Money” by the band Bleachers.



## Realtor® at Large

Protecting grassland birds’ nesting areas has become a priority in New England as these birds are declining in population due to over-development and decreasing habitat. Mass Audubon has an excellent primer on the best practices for managing fields to support the nesting and fledging of these birds, such as Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks and Upland Sandpipers to mention a few. The most effective practice is to simply not to mow the fields during the nesting and fledging times which are mid April to mid August. For other recommendations, please visit: [www.massaudubon.org/our-work/birds-wildlife/bird-conservation-research/grassland-birds](http://www.massaudubon.org/our-work/birds-wildlife/bird-conservation-research/grassland-birds).



**JOHN HARNEY**  
Associate Broker with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty  
**Office:** 19 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068  
**Email:** [jharney@wpsir.com](mailto:jharney@wpsir.com)  
**Cell:** 860-921-7910  
**Instagram:** @johnharneyjr

ADVERTISEMENT

## Our Towns

# Memorial Day parades, ceremonies planned across Northwest Connecticut



PHOTO BY MIA BARNES

Veterans of the armed forces prepare a large flag to be raised in Sharon May 26, 2025.

## Town and Village Event Guide

Monday, May 25, 2026

Communities across northwest Connecticut will mark Memorial Day with parades, ceremonies and tributes honoring members of the armed forces who died in service to the country.

Residents throughout the region are expected

to gather Monday in their respective towns for longstanding traditions that bring together veterans, local officials, emergency responders, marching groups and community organizations in remembrance and reflection.

### Cornwall

Cornwall's Memorial Day observances will begin at 9 a.m. with a commemorative service at North Cornwall Cemetery led by resident Virginia Gold, whose family roots in Cornwall date back more than 200 years. Organizers are asking volunteers to bring flowers to decorate graves.

At 10 a.m., the Seaman's Memorial Ceremony will take place at the Covered Bridge, followed by a parade and ceremony begin-

ning at 11 a.m. on the Town Green. A carnival will be held after the ceremony on the grounds of the United Church of Christ will follow the ceremony.

After the parade, seventh grade students from Cornwall Consolidated School will deliver a special presentation honoring Robin (Robert) Starr, a formerly enslaved Revolutionary War veteran who received the Badge of Military Merit, an early precursor to the Purple Heart.

### Kent

Kent's Memorial Day parade will begin at Kent Central School at 9:30 a.m. and will travel up Bridge Street, through the St. Andrew's Church cemetery and to the Veterans Monument in front of the historic Swift House. The procession will travel back to the Civil War monument at the intersection of Route 341 and Route 7 before traveling north on Route 7 to the World War I monument at the Kent Memorial Library, the Community House and the Congregational Church cemetery.

The procession will conclude at Town Hall, where most of the service will take place. The parade was organized by Parks and Recreation Director Matt Frasher and Brent Kallstrom, commander of Hall-Jennings American Legion Post 153 in Kent.

Participants are invited to the Kent Land Trust Community Field from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the KLT's annual Community Conservation Picnic, which will feature live music, a barbecue lunch and activities for all ages.

### Salisbury

Salisbury's Memorial Day parade will begin in Lakeville at the Grove and pass the Scoville Memorial Library shortly after 10 a.m.

The parade will pause for a brief ceremony at the war memorial on the Green at the intersection of Routes 44 and 41 near the White Hart lawn, before continuing north along Route 41 to the cemetery, where the main ceremony will be held.

Most spectators traditionally gather in Salisbury village before following the parade procession to the cemetery.

First Selectman Curtis Rand said there is no rain date or alternate indoor location planned.

"Fingers crossed for a great event that recognizes the incredible sacrifices that were made to protect us and keep us free," he said.

### Falls Village

In Falls Village, the Memorial Day parade will line up at Lee H. Kellogg School at 9:30 a.m. and step off at 9:45 a.m.

The parade will proceed west along Main Street to the Town Green, where a ceremony featuring speakers and community recognitions will take place. In the event of rain, the ceremony will move indoors to the Center on Main, 103 Main St.

First Selectman Dave Barger encouraged residents to attend.

"Please join us for our Memorial Day parade and ceremony to honor those who have fallen in service to our country," Barger said. "We will also be honoring citizens who have distinguished themselves as Volunteer of the Year and shown an involvement in community service."

### North Canaan

In North Canaan, the parade will begin at 10:30 a.m., with participants asked to line up by 10 a.m. at North Canaan Town Hall.

According to organizers, the parade route will proceed from Town Hall along Bragg Street, West Main Street and Granite Avenue before concluding at the Doughboy Memorial, where a remembrance ceremony will follow. The ceremony will include the presentation of the colors

and a rifle salute.

Organizers said the event will feature veterans, marching groups, musicians, local organizations and community members in what has become one of the town's longstanding Memorial Day traditions.

Residents are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. Last year, hundreds of spectators lined West Main Street for the parade and ceremony.

### Sharon

Sharon's Memorial Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Monday.

All marchers are asked to report by 9:30 a.m. to Auto-sport, located at 130 North Main St., or behind Sharon Center School. The parade will proceed down Main Street to the Veterans Memorial for a remembrance service.

Organizers are encouraging all veterans to participate, with rides available for those needing assistance. Civic or-

ganizations are also invited to march, and awards will be presented for best-decorated bicycles.

In the event of rain, activities will move to Sharon Center School.

The Sharon Historical Society is inviting residents to march with its members in the parade's "250th" section.

For additional information, contact Sharon Town Hall at 860-364-5789 or Robert Loucks at 860-364-5814.

## Local nonprofits receive \$283K in spring grants

By Aly Morrissey

The Northwest CT Community Foundation (NCCF) announced its first round of grant funding this year, awarding \$283,200 to local nonprofits through its spring discretionary grant cycle. The foundation awards grants to area nonprofits three times a year — in early spring, late June and November.

Among the local nonprofits to receive grants were the Kent Library Association, which was awarded \$75,000; the Falls Village Day Care Center, which received \$12,200; and the Salisbury-based Housatonic Child Care Center (HCCC), which received \$10,000. Other local groups received awards of up to \$10,000.

Kent Memorial Library received its NCCF grant through the Edwin M. Stone and Edith H. Stone Fund and the Khurshed Bhumgara Fund. The funding will support the library's renovation and expansion project.

"Libraries are the heart of our communities, and we're constantly looking to identify unmet needs and do everything we can to provide services to the broadest population possible," said Library Director Sarah Marshall.

She said the project will address longstanding space limitations, which last underwent a major renovation more than three decades ago.

With the help of the grant, the library will increase its usable space by about 5,000 square feet. Marshall said the funding will help close a fundraising gap as the library continues its capital campaign with support from local donors and the broader community.

Meanwhile, HCCC received its NCCF grant through the Carlton D. Fyler and Jenny R. Fyler Fund to support general operating expenses.

HCCC Director Tonya Roussis said she is grateful for the grant.

"As you know, childcare is expensive, and operating

a childcare center is increasingly costly as well," she said. "The expenses we face continue to rise, so we're always looking for outside support to help meet those needs without having to raise tuition, cut programs or reduce teacher benefits."

Roussis added, "I don't know what we would do without their support and if we didn't get these grants."

HCCC owns its own building, which comes with additional expenses including insurance, electricity, water and maintenance.

"It's getting harder and harder every year because costs are rising and we want to keep costs low for our families," she said.

Other groups to receive funding included the Cornwall Child Center, which was awarded \$9,000; the David M. Hunt Library, \$1,500; the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$5,000; Kent Affordable Housing, \$10,000; and the North Canaan Education Foundation, \$7,200.

Celebrate Outdoor Living

# 20% Off\*

Premium Exterior Paints & Stains



Embrace your home's exterior spaces with beautiful, long-lasting color.

  
Benjamin Moore®

Visit our locally owned Benjamin Moore store today.

May 13 - May 23

\*Discount offer valid for 20% off up to three gallons of Aura® Exterior, Regal® Select Exterior, MoorGuard®, Regal Select Exterior High Build, Element Guard®, or Woodluxe®. Discount based on MSRP. Subject to availability. Availability of eligible products may vary by retailer location. Offer valid from 5/13/26 to 5/23/26. No other purchases necessary. Offer cannot be combined with other offers, discounts, or promotions, or applied toward prior purchases. Retailer reserves the right to cancel or modify this offer at any time without notice. Void where prohibited.

©2026 Benjamin Moore & Co. Aura, Benjamin Moore, Element Guard, MoorGuard, Regal, the triangle "M" symbol, and Woodluxe are registered trademarks licensed to Benjamin Moore & Co. 5/26



LUMBER • MILLWORK • BUILDING SUPPLIES  
**HERRINGTON'S**

We share your passion.®

Hillsdale, NY: 518.325.3131 • Lakeville, CT: 860.435.2561 • Millerton, NY: 518.789.3611  
Hudson, NY: 518.828.9431 • Chatham, NY: 518.392.9201 • Sheffield, MA: 413.229.8777



herringtons.com • 800.453.1311 • OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

# Our Towns



One mill equals \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value

## Understanding mill rates

In Connecticut, the mill rate is the number used to calculate local property taxes. One mill equals \$1 in tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. Since Connecticut assesses property at 70% of market value, the tax bill is based on that reduced assessment rather than full market price.

For example, a home with a market value of \$400,000 would have an assessed value of \$280,000. In a town with a 9.8 mill

rate, such as Salisbury, the annual property tax bill would be about \$2,744. In a town with a 24.75 mill rate, such as North Canaan, a home with the same value would generate a tax bill of about \$6,930.

Meanwhile, in Cornwall, where the recently approved mill rate is 16.62, that same house would see a property tax bill of \$4,654

Mill rates vary widely

between towns because each municipality has different budgets, school costs, infrastructure needs and total taxable property values. Communities, such as Salisbury, with larger commercial tax bases or higher overall property values (grand lists) can often maintain lower mill rates, while towns with smaller grand lists, such as North Canaan, require higher rates to fund services.

## Cornwall approves town budget, sets mill rate

By Ruth Epstein

CORNWALL – Voters approved the town's 2026-27 proposed budget during a seven-minute town meeting Friday, May 15, before the Board of Finance set the mill rate at 16.62, a 4.13% increase from the current 15.96 rate.

For a homeowner, that increase will mean annual property taxes of about \$5,817 on a home assessed at \$350,000, compared with roughly \$5,586 today — an increase of about \$231.

The approved budget totals \$8,924,433, a 6% increase over the current \$8,417,014 plan.

Just 11 residents attended the seven-minute budget meeting, moderated by the Rev. Scott Cady. No public comments were offered before the budget moved for-

ward to the Board of Finance for final action on the mill rate.

First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway said the budget process began in January and credited town boards and commissions with keeping spending requests in check.

"We appreciate the boards and commissions keeping their budgets realistic," Ridgway said. "Both the selectmen and the Board of Education were able to bring their increases down."

Still, he said, rising costs made a tax increase unavoidable.

Ridgway said health insurance represented one of the largest increases affecting both municipal and education budgets. Additional cost increases included oil and electricity.

The Board of Selectmen

also approved increased funding for several regional social service organizations, including Greenwood Counseling Services, Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, Northwest Corner Chore Service, the Susan B. Anthony Project and Project SAGE.

"We're giving people support in trying times," Ridgway said.

During the meeting, Chairman Joe Pryor said the town's grand list increased by 1.5%, helping offset some budget pressures.

"That brought us some breathing room," Pryor said.

With a new mill rate of 16.62, the board voted to use \$225,000 from undesignated funds toward next year's budget. Cornwall is scheduled to undergo a town-wide property revaluation next year.

## Salisbury approves \$21.6 million budget, cuts mill rate to 9.8

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY – Voters unanimously approved Salisbury's \$21.6 million combined municipal and education budget at a town meeting last week, paving the way for a lower property tax rate in the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Following the town meeting on May 13, the Board of Finance met and set the new mill rate at 9.8, down from the current 11.0 rate and among the lowest in Connecticut.

For homeowners, the lower mill rate will reduce annual property taxes. A home with

a market value of \$750,000 would see its tax bill fall from about \$5,775 under the previous 11.0 mill rate to about \$5,145 under the new 9.8 rate — a savings of roughly \$630 annually.

Comptroller Joe Cleaveland said the lower rate was made possible due to several factors, including the recent revaluation that increased the value of the grand list, growth in the town's surplus funds, and the decision to reduce the amount of reserves held.

At the town meeting, 22 people attended in person and seven online. All agenda items passed unanimously,

29-0.

The approved \$21,630,267 spending plan includes a municipal budget of \$9,617,825, an increase of \$412,723, or 4.4%.

The Salisbury Central School budget was set at \$7,213,515, an increase of \$316,367, or 4.59%.

The Region One assessment, which primarily covers the cost of educating Salisbury students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, totals \$4,798,927, an increase of \$17,834 or 0.37%.

Total education spending is \$12,012,442, an increase of \$334,201 or 2.86%.

## North Canaan budget approved, tax rate remains flat

By Christian Murray

NORTH CANAAN – Voters approved North Canaan's proposed \$14.6 million combined municipal and education budgets at a town meeting on May 18.

The approval led the Board of Finance to set the mill rate at 24.75 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, unchanged from the current year.

The \$14.6 million spending plan includes a \$3,351,583 municipal budget, up 3.25% from the current fiscal year, largely due to rising employee medical insurance costs.

The municipal budget was approved by voters 52-5.

The education budget totals \$11,238,600, a 7.92% increase over the current fiscal year. Of that total, \$5,098,488 is allocated for North Canaan Elementary School, a 6.73% increase also due, in part, to rising insurance costs.

The elementary school budget was approved by town voters 50-6.

The remaining \$6,140,112 in the education budget represents North Canaan's share of the Region One budget, which covers Housatonic Valley Regional High School

tuition and districtwide shared services. Voters across the six-town district, including North Canaan, approved that budget earlier this month.

North Canaan's Region One assessment rose by about \$503,679, or 8.94%, compared with last year's increase of just over 1%. The town's assessment is based on 106 students from North Canaan attending HVRHS in the coming school year.

Town officials said state grants helped offset some of the rising costs when setting the mill rate.

# \$75,000 MATCHING CHALLENGE

### THE GOOD NEWS

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News are alive and well and thriving.

Thanks to you, our two local newspapers have DEFIED the troubling economic trend that has led to thousands of America's small town newspapers shutting down.

But we still need your help to build the future. If we don't grow, we won't survive.

To help guarantee the future, members of our board are offering an urgent **\$75,000 matching challenge through June 15.** Every dollar you give up to \$75,000 will be doubled.

### Here's how the money will be spent

- **Investing in how the news reaches you**  
We're expanding our digital reach, publishing online throughout the week, and offering several highly popular newsletters.
- **Expanded enterprise and lifestyle reporting**  
With a new Executive Editor, we are strengthening our newsroom, producing enterprise reporting on major issues and expanding our coverage of the arts and community events in the re-designed *Compass* section.
- **Investing in future talent**  
We revived the school newspaper and journalism programs at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and plan to do the same at high schools in our New York coverage area. And for the fourth year, we will continue our paid summer internship program for college students.
- **Publishing more prize-winning reporting**  
*The Lakeville Journal* earned multiple awards from the New England Newspaper & Press Association, including First Place for Natalia Zukerman's "Bearing Witness at Auschwitz," a powerful story about memory and responsibility.

Yes, the future of local news for our community is promising—but **not guaranteed. Please join us. Every dollar you give—up to \$75,000—will be matched.**

Together, we're building the future of local news.

### To Donate

Please go to [LakevilleJournal.com/donate](https://LakevilleJournal.com/donate) or mail a check to

LJMN Media, Inc., 64 Route 7 N, Falls Village, CT 06031

## Local Matters

THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL | THE MILLERTON NEWS

All donations to LJMN Media, Inc., a 501(c)(3), are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Scan to Donate



Our Towns

# HVRHS agricultural students display skills at FFA Open House

FFA

Continued from Page A1

excavator more efficient. The machine, owned by the Gawel family's company, M&M Excavating of Sheffield, was outfitted with sensors. Using an electronic device, Gawel demonstrated how the GPS technology guides the digging process.

He said the system eliminates the need for a laborer to actually climb into the hole to check the elevations and levels. That person can instead work on another aspect of the job.

"It's more efficient," Gawel said.

James Appelby, a sophomore from Kent, showed off his rebuilt 1983 John Deere 950 tractor. He said the tractor needed a lot of help.

"It needed all new electrical," Appelby said, ticking items off his fingers. "I fixed all the leaks, added power steering and changed the gear levers."

He said the tractor gets used every day.

Avery Hutton of North Canaan, a sophomore, discussed dairy judging as two cows – an Ayrshire and Brown Swiss – looked on placidly nearby. Hutton

detailed the ins and outs of showing dairy cattle, which she has been doing for eight years.

She said her family owns a dairy farm and that she has operated her own limited liability company for "show cows" for the past three years.

Falls Village junior Hayden Bachman's project focused on the process of obtaining animal health certificates.

The paperwork is necessary for exhibitions, and keeping up with it is a constant concern.

"You have to get it within 30 days of a show, and it's good for 30 days," she said.

Bachman showed a sample certificate, while her display explained the steps exhibitors must complete before a veterinarian inspects the animals and issues the certificate.

Senior Sara Ireland of West Cornwall playfully convinced HVRHS principal Ian Strever to tuck one of her carnation boutonnières into the breast pocket of his sport coat.

Ireland said a store-bought boutonniere can cost between \$30 to \$50, while a homemade version ranges from just \$5 to \$15.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Michael Gawel drives the tractor for the event's hayride.

The project requires cardstock, greenery, carnations, glue and a hot glue gun. Finishing epoxy helps keep the flowers looking fresh longer, Ireland said. Ribbon is optional, though, and Ireland said she prefers a simpler look.

Inside the garage, HVRHS social studies teacher Deron Bayer was deep in discussion with Cornwall sophomore Winter Cheney about Cheney's rebuilt 1995 Yamaha YZ80 motorcycle.

"The piston failed,"

Cheney said. "Then everything went."

He added that he couldn't afford to have the bike repaired in a shop, so he decided to do it himself, with some help from a knowledgeable friend.

It took four months and there was a certain amount of trial and error involved, Cheney said.

The trial and error was the point.

"I did it to learn how," he said. "And when it all comes together, it's worth it."



PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Lauren Sorrell pets the school's goat, Marvin.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Hayden Bachman with Lissyly, a four-month old Holstein.



PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Chris Crane shows off a racecar that he built with his family

## Hospice group seeks volunteers to support patients, caregivers

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY – As the population ages and more people choose end-of-life care at home, hospice providers in northwest Connecticut are seeking volunteers to offer companionship and support to terminally ill patients and their families.

Jean Osuch and Karen Jax Giarnese, both nurses with Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Litchfield County, spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library Wednesday, May 13, about the organization's volunteer program, describing volunteers as a vital part of hospice care.

Osuch said that volunteers are "an integral part" of the patient's interdisciplinary team.

Volunteers provide companionship for the terminal patient. Roles can include sitting with a patient, talking, listening, reading or simply provide a comforting, human presence.

Giarnese said volunteers find the work rewarding.

"It's a meaningful part of living," she said. "It taps into something that may not come out in other places. Having a volunteer present also means the family members and caregivers – often the same people – can run errands or simply take a break.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jean Osuch, left, and Karen Jax Giarnese recruit hospice volunteers May 13.

Volunteers can also help with office tasks or bereavement support. Some patients enlist volunteers to record life stories or organize letters and photographs.

Orientation and 15 hours of online training are provided to volunteers, who are also asked to attend month-

ly meetings for continued education and support. Schedules are flexible.

"In an otherwise bleak situation, it's a bright spot in the week" for the patient, Giarnese said.

For more information, visit [www.vnhlc.org/giving/volunteer/](http://www.vnhlc.org/giving/volunteer/).



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

HVRHS senior Alex Wilbur, left, and Assistant Superintendent Jeanine Rose.

## HVRHS student Alex Wilbur earns Warren Prindle art scholarship

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE – The artistic talents of Housatonic Valley Regional High School students were on full display Thursday, May 14, at the annual Blue and

Gold Student Art Show at the Kearcher-Monsell Gallery in the school library.

The Warren Prindle Visual Arts Scholarship, the second largest scholarship given at the school, was presented to senior Alex Wilbur.

Read the full story at [lakevillejournal.com](http://lakevillejournal.com)

**The Lake Wononscopomuc Association**

Annual Meeting  
Saturday, June 6, 2026, 9:30 AM  
Town Grove Senior Center

**A Good Mechanic Is Not Hard to Find!**

Ask for a proven pro  
An ASE Certified Technician

(518) 789-3462      52 S. Center Street  
Millerton, NY

**MILLERTON SERVICE CENTER**

Quality Used Cars  
Maintenance - Repairs

CHAD D. LYMAN  
ADAM LYMAN  
MASTER TECHNICIANS

National Institute for  
Automotive Service  
Excellence

# Our Towns



A green vintage Chevrolet truck welcomes attendees at the entrance to Trade Secrets.



Attendees inspect home decor.

## Thousands turn out for Trade Secrets in support of Project SAGE

### TRADE SECRETS

Continued from Page A1

items ranging from dainty linen napkins to large lawn sculptures and fountains.

Local businesses were represented, including Oblong Books, which hosted a book-signing event featuring five authors. The books were curated specifically for the event, offering a “garden variety” mix of titles centered on landscape design, gardening and the natural world. Among the featured titles was *The Young Man and the Tree* by landscape designer Fernando Wong and writer Tim Johnson. The book’s foreword was written by Martha Stewart, a longtime supporter of Trade Secrets who attended the event earlier in the morning.

“It’s nice when they let us out of the bookstore,” joked Oblong bookseller Frederick Rossero, who commented on the beautiful weather. On a more serious note, Rossero said it’s always rewarding to be a part of Trade Secrets. “It’s for such a great cause.”

At the heart of the event – and perhaps strategically placed at the center



Project SAGE employees Sarah Ford, left, and Yamile Leal speak with attendees about the organization’s mission.

of the grounds – stood an eye-catching floral installation representing the staggering number of calls Project SAGE receives each year from people seeking support for domestic violence.

The display featured 1,500 flowers suspended from a wooden pergola, symbolizing the 1,500 calls answered



A vendor keeps her plants hydrated as temperatures climb into the 80s.



Purple Delphiniums displayed at a vendor tent.

annually by the organization’s crisis hotline [(860) 364-1900]. The installation was presented by Millbrook’s Garden at Creel and Gow.

Carolyn Piccirelli, owner of Honeychurch Home and former Trade Secrets co-chair, showcased the latest gifts and home decor from her Lenox-based shop, formerly located in downtown Salisbury. Among the highlights was a new French linen tablecloth featuring a botanical pattern. Printed in Portugal and designed by Piccirelli and her daughter, the tablecloth was inspired by the work of early 20th-century Swedish artist Hilma af Klint. The tablecloth, she said, is soon to be featured in a number of glossy magazines.

Local metalworker Izzy Fitch, founder of the Wassaic-based Battle Hill Forge, displayed his hand-forged metal designs and described his process to curious buyers.

“I just made that last night,” he said of one rusted garden piece that drew a lot of attention. “It was leftover pieces from an installation I did last week.” In order to achieve the antique look, Fitch sprayed it with a combination of salt water, peroxide and vinegar to accelerate the rusted, antique look. He described his team’s approach as an intersection of art and function.

“We make art,” he said. “And I want the person who buys our pieces to be able to move them around.”

The Vege-Table was also a popular destination, featuring vegetable starters from local farms, including Conundrum, Fort Hill, Maitri, and Thistle Pass. Organized by Salisbury resident Jeb Breece, the effort was a family affair with the whole family volun-

teering throughout the day.

“We have so many farmers in our community already starting these plants,” Breece said. “We’re able to buy from them, support local farms and donate proceeds to Project SAGE.” He said the model works especially well in the early season, when many farms have more cash going out than coming in. “They’re happy to have someone come in and buy in large numbers,” he said.

Breece’s wife, Sabina, serves on the underwriting committee and said the event couldn’t have been more successful. In her fifth year volunteering, she said the event gets better and better each year.

“It’s a beautiful event, and for such a great cause,” she said. “Seeing the year-over-year growth – it’s so much bigger, but the bigger it gets, the better it is for Project SAGE.”

Kristen van Ginhoven, executive director for Project SAGE, was beaming under the sun, pleased with the turnout.

“When I think about the large-scale event and how many moving pieces there are, it’s going immensely smoothly,” she said. “People are happy, the weather is great, people are purchasing things and the vibe is nice.”

### Clarification

Trade Secrets was founded by Bunny Williams, whose longtime leadership has been central to the event and its support of Project SAGE. A May 14 article previewing the fundraiser should have made Williams’ founding role clear and described Martha Stewart’s association as a participant and supporter of Trade Secrets.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

A view of Bunny Williams’ garden.

## Bunny Williams’ Manor House Garden Tour

### GARDEN TOUR

Continued from Page A1

than twenty-five years ago as a way to support Project SAGE — opened her garden in Falls Village for two days over the weekend. The coveted tickets to step inside Williams’ expansive property sold out as soon as they were posted. The interest warranted an additional Sunday tour, with an estimated 900 total visitors between Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors wandered through Williams’ property, featuring a Greek Revival pool house, a mod-

ern studio and library with an expansive view of the Litchfield Hills, and woodland shade gardens leading to tall tulips in bloom.

Guests were thrilled to be greeted by Williams herself. The final stop was the greenhouse, filled with tropical plants beside the vegetable and cutting garden with neat rows of lettuce and tulips.

“Like any good garden, Trade Secrets thrives because it’s cared for,” Williams said. “Trade Secrets has always been about more than plants and antiques. It’s about what can grow when people come together for a purpose.”




Izzy Fitch, founder of the Wassaic-based Battle Hill Forge, speaks with a customer about his hand-forged metal designs.



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY

A trellis in the Project SAGE tent showcases messages of hope written by attendees.



**The region’s newest independent general interest bookstore**

Lakeville Books and Stationery offers a huge selection of books across all categories and a wide selection of beautiful stationery products, puzzles and art supplies from around the world.

329 Main St, Lakeville CT (860) 596-4500  
63 State Rd, Great Barrington MA (413) 645-3256  
lakevillebooks.com

## BEARS

Continued from Page A1

incident and were shocked by both the attack and what they described as a dismissive initial response from DEEP after reporting it.

"The first person basically blamed us and told us there was nothing we could do about it," Meg Lago said. She noted that they also have horses and two fences, but the bear still attacked.

The attacks are part of what many residents across Northwest Connecticut describe as a noticeable increase this spring in bold bear encounters near homes, farms and schools. Community social media pages are being filled with reports of bears killing livestock, overturning garbage containers and roaming residential neighborhoods during daylight hours, prompting growing concern among residents who say the animals appear increasingly comfortable around people.

The Lagos said DEEP

recommended installing extensive electric fencing around their property. Since the attack, they have added additional electric barriers and security measures after the bear allegedly returned days later, tearing the door off their barn and dragging food containers into the nearby woods.

They believe the frequency of bear sightings is noticeably different from previous years. Meg Lago said it's gotten so bad that the bears know exactly which day is trash day and turn up with regularity.

The Lagos' goats were approximately 60 pounds each, roughly the size of a small child, they pointed out. With such attacks, they wonder how children can be kept safe.

Concerns about bear activity have also extended beyond farms and residential properties and into school settings.

In a letter from Indian Mountain School, administrators alerted parents of a close encounter with a bear on Thursday, May 14.

"Around 9:30 a.m., a bear was spotted walking along the perimeter of the playground while students were outside," wrote Amy Tedder, Head of Lower School.

The school holds annual bear lockdown drills, which helped students and teachers respond swiftly last Thursday. Tedder said there have been several bear sightings this year and reiterated the safety protocols that are in place for bears.

She said the "successful transition indoors was a direct result of that preparation and the students who were on the playground were even able to debrief and critique their response with their teacher."

DEEP spokesperson Bill Flood said Northwest Connecticut is generally "the bus-

iest area for bear sightings" in the state, though he said it doesn't necessarily correlate with bear population.

In a 2026 report titled *The State of the Bear: A Briefing on Bears in Connecticut*, research collected by DEEP's Wildlife Division found the breeding population of bears in the state is continuing to expand into more cities and towns. Over the last three years, female bears with offspring have been reported in 138 different municipalities, many of which are located in the western part of the state.

Thousands of human-bear conflicts are reported each year and follow a long-term increasing trend. While greater numbers of conflicts take place in the western half of Connecticut, residents report issues with bears across the state. Incidents of bears entering or breaking into homes occurred in 18 different municipalities statewide in 2025.

## CRASHES

Continued from Page A1



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Emergency crews respond to the motorcycle crash Saturday, May 16, as a crowd looks on.

Harley-Davidson motorcycle onto Route 7 from Lime Rock Road. The crash remains under investigation.

The motorcyclist was transferred from an ambulance to the helicopter before being flown to Hartford Hospital, according to a member of the Lakeville Hose Company who assisted with the landing operation.

Chris Ohmen, a volunteer firefighter with the Lakeville Hose Company, said the injuries "warranted a Life Star transport."

Connecticut State Police Trooper Matthew O'Neil of Troop B said Tuesday, May 19, that the motorcycle operator sustained "serious, non-life-threatening injuries."

Route 7 was temporarily closed between Dugway Road and the Routes 7 and 112 intersection while emergency crews responded.

The motorcycle crash came less than 24 hours after another serious collision nearby.

At approximately 3:15 p.m. Friday, May 15, a 2023 Ford Transit van driven by Steven Gomez, 57, crashed into a utility pole near Race Track Road, according to state police.

Police said Gomez was transported to a local hospital, though his condition was not released.

A second vehicle, a Volkswagen Jetta, veered off the roadway while attempting to avoid the van. The Jetta driver was not injured, police said.

The crash caused extensive traffic delays as Route 112 remained closed between Race Track Road and

the Route 7/112 intersection into the early evening while emergency crews responded and Eversource Energy crews repaired the damaged utility pole, according to police.

## Additional Crashes Reported

The weekend crashes were among several accidents reported across the Northwest Corner in recent weeks.

On May 8, a 16-year-old Canaan resident was transported to Waterbury Hospital after the modified go-kart he was operating lost control and ran off Carlson Road in North Canaan, according to state police. He was driving a Yerf-Dog go-kart with a 440 Arctic Cat engine.

Two days later, Daniel Quezada Solano, 33, of Canaan, suffered suspected minor injuries after a failed U-turn on Greenwood Road East in Norfolk sent his pickup truck off the shoulder and into a tree stump, police said.

On May 11, an 81-year-old West Cornwall driver was issued an infraction following a collision at the intersection of Routes 4 and 7 in Sharon. No injuries were reported.

Another crash occurred Saturday in Canaan when a Toyota Tacoma allegedly failed to stop at a stop sign near Page Road and collided with a Mack truck on Route 7, according to police. The driver, Jacob Ellison, 20, of Guilford, was issued a written warning for failure to obey a stop sign.

Meanwhile, on Monday, May 18, two vehicles collided on Route 7 North in Falls Village around noon, police said. There were no injuries.

## Falls Village

## Report warns of 'Imminent Failure' of Cobble Rd. bridge

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE – The Falls Village Board of Selectmen discussed several infrastructure issues during its May 11 meeting, including a newly released state report on the now-closed Cobble Road bridge.

First Selectman David Barger said the state Department of Transportation recently delivered a 66-page report to Town Hall.

"It's quite extensive," Barger said. "What it came down to is the bridge is buckling."

The report is available for public review at Town Hall.

On page five of the report, the bridge's superstructure received its lowest rating.

"IMMINENT FAILURE," it reads. "Bridge is closed to traffic due to component condition. Repair or rehabilitation may return the bridge to service."

The bridge bearings were rated "poor," defined in the

## Fishing derby reels in younger set

By John Coston

NORTH CANAAN – The sun beamed down on more than three dozen young anglers on Sunday, May 17, at the Northwest Connecticut Rod and Gun Club's annual junior fishing derby.

Bicycles lined up as prizes for winners in various age categories, while a table overflowed with smaller prizes for everyone who came out to fish.

Jim's Bait & Tackle in East Canaan donated the bait, with more than 1,000 worms and 36 dozen minnows.

As the morning fishing got underway, there were hoots and hollers from across the pond whenever anyone hooked a fish, which included bass, trout, perch and blue gill. The occasional turtle found itself at the end of the line.

"I caught a turtle," said Kelsey Barth, 6, of Torrington. When asked which bait she preferred, the answer came quickly and in brief. "Worm."

Many of the 15-and-under competitors preferred worms, based on an informal survey.

Families lined the pond at the club's location just south



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

A young angler finds some shade as she casts into the pond at the Northwest Connecticut Rod and Gun Club May 17.

of the Becton Dickinson & Co. plant on Route 7 South. Parents and grandparents bunched in and out of lawn chairs to lend a hand when a line got entangled, or when a minnow wouldn't comply with the hook.

Many young anglers took the hint and parked in a folding chair to wait it out in between casts.

"We love to do this every year," said Holly Hunt, a member of the club who ran the event with many other volunteers. "It's our future," she said. "These children will keep coming back."

Volunteers cooked hot dogs and hamburgers and some circled the pond to take fish measurements whenever there was a successful catch

and release.

Winners by age groups were: Ellie Dionne, age 4 (bass, 15 inches); Oliver Ralph, age 3 (bass, 14.5 inches); Fiona Pattison, age 7, (bass, 13.5 inches); Lucas Tredeaux, age 9 (bass, 14.5 inches); Destini Hiller, age 15 (base, 10 inches); and Ben Sprague, age 11 (bass, 15 inches).

## Kent BOF sends \$16.9 million budget to voters after public hearing

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Kent Board of Finance has approved a proposed \$16.9 million budget and sent it to voters for consideration at the town's annual budget meeting on May 29, following a public hearing Friday, May 15.

If approved, the spending plan would set the fiscal year 2027 mill rate at 17.34, up 2.78% from the current rate of 16.87. For a property assessed at \$350,000, the projected tax bill for fiscal year 2027 would be \$6,069, up about \$200.

The only change made following roughly an hour of public comment was the restoration of funding for a pro-

## May 29 vote would set mill rate at 17.34, an increase of 2.78%

posed boat decontamination station at Lake Waramaug, an initiative aimed at preventing hydrilla — an aggressive invasive aquatic weed — from entering the lake.

Under a long-standing agreement, Kent pays half of what Washington and Warren contribute toward lake-wide projects. Kent's share for the station was originally budgeted at \$13,000, but the Board of Finance reduced it to \$4,500 during an April 14 meeting after some members questioned the expense given that only three shoreline properties are located

in Kent. Following Friday's hearing, the BOF voted to restore the funding to the original amount.

The future of the historic Swift House also sparked debate during the hearing. The town has allocated capital funds toward the property for several years, drawing criticism from some residents who see it as a taxpayer burden and support from others who view it as a valuable community asset.

Earlier this spring, the BOF moved \$200,000 in taxable funds tied to the project to 2032, removing the impact from this year's tax bills, while another \$225,000 remains in the five-year capital plan. After additional discussion Friday, the board chose not to make any further changes.

There were no comments

or questions regarding the Board of Education budget, which totals \$5,307,470 for Kent Center School, a 2.12% increase over the current year.

Regional education spending for Housatonic Valley Regional High School, approved separately in the May 5 Region One vote, totals \$2,783,359 — a 6.57% increase. Combined, the town's total education spending would rise to \$8,090,829 under the proposed budget, up just over 3.5% from fiscal year 2026.

The Board of Selectmen's proposed municipal operating budget totals \$5,277,965, a 5.08% increase from the current year.

Kent taxpayers can vote on the spending plans at 6 p.m. at Town Hall on Friday, May 29.

Think Local: We Do

Local Matters

Please visit [lakevillejournal.com/donate](http://lakevillejournal.com/donate) to give a donation of any size.

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News

Send news tips to [editor@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:editor@lakevillejournal.com)

our  
community



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

May Castleberry at home in Lakeville.

## May Castleberry's next chapter

By Richard Feiner And Annette Stover

May Castleberry is a ball of sunshine and passion, though she grew up an introverted child, moving with her family from Alberta to Colorado to Texas, finding comfort in mountains, books and wide-open skies. Today, the former art book editor and museum curator has found a new home in Lakeville, where the natural beauty of the Northwest Corner continues to captivate her. Whether walking with friends, painting, reading or visiting beloved local libraries in Salisbury, Norfolk and Cornwall, Castleberry has embraced the region since making her move permanent in 2022, bringing with her a remarkable career shaped by a lifelong love of books

CONTINUED ON PAGE B2

## LIFESTYLE

### Hoarding With Style: Sarah Blodgett's art of collecting

By Kerri-Lee Mayland

There is something wonderfully disarming about walking into a space where nothing feels overly polished, overly planned or pulled from a catalog — a place where history lingers in the corners, where color is fearless, where the objects on the shelves have stories to tell and where, if you are lucky, a cat named Cinnamon may be supervising the entire operation.

That is the world of Sarah Blodgett. Now part of the creative orbit inside Liz Macaire's sprawling gallery in West Cornwall, Blodgett's "Hoarding With Style," tucked into the upstairs space, feels less like a shop and more like an unfolding conversation about aesthetics, storytelling and the art of living with things that matter.

Born in Manhattan, Blodgett spent weekends and much of her childhood in Gallatin, New York where her family owned a late-1700s farmhouse on a property that once housed an antique store, leaving the barns packed with treasures and forgotten finds.

"I was dusting off antiques instead of playing with toys as a child," she said, laughing.

In sixth grade, she recruited friends to venture into an abandoned house, move things around, style found objects and create little vignettes while her mother supervised from a nearby chair. Looking back, it seems inevitable that Blodgett would eventually build a business rooted in collecting, storytelling and visual imagination.

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3

## COMMUNITY

# Plans to revitalize Norfolk's Infinity Hall unveiled

By Jennifer Almquist

Nearly 200 people packed the wooden seats of Norfolk's historic Infinity Hall on Thursday, May 14, as David Rosenfeld, owner and founder of Goodworks Entertainment Group, a live entertainment and venue management company, unveiled ambitious plans to restore the restaurant and bar, expand programming and reestablish the venue as a central gathering place for the community.

Since the Norfolk Pub closed on Jan. 31, 2026, the need for a restaurant and evening gathering place has become paramount, and for years residents have wanted Infinity Hall to be more engaged with the community.

"We have a real opportunity to bring the residents of Norfolk closer together and add to a community already steeped in a rich history of the arts," Rosenfeld said. "Thursday's turnout and the positive energy we experienced are the very reason Goodworks exists. We are thrilled to help support and build upon the vibrant community spirit here."

Built in 1883, Norfolk Village Hall — the former opera house, barber shop and saloon in the center of Norfolk — was designed by Palliser & Co. In 2007, the building was restored as the 300-seat performing arts theater Infinity Hall.

Goodworks Entertainment Group took over Infinity Hall in April 2019. Rosenfeld said he plans to realign the organization with his original dream of doing good works — hence the name.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Infinity Hall, built in 1883.

He also spoke of a large-scale arts and music festival for Norfolk and of conversations with Melvin Chen, director of the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival-Yale Summer School of Music, about a possible winter classical concert series featuring Yale musicians.

After a question-and-answer session, attendees stayed to enjoy live music, food and drinks organized by Lisa Ludwig, general manager of Infinity Hall.

Norfolk resident Tony Kiser praised Rosenfeld's vision.

"If there is anything to be done, he's the guy to do it," Kiser said. "He's got the experience, some capital to invest, and he has a vision."

Henry Tirrell, Norfolk first selectman, welcomed the prospect of renewed activity at the venue.

"I am excited to see an op-

tion for dinner and drinks in town, as well as increased activity at Infinity Hall," Tirrell said.

Cheryl Heller, chair of the Norfolk Economic Development Commission, said the announcement represents an important moment for the town.

"Infinity is a key part of Norfolk's identity, and for the last few years that it's been quiet,

CONTINUED ON PAGE B4

## ART

### Janet Andre Block is 'Catching Light'

By L. Tomaino

What do Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations, Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's piano concertos and a quiet room have to do with Janet Andre Block's work? They are among the many elements that shape how she paints, helping guide her into the layered, luminous worlds she creates on canvas.

Block makes layered oil paintings in rich, deep, misty colors. She developed her technique as an undergraduate at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University and then at New York University, and also time spent in Venice earning a master's degree in studio art.

Block speaks warmly of her printmaking teacher, the well-known artist Kiki Smith.

"She was incredibly kind and generous," Block said. "What I learned in art school is what I want to do."

During the pandemic, she painted in a world of swirling colors that suggest another world just within this one.

Block's work will be on display at "Catching Light, 75," at David M. Hunt Library from May 23-June 19. The opening reception will be Saturday, May 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. and she will give an artist talk Thursday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m.

The exhibit features 75 small paintings representing her varied painting modes.

"I'm offering these as a gift to the library," she said. "Each

donor who gives \$75 can choose a painting."

The paintings are 2-inch squares.

Block has worked with nonprofit groups in the Northwest Corner for many years. She has been a volunteer for Project SAGE, the Lakeville-based organization committed to ending relationship violence, for many years. She has also served on Trade Secrets Underwriting Committee — the annual gar-

den event that serves as Project SAGE's largest fundraiser — for 25 years and remembers the first meeting around her dining room table. She served on the board of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation from 1991 to 2000 and was chair of the Fund for the Northwest Corner.

She has stepped back from her work with nonprofits to devote more time to painting, though she still helps where

she can.

"I enjoy the early starts of anything. That's why I like art, where I can start with a blank palette."

"There is something about picking colors," she said, describing it as "really a kind of creation — just the pleasure of mixing up a color, finding the next purple," along with the immediacy of "the feeling of the

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3



We here at Robin Hood Radio are on-air and on-line keeping you informed and updated 24 hours a day on the following stations of the Robin Hood Radio Network.

**WHDD AM 1020**

Serving Northwest, CT and Adjacent Eastern, NY

**WHDD FM 97.5**

Serving the Route 7 corridor from Cornwall to Kent, and the Route 22 corridor from Amenia to Pawling

**WHDD FM 91.9**

Serving Sharon, Millerton, Lakeville, Salisbury and Falls Village, and adjacent Eastern, NY

**WLHV FM 88.1**

Serving in New York - Northern and Eastern Dutchess County, Columbia County, Eastern Ulster and Windham County, and Southern Greene County

**WBSL FM 91.7**

Serving North Canaan, CT, Sheffield and South County, MA

# ... May Castleberry

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

and art. Castleberry grew up in the world of books, and especially art books, and she credits her artist mother, an avid art book collector, with igniting her passions. Castleberry's high school art teacher in Dallas understood how to teach students to channel their imaginations into books and art.

Castleberry and her husband, Michael FitzGerald, a professor of art history at Trinity College and research director of an art foundation based in Europe, first moved to Lakeville in 2013 when their son attended Hotchkiss.

In college in Texas and graduate school at Columbia and NYU, Castleberry learned every aspect of fine art book production, from paper and design to the quality of printed reproductions and original works.

"I studied printmaking, design, art history and the history of the book," said Castleberry. "In college, I learned even more when I started work as an art librarian. I haunted antiquarian and art book shops every weekend in New York City and wherever I traveled and was shaped by what I saw. I also took courses in papermaking and printmaking in my spare time."

Castleberry entered the museum world in 1980 when she joined the Whitney Museum as a librarian.

"At the time, it was an underfunded one-person library, so not an obvious prize, but it turned out to be a great place to grow."

When asked to help raise funds for acquisitions, she pro-



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

May Castleberry

Castleberry's idea of happiness is "looking at a great painting."

posed creating a publishing program and, over the next 17 years, conceived, edited and produced over 20 books as the editor of the Whitney's Artists and Writers Series. Castleberry also curated exhibitions of books, prints and photographs, culminating in a large-scale show about photography and photobooks titled "Perpetual Mirage: Photographic Narratives of the Desert West" in 1996.

After 20 years at the Whitney, Castleberry moved to the Museum of Modern Art to develop an artist's book program that would explore the art of the book and help support the museum's archives and library. This

program, the Library Council, continued until Castleberry retired from MoMA late last year. During that time, she also organized an exhibition at New York City's AXA Gallery on photography of archeological sites in the Americas: "The New World's Old World."

Asked about favorite stories from her museum roles, Castleberry recounts "looking for several very different artists to commission to make prints for 'The Magic Magic Book' by sleight-of-hand artist, collector and historian of magic Ricky Jay, and approaching artist Tomás Saraceno about making a pop-up book about spiders."

Shortly after moving to Lakeville permanently, Castleberry heard about a part-time job coordinating events at the Scoville Library. She expected her program at MoMA to be shut down by the pandemic

and thought the opportunity would be a great way to get to know the library, its staff and the community.

"I invited the poet Sally Van Doren to start a monthly poetry workshop, and artist and teacher Lily Rand to teach bookbinding and other classes. I was thrilled to bring in the founder of the Brooklyn's Dieu Donné Papermill — one of the great papermakers in the world — as well as paper marblers and others for a series of outdoor art classes."

MoMA's Library Council revived only a few months later, and Castleberry no longer had the time her Scoville work required.

"Happily, I was replaced by the amazing Karen Vrotsos," said Castleberry of the library's current head of adult programs. "I am still in close contact with Karen Goodell, the library director, the library staff and some of the trustees."

Castleberry's idea of happiness is "looking at a great painting."

In the region, her favorite art museums are the Clark in Williamstown, Massachusetts — which she recently supported by donating nearly all the books she worked on at the Whitney and MoMA to its art library — as well as Connecticut's Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford.

Now newly retired from her museum position, Castleberry has returned to her passion for drawing and painting. She's also in the initial planning stage of a museum book project. Stay tuned for her next chapter.



PHOTO BY OUTDOOR CHRONICLES PHOTOGRAPHY

Molly Merrihew has been appointed executive director of Shakespeare & Company.

## Shakespeare & Company names new executive director

Shakespeare & Company based in Lenox, Massachusetts, has appointed Molly Merrihew as its new executive director following a national search, as the company approaches its 50th anniversary.

Merrihew, most recently managing director of WAM Theatre, returns to Shakespeare & Company after previously spending eight years there in marketing and public relations. She will partner with artistic director Allyn Burrows to oversee the organization's programs and operations.

During six years in leadership at WAM, Merrihew helped guide expanded programming and community engagement initiatives. She steps into the new role as Shakespeare & Company reports financial stability, including paying off its mortgage and posting two consecutive strong box office seasons.

Merrihew holds degrees from Boston University and SUNY Potsdam, as well as a graduate certificate from Cornell University.

The public will have opportunities to meet Merrihew in the coming weeks, including the company's annual Community Day on May 23. More information is available at [shakespeare.org](http://shakespeare.org)



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Hotchkiss hosts first annual International Piano Competition

Young pianists ages 10 to 18 from the United States, Thailand, South Korea, China, Canada and Azerbaijan gathered on the The Hotchkiss School campus for the inaugural International Piano Competition.

Competitors performed May 15-17 before an international jury — Gloria Chien, Olga Kern, Leonel Morales, Álvaro Teixeira

Lopes, Fabio Witkowski and Gisele Witkowski — and audiences in the school's Katherine M. Elfers Hall at the Esther Eastman Music Center.

At the awards ceremony Sunday, May 17, finalists received certificates and the top three winners in each category performed solo. The competition awarded \$25,000 in

cash prizes and concert opportunities.

First-place winners were:

- Category A (ages 10-12): Sylvie Chiu
- Category B (ages 13-16): Brendan Li
- Category C (ages 17-18): Jamil Sadizadeh

## At The Movies

**Moviehouse** SHOWTIMES & TICKETS 

FRI 5/22 > THU 5/28 - 1 PM Memorial Weekend Matinees [themoviehouse.net](http://themoviehouse.net)

<b>MANDALORIAN &amp; GROGU</b>	Sun. May 24 @ 1 PM Exhibition on Screen <b>FRIDA KAHLO</b>
<b>SHEEP DETECTIVES</b>	Thu. May 28 @ 7 PM
<b>DEVIL WEARS PRADA 2</b>	Sun. May 31 @ 1 PM NT Live
<b>OMAHA</b>	<b>PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD</b>

**GIFT CARDS \* MEMBERSHIPS \* DONATE TODAY**

The Moviehouse is a non-profit 501c3 independent cinema & arts organization.

 48 MAIN STREET, MILLERTON, NY

**Baroque Brilliance**

Joh. Sebastian Bach's Motets

Crescendo Vocal Ensemble, Guineve Fridley, Bass  
Christine Gevert, organ & direction

**22nd Annual Crescendo Season**

Sat. May 30 at 4:00 PM  
Saint James Place, Great Barrington, MA  
BWV 230 Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden  
BWV 227 Jesu, meine Freude  
BWV 228 Fürchte dich nicht, ich bin bei dir

Sun. May 31 at 4:00 PM  
Trinity Lime Rock, Lakeville, CT  
BWV 229 Komm, Jesu, komm  
BWV 226 Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf  
BWV 225 Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied

 [crescendovocalensemble.org](http://crescendovocalensemble.org) 

**METALS REACH RECORD HIGH!**

*We buy gold, gold-filled, silver and platinum.*

*Elizabeth's Jewelry is a licensed buyer.*



**ELIZABETH'S**  
JEWELRY AND FINE GIFTS

[ELIZABETHSJEWELRY.COM](http://ELIZABETHSJEWELRY.COM)

STORE HOURS • MONDAY - FRIDAY 10 - 4:30  
138 RT. 44, MILLERTON, NY 12546 • (518) 789-4649

COMMUNITY

# Meet the horses behind The Equus Effect at Sharon open house

By Sally Haver

The Equus Effect, a Sharon-based equine-assisted learning and equestrian facility that helps participants build emotional resilience through work with horses, will welcome the public to an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at its stables at 37 Drum Road.

Families are invited to bring a picnic lunch and blanket for the afternoon gathering, where The Equus Effect will provide demonstrations, cookies and the chance to meet four of its resident horses — Dutch, Lance, Babe and Blaze — while showcasing the unique ways people can connect and learn through interaction with these animals.

The organization was founded to support veterans and first responders experiencing PTSD, helping them process trauma and better manage the emotional effects associated with working in high-stress environments. Horses, because they are powerful yet gentle and offer honest, nonjudgmental feedback, are uniquely suited to foster trust and connection, providing what organizers describe as “calm in the storm” for people navigating adrenaline-fueled



Jane Strong, co-founder and lead facilitator at The Equus Effect, checking in with one of the hard working horses

PHOTO BY DAVE WAGMAN

responses to external and internal stressors.

The Equus Effect’s offerings have since expanded beyond its flagship emotional fitness program. The organization also offers a four-day workshop based on the Enneagram, a personality

framework that identifies core motivators, fears and behaviors that shape how people view the world. The workshop is designed to help participants develop tools for greater self-awareness and personal growth.

A third program helps

participants build both ground and mounted equestrian skills. The Equus Effect works with groups of children ages 8 and older to develop focus and leadership skills, adults interested in personal and professional growth, and business teams seeking to improve communication and performance. A fourth program, the Facilitator Training Program, takes place over six months and is designed to teach experienced horse people how to work with others.

More information is available at [theequuseffect.org](http://theequuseffect.org).

## ...Sarah Blodgett

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

Photography came first. Her father was a professional photographer in New York, and Blodgett followed him into the field, eventually building a career photographing wildlife, sports and portraits while simultaneously collecting antiques and pieces that fed her layered aesthetic.

For years, she joked about turning her passion into something larger. She trademarked the name “Hoarding With Style,” a process that took nearly two years. Once it finally came through, she laughed. “Well, I guess I should use it.”

As photography rapidly changed in the age of cellphones and artificial intelligence, Blodgett began rethinking what creativity could look like moving forward.

“We also realized we had too much stuff,” she said. “So we started selling pieces on Facebook Marketplace.”

Only Blodgett could not help elevating even that process. Inside her Greek Revival home in West Cornwall, she created styled moments around the things she was selling. People responded not just to the objects, but to the feeling behind them.

Her philosophy is approachable, with affordability in mind. She believes homes should evolve slowly over time, layered with meaningful objects, history and personality rather than stripped down into sterile perfection.

“That’s what gives a home a soul,” she said.

Creativity runs throughout the family. Her husband, a German comedian and juggler, performs internationally, while their 22-year-old child, Badger, is heading to the Maryland Institute College of Art this fall. One of the couple’s four



PHOTO BY SARAH BLODGETT

Sarah Blodgett has turned her passion for collecting into “something larger.”

children in their blended family, Badger has even sold some of their own pieces through Sarah’s shop.

“My mom has been such a rock star at supporting me,” Badger said.

Working with clients, Blodgett describes herself as less decorator and more “creativity facilitator,” helping people uncover their own instincts through ob-

jects that already reflect who they are.

That is exactly what Sarah Blodgett does: She invites visitors not only to explore her journey, but perhaps to begin uncovering their own.

*Hoarding With Style* is located at 406 Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall and is open Friday-Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

## ... ‘Catching Light’

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

brush on canvas.”

Block commends Hunt Library’s Art Wall team: Garth Kobal and Sergei and Zoe Fedorjaczenko.

“I think so highly of them,” she said. “I can’t say no to Garth, who is such a sincere, talented and generous person.”

Block is guided by the

thought, “You are what you focus on,” and says this, along with the natural world and music, helps her bring herself to “light and beauty” through painting.

For more information about Block and the exhibit, visit [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org) and [janetandreblock.com](http://janetandreblock.com)



Artist Janet Andre Block in her studio in Salisbury.



PHOTOS BY L. TORMAINO

Janet Block discusses painting.

The Bang Family Presents

# Spring Pops Concert

Saturday  
May 30  
3 PM

The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra

## Our American Composers

The Smithfield Church

A contribution of \$20 at the door is suggested

656 Smithfield Valley Rd.  
Amenia, NY  
Info 518-598-8276  
[TheSmithfieldChurch.org](http://TheSmithfieldChurch.org)



“Udderly Artistic”  
WHERE AGRICULTURE MEETS ACRYLIC  
MARCH 20-JUNE 7

Holly Aragi is a local artist and dairy farmer from Sheffield, MA. Her goal as a painter is to encourage the appreciation of ordinary things and to represent the beauty and blessings of everyday life. Explore the quiet in a loud world and view her peaceful perspective.

EXHIBIT OPEN FOR VIEWING  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
11:00-4:00  
LEARNING CENTER  
UNTIL JUNE 7TH

Noble HORIZONS

17 Cobble Rd.  
Salisbury, CT 06068  
860-435-9851  
[noblehorizons.org](http://noblehorizons.org)



PHOTO PROVIDED

The upstairs community space at Random Harvest Market in Craryville is hosting a series of Soup Night fundraisers to support the market following the recent fatal crash and road detour at the nearby Route 23 intersection. Featuring food, music and community gathering, the next event is May 24. More information at [randomharvestmarket.com](http://randomharvestmarket.com)

## ... Infinity Hall

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

the community has felt the loss," Heller said. "This announcement is tremendously exciting, not only because of the new restaurant and programming, but because David's plans include contributing to the culture and life of the town."

"I am completely delighted with the new direction," said Norfolk activist and Economic Development Commission member Libby Borden. "I certainly hope Norfolk supports Infinity Hall in every way."



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Nearly 200 people gathered at Infinity Hall to discuss possibilities for its future use.

## Tri-Corner Calendar

### MAY 21

#### Make & Mend Meetup

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. This free monthly meetup invites menders, makers and the mending-curious to gather over tea for an evening of stitching, repair and creative exchange. 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own project and materials; a limited selection of donated patching fabrics will be available. Additional meetups are scheduled for June 25 and July 30.

#### Memorial Day Classic

Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Road, Salisbury, Conn. May 21-24

Memorial Day Weekend brings wheel-to-wheel racing action to Lime Rock Park with Trans Am and SVRA competition. Fans can watch modern Mustangs, Camaros, Challengers and Corvettes alongside vintage race cars, from classic Jaguars and Porsches to historic Indy and Formula 1 machines. Veterans and active military receive free general admission with proof of service; children 12 and under are free. Doors open at 7 a.m.

#### Boondocks Film Society: "Josie and the Pussycats" 25th Anniversary Screening

Four Brothers Drive-In, 4957 Route 22, Amenia, N.Y. 7 to 10 p.m. (film at dusk). Outdoor screening celebrating the cult classic's anniversary, with soundtrack-inspired music by Sadie Dupuis (Sad13, Speedy Ortiz), themed food and cocktails, and a commemorative poster. Tickets at [boondocksfilm-society.org](http://boondocksfilm-society.org).

### MAY 22

#### Hotchkiss Orchestra & Right Brain Logic Spring Concert

Katherine M. Elfers Hall, Esther Eastman Music Center, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn. The Hotchkiss School invites the community to a free evening of music at 7 p.m. The orchestra, led by Fabio Witkowski, will perform works by Chopin, Grieg and de Falla, while Right Brain Logic, directed by Michael Musillami, will present original compositions and arrangements showcasing the collaborative energy of student jazz performance.

### MAY 23

#### Dorodango: A Meditative Craft Workshop with Erica Recto

Common Place Craft Workshop, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. Erica Recto leads an adult meditative craft workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. exploring the Japanese art of dorodango, or "mud dumpling," in which participants shape and polish mud spheres while focusing on mindfulness and intention. Supplies provided; participants may bring fragrant herbs or soil from a meaningful place to incorporate. \$35. Registration required at [commonplacecraft.square.site](http://commonplacecraft.square.site)

#### Divas Divine at Hunter Bee: Paintings by Jenny Belin

Hunter Bee, 21 Main St.,

Millerton, N.Y.

Opening reception at 4:30 p.m. The exhibition features a wide range of glamorous subjects including portraits of tuxedo cats, golden retrievers, Warhol icon Candy Darling, and John Waters legend Divine. These works are displayed throughout the curated space at Hunter Bee.

#### Knife Sharpening Party

The Alander's Star Lounge, 7519 NY-22, Copake, N.Y. The Alander & North Star are teaming up with Green Point Knives for an afternoon (1 to 9 p.m.) of sharpening, bites and sips. Bring your knives for sharpening. There will also be a selection of quality knives for sale.

#### Meet Your Farmer: Mark Stonehill from Full Circus Farm

Tri Corner FEED Market, 56 S. Center St., Millerton, N.Y. Bring your gardening questions, curiosity and even seeds to the Tri Corner FEED from 1 to 2 p.m. for a lively conversation on growing food in your backyard — year round! Connect with fellow gardeners while learning from local farmer Mark Stonehill.

#### Native Plant Sale

The Pink House Restaurant, 34 Lower River Road, West Cornwall, Conn. The Cornwall Garden Club is hosting its annual native plant sale 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the terrace. With guidance from Michelle Paladino from Linder nursery, Heidi Cunnick from the Cornwall Conservation Commission and Dee Salomon, aka "The Ungardener."

#### Shank Fest

Stissing House, 7801 S Main St., Pine Plains, N.Y. Stissing House hosts Shank Fest at 6 p.m., an evening celebration of spring lamb featuring dishes highlighting local lamb from Dashing Star Farm. The event includes folk music, chilled red wines, and a communal atmosphere centered on seasonal Hudson Valley flavors and gathering with friends old and new. This is a pre-paid reservation event and is non-refundable. Reservations at [stissinghouse.com](http://stissinghouse.com)

#### American Kestrels: Small Falcons with Big Conservation Opportunities

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn. This conservation-focused program explores the regional kestrel nest box initiative and the natural history of American kestrels. Led by Sharon Audubon Center staff, participants begin at the center before traveling to the Twin Oaks property on the Sharon Land Trust to observe nest boxes in the field. The program covers kestrel ecology, conservation status, and habitat restoration efforts. Pre-registration is required. [audubon.org/sharon](http://audubon.org/sharon)

#### The Great Pollinator Ramble

Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. Innisfree Garden presents The Great Pollinator Ramble from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. as part of Spring Community Day. This interactive event features larger-than-life pollinator puppets hidden

throughout the garden's 185-acre landscape. Volunteer puppeteers ages 13 and up are invited to participate. Details and registration are available at [innisfreegarden.org](http://innisfreegarden.org)

fine art and fine functional art festival featuring artists from Connecticut and six other states; presented by The Voice of Art, a nonprofit visual arts organization. Free and open to the public.

### MAY 24

#### Diane Taraz: "Surprising But True"

Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road, Monterey, Mass. Bidwell House Museum opens its 36th season with a 2 p.m. concert and reception featuring singer-songwriter Diane Taraz performing "Surprising But True," a musical program of unexpected stories from American history told through traditional and original songs.

#### Second Annual Fix-It Pop-Up!

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [scovillelibrary.org](http://scovillelibrary.org) and [salisburycongregationalchurch.org](http://salisburycongregationalchurch.org) Bring broken household items for free repairs, from jewelry and clothing to lamps and bicycles, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Library Street in Salisbury. Appointments are required and can be made through the library calendar at [scovillelibrary.org](http://scovillelibrary.org).

#### Catching Light, 75

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. [huntlibrary.org](http://huntlibrary.org) May 23 to June 19

Janet Andre Block presents "Catching Light, 75," an exhibition of recent oil paintings exploring light, mood and the beauty of everyday subjects. Opening reception May 23, 5 to 7 p.m.; artist talk June 4 at 5:30 p.m. Free. [huntlibrary.org/art-wall](http://huntlibrary.org/art-wall)

#### More Mozart Opera Highlights at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Parish 1 Main St. (corner of Rtes. 7 & 341). Kent, Conn. 3 p.m.

Music in the Nave's annual "Mozart in May" concert returns with a quartet of vocalists performing arias, duets and ensembles from *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte* and *The Magic Flute*. Featuring soprano Juliet Schlefer, mezzo-soprano Abbegael Greene, tenor Maximilian Jansen and baritone Benjamin Powell, with pianist Margarita Nuller and cellist Adam Grabois. Tickets: at [bit.ly/mozart26](http://bit.ly/mozart26) and the door.

#### Sara Farrell Okamura: On The Precipice

LABspace, 2642 NY Route 23, Hillsdale, N.Y. May 23 to June 28

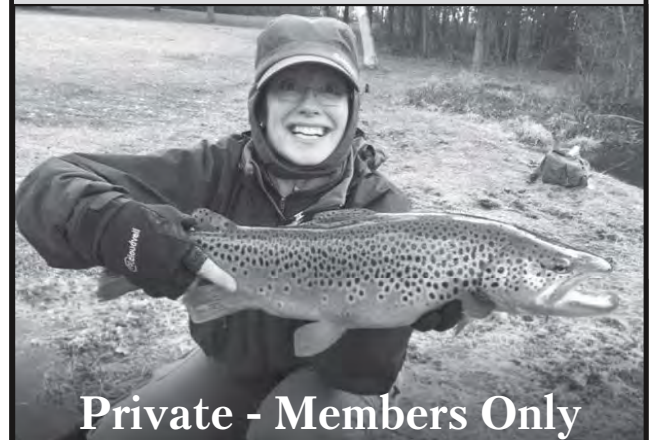
Inquiries: [julielabspace@gmail.com](mailto:julielabspace@gmail.com) Solo exhibition of paintings by North Adams, Mass., artist Sara Farrell Okamura. Opening reception Saturday, May 23, 1-5 p.m. In conversation with Elisabeth Condon Saturday, June 6, 2 p.m.

#### The Voice of Art Fine Art Festival: Sharon on the Green

Sharon Town Green, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn. May 23-24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sixth annual outdoor juried

## Limestone Trout Club

North Canaan, Connecticut



Limited memberships available  
Contact: (959) 988-9165  
[limestoneclub.com](http://limestoneclub.com)  
"The finest stillwater fly fishing in the Northeast!"

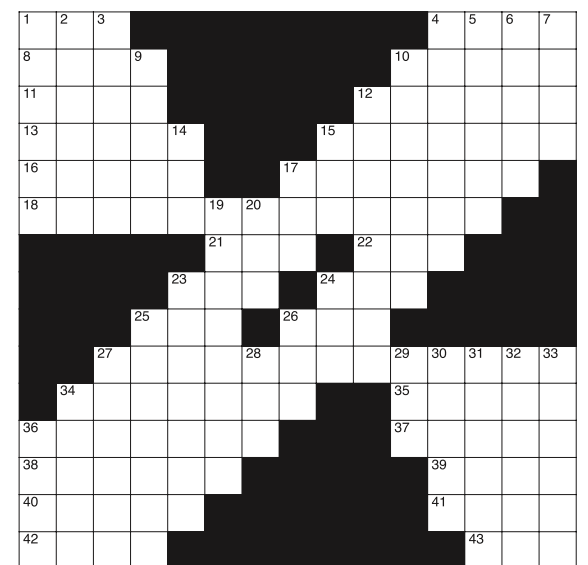
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Government lawyers
- The back of a person's neck
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- In a less flashy way
- Living room piece
- Shepherd dog
- A citizen of Iran
- Moved slowly
- Small finch
- Previously
- What a kid does on Halloween
- Monetary unit
- Using dry humor
- Ocean
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Not close
- NHL legend Bobby
- A ballplayer would love to do this
- Charity
- City in Finland
- Loomed over
- Vaccine developer
- Avoids capture
- We all need it
- Openwork fabrics
- Get away
- Something you might hit
- Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

- Abstain from
- Admirer
- Expedition to observe animals
- Act that is legally void
- WW2 combatants
- A tool
- Looked at
- Showing wild excitement
- Banknotes
- Tired
- Printers need it

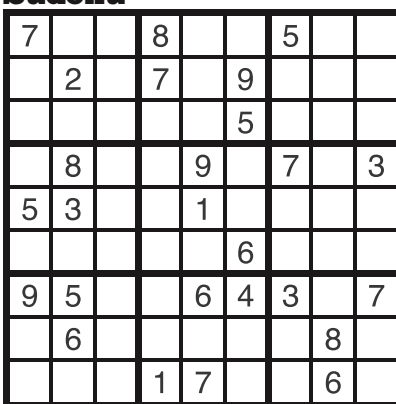


- Women's patriotic group
- When you anticipate getting somewhere
- Functions
- Breed of sheep
- Mocking pieces
- A major division of geological time
- Andiron
- Many not ands
- Cuban city
- He voiced "Olaf"
- Criticize
- "Thundercats" character
- Markings
- Gets up
- MLB lefty reliever A.J.
- An assembly of witches
- High energy lasers (abbr.)

#### May 14 Solution

M	A	C	A	O	A	M	P	S	O	R	D	O			
A	N	O	L	E	D	E	S	T	I	N	I	N	E		
W	O	R	L	D	S	E	R	I	E	S	W	I	N	S	
S	A	D	A	P	E	E	R	A	S	E					
			S	P	T	S	P	A	R						
			S	O	D	S	P	L	E	D	G	E			
O	M	A	N			B	A	E	L	A	D	H			
H	O	N	E			H	O	A	N	S		A	D	A	R
M	A	T	V	A	I	N		E	M	U	S				
N	A	S	I	W	S			E	M	U	S				
			P	A	G	E	C	T	I	A					
B	L	I	N	I		A	A	R		M	A	R			
G	O	U	N	D	E	R	T	H	E	K	N	I	F	E	
S	E	C	E	S	S	I	O	N		W	I	T	A	N	
A	R	E	S		T	O	R			E	B	E	R	T	

#### Sudoku



#### May 14 Solution

9	1	4	8	3	5	2	6	7
6	5	7	2	4	9	1	8	3
2	3	8	7	1	6	5	4	9
1	8	6	5	2	3	7	9	4
3	2	9	1	7	4	6	5	8
7	4	5	6	9	8	3	1	2
8	9	1	3	6	7	4	2	5
5	7	2	4	8	1	9	3	6
4	6	3	9	5	2	8	7	1

Level: Intermediate



Senior Living • Rehabilitation • Skilled Nursing

A nonprofit organization  
17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068  
(860) 435-9851 • [www.noblehorizons.org](http://www.noblehorizons.org)



BOOKS

# The many voices of “A Jericho’s Cobble”

By Patrick L. Sullivan

Tom Shachtman read from his new book, “A Jericho’s Cobble Miscellany,” at the Scoville Memorial Library on Sunday, May 17.

Shachtman and Harriet Shelane read excerpts from the points of view of an 18th-century settler in the wilds of New England, a contemporary high school senior who cannot wait to get herself out of town, a Native American sachem and an upright piano.

The book tells the story of a fictional New England village that Shachtman said he imagines as being about 20 miles east of Great Barrington.

It is a tale told through several genres: fiction, newspaper stories, oral histories, poetry, plays and emails.

Shachtman said he was inspired by Edgar Lee Masters’ “Spoon River Anthology,” in which small-town Americans’ stories are told in free-verse form by the deceased.

“I thought it was a wonderful idea, but I didn’t want everybody to be dead.”

Shachtman said there are more than 100 distinct voices in the book and that he began with 50 to 100 pages of notes on all sorts of topics.

“It’s not one story. It’s many stories. That’s why it took five years.”

Shachtman was asked how closely Salisbury resembles Jericho’s Cobble.

“Of course there are similarities. I’ve lived here for 30 years.”

He said certain stories in the book, such as an arson attack at the Town Hall and the transformation of the local weekly newspaper from a for-profit to a nonprofit,



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Author Tom Schachtman

have obvious local precedents.

“But these are not unique to us,” he added.

About that upright piano: Shachtman paused before reading that particular excerpt and looked at the audience.

“Not all the speakers are living or dead. Some are inanimate objects.”

He then read “An Upright’s Lament.”

“I haven’t been seriously caressed in a long time,” the passage begins.

The piano, a 1903 Hamilton, goes on to say it has been relegated to “the seldom-used back dining room of the Grey Griffon Inn with its fading wallpaper.”

“In my heyday, when many people still knew how

to play a piano, I was the focus of attention in the pub, where late of an evening, after enough alcohol had been downed, there would always be someone opening me up and striking my keys, to general enjoyment.”

But times have changed, and the piano is not optimis-

tic.

“I fear the coming winter’s continuously roaring fires in the inn’s many fireplaces: Their dry heat will wick away the last bit of moisture from my woods, leaving me fit only for the garbage heap and the lumber pile.”

**THE RE INSTITUTE**  
AN ALTERNATIVE ART GALLERY

1395 Boston Corners Rd.  
Millerton, NY 12546  
518-567-5359

Open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
1pm to 4pm

www.TheReInstitute.com

arts  
**Local Matters**

News and Arts reporting in Northwest Connecticut and Eastern Dutchess County in New York

The Lakeville Journal  
lakevillejournal.com

The Millerton News  
millertonnews.com

**GEARY**

**A Line, A Shape, A Tool**  
May 23 - July 5, 2026

William Corwin  
Pooneh Maghazeh  
Russell Maltz  
Sun You

14 Main St, Salisbury CT  
geary.nyc

Sculpture by Pooneh Maghazeh

To Place an Ad Call 860-435-9873 or visit lakevillejournal.com/classified-ad

## Classifieds

### TAG SALES

**FALLS VILLAGE, CT**

**MULTI FAMILY TAG SALE:** 16 Route 7 South, FALLS VILLAGE. Vintage appliances, Household items 1992 Mercedes 380 SL Project car. Across from John Robshaw and TSB. SATURDAY ONLY 5/23/26.

### HELP WANTED

**PART-TIME CARE-GIVER NEEDED:** possibly LIVE-IN. Bright private STUDIO on 10 acres. Queen Bed, En-Suite Bathroom, Kitchenette & Garage. SHARON 407-620-7777.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT, PART TIME:** Tuesday to Friday, for exclusive private practice in Sharon, CT. Flexible schedule and hours, competitive salary. 860-364-0200, office@drnweeia.org.

**TECH HELP NEEDED:** A collaboration of 7 local libraries is seeking 2 part-time digital navigators to provide digital and technical assistance to members of the community. 12 hours per week. Training provided. Competitive hourly rate. For more information, please use this link: cornwalllibrary.org/digital-navigator-position/ or call 860-672-6874.

### HELP WANTED

**SUMMER OFFICE HELP NEEDED:** PC and social media skills for local bookstore. Contact by text 860-671-9197.

**THE TOWN OF SALISBURY:** Seeking a full-time Town Hall Administrative Assistant. For more information or to send a cover letter and resume, please email: townhall@salisburyct.us. You may also view a full job description on the Town website: www.salisburyct.us/employment. Applications must be received by May 22, 2026. The Town of Salisbury is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**WYANTENUCK COUNTRY CLUB IS SEEKING LIFEGUARDS:** for our upcoming season. Lifeguard position starts end of May/mid June. Please call 413-528-0350 or email: jen@wyantenuck.org.

### SERVICES OFFERED

**DETAILED CLEANING:** Spotless Spaces, Every Time: We specialize in rental turnovers and weekly home cleanings. Let’s make your space shine! 413-854-7417.

**HECTOR PACAY LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC:** Fully insured. Renovation, decking, painting; interior exterior, mowing lawn, garden, stone wall, patio, tree work, clean gutters, mowing fields. 845-636-3212.

### SERVICES OFFERED

**GARDENING:** Spring and Fall Cleanup and Stone W alls. 845-444-4492.

### REAL ESTATE

**PUBLISHER’S NOTICE:** Equal Housing Opportunity. All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1966 revised March 12, 1989 which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap or familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. All residential property advertised in the State of Connecticut General Statutes 46a-64c which prohibit the making, printing or publishing or

### REAL ESTATE

causing to be made, printed or published any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, physical or mental disability or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

Email ads to [classified@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:classified@lakevillejournal.com)

To view all the news and Classifieds from The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News each week, go to our websites at [lakevillejournal.com](http://lakevillejournal.com) and [millertonnews.com](http://millertonnews.com)

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**NEW 3 ROOM APARTMENT:** Quiet area. Utilities included. \$1500. 860-248-0056.

### HOUSES FOR RENT

**MT RIGA LAKEFRONT CABIN:** Private beach, canoe, kayaks, fishing \$1,275 / Week 585-355-5245.

**HELP WANTED PART-TIME OFFICE MANAGER**

Lakeville, CT

Approx 10 hours a week  
\$20/hr min,  
commensurate with experience

Email [office@mountriga.org](mailto:office@mountriga.org)  
Call (860) 435-0771

**Finance Associate Full-Time**

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News seek a Finance Associate to assist with payroll, HR, processing accounts payable, data entry and customer service. Knowledge of accounting, QuickBooks and excel preferred. Must be able to work independently. Full-time with benefits.

Please send resume to [accounting@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:accounting@lakevillejournal.com)

The Lakeville Journal  
lakevillejournal.com • 860-435-9873

The MILLERTON NEWS  
millertonnews.com • 860-435-9873 ext. 608

**Robinson Leech Real Estate**  
Distinctive Country Properties

FOR NATURE LOVERS: AN ECONOMICAL LAND SITE WITH NATURE BOG;  
FOR BEACH LOVERS: AN AUGUST 16-24th RENTAL WITH OCEAN VIEW

OCEAN VIEW RENTAL

7+ ACRES OF LAND

4-5 acres 'declared' to be a BOG; balance available for building a nature's outlook, or fulltime home. Flat where buildable. Includes an installed underground power hookup into the site. Selective clearing involve. Subject to complying with town regulations. New perc tests required. Offered at \$110,000

FACING THE ATLANTIC: Wonderful Summer Beach house with 4 bedrooms. No pets, walk the beach, swim in the ocean, enjoys sunsets, and surrounds. Massachusetts South coast location. AVAILABLE AUG 16-24. Call for additional information. Owner offered.

Selling properties in CT, Mass, and New York, since 1955  
318 Main Street • Lakeville, Connecticut • 860-435-9891 • [www.robinleechrealestate.com](http://www.robinleechrealestate.com)

To Have Your Service Listed and reach 30,000 Potential Customers Call 860-435-9873

# Specialist Directory

**DEADLINE**  
Friday at 4 p.m. for the following  
Thursday's publication date.

Full color available.  
Call your advertising  
manager today!

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News • Compass • lakevillejournal.com • millertonnews.com

## Auto Repair

**NORTH EAST MUFFLER INC.**  
Custom Bending Up to 3 Inches  
Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • New York State Inspections  
Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5; Saturday 8 to 1  
Route 22, Millerton, NY  
John Heck (518) 789-3669 Cindy Heck

## Landscaping/Excavation

**VADNEY'S LANDSCAPING INC. TREE SERVICE**  
Transforming Outdoor Spaces  
(860) 248-9442 • VADNEYSLANDSCAPING.COM  
Complete Site Work • Brush Hogging • Excavation • Tree Work  
Land Clearing • Septic Systems • Lawn Care • Snow Plowing  
Free Estimates • Fully Insured E-mail: DylanVadney@yahoo.com

## Painting

**CHIK'S PAINTING**  
"Quality work at its best"  
Interior/ Exterior  
Carpentry/ Remodeling  
Powerwashing  
Drywall & Taping  
Popcorn Removal  
Wallpaper Hanging & Removal  
Over 40 years experience  
Fully insured • Local references  
Credit Cards Accepted  
860-484-9127 HIC0673003

## Roofing Services

**DJ Hall Roofing & Siding, LLC**  
Quality Work at Competitive Prices  
Roofing • Damage Repairs • Gutters • Solar  
Interior/Exterior Painting • Drywall • Repairs  
Fully Licensed & Insured | Residential & Commercial Repairs  
GAF Master Elite Installer & BBB Rated  
Over 35 years experience  
69 Ginger Ln, Torrington, CT • djhallroofing.com  
860-485-5887 • djhallroofing@optonline.net

## Blinds

**BUDGET BLINDS**  
Style and service for every budget!  
**FREE In-Home Consultation**  
Shades, Blinds, Shutters,  
Home Automation and more  
www.budgetblinds.com  
An Independently Owned  
and Operated Franchise

**JOHN & JUNE KINSKY**  
BUDGET BLINDS OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY  
860.619.2811  
jjkinsky@budgetblinds.com  
budgetblinds.com/litchfieldcounty  
HIC#0648748

**Greener Gardens LANDSCAPING**  
FULLY INSURED CT & NY  
860-671-7850  
PAINTING • PATIOS • LAWN MOWING  
WOOD CLEARING • SNOW PLOWING  
LAWN FERTILIZER • HANDYMAN WORK  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT • EXCAVATION

## Hussey Painting

Decorating & Wallpapering  
Interior & Exterior  
Residential, Commercial & Industrial  
State Licensed Home Improvement Contractors  
Insured & EPA Certified  
Now accepting most major credit cards  
Family Owned and operated Since 1978  
Emmet Hussey www.hussey-painting.com  
860-435-8149 emmethussey@gmail.com

**THOMSON ROOFING LLC**  
"WE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND"  
STANDING SEAM METAL • SHINGLES  
Brad Thomson  
413-854-3663 • bthomson75@yahoo.com  
Sheffield, MA

## Building/Remodeling

Is your chore list out of control? Need a hand around the house?  
**HandyMa'am**  
is here to help.  
CARPENTRY • HOME REPAIRS • DOORS & WINDOWS • FRAMING &  
DRYWALL • BUILT-INS & SHELVING • PAINTING • DECKS • GUTTERS •  
PRESSURE WASHING • RAISED BEDS • YARDWORK • AND MORE  
(917)658-1262 / yourhandyamaam@gmail.com

## Lightning Rods

**Lightning Protection!**  
**ASSOCIATED LIGHTNING**  
Rod Company, Inc  
Free Estimates / Inspections!  
845-373-8309 / 518-789-4603  
www.alrci.com info@alrci.com

## CREAM HILL PAINT & PAPER

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING • WALLPAPERING  
CREAMHILLPAINTING@GMAIL.COM • 917 400 1154  
FULLY INSURED • INSTAGRAM: @CREAMHILLPAINTING

**Paramount Professional ROOFING**  
Serving the Greater Litchfield County area  
ROOFING • SIDING  
GUTTERS • REPAIRS  
Fully Insured  
860-459-9921 | ParamountProRoofing.com

## Floor Refinishing

**THE FLOOR SPECIALIST**  
"When You Want The Best"  
Old/new resurfaced to perfection.  
Frank Monda  
thefloorspecialist@verizon.net | 860-671-0468

## Moving

**KARL ON WHEELS**  
Let us move your stuff  
Prompt, Safe Delivery • Fully Insured  
(860)499-0406  
karlonwheels.com

## Property Services

**SHARON LAWN & LANDSCAPE**  
Serving Northwest CT and Dutchess County, NY  
**Excavation**  
Excavators • Backhoes • Bulldozers  
Dumptrucks • Power Rake • Foundations Dug  
Water & Electric Lines Dug  
Drainage Installed • Landclearing • Grading  
Ponds Dug • Driveways/Roads Repaired/Installed  
**Landscaping**  
Lawn Installation • Lawn Repair • Fencing  
Paver Bluestone Terraces • Retaining Walls  
Unilock, Versa-Lok, Cambridge Pavers  
Decorative Ponds, Waterfalls  
Tree And Shrub Planting  
**Grounds Maintenance**  
Lawn Care • Spring Clean Up • Fall Clean Up  
Edging, Mulching • Lawn Fertilization  
Lawn Pest, Disease Control • Weed Control  
Weekly Maintenance Programs • Field Mowing  
Snowplowing, Salting, Sanding • Brush Clearing  
Commercial & Residential | Credit Cards Accepted  
(860) 672-5260  
sharonlawnandlandscape@yahoo.com  
Home Improvement Contractor: #0652878

## Tree Service

RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL  
**JOHN'S TREE SERVICE**  
Tree Removal • Chipping • View Cutting • Land Clearing  
Logging • Forestry Mowing • Bush Hogging  
860-824-8149  
PO Box 414 East Canaan, CT 06024  
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

**PEROTTI TREE SURGEONS LLC**  
Shade Tree Preservation • Home Orchard Care  
Landscape Renovation • Hazard Tree Removal  
Tick Control • Organic Options  
Native Arborist since 1997  
Jeff Perotti • 860-824-5051  
perottitreesurgeons.com  
CT Pest Registration #B-2341  
CT Lic. Arborist #54607 MA Cert. Arborist #2136

## Garden Design

**MEADOWSCAPES**  
ECOLOGICAL DESIGN BY MART'S LANDSCAPING  
Native Meadow Installation & Maintenance • Garden Design  
Invasive Species Removal • Habitat Restoration • Plant Health Care  
(860)824-1188  
meadows@mattslandscapingct.com

## Overhead Doors

Madsen Overhead Doors offers numerous door options to fit any budget! Residential, commercial & industrial doors, electric operators, radio controls, sales & service.  
Celebrating **71 Years**  
**MADSEN OVERHEAD DOORS**  
Fast, friendly service since 1954  
(518) 392 3883  
673 Route 203, Spencertown, NY  
www.MadsenOverheadDoors.com

Christopher Toomey 860-824-4956  
Licensed Arborist Telephone & Fax  
**TOOMEY TREE CARE**  
25 Years Exp. Free Estimates  
6 Barracks Road Canaan, CT 06018  
CT Arborist Lic. #S-4207  
Pruning-Bracing-Clearing  
Ornamental & Hedge Trimming  
Removals-Vistas  
Tree Fertilization

## Landscaping/Excavation

**Stoneridge**  
Property Solutions LLC  
SALISBURY, CT  
860-387-5217  
• LAWN CARE  
• LANDSCAPING INSTALLATION  
• DRIVEWAY REPAIR  
• FIELD MOWING

lakevillejournal.com  
millertonnews.com  
When you need  
to know what's happening  
in your area, we're there.

**COLBY'S TREE & LANDSCAPING**  
Why Choose Us?  
• Reliable  
• Insured  
• Affordable  
Contact Us: (860) 248-9456  
LAWN MOWING  
TREE REMOVAL  
EXCAVATION



# Your Local News Just the Way You Like It

Print Subscription Includes  
Free Access to Website  
and the Replica Edition!  
**\$10 monthly**  
In County | \$12.25 Outside County

**The Lakeville Journal**  
**The MILLERTON NEWS**  
Subscribe Today  
860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com  
LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com