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## 'We're going to fix the store'

Sharon Farm Market owner says store will remain open amid closure rumors

By Aly Morrissey

SHARON – Despite months of speculation fueled by half-empty shelves, inventory shortages and the planned departures of two longtime businesses, Sharon Farm Market is not closing, according to owner Chris Choe.

"We're not shutting down," Choe said, adding that he and his wife, Kim, are planning a series of upgrades they hope will transform the market over the coming months. Choe said they expect to receive a new 20-year lease from the property's landlords and are moving forward with plans to revitalize the business.

Asked about the store's appearance and inventory concerns, Chris Choe acknowledged that changes are needed.

"We're going to take care of everything," he said. "We're going to fix the store."

Choe said remodeling will take place at night so the market can remain open during normal busi-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Fernando Nottebohn says he appreciates Sharon Farm Market as part of a weekly circuit he does from his home in Lithgow, New York, that also includes Paley's Farm Market

ness hours. He describes a grand vision with a revamped deli, online ordering, home grocery deliveries,

and a cafe and bakery serving coffee and organic juice,

"My team is almost ready," he said of the next iteration of the market. He estimates the updates will take several months, and that

shoppers can expect a better store experience that will even allow for Door Dash.

The comments come as rumors

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PHOTO MADI LONG

Cole Bushnell, 41, of Ashley Falls is arraigned on one count of murder at Southern Berkshire District Court June 2. He is being held without bail.

## Ashley Falls man charged with murder

By Christian Murray

SHEFFIELD – An Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, man is being held without bail after prosecutors alleged he killed a Connecticut man whose body was later discovered on his property.

Cole Bushnell, 41, was arraigned Tuesday morning in Southern Berkshire District Court on one count of murder,

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## Jam Food Shop confirms October move to Salisbury

By Alec Linden

SHARON – After 16 years serving sandwiches, prepared foods and catered meals from the back of Sharon Farm Market, Jam Food Shop will leave the grocery store this fall and relocate to a new home in downtown Salisbury.

In October, Jam Food Shop will relocate to 19 Main St. in Salisbury, taking over the space formerly occupied by Neo Restaurant & Bar before its permanent closure last month.

Colin Kennedy, Jam's deli manager since joining in 2020

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## Students and adults earn FFA honors during annual banquet

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE – The Housatonic Valley FFA reflected on a year of accomplishments during its annual banquet and awards ceremony at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Thursday, May 28. Outgoing chapter president Riley Mahaffey, a senior, looked back on the group's past year.

"We've had a lot of success," she said.

Mahaffey, an Amenia, New York, resident and agricultural student at HVRHS, will attend Kansas State University in the fall to study agriculture business.

"I figured if I'm going to go, I might as well go far," she said with a grin.

The chapter presented Special Chapter Citation awards – which recognize community members who work closely with the FFA chapter – to Chris Crane Sr., Bruce Bennett, Brian Allyn Sr., Erica Mahaffey and Rick McCue.

While FFA membership is primarily made up of HVRHS agricultural students, chapters may also give honorary memberships to adults who have supported agricultural education and the organization.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Riley Mahaffey, president of the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter, and David Moran, chair of the Agriculture Education department, deliver remarks at the FFA banquet and awards ceremony May 28.

Honorary FFA memberships were awarded to Mike and Megan Gawel and Julie Lang.

Several students earned State Degrees, the highest honor a state FFA association gives. Recipients included Hayden Bachman, Kellie Eisermann, Michael Gawel, Daniel Moran, Daphne Paine, Hayden Bell, Levi Elliot, Spencer Markow, Logan Padelli and Allana Tatrot. State Degrees recognize significant involvement in FFA leadership, chapter activities and agriculture education.

FFA alumni Emma Crane and Will Starr received American Degrees, the organization's highest honor. Winners must hold a State FFA Degree, be active FFA members for the preceding three years, complete secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Winners also must be involved in community service, exhibit leadership ability and demonstrate outstanding scholastic achievement.

## Lake Wononscopomuc at 'critical time,' researchers warn

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Researchers are warning that Lake Wononscopomuc is at a "critical time" as concerns grow over declining water clarity, nutrient pollution and the long-term condition of Connecticut's deepest natural lake.

The announcement came during a 90-minute Zoom meeting of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association on May 26, attended by several dozen residents, lakefront property owners and association

members.

Discussion centered around a newly released lake management report, prepared by Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR) and posted on the lake association's website. Researchers noted that while overall water quality remains relatively strong, several indicators warrant continued monitoring and proactive management.

For area residents and weekenders who visit The Grove during the summer, this means the water is currently safe for recreational use, although scientists and researchers are closely monitoring

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### Online This Week

#### Mountaineers medal at state track meet

Several Housatonic Valley Regional High School track and field athletes made the podium at states June 1. Read more at 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.

#### Vehicle hits tree after sliding on gravel

On the evening of May 21, Mira Trezza-Leven, 51, of New York City was driving west on Lovers Lane in Sharon when she drove over a gravel patch going downhill and lost control, running off the roadway and striking a tree. Trezza-Leven reported minor injuries and was evaluated by Sharon EMS responders. Her Tesla T3 was towed from the scene. She was ultimately issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

#### Disorderly conduct and resisting arrest

Just after 1 p.m. on May 25, troopers responded to an address on Moses Mead Road in East Canaan on the report of an active disturbance. After investigating, troopers arrested Christopher Fasolo, 37, of East Canaan for disorderly conduct and interfering with officers. Two victims aged 69 and 75 were listed and stated to be uninjured in the incident. He was held on a \$10,000 cash bond, and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court the next day.

#### Car strikes utility pole

Monica Garay, 44, of Sharon, was driving north of Jewett Hill Road just north of the intersection with Calkinstown Road on the evening of May 27 when her vehicle veered across the southbound lane and struck a utility pole. Garay's Toyota Camry was disabled by the incident, and she left the scene via a pickup from a friend with suspected minor injuries. Garay was issued a misdemeanor summons for evading responsibility and failure to maintain lane.

#### Disorderly conduct arrest in Salisbury

At around 1 p.m. on May 27, Victoria Deluca, 44, of Salisbury was taken into custody on an outstanding arrest warrant for an incident that occurred on May 21. Deluca was processed for disorderly conduct and subsequently released on a \$500 non-surety bond. She was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on May 28.

#### Disorderly conduct arrest in Salisbury

At approximately 6 a.m. on May 28, troopers placed Tyler Kilventon, 35, of Salisbury, under custody on an active warrant dating to an incident two days before. Kilventon was processed for disorderly conduct and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court the next day.

#### Two car collision on Route 7

On the afternoon of May 28, Russell Lowell, 66, of East Canaan was traveling north

on Route 7 in North Canaan just south of the intersection with Sand Road when a Subaru Forester pulled out of a driveway without granting right of way, causing Lowell to collide with the driver's side of the vehicle. Lisa Spadaccini, 71, of Falls Village was found to be at fault for the incident, and enforcement action is pending. Both her vehicle and Lowell's Ford Explorer were towed, and both drivers were transported by North Canaan EMS to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital with suspected minor injuries.

#### Single car accident on Route 4

Just after 6 a.m. on May 29, troopers responded to Route 4 in Sharon near Hidden Lane on the report of a single vehicle accident. Upon investigating, troopers gathered that Alexander Paparazzo, 32, of Woodbury, Connecticut, lost control of his Saab 9-2X Aero and drove off the roadway, striking a wire rope guardrail. Paparazzo was uninjured, but his vehicle was towed from the scene. He was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane.

#### Tree limb collision

Shortly after 9 p.m. on May 29, John Miller, 41, of Washington, D.C., was traveling north on Route 41 near the intersection with Cobble Road in Salisbury when he struck a large tree branch in the roadway. Witnesses stated the branch fell approximately 30 seconds before the collision. The branch also brought down several power lines. The Mercedes-Benz M35 Miller drove was disabled, but he was uninjured in the incident.

#### Car strikes CT welcome sign

Riley Clark, 25, of Anram, New York was across the New York/Connecticut state line on Route 44 early on May 29 his Toyota Camry ran off the roadway. The vehicle struck approximately 20 feet of guardrail rope and the Connecticut welcome sign before coming to a rest. The Camry was disabled, but Clark was uninjured in the incident. Clark was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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.

## Warren median price spikes above \$900,000

By Christine Bates

WARREN — Warren, a rural community bordering Lake Waramaug, saw its 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home rise to \$905,000 for the period ending April 30, 2026.

The figure represents a 35% increase from the \$669,250 median recorded for the 12 months ending April 30, 2025, and a 76% increase from the \$515,000 median recorded for the year ending April 30, 2024.

The 12-month rolling average of home sales through April 30 was 17, compared with 20 during the previous 12-month period. With only about 650 housing units, Warren's small housing stock often results in months with little or no sales activity. For instance, during the first four months of 2026, just four properties changed hands, including vacant land.

Meanwhile, at the end of May, only five single-family



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Situated on 29.5 acres, 100 Rabbit Hill Road in Warren sold for \$750,000 in April with a market value of \$435,700, according to the town assessor's field card.

homes were listed for sale, four of them priced above \$1 million. Eight parcels of land were on the market, with asking prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$3.5 million for a one-acre lot on Arrow Point Road.

Seasonal rentals remained readily available at the end of May, with eight furnished summer homes still on the market. Since January, four furnished summer homes have been rented through local real estate agencies, with

monthly rents ranging from \$8,500 to \$20,000, roughly in line with last year's activity.

#### Warren Transfers from January through April 2026

57 Curtiss Road – 3 bedroom/1.5 main house with 1 bedroom/1 bath unit over the garage on .97 acres. It was sold by Caroline Farnsworth and George Smith, co-executors of the estate of Virginia Smith, on Feb. 9 for \$520,000.

Sacket Hill Road – 26.59 acres of vacant land. It was

sold by Karen Miles Hambleton Executor Estate of David Miles to YWC Properties LLC on Feb. 9 for \$175,000.

100 Rabbit Hill Road – 3 bedroom/1 bath home with acreage sold by Dorothy Yodkins Executor Estate of Minerva Smalley to 100 Rabbit Hill Farm LLC on April 1 for \$750,000.

89 North Shore Road – 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 2.25 acres built in 1954. It was sold by Margaret Cabral Trustee of Marital Trust U/A Doar Stoll Blinn on April 20 for \$3,300,000.

\* Town of Warren real estate transfers recorded between January 1, 2026, and April 30, 2026, provided by Warren 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.

## Region One to begin school study in September

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE – The Region One Board of Education voted Monday, June 1, to move forward with a broad organizational study that could shape the future of education in the Northwest Corner. The study will run from September 2026 to May 2027, with findings expected to be presented in June 2027.

The board also approved expanding the study from kindergarten through grade eight to include Housatonic

Valley Regional High School, making it a K-12 review. Six member towns will decide this summer whether to participate. Communities that opt out will not be included in the study's findings.

Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley emphasized that the goal of the study is to provide information, not to recommend a course of action.

Brady-Shanley said she and Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick will run the study, drawing on

state and local resources as needed, but do not intend to hire outside consultants.

"The purpose of this organizational study is to evaluate the Region's K-8 structure to ensure long-term educational excellence, equity, and fiscal sustainability," Brady-Shanley said.

The board highlighted the issue of declining enrollment in several smaller schools while operational costs continue to rise. The study will clearly outline the financial and educational realities of

the Region's current model so that each local board of education and community can make informed, data-driven decisions about their school, Brady-Shanley added.

Community identity will also be a focal point of the study and will examine the importance of local schools.

"We get a lot of questions, and we don't always have the answers," she said. "If nothing else happens at least we'll be educated on the information."

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# Our Towns

## Kent approves \$16.9M budget, increases mill rate by 2.78%

By Aly Morrissey

KENT – More than 40 Kent residents turned out for the annual town budget meeting Friday, May 29, approving the 2026-27 spending plan by a vote of 34-11.

The approved budget will set the mill rate at 17.34, an increase of 2.78% from the current rate of 16.87. For a home assessed at \$350,000, the increase is expected to raise annual property taxes by about \$200.

The total budget of \$16,933,279 includes a Board of Selectman budget of \$5,285,669, a Board of Education budget of \$5,307,470, and Kent's share of the Region One budget, \$2,783,359, which voters approved districtwide May 5.

Residents unanimously elected resident Steve Pender to serve as the moderator. Pender guided attendees through a series of budget-related motions, including the creation of a new capital project for paving Judd Avenue and Elizabeth Street and several transfers between completed and ongoing capital projects. All were approved.

Much of the discussion centered on questions and criticisms raised by resident

Matt Starr, who challenged several budget line items and capital expenditures. Starr questioned the need for a new paving project and unsuccessfully proposed eliminating funding for new highway equipment and a \$200,000 town asphalt line item. Both motions were defeated by wide margins following paper-ballot votes.

During discussion of the paving project, town officials explained that work on Judd Avenue and Elizabeth Street would be completed in conjunction with a sidewalk and paving project at Kent Center School.

Members of Kent's Board of Education attended the meeting, and said they were pleased with the outcome of the vote.

"We feel very confident with our budget," said BOE member Kate Symonds, adding that it will fully cover the year ahead. "We're very proud of it."

First Selectman Eric Epstein, who took office in November 2025, said he was relieved to have his first budget season behind him.

Epstein said he looks forward to tackling outstanding and upcoming projects, like Streetscape and sidewalk projects, to name a few.

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PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

## Salisbury Central Middle School Band performs at Hartford Yard Goats baseball game

HARTFORD — Salisbury Central School students performed at the May 29 baseball game between the Hartford Yard Goats and the Altoona Curve at Dunkin' Park.

The school's fifth- through eighth-grade band, led by Rob Nellson, performed excerpts from five military service songs — Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force — before the first pitch. The chorus, led by Jennifer Moros, performed "God Bless America" during the seventh-inning stretch.

## Water main break shuts down Off the Trail Café for days, discolors local water

By Alec Linden

FALLS VILLAGE – A broken water main caused Off the Trail Café to close early Tuesday, May 26, and remain shuttered through Friday morning, while some residents reported discolored water at their homes and were advised to boil it as a precaution.

According to a notice issued by Aquarion Water Company on Tuesday, residents and businesses between 33 and 84 Railroad St., 100 and 107 Main St., and 35 Water St. and 12 Warren Turnpike, were advised to boil potentially contaminated water before drinking while repairs were underway.

The coffee shop and eatery remained closed until Friday morning, and residents continued to report murky water on social media before repairs to the water main were made later in the week. The eatery and coffee shop reopened Friday at 8 a.m.

An Off the Trail Café staff member said she noticed a loss of water pressure on Tuesday morning and contacted the owners, who decided to close the business out of an abundance of caution. Owner Liz Ives said she also notified the state Department of Public Health as an additional safety measure.

While acknowledging that emergencies happen, Ives said she was not provided with advance notice that service might be disrupted and estimated the closure cost the business between \$400 and \$500 in lost revenue.

On Wednesday morning, several residents in the Beebe Hill Road area reported discolored water in a post to the Falls Village Facebook Forum page, including one resident who posted an image of a bathtub filled with brownish water.

Falls Village First Selectman David Barger said Aquarion has been investigating a number of leaks within the system near the center of town, including one believed to be affecting the area around the post office.

"It's coming down from somewhere on Beebe Hill and they've been working in the area to identify the leaks," Barger said. He said he did



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

not know if the water main break was related to this ongoing work.

According to an alert on Aquarion's website, the break was repaired by 4:15 a.m. Wednesday. Customers experiencing discolored water were advised to run cold water until it poured clear.

Barger applauded Aquarion for working through the night to fix the problem, while acknowledging the challenges it created for busi-

nesses and residents.

"When you're a business and all of a sudden there's no water, that affects you negatively," he said. However, Barger added that Aquarion is typically "very good about notifying customers" and providing a window of time when service may be disrupted.

"It's just one of those things," he said. "When you have an emergency, you have an emergency."

Off the Trail Café reopened Friday, May 29, after an unexpected closure due to a water main break in Falls Village.

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# Historian brings Revolutionary War-era Canaan to life

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE – As the nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, local historian and war reenactor Tim Abbott used stories of soldiers, prisoners of war and ordinary residents to show how deeply the Revolutionary War touched the people of Canaan during the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's annual dinner meeting Wednesday, May 27.

Dressed as a colonial officer from Canaan, Abbott told attendees that 225 men associated with Canaan – which included present-day North Canaan and Falls Village before the towns split in 1858 – fought for independence from Great Britain, a figure he said represented roughly 25% of the town's population at the time.

"It's interesting to think about it in those terms," he said, describing the Revolutionary War as the nation's first civil war.

The Continental Army had a difficult time finding men to serve, Abbott said. Regiments were often made up of farmers, enslaved people and the poor, while wealthier people could pay others to take their place in military duty.

Abbott's research materials include primary sources, such as payroll and muster lists. He also used compilations by the Daughters of the American Revolution, cemetery inscriptions and town



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

**Dressed as a colonial officer, local historian Tim Abbott discusses local Falls Village residents who served in the Revolutionary War during the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's annual dinner meeting May 27.**

records. His rule in research, he emphasized, is, "Trust, but verify."

As with all wars, said Abbott, the Revolutionary War affected everyone – both on the battlefield and at home.

Nearly half of the 4th Connecticut Regiment was made up of men from Canaan. Abbott highlighted local soldiers, including Capt. John Watson, Benjamin Stevens and Charles Burrall.

One of the most tragic moments for Canaan was the Battle of the Cedars near Montreal in 1776, when thirty-seven locals fought – some of whom were killed – and all were captured.

A large contingent of area

soldiers – from Salisbury, Cornwall and Canaan – were also at the Battle of Long Island and at Kips Bay, while records also place local men at Fort Mifflin near Philadelphia, where they battled in water up to three feet deep.

Abbott said that in addition to a Continental Army – the national army under George Washington – there were also local militias and state troops. State troops were often raised from militia units for short periods of service. For example, in November 1778, when British prisoners of war were being taken to Virginia from Massachusetts, Northwest Corner militia members escorted

them for 14 days, handing them off to New York authorities in Sharon.

Abbott also explained the history of his uniform, which included a heavy dark brown wool coat with a red sash. The sash signified an officer's rank, and was discontinued when the Americans adopted more conventional military uniforms with epaulets that held badges of rank.

On July 4, Abbott will be rowing across Lake Champlain from Crown Point to Fort Ticonderoga. "I know that my weekend will approximate only a fraction of what those soldiers endured."

## Tong, Horn rally Democratic supporters in Kent

By Ruth Epstein

KENT – Connecticut Attorney General William Tong, the latest Democratic politician to campaign in the Northwest Corner in recent weeks, joined State Rep. Maria Horn of the 64th District at a Democratic Town Committee fundraiser in Kent, where the leaders criticized actions by the Trump administration while urging supporters to remain focused on the future.

Speaking at 109 Cheese & Wine, Tong, who is running for his third term as attorney general, emphasized the role states can play in pushing back against federal actions they believe exceed constitutional limits.

"We get to live the way we want to live," Tong said, explaining that while certain powers are granted to the federal government under the Constitution, states retain authority over many areas of public life.

Tong said he has challenged the Trump administration when he believes it has exceeded its authority, noting that Connecticut has joined dozens of lawsuits against the federal government.

"We've told Trump we didn't agree and that he has limited power," he said.

He pointed to education and elections as examples of responsibilities that largely remain under state control.

Tong has also been out-

spoken on immigration matters, particularly the role of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which he said has been granted "tremendous power." Tong questioned some federal enforcement tactics, including the presence of federal officers at airports, arguing that certain practices are difficult to justify.

"They have this power, but it seems they don't have to be nice about it," he said.

**"We have been in darkness before, and we'll get beyond this period."**

Attorney General  
William Tong

Tong criticized the administration's tariffs, arguing that Congress – not the president – has authority over trade policy.

"He did it anyway until he was challenged," Tong said. "But the Supreme Court agreed with us by a vote of 6 to 3. The justices agreed Congress is in charge of tariffs."

Tong also discussed abortion rights, pointing to the 2022 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned abortion policy to the states.

He and other Democrats are fighting back on restrictions to the drug Methotrexate, which is sometimes used in abortion-related care but is

also used to treat other health conditions like cancer, arthritis and lupus.

"I'll fight for this tooth and nail," he said.

Asked what gives him hope, Tong pointed to the Supreme Court.

"I've watched the justices operate and they continue to impress me with their command of the law, except two of them," he said, adding that he has no other choice but to have hope.

"We have been in darkness before, and we'll get beyond this period," Tong said.

Running for a fifth term, Maria Horn said she originally threw her hat into the ring because of the irresponsibility she saw in the federal government. But now, she describes it as cruelty, corruption and destruction.

Horn said she is pleased that in the Connecticut General Assembly, members choose to be collegial.

"We listen and try to come to compromises," she said. With a healthy fund balance, she added, elected officials have been able to establish policies that allow for addressing priorities, such as investing in free daycare for parents earning under a certain income. She said money has also been sent to municipalities to help them alleviate the pressure of rising property taxes.

"We listened to the people who said they wanted us to invest in kids and in their towns," Horn said.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

## Mudge Pond beach stickers available ahead of season opening

By Alec Linden

SHARON – Access stickers for the Town Beach at Mudge Pond are now available at Sharon Town Hall, several weeks ahead of the planned June 19 season opening. The beach will officially open for the summer after Region One schools let out.

Mudge Pond, a seasonal destination for residents and visitors alike, offers docks, rafts and swimming lanes, along with a changing pavilion, picnic tables, grills, a playground and a sand beach.

This year, a vehicle sticker costs \$30 for residents, with additional vehicles in the same household costing \$15. Stickers for seniors, age 65 and

over, cost \$10. Property owners of Airbnb's can purchase season stickers for \$50. Stickers for non-residents cost \$150.

Boating, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding stickers can be purchased for an additional \$20 per person, and a waiver must be completed by each individual who will be using the watercraft.

Stickers may be requested through mail using an online form available on the town's website, or by picking up a paper form at the back entrance at Town Hall.

For seasonal renters, proof of residency is required in the form of a lease, confirmation note from the landlord or a utility bill in the renter's name at the Sharon address.



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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Message to Customers of the Sharon Water System: On June 4th and 5th, the Sharon Sewer and Water Commission will be flushing the water mains between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. On June 4th, all lines north of West Main Street including West Main and Hospital Hill will be completed. The remainder of the system will be flushed on June 5th, 2026. Customers can expect to experience intermittent decreases of water pressure with the potential for discolored water. Limiting water consumption will help to minimize the impact on individual service lines. It is also advisable to refrain from doing laundry, as potential iron and manganese slugs could result in staining. If any customers notice that their water is discolored or turbid after 4:00 PM they should run their water until it clears before consumption or laundry. Past experience has shown water quality to return to normal within a couple of hours. We apologize for any inconvenience that this might cause you, and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call VRI at 860-364-0457. May 18, 2026.

### Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0321 by owners Michael S Shuster & Deborah A Shuster for a detached apartment on a single-family residential lot at 94 Salmon Kill Road, Salis-

bury, Map 11, Lot 31 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, June 15, 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  
06-04-26  
06-11-26

### 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 26, 2026:

Approved – Application IWWC-26-24 by George Johannesen of Allied Engineering Associates to repair septic systems and install an alternate drive-

way at 231 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 24 as lot 2 and is owned by the American School for the Deaf.

Deemed Exempt – Application IWWC-26-24 by Thomas Tobin for a dock at 69 Reservoir Road, Lakeville. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 9 as lot 65 and is owned by Thomas Tobin & Amber Morgan.

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  
06-04-26

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF GEORGE M. HOWARD Late of Massachusetts (26-00165)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated May 14, 2026, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Camille A. Alberico  
c/o Anthony R Dechello  
Dechello Law Firm LLC  
110 Washington Avenue  
North Haven, CT 06473

Jordan Bergs  
Clerk  
06-04-26

# OBITUARIES

## Richard R. Stover

WEST CORNWALL — Richard R. Stover, 82, of West Cornwall, died peacefully at Noble Horizons on May 26, 2026.

Son of the late Robert and Leona (Heinbockel) Stover, Rick was born Feb. 6, 1944 in Edina, Minnesota. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in Economics and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

After graduation, Rick began a long career as a financial and pharmaceutical analyst working at Mitchell Hutchins, Smith Barney, Alex. Brown & Sons, Pfizer, and Arnold and S. Bleichroeder. He was then President and CEO of PeriCor Therapeutics, a bio tech company he founded in Manhattan.

Rick was an avid golfer and skier, and he liked nothing better than wrestling with the wilderness. After he and Marnell bought their home in West Cornwall, he enjoyed clearing brush, felling trees, and splitting logs. He was the proud owner of every tool and machine necessary for landscape maintenance. Rick was a parishioner at St.



Bridget Church where he worked on the building and grounds committee and served as Chairman of the Finance Council.

Rick is survived by his wife Marnell (Bukovac) and his four daughters and their families; Shaw (Christofer) Ruder and Beckett, Elliot, and Hattie; Sara Stover (Chris Sherwin); Christian Stover (Jeffrey Knutsen); Anne (Andrew) Ruder and William, Charlie, and Sadie. He is also survived by his stepchildren and their families: Mary Brunelli (Christopher Edgar) and Alexander and Catherine; and Michael (Ellen) Brunelli.

Rick was preceded in death by his sister Barbara McCurdy.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Bridget Church (St. Kateri Parish) 7 River Road, Cornwall Bridge, on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 11:00. Burial followed at St. Bridget Cemetery.

Contributions in Rick's name may be made to St. Kateri Parish (St. Bridget Church), PO Box 186, 90 Cobble Road, Kent, CT 06757.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

## Floyd Irving Isham

SHARON — Floyd Irving Isham, Jr., 87, a longtime area resident, died Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon. Mr. Isham worked for the Tri-Wall Container Corp. in Wassaic, New York, for fifteen years and also worked as a self-employed private caretaker for over twenty-five years, caring for local estates in Shekomeko, Pine Plains and Ancramdale, New York, prior to his retirement.

Born Aug. 25, 1938, in St. George, Vermont, he was the son of the late Floyd Irving and Hazel (Thompson) Isham, Sr. Following his high school years, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1958 until his honorable discharge in 1961. Mr. Isham also served in the Vermont National Guard. On Aug. 11, 1990, in Dover Plains, New York, he married Nancy L. Cross. Mrs. Isham died on July 8, 2005.



Mr. Isham was a life member of the Millerton American Legion Post # 178 in Millerton, and was a former member of the Amenia Fish & Game Club in Amenia. He served for eight years as president of the Dutchess County Federation of Fish & Game Clubs and also served on their legislative committee for a number of years. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed gardening, watching the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox on television and spent a great deal of time following the horses at OTB. Floyd will be deeply missed by his loving family and his many dear friends. Floyd's family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the nurses, nursing assistants and staff at Sharon Health Care Center for the kind and respectful attention provided to Floyd while in their care.

Mr. Isham is survived by two children, Mary Kunda and Theodore Isham; three stepchildren, Candy Strong and her husband Bill, Brian Marshall and his wife Kathy and Tanya Mayhew; two grandchildren, Samantha Harrison and her husband Raymond and Cody Mayhew; one great grandchild, Harper Lee Harrison; several siblings and many nieces and nephews and friends. In addition to his wife and parents, he was also predeceased by three sisters, Lucille, Leonna and Roselyn.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Ellsworth Cemetery, 25 Cemetery Road, Sharon with Standard Naval Honors. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton American Legion Post # 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Floyd's honor, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

SHARON — Yerger Johnstone, former Managing Director in the Mergers and Acquisitions department at Morgan Stanley and a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, died on April 19, 2026, in Chelmsford, England. He was 86.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, on March 7, 1940, Mr. Johnstone was the son of architect Henry Inge Johnstone, architect, and Kathleen Yerger Johnstone, the noted nature writer and civic leader after whom Alabama's state seashell, Johnstone's Junonia, is named. He graduated from Murphy High School in Mobile in 1958, received his bachelor's degree from the University of the South at Seawee in 1962, and earned his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 1964.

Following his M.B.A., he was commissioned through Officer Candidate School before serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968, rising from First Lieutenant to Captain. Stationed principally at Da Nang, Vietnam, he served as an intelligence officer and was awarded the Bronze Star with combat "V" for meritorious service.

Yerger married Eve Chamberlain, also of Mobile, Alabama in 1963 and they resided in North Carolina

during this USMC training. Later moving to Brooklyn, New York, where his first child, Bartley, was born in 1968.

After his discharge, Mr. Johnstone joined Morgan Stanley, working in both Paris and New York City, where he became one of the firm's first forty partners and served as deputy director of the Mergers and Acquisitions department under Robert Greenhill, at the very dawn of the M&A boom. He later worked in M&A at Blackstone and UBS Warburg Dillon Read. He also served on the boards of Hampshire College and Indian Mountain School at different times in his life.

Yerger was an accomplished sailor, having grown up on boating excursions for shell hunting with his parents in areas of Alabama and Florida, later on receiving certifications in sailing trips around Corsica while working in Paris. While working in banking in the late 1970's and early 1980's he spent evenings and weekends reading sailing training manuals, autobiographies of sailors and geographies of various archipelagos, further advancing his skills with a month of yacht chartering each summer in Greece.

Yerger first became enchanted with Litchfield County, when he and his second wife, Marguerite, found their dream weekend escape in Ellsworth in Sharon, Connecticut in the mid 1970's. A one time builder of hot rod cars in his teens, he enjoyed spirited late night drives from NYC in a friends loaned Ferrari. In Ellsworth the newly weds and then young family (when his second daughter Katherine was born) enjoyed many weekends, hiking, bird watching, star gazing, cross country skiing, growing fresh herbs and gardening and barbecuing Yerger's famous steaks for guests. Yerger enjoyed exploring the back roads of the area on his BMW motorcycle and the Housatonic River as an avid fly fisherman.

Upon leaving Morgan Stanley, he and his wife Marguerite whom he married in 1975, built the 67-foot ketch Asteroid in Aalsmeer, Holland. They conducted sea trials in Norway, Scotland, Ireland, & England before sailing her around the world, a near 6 year circumnaviga-

tion, passing via Suez and Panama canals, spending majority of the time in Pacific Ocean isles from Marquesas to Fiji, New Zealand (where his son Rule was born in 1986) and Micronesia. Encounters with storms, pirates, technical difficulties in remote islands and simply the rigors of daily yachting life were all met with courage, confidence and enthusiasm by Yerger. It became one of the defining adventures of his life.

Returning to America at the end of the sailing trip in 1990, the family settled in Falls Village, Connecticut, where they lived and built a house until Yerger was transferred to London, England

Yerger lived between Salisbury, Connecticut and the UK for several years before permanently relocating to live between the Cotswolds in the UK and Tuscany in Italy with his third wife, Pamela. They enjoyed an active retirement with regular travels in Asia, New

Zealand and Greece. In his final years, he was mainly in his homes in Italy and UK, with short trips in France, with his second daughter. In Trequanda, Italy he enjoyed cycling, feasting at home and throughout Tuscan villages with his and Pamela's many friends, and soaking up the Tuscan sun. In his home village of Stebbing, UK, he headed the local pond fishing club and took short trips to London to hear his daughter Katherine sing in her many choirs.

Mr. Johnstone is survived by his wife, Pamela Johnstone; his daughters, Bartley Inge and Katherine Inge; his granddaughter, Evie Inge Scofield; his son, Rule; his former wife, Marguerite; his brother, Justice Douglas Inge Johnstone. He is predeceased by his first wife, Eve Chamberlain Purdy.

Cremation took place May 18, 2026, at Dunmow Crematorium, Blatches Farm, Stebbing CM 6 3AL England.

There will be a Requiem Mass said on June 7th, at St George's Aubrey Walk, W8 7JG England.

Send obituaries to [obituaries@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:obituaries@lakevillejournal.com)

Worship Services Week of June 7, 2026	
<p><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></p>	<p><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</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><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></p>
<p><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> 860-824-7232</p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokialo1@gmail.com">jokialo1@gmail.com</a> All Are Welcome</p>
<p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>	<p><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</p>
<p><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></p>	<p><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</p>
<p><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></p>	<p><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.allsaintscornwall.org">www.allsaintscornwall.org</a> Rev. Mary Gates</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><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</p>
<p><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></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a> We hope you will join us!</p>
<p><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="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><b>Millerton United Methodist Church</b> 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138</p>	

## Pauline King Garfield

EAST CANAAN — Pauline K. (King) Garfield, 94 of 77 South Canaan Rd. formerly of East Canaan, died Sunday May 24, 2026, at Geer Village. She was the wife of the late Duane Garfield who passed August 14, 2017. Pauline was born April 3, 1932 in North Canaan, in the former Geer Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Rose (Van Vlack) King.

Pauline spent her career at Becton Dickinson in Canaan, after being a stay-at-home mother for many years. She was employed at Becton Dickinson for 23 years. She enjoyed bus trips with her late husband Duane to the Casinos, spending time with her family watching the grandchildren grow up. Recently she made a comment to care givers that was "wait until I see that husband of mine for leaving me here, I am going to read him the riot act." Over the years she enjoyed many crafts, but her favorite was crocheting gifts for everyone.

Pauline is survived by her

daughter, Paula Ducharme and husband Tom of York, Pennsylvania, her son Michael Garfield and wife Joann of Winchester Center, Connecticut, her granddaughter Koren Garfield and her great grandchildren, Alyssa Jade, Addison Jacob and Brennden Leo of Colebrook, Connecticut.

Pauline is also survived by her sister, Althea Marshall and her husband Corky of North Canaan, Connecticut. She was predeceased by her brothers, Everett and Alan King.

A Celebration of Pauline's life was held on Monday June 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the North Canaan Congregational Church 172 Lower Road East Canaan, CT 06024. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan, CT. Memorial Donation can be sent to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps P.O. Box 178 North Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

## ROBERT F. WRIGHT

June 1, 2009

Seventeen years seems crazy, But yes, it has been that long, Seventeen years and the things that you missed, The things I wish you had saw, Life is ever changing, You shared with me regret, And now that I think in this moment, It's the best lesson I have learned yet. Life will give you challenges, We all have had our share, But I have to say what I have learned And strength I've gained is rare, From the challenges I have been made to withstand, The heartaches I have endured, Thinking of you makes me sad right now, But also makes me feel pure, Because your presence taught me Though life may not be fair, It's how we jump the hurdles we meet Especially when we are scared. Your life and death provided me With strength and lessons learned, I'm grateful to know that I'm strong enough To overcome each corner turned. We'll always have you in our thoughts, Hold you in our hearts, But grateful for the time we had Before we had to part.

We love you Robert, We love you Dad

Your wife Ruth  
Your daughters Bobbie-Jo and Ruthanne

### LET'S HEAR IT...



#### THIS WEEK

Groceries are a basic need, but in many parts of our region, buying them can mean careful planning, multiple stops, or a drive to another town.

**Where do you shop for groceries? What works well, and what makes grocery shopping harder than it should be? How do price, selection, distance, hours, or transportation shape where you go?**

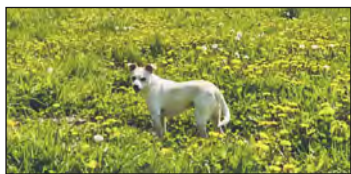
Send your responses to publisher@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, June 8 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

**Have you had a run-in with a bear? What happened, and how did you handle it? And what do you think towns and neighbors should be doing to keep both people and bears safer?**

"I think Connecticut should make it mandatory for EVERY household, restaurant, school, hotel, campgrounds, etc. to have a DEEP approved bear proof garbage receptacle. Bears won't keep wasting their time and energy to go back to a place when they figure out it's not worth the effort to wrestle something they can't get into. It will help push them back into the woods to forage where they belong."

— Mary McDade Shaffer, Kent



"This 16-pounder chases them away."

— Jake J. Feathers, North Canaan

"I have come across bears multiple times while outside on runs and it has been a matter of being aware (headphones out) and making some noise to have them quickly run off. It still increases my anxiety for the rest of the run though!"

— Maggie Windsor Gross, Sharon

"Anytime that I've come across a bear, it is turning to run. Even with my dogs, it usually leaves."

— Susan Hervieux, Lakeville

"We just had a big one in our pond having a good time swimming. We don't leave any trash cans out. I contact my neighbors when I see them. We live over the bridge on Kent Falls as I worry about the hikers but so far nothing has happened. Been here for 40 years!"

— Marion Whynott, Kent

"I had a sow charge while I was in the woods. All I had time to do was yell and wave my arms. She came at me fast, stood up looking at me and went back to her three cubs that are in their second year — surprised she was still so protective. I carry bear spray now because that day I was looking for antlers with my head down and unknowingly walked right into it."

— Jim Vanicky, Cornwall

"They have become super curious with my kids and dogs. We had to put an electric fence up for our livestock."

— Cluckers Farm, North Canaan

"Sounds like it's time for a bear hunt."

— Caitlyn Ellis, The Berkshires



"I had a bear come on my back porch and crack open a can of Sprite with its teeth!"

— Jessie Lawrence, Canaan

"We had one break into our garage and got a lot of damage this year. Last year one headed straight for a kiddie pool my son was in and we acted fast and grabbed my son and eventually scared the bear off. No amount of yelling and banging really seems to scare them off. I walked to my car a few weeks ago and then to my house and in those two minutes a bear came out of the darkness and my cameras went on to record. I must have been twenty feet from the bear and didn't even realize while carrying in groceries."

— Tam Curtis, Lakeville

"I've seen a lot of bears. Closest was at the end of my hammock while I was on it (2020 during Covid). He was as surprised as I was and we each ran in opposite directions. I've never had an issue as I do not feed birds, leave trash out or anything to attract them. I think a [hunting] season is overdue as they have no fear of humans and due to people being careless they associate people with food and are raising cubs to depend on dumpsters & trash, pet food and even small pets and livestock. All of that said, I love seeing them but would never intentionally attract them."

— Brian Shippa, North Canaan

"Wiped out my chickens last year. Put up an electric fence. Praying it works. Definitely need a bear season."

— Amanda Miller Levesque, East Canaan

"When you don't have birdseed out, bear-proof trash cans out only for pick up day and cleaned grills, the bears just pass on through. There is a human problem, not so much a bear problem."

— Lynn Gray, Kent



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Jam: Sad be leaving Sharon, excited for future

In October, after seventeen years of proudly serving the Sharon community, Jam Food Shop will be relocating to 19 Main Street, Salisbury, CT. This decision was not made lightly. Sharon has been our home and the heart of our business since its inception. For years, we have made attempts to gain clarity around our lease renewal at the Sha-

ron Farm Market. Unfortunately, in the end, we were unable to reach an agreement with the market, leaving us with a short amount of time to find Jam a new home. Please know we will be fully operational in the Sharon Farm Market through the summer.

While we would have loved to continue operating in Sharon, limited time and

few available retail spaces put us in quite the pickle! That being said, we are so excited to welcome you all to the new location this fall. We will be offering all the wonderful foods you've enjoyed over the years while also adding new menu items to our repertoire. Our team is working tirelessly to make this new standalone Jam the best experience pos-

sible for our loyal customers, who we value so much.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your unwavering support. We look forward to continuing to serve the Northwest Corner community in our new home for years to come!

Lee Kennedy  
Colin Kennedy  
The Jam Team

Sharon

## Music hath charms

As Secretary of the 501(c)3 not-for-profit known as "The Music Lab", I'm compelled to extend gratitude and appreciation to Robin Roraback and The Lakeville Journal for their November 13, 2005 article on our entity. Their willingness to visit and report on a local business with their objective views is a testament to their longevity as a local periodical. While The Music Lab certainly serves as a weekly meeting space for local musicians to gather and perform, we also serve the community as a learning institution for lessons, rehearsals, and music theory. Our mission statement, "To teach, inspire, and

promote music in our community" could easily add the suffix "and our world", given the broad reach we now have using the internet and social media. Many of our repeat patrons boast decades in composing and performing. In fact, some of us are professional musicians in local bands. And why? It is said that "music hath charms to soothe a savage breast." In short, we gather because we believe that there is real power in music to calm, heal, and have a relaxing or emotional impact on people. Have you ever felt this way about a song or band? This is why I volunteer my time toward the bet-

terment of this organization. Additionally, we provide event support and entertainment for local organizations (i.e. Railroad Days, VFW events, St. Martin Of Tours, NECS, etc.). Given the challenges of our daily lives, what better remedy is there to unify us with a mutually beneficial goal for a few hours each week? This is also the crux of our mission. Like The Journal, we feel it's important for the community to know of our existence, purpose, and future goals for our growth. We ask that any person with an interest in music come and visit us on any given Thursday evening or call to schedule a private tour to

view our facility and equipment. Then, perhaps, one may realize that the sentiment of our mission statement emphasizes music's power to inspire, move, and transform people. Many thanks to Sean Claydon for his efforts in maintaining his dream, to Mark Yard for creating the weekly acoustic night, and to Jason Tindall for his consistent loyalty in hosting that event. To all the other musicians that are too numerous to mention though you know who you are, your dedication and donations are most appreciated that breathe true life into The Music Lab.

Geoffrey Klish

North Canaan

## Housing: 'One voice should not hold such sway'

Is there a reason that the author of the letter to the editor "Falls Village should not retreat on affordable housing" has signed his letter Lyman Whelan, Litchfield as opposed to Bob Whelan, President of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut?

There are a few errors that in his capacity as Board Chair and long time employ-

ee of Habitat he might be aware. The most important correction is that Falls Village Housing Trust has another better affordable housing project which has been generously supported by the CT Department of Housing (DOH), the rehabilitation of two structures on Prospect and Miner Streets in downtown Falls Village. There is ample room there for expansion. It's on town water.

The River Road project has been twice rejected for funding by CT DOH.

Might I echo Lyman Bob's own words, one voice should not hold such sway over so critical an issue as the providing of affordable housing! The meeting room could have been packed with an enormous chorus of sensible Falls Villagers in agreement that our Wild and Scenic River Road is not the appropriate location for a high density

subsidized housing development. We want our development downtown, in our back yard, if you will, where our POCD directs, and where Prospect and Miner Streets are located.

Alas small turnout for these meetings seems to be a challenge for the village but surely does not reflect the care and concern of the towns folk. 'Tis more the channel of communication.

D. Catherine Reville

New York City

## Celebrating the Sewing and Mending Team at the Fix-It Pop-Up Event

The Fix-It Pop-Up event in Salisbury was a tremendous success. Local experts generously helped customers repair a wide range of items, creating a welcoming and resourceful atmosphere throughout the event.

My mother, Liudmila, and I are especially grateful to the volunteers at the Sewing and Mending table—Angela Lomanto, Barb Reeves, and Pat Palmer. Their kindness, efficiency, and creativity stood out. It was remarkable to see them help customers with such care, whether that meant matching the right thread color, choosing the right size of a cut, or simply offering thoughtful, attentive service.

Thank you Congregational Church of Salisbury and Scoville Library for organizing this event. We hope



From Left to Right: Pat Palmer, Angela Lomanto, and Barb Reeves at the Sewing and Mending Table.

for more events like this in the future.

Natalia Smirnova  
Liudmila Smirnova  
Salisbury

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OUR TOWNS

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

**Uncomfortable speech still needs protection**

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

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.

The Lakeville Journal has obtained permission to publish the 2026 top three winners out of 70 entries from across Connecticut.

Spending a week at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) forum at American University changed how I think about free speech, especially in difficult moments like the aftermath of Charlie Kirk's killing. In the days that followed, people were fired or punished for comments seen as insensitive or supportive of the violence. What stood out to me was not just what people said, but how quickly reactions shifted depending

**NORA KALLUSKY RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL 12TH GRADE**

on who was speaking. People who often criticized cancel culture suddenly supported consequences for speech they found offensive. It made me question whether free speech is truly a principle

we believe in, or something we defend only when it is convenient.

That question feels personal to me. My grandparents lived in Argentina during the military dictatorship in the early 1970s, when speaking out against the government was dangerous. People who spoke out were not just silenced socially, they were arrested, and many were tortured or killed. Some simply disappeared. My mom was born during this time, and her family fled when she was just one year old. Growing up, I have heard these stories not as distant history, but as something that shaped my family's life. Because of that, I cannot think about free speech as an abstract idea. I see what can happen when it is taken away.

With that perspective, my time at FIRE helped me better understand why the First Amendment is written the way it is. It is not designed to protect speech that is widely accepted or easy to hear. It exists to protect speech that people may strongly dislike. One of the most impactful moments of the forum was hearing from Daryl Davis, a black musician and activist, who spent years engaging directly with members of the Ku Klux Klan. Instead of shutting down conversations with people who held deeply racist beliefs, he chose to talk with them, listen, and challenge them through dialogue. Over time, many of those individuals left the Klan, not because their opinions were silenced, but because their views were confronted and changed through conversation. These conversations eventually helped build long lasting relationships, to the point where Davis stepped in to walk a former Klansman's fiancé down the aisle. His experience showed me that allowing speech, even when it is offensive, can create opportunities for understanding and change in ways that punishment or censorship cannot.

The First Amendment should protect people from being punished by the government for what they say, except in cases of inciting violence or real threats. If we only defend free speech when we agree with it, then it is no longer something we can all rely on. It becomes something we apply selectively, depending on who is speaking.

My family's history makes that danger feel real. Once speech began to be controlled in Argentina, it no longer mattered what people believed or said. The system decided who was allowed to speak and who was not. That is why I believe the legal limits on speech should be narrow. At the same time, I believe we all carry responsibility in how we use our words. Free speech gives us the right to speak, but it also challenges us to use that right thoughtfully. Protecting speech, even when it is uncomfortable, is not easy. But from what I have learned, both from my family and from my experience at FIRE, it is necessary.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MURRAY

Trooper Katie Begley, Salisbury's new resident trooper, stands inside Town Hall following the Board of Selectmen meeting on June 1.

**Salisbury introduces new resident trooper, seeks stability in position**

By Christian Murray

SALISBURY – Salisbury has appointed a new resident trooper, with traffic enforcement and community engagement among her top priorities.

Trooper Katie Begley, 26, officially began serving as Salisbury's resident trooper on April 9 after spending the first two-and-a-half years of her state police career assigned to Troop B in North Canaan.

Begley succeeds Trooper Ryan Cooper, who was appointed as Salisbury's resident trooper late last year but left the post weeks later to pursue another opportunity. Town officials said they hope Begley's appointment will bring stability to the position as they continue addressing longstanding concerns, including speeding on state roads.

Begley was introduced to town officials during the Board of Selectmen's June 1 meeting. First Selectman Curtis Rand said reviewing speed limits on Routes 41, 44 and 112 remains a priority. The issue had been discussed with previous resident troopers, he said, but they "didn't stay around long enough to do it."

Rand said speed limits on state roads can be confusing and inconsistent, with some stretches posted at 30 mph and others at 40 mph.

During the meeting, Begley spoke about her desire to be accessible to residents.

"You'll probably see my cruiser parked in front of town," said Begley, who has an office in Town Hall. "I'm very honored to be working for the town of Salisbury. If you see me around town, please feel free to stop me and say hello."

Begley also told selectmen that Troop B is exploring a proposal that would periodically bring

resident troopers from neighboring communities into Salisbury for concentrated traffic enforcement details.

Under the tentative plan, resident troopers would rotate among Troop B communities, including Salisbury, North Canaan and Norfolk, creating a larger police presence in a different town each week.

Begley said the opportunity to become involved in a single community was one of the reasons she was drawn to the resident trooper program.

"When you're just working patrol, you're kind of torn between three to potentially six different towns. I like being the friendly face that people can come up to throughout the day."

Since arriving in Salisbury, Begley said speeding complaints have been among the most common concerns she has heard from residents.

"A lot of people have come up to me. They have been touching on speed enforcement," she said. "That's something I'm looking to do."

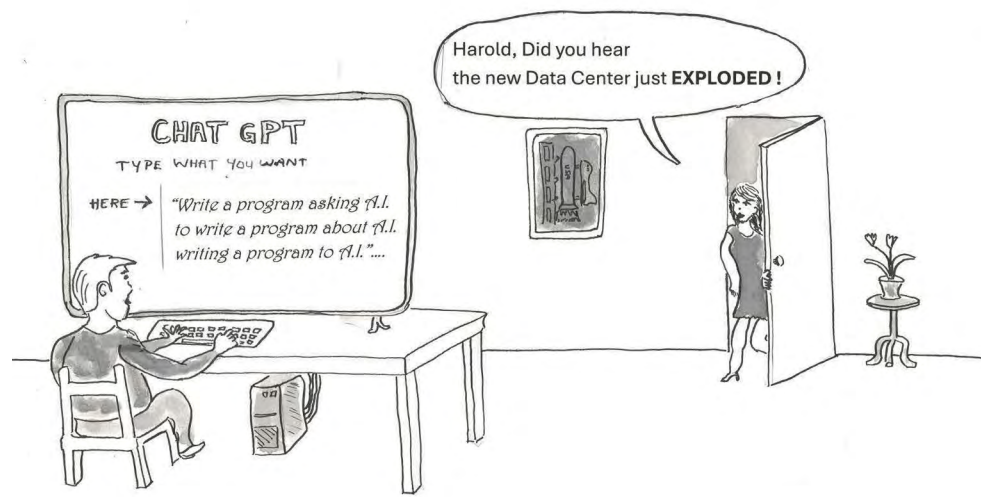
She identified Routes 44 and 112 as areas where speeding concerns are frequently reported, particularly along Route 112 near Lime Rock Park.

Begley comes from a family of public servants. Her father served as a captain with the Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department, while her mother worked as a nurse.

"I'm just looking to carry on the legacy and do the best I can for the town," she said.

So far, she said, Salisbury residents have made her feel welcome.

"They've been very, very respectful and taken me in with open arms," Begley said. "That's something I've really loved about this town. I'm happy to be here."



Cartoon by Steve Dutton

**TURNING BACK THE PAGES**

NORMA BOSWORTH

**125 years ago — June 1901**

A heavy storm that was a near approach to a cloudburst caused much damage at Norfolk Saturday night. The track of the C.N.E. railroad for a distance of a mile each side of the station was undermined in scores of places by the rush of swollen streams and two bad washouts occurred, delaying trains for hours. Two highway bridges were swept away, and roads were badly damaged, while even farms suffered serious injury, some entire gardens being ruined.

Miss Mary E. Robbins is in Brookline, Mass. She will be in that city several months, engaged in classifying the public library of over 60,000 volumes. Miss Robbins is considered an expert in this line and receives calls from all parts of the United States.

It costs the state \$22,500 to transport the members of the general assembly and the officials, doorkeepers and messengers to and from their homes while attending session.

**100 years ago — June 1926**

Tuesday morning Officer Stanton became suspicious of a truck, obviously loaded with household goods, going through Salisbury. He stopped it near Salisbury School. Examination revealed five hundred gallons of alcohol also included in the load. Officer Stanton also arrested in Sharon on Wednesday a Springfield, Mass. man driving a Reo Speed Wagon with three hundred and ninety gallons of liquor on board. He was tried in Sharon.

**50 years ago — June 1976**

Lime Rock Park's Memorial Day auto races drew a near-record crowd, estimated by State Police and track officials at between 25,000 and 30,000. Despite the biggest crowd in recent years, police managed to keep traffic moving, avoiding tie-ups such as those in recent years which blocked traffic for miles up and down Route 7

east of Lime Rock.

Former Col. Arnold Whitridge, a veteran of both world wars and author of Salisbury's new town history, marched beside former Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Guido Verbeck Monday at the head of Salisbury's Bicentennial Memorial Day parade. Parade Marshal Dick Barton followed. Many of the Salisbury veterans, some of whom had not worn their uniforms in years, also turned out to march in the parade.

SALISBURY — First Selectman Charlotte Reid reported to a selectmen's meeting Tuesday that, as a result of a random sampling at her request, high sodium levels have been found in two out of nine wells tested in the town of Salisbury. She said that town sanitarian Joseph Pinkham found an unsafe level of salt in samples taken at Smith Hill and Ore Hill.

SALISBURY — A 1947 grader may have to be replaced at a cost of \$68,000, and for this reason Salisbury selectmen voted Tuesday night to delay action on three bids to replace a 1969 truck. Selectman George Kiefer said that in view of the new crisis, the town could probably "squeeze another year out of the '69 vehicle."

CANAAN — It has been nearly 58 years since the close of World War I — a half century that has seen dramatic technological advances and corresponding changes in attitudes and lifestyles. Nothing so clearly underlines the many changes in attitude that have taken place as reading the letters written home by Canaan men who served in the first global war. A scrapbook containing printed letters written by these earlier warriors was recently donated to the Canaan VFW by the family of William and Luella Blass. Mrs. Blass, a World War I bride, faithfully clipped the letters printed in the local newspa-

per and preserved them in the scrapbook.

Laura Perkins of the Cranford Club presented a Bicentennial quilt last Wednesday to Oliver Eldridge of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society. The quilt was a Bicentennial project made by club members and will be displayed in the society's museum.

Users of the Falls Village town landfill have been invading the privacy of the residents of a house near the town landfill, according to the Falls Village Board of Selectmen. The house is leased by the town to private persons. First Selectman David Domeier told The Lakeville Journal that town residents have been disturbing occupants of the house by using the main driveway to the house and walking around its grounds. There is a separate driveway to the landfill which should be used for that purpose, Domeier pointed out.

**25 years ago — June 2001**

Further cuts to the Region 1 budget for 2001-02 will be made at a special meeting of the Board of Education on June 4 at 7 p.m. in the library at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Not a single town voted in favor of the Region 1 budget last Thursday as it went before residents for a second time. A total of 1,039 votes were cast against the \$10,138,757 plan and only 534 in favor.

"A Son's Confession," an examination of the controversial and unsolved 1973 Barbara Gibbons murder case in Falls Village, will air on the cable network A&E's American Justice series Wednesday June 6 at 9 p.m. The victim's son, Peter Reilly, was initially charged with the crime and later cleared of any involvement.

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

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# Our Towns

## Sharon town officials sound alarm on invasive species

By Alec Linden

SHARON – The threat of invasive species emerged as a key concern during a recent discussion on conservation and farmland preservation, as town officials and representatives from seven local groups and organizations worked to shape recommendations for Sharon's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) on Wednesday, May 27.

The meeting marked the second of three public discussions focused on priorities identified through a town survey earlier this year for the state-required plan, which guides land use and growth. The current plan was adopted in 2006 and must be updated every decade. An April 22 meeting focused on economic development, and housing will be the focus of the final session in June.

"I don't think we can over-emphasize the importance of invasives," said Michael Dudek, secretary of the Inland Wetlands Commission

and the land and buildings manager at Sharon Audubon Center. "More things come in every year," he added, "and we're not just talking about plants – we're talking about insects."

In addition to common invasive shrub plants like Japanese barberry, multiflora rose and burning bush, which can overtake the understorey, and climbing vines like oriental bittersweet, tree diseases resulting from bugs have become a primary invasive threat in New England's forests.

The eastern hemlock has been under attack for decades by a pest called the hemlock woolly adelgid, while beeches, one of the Northeast's most common forest trees, are now existentially threatened by beach leaf disease caused by invasive nematodes. The spotted lanternfly is also capable of inflicting ecological and agricultural damage.

Sharon Energy and Environment Commission member Michael Nadeau said that there are steps to take at the municipal level to help mitigate the spread of destruc-

tive invasives, pointing at the Town Garage's road materials stockpiles.

"It is riddled with invasives," he said of the facility, noting that contaminated salt and sand can spread the plants to vulnerable locations. "The easiest way to control invasives is to prevent them," he said.

Several participants also advocated for updates to the town's online conservation and land protection resources. Robin Zitter, horticulturalist and member of the IWC, called for an update of the Natural Resources Inventory, a 94-page document compiled by the Conservation Commission in 2005.

Zitter pointed specifically to documenting and mapping out vernal pools, which are transient ponds that flood each spring and dry by summer. They serve as a vital breeding habitat to several amphibian species, Zitter said, and are at risk from development.

Janell Mullen confirmed that the Conservation Commission had also indicated a desire to update the Natural

Resources Inventory.

Zitter also asked for updated mapping that would be easily available online to both town commissions and members of the public, which was echoed by Sharon Land Trust Executive Director Carolyn Klocker.

Mullen said one of her priorities is to create a single online database of maps for both commissions and residents alike. Resources could range from Sharon Land Trust trail maps to the Historic District map, which is currently only available as a physical document at Town Hall.

Several in attendance directly addressed how the town's zoning regulations might guard its resources. Resident Carol Flaton expressed a desire to see ridge-line protections explicitly stated in town code.

David Moore, speaking on behalf of the Mudge Pond Association, suggested the establishment of a Mudge Pond overlay district that would establish site-specific restrictions around the lake.

"Mudge Pond is a huge asset to this town," he said. "It's increasingly apparent how at risk water bodies in Connecticut are right now."

The next planning session, which is open to the public, will take place at Town Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, and will focus on housing,



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

A blue SUV crashes into a ditch after an early-morning crash along Segar Mountain Road May 27.

## Early morning crash sends car into ditch, disrupts traffic on Rt. 341 in Kent

By Alec Linden

KENT – A driver escaped with minor injuries after an SUV crashed into a utility pole and water line before rolling into a ditch along Segar Mountain Road on Wednesday, May 27, disrupting traffic for much of the day and affecting water service to a nearby residence.

The single-vehicle crash occurred around 4:30 a.m. near 36 Segar Mountain Road. State police said the blue SUV struck the pole, went over a guardrail and came to stop in a roadside ditch.

The driver was transported to Danbury Hos-

pital with minor injuries, according to police.

The damage to a utility pole forced crews to shut down parts of the road and reduce traffic to a single lane throughout the day. First Selectman Eric Epstein announced that traffic would be impacted as utility companies made repairs. Motorists were advised to avoid the area until the work was complete.

In an email to Kent residents, which was sent at approximately 12:40 p.m., Epstein reported that a water line connected to one residence in the area was damaged, but clarified that it was not the line supplying the town.

## From pool house to transfer station, grant fuels \$620K in improvements across Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE – Town officials are moving forward with plans to spend more than \$620,000 in state funding on infrastructure improvements ranging from the transfer station to the town pool.

The funding comes through the state's Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP), which awarded Falls Village \$620,051 for what the state described as "critical municipal infrastructure" projects. The town will contribute a local match of \$155,014.

The grants will fund a food waste diversion program and trash compactor at the transfer station, improvements at the Recreation Center and town pool, interior painting at the Senior Center and construction of a salt shed for the highway department.

First Selectman Dave Barger said the process begins with the town's STEAP Grant Implementation Committee, which consists of chair Eileen Kinsella, Chris Wadsworth, Greg Marlowe and Catherine Wales.

The committee is responsible for developing Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the projects. Barger said the town works with a representative from the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD),



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Falls Village STEAP committee reviews paint colors for the poolhouse at the Recreation Center.

which reviews and approves the RFPs before they can be released for bidding.

Once the DECD signs off, the RFPs may be published and contractors may submit bids.

The salt shed project is being handled separately because of its complexity. The town has retained Allied Engineering Associates to prepare the RFP, which Barger said is nearly ready for submission to DECD.

During a May 27 implementation committee meeting, Kinsella reported that DECD had approved the RFP for the trash compactor portion of the transfer station

project. She also noted that a concrete pad has been installed at the transfer station to support a bear-resistant shipping container that will be used to store food scraps.

The committee also reviewed paint samples for the Rec Center poolhouse and chose a stain called "bleached grey." The group decided to host a painting party on the weekend of June 6 and 7, together with members of the Recreation Commission.

Kinsella said she had completed the paperwork for the Senior Center painting project and planned to submit the RFP to DECD for review.

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## Salisbury residents bring boutique shopping to Millerton

By Aly Morrissey

MILLERTON — A new boutique owned by two Salisbury residents opened its doors on Main Street Friday, May 29, drawing a steady stream of shoppers and supporters eager to welcome the business to the village.

Jones & Daughters, a boutique offering apparel, jewelry, home goods, and gifts, has opened at 34 Main Street in the former Geary Gallery space.

Co-founders Constance Edwards of Lakeville and Sabina Breece of Salisbury said they saw an opportunity to bring a curated shopping experience to the



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY

Jones & Daughters welcomes a large crowd for its grand opening on Main Street in Millerton May 29.

region.

"We wanted people to have somewhere to find a great pair of jeans, a beautiful dress, comfortable and stylish shoes or a thoughtful gift," Edwards said.

Both women and their

families were part-time weekenders before settling in the area full time during the pandemic. Edwards previously lived in Stanfordville, while Breece spent weekends in Kent.



The Millerton store builds on a business Edwards built with her sister and co-founder, Aman-

da Eckmann, established years ago in Louisville, Kentucky. The Hudson Valley location celebrated

its grand opening Friday with friends, neighbors and first-time visitors.

"We wanted to create a place to shop that felt as thoughtful as this community," Edwards said. "The perfect outfit, something beautiful for your home, a gift that actually means something."

The shop carries women's and men's apparel, jewelry, shoes, and home goods and gifts, including candles, pillows, puzzles, and more.

Jones & Daughters is open Thursday through Monday at 34 Main Street, Millerton.

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## Musical improv on display at Lee H. Kellogg spring concert

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE – Audience members were treated to a dynamic performance during the annual Spring Concert and Arts Celebration at the Lee H. Kellogg School Tuesday, May 26. Students alternated between ukuleles and xylophones while creating their own melodies within a traditional 12-bar blues progression.

With two small groups of four and five students positioned on either side of the stage, “The Ukuphone-Xylele Blues” showed off the young musicians’ ability to switch instruments and improvise



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Students in grades 7 and 8 perform an original composition for ukelele and xylophone at the May 26 concert.

without missing a beat.

The fifth and sixth grade also performed musical pieces that involved improvisation. The fifth graders used a pentatonic scale and xylophones.

The sixth graders, using xylophone and percussion, worked around a four-chord progression that the students picked.

A determined fifth grader, Emmet King, sat at the piano and flawlessly played “Kumbayah” and “Lone Star Waltz.” Music teacher Danielle O’Neil said Emmet had only been studying the piano for a matter of weeks before the performance and was making significant progress.

In addition to the music, the hallways were adorned with student art attached to the walls above the lockers, turning the event into a visual and performing arts experience.



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Emmet King plays “Lone Star Waltz” at the concert at the Lee H. Kellogg School May 26.

## LAKE

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critical time and we need to keep an eye on it.”

Overall, water clarity in Lake Wononscopomuc remained “fair to good” during 2025, according to the report. But researchers also documented substantial oxygen loss in deep waters and elevated nutrient levels in some tributaries, findings likely to renew discussion of septic-system impacts, watershed management and other measures aimed at protecting the lake.

**Oxygen loss ‘substantial,’ depletion a concern**

The lake, which reaches a depth of approximately 100 feet, is monitored closely for even subtle changes in water quality, like oxygen levels and water clarity.

Last year, researchers observed significant oxygen depletion in deeper parts of the lake, particularly by late season. When oxygen levels deplete – a state known as anoxia – nutrient levels can tend to become more concentrated, which can contribute to algae growth and declining water clarity over time.

George Knoecklein, founder and principal scientist at NEAR, said water clarity remains one of the most important indicators of lake condition.

“I like to use water clarity as part of a general overarching description of the condition of the lake,” he said.

The lake’s clarity measurements in 2025 generally ranged between three and four meters. When it dips below two meters, the lake doesn’t support recreational use, Knoecklein said, adding that two meters or less can lead to cyanobacteria blooms, which may produce toxins harmful to people, pets and wildlife. Five meters of clarity are desirable.

“All in all, it’s not great, but it’s not terrible,” he said.

The findings prompted discussion among attendees about the potential sources of nutrients entering the lake and what measures might be taken to address them.

“I’d like to get some idea of where the pollutants are coming from and which are the more serious sources that



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A recent report by Northeast Aquatic Research revealed that while overall water quality remains strong at Lake Wononscopomuc, several indicators warrant continued monitoring and proactive management.

we can do something about,” said association treasurer Arthur Strang. Others echoed that sentiment, identifying it as a priority before any large-scale mitigation efforts are considered.

Knoecklein cited stormwater runoff, agricultural runoff, fertilizers and aging septic systems as potential contributors.

**Multi-million dollar mitigation strategy revisited**

The long-debated question of sewer expansion around the lake was discussed, an issue periodically raised as a possible way to reduce nutrient inputs from shoreline properties.

“I remember it was very hard to get homeowners to spend money for the sewers,” said Susan Strang, recalling prior discussions.

Tino Galluzzo, association vice president, noted that any future sewer project would likely require widespread participation among property owners to be financially feasible.

Bill Littauer, who is serving his 25th year as president of the lake association, said past attempts failed due to costs. “It was determined to be far too expensive, millions of dollars.”

Knoecklein said sewer infrastructure could help reduce nutrient inputs over time but noted that some of the lake’s challenges have become increasingly self-sustaining.

He described the lake’s anoxia as “its own monster.”

“The thing about a sewer system is once you hook up, your rates go up,” he said. “But I also see milfoil doing

poorly in lakes that are sewer-eroded,” citing Highland Lake in Winsted as an example.

As an alternative, he suggested that aeration systems, which introduce oxygen into deeper water, may deserve consideration as a future management tool.

Knoecklein requested historical information on past lake studies so it can be determined whether recent conditions represent a long-term or annual trend. He also said, “It would be good to know where the sewers around the lake end and where the septic systems start.”

**The good news: still no evidence of hydrilla**

While the discussion focused on water quality, the report also contained encouraging news regarding invasive species.

Despite the spread of hydrilla elsewhere in Connecticut, researchers found no evidence of the invasive aquatic plant in Lake Wononscopomuc during the 2025 monitoring season, and periodic monitoring will continue this year.

Since hydrilla was discovered in nearby East Twin Lake four years ago, town and lake officials have taken extensive precautions to prevent its introduction into Lakeville Lake, including closing the boat launch to reduce the risk of accidental introduction.

Researchers also recommended conducting future end-of-season monitoring later in the fall, possibly in November or even December, to better capture seasonal turnover patterns that appear to be shifting.

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## SHARON MARKET

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about the market's future have circulated throughout Sharon in recent months. Shoppers have reported difficulty finding common grocery items, while two popular businesses operating inside the market have announced plans to leave at the end of September.

### Jam Food Shop moving to Salisbury

At the end of September, Jam Food Shop, the deli and prepared-food business that has operated inside Sharon Market for 16 years, will relocate to Salisbury.

Jam owners said the company will relocate to 19 Main St. in the location of the former Neo Restaurant & Bar – which closed its doors permanently last month – and that the decision was not made lightly.

In a letter penned to the community (see letter on A6) Jam expressed its gratitude to the Sharon community, while highlighting a years-long dispute with market ownership.

“For years, we have made attempts to gain clarity around our lease renewal at the Sharon Farm Market,” the letter said. “Unfortunately, in the end, we were unable to reach an agreement with the market, leaving us with a short amount of time to find Jam a new home.”

Choe said the departure of Jam comes after 16 years of partnership, and didn't get into the specifics of the lease negotiations.

“They want their own place, and I want to make it a better store,” he said.

Choe also pointed to Jam's prices, which he views as high.



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**Partially stocked shelves have fueled speculation about Sharon Farm Market's future, though owners say the market is not closing and will be remodeled.**

### Blue Sea Seafood to permanently close

Blue Sea Seafood, another longtime fixture inside the market, has also confirmed it will depart at the end of September after 16 years in Sharon Farm Market. Owners Sarah and Chuck Lee said they will officially close down on Sept. 30. The pair said they will not be opening a new location elsewhere.

“We'll miss it,” Sarah Lee said.

### Shoppers voice concerns

Some residents have pointed to the Choes' latest venture — Market360, a grocery store near Yale University in New Haven that opened in June 2025 — as a possible factor in the market's recent inventory and operational challenges.

In an interview with Kim Choe last October, she said the store had required significant time as they worked to

find their footing and build a team.

Several shoppers said they have noticed changes at the Sharon market in recent months and worry about its future.

Ann Spindler, a Sharon resident, said she has noticed changes that have sparked concerns throughout town.

“For the last couple months I've noticed there are fewer things on the shelves and I'm worried that something is happening and I hope that they're going to stay around,” Spindler said.

Janay Gregory of Sharon said common items like milk, yogurt and bread have been inconsistently stocked.

“It's a problem,” Gregory said. “I hear it a lot in the town that there have been a lot of issues, even since Christmas.”

Ellen Moon of Cornwall said she was concerned by an apparent low stock in the store.

“There are blank spaces on the shelves,” she said. “I thought, Oh dear, I hope they're alright.”

While browsing the shelves Saturday, Sharon resident Michelle McBreaity said she also noticed a lot less inventory.

“I think it would be the demise of this plaza without a grocery store,” she said, recalling the years before Sharon Farm Market opened in 2010. “I hope they do stay,” she added.

Jennifer Naylor, a Sharon resident of 20 years, said she's concerned for the store's future. “The seafood's going, Jam's going — they're going to struggle, I think.”

“I would love this to be totally revamped,” she added, noting that she's always taken issue with what she described as high pricing.

A revamp is exactly what Chris Choe has in mind, and he says he and his wife are hoping to sell their New Haven store just one year after its grand opening to return

their attention to Sharon and Millerton.

### Choes' target Thanksgiving for opening of Millerton Grocery Store

Across the state border in Millerton, New York, another grocery store owned by the Choes has endured speculation over the last year amid rumors that they had abandoned the venture. Choe disputes those rumors, as well, saying he and his wife plan to open the store later this year.

The store was originally scheduled to open in June 2025, and was pushed to October before the Choes eventually said the timeline was unclear.

The pair, who purchased Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44 in December 2024 from Joseph Trotta, now say the final construction stages are imminent.

“We're going to start the construction very soon,” Choe said, adding that he has a new business partner for the Millerton store, though he declined to identify the individual or company, citing ongoing negotiations.

“Together we'll be fast moving,” he said, noting that he hopes to open the store by Thanksgiving, just ahead of the holiday season.

Among the renovations completed so far are a roof replacement and significant HVAC upgrades. Choe said the remaining work includes installing new flooring, replacing the ceiling, reconfiguring the parking lot and upgrading the storefront. Eventually, they plan to stock locally-sourced produce, meat and seafood from Boston and New York City.

Some residents are skeptical that the Millerton store will open in the fall of 2026.

“Chris has said that for years now,” said longtime Sharon resident Mike Rand. “I'll believe it when I see it.”

*Additional reporting by Nathan Miller, Alec Linden and Madi Long.*

## JAM

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and the son of the store's founder and owner, Lee Kennedy, said the decision to leave stemmed from a dispute over the store's lease terms with Sharon Farm Market owners, Chris and Kim Choe.

“We've been trying to stay ahead of it for at least the last two years,” Kennedy said of the lease, which is due for renewal in October. “It was just hard to come to an agreement.”

Kennedy and Sharon Farm Market owner Chris Choe declined to elaborate on the terms of the lease, or the specifics of the dispute.

Jam's leadership concluded over the winter that a relocation was inevitable and quickly began searching for a new home, Kennedy said. After exploring options in Millerton and Wassauc, the Salisbury Main Street storefront emerged as the best choice once the Neo space became available, he added.

“We got excited because it made the most sense for what we're trying to do,” Kennedy said, noting that the space comes equipped with a kitchen, which the other locations did not have.

Kennedy assured customers that Jam will continue serving from Sharon Farm Market through the summer, and anticipates a smooth transition to the new space in the fall.

Shoppers in Sharon Market on Saturday, May 30, said they will be sad to see Jam leave the store, but are grateful it will remain open. Michelle McBreaity, a Sharon local who lives near the shopping center, said she and many others will miss what has been a reliable lunch spot for more than a decade and a half.

Jennifer Naylor said the market itself will lose a valuable asset with Jam's departure. “That's the best thing about this store,” she said, noting that the move itself was welcome news to her, as she is also soon to move to downtown Salisbury.

Kennedy said the Salisbury location will be largely the same store that Sharon shoppers are used to, with the addition of indoor and outdoor seating so customers can enjoy their purchases on site.

He said regulars can expect the same favorites to appear on the Salisbury menu — the crunchy vegetable salad, tofu ginger salad, turkey swiss and cranberry mayo sandwich and the Italian Stallion sandwich, to name a few — plus the addition of a few new sandwiches to take advantage of the spacious location.

“We're just really excited to show everyone the new spot,” he said.

Despite having spent most of its time in Sharon Farm Market, the new store will actually be Jam's third location, having spent its early days in a small shopfront on Calkinstown Road alongside several other businesses before the grocery store opened in 2010. Those shops have since been removed to make space for the Sharon Country Inn.

Kennedy said that the business has remained relatively consistent since its inception in 2008, with the only major change being the expansion of the grab-and-go program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He moved to Sharon from New York City and started working at Jam during that time, which he said was a lively time to join the business. “We were off to the races,” he said, recalling that community members were grateful for their service during a difficult period. “It definitely kept me busy,” he added.

Another constant with no plans to change is the store's name, which has become a staple in the Northwest Corner's food scene.

Kennedy said customers frequently ask about its origin, he said, but he doesn't have a straight answer.

He described a favorite children's book growing up called Jam, which featured a family that made jam together from an apple tree in the yard.

He said he suspects the book may have inspired his mother when she was building her own community-focused family food business.

“I think it just kind of stuck out to her,” he said, just as it now has in the minds of many hungry shoppers in Sharon and beyond.

## HOMICIDE

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according to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office.

The victim, identified in court only as an adult male from Connecticut, worked with Bushnell in the painting industry. Authorities have not publicly released his name.

The victim suffered from blunt force trauma to the skull, and small lacerations to the back consistent with a knife, according to the prosecutor.

Bushnell, who has deep ties to Connecticut, attended North Canaan Elementary School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He is the owner of Bushnell Painting LLC, which services Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Prosecutors said Bushnell believed the victim had stolen money from him in connection with a job they were working on together. They also alleged that Bushnell had been exhibiting erratic behavior in the days leading up to the incident and had turned off surveillance cameras at his home, according to statements made by his fiancée.

The investigation began after a witness contacted Connecticut State Police and reported a dead body at 546 Polikoff Road in Ashley Falls, where Bushnell resides. Connecticut State Police notified the Sheffield Police Department, which responded to



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**Cole Bushnell**

the property.

Officers located a body at the scene and contacted Massachusetts State Police Detectives Unit assigned to the Berkshire District Attorney's Office. The Berkshire State Police Detective Unit was notified of the suspected homicide at approximately 1:34 p.m. June 1, authorities said.

Bushnell was not at the residence when law enforcement arrived. Investigators said he returned to the property at approximately 5:23 p.m. and was arrested by members of the Berkshire State Police Detective Unit.

Bushnell, who prosecutors say has an extensive criminal record in Connecticut, is barred from having contact with any witnesses. His next court date is scheduled to take place July 16.

*Additional reporting by Madi Long and Nathan Miller.*

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**Sharon Playhouse Board President Savannah Stevenson, former attorney and lifelong theater lover**

## Savannah Stevenson's second act

By Natalia Zukerman

Savannah Stevenson has lived enough lives already to make most people feel lazy.

She grew up in Atlanta in a musical family, with a father who played "The Sound of Music" cassette tapes in the car and a mother who played hymns on the piano. She went to Carnegie Mellon to study musical theater, moved to New York afterward and, for a while, imagined a life onstage.

Then she became a lawyer instead. "The leap from performing to lawyering isn't as significant as it seems," Stevenson said one recent morning from somewhere between tour stops on the national tour of Meredith Willson's "The Music Man," in which she now plays Mrs. Paroo, the Irish immigrant mother of Marian the librarian.

For 18 years, Stevenson practiced

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### ART

## Artists and patrons gather for Stissing Center auction preview

By Natalia Zukerman

The upstairs room at Mad Rose Gallery in Millerton was filled with paintings, photographs, drawings, sculpture and ceramics on Saturday, May 30, as artists, collectors and supporters gathered for a reception previewing Stissing Center's 2nd Annual Art Auction Fundraiser.

The exhibition offers an early look at nearly 60 works donated by artists from the Hudson Valley and beyond, all to benefit Stissing Center's year-round programming, including music, theater, dance, film, children's events and community gatherings. The auction itself will take place at Stissing Center in Pine Plains on June 13 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The preview showcased a wide range of artistic styles and media, from Leora Armstrong's atmospheric "Shape of Water XII" to Talya Baharal's richly layered mixed-media painting "Shifting

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## Great Country Mutt Show returns as animal shelter surrenders rise

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Tail wags, floppy ears and a healthy dose of canine charm will take center stage June 7 as The Little Guild hosts its annual Great Country Mutt Show at Lime Rock Park in Falls Village.

Last year's Great Country Mutt Show attracted more than 200 dogs and 800 people. Founded by renowned designer Bunny Williams as a benefit for the Little Guild, the tongue-in-cheek, Westminster-style event has grown into one of the organization's signature annual fundraisers and community celebrations. The show remains free and open to the public, and adoptable dogs may attend when appropriate.

This will be the first Mutt Show since The Little Guild relocated to its new West Cornwall facility, a move that has expanded its capacity to serve animals and pet owners throughout the Northwest Corner while demand for shelter and rescue services continues to grow.

Now in his second year as co-host, WFSB meteorologist Scot Haney will again emcee the event alongside Cornwall resident and veteran CBS journalist Richard Schlesinger.

"First of all, I love working with Richard Schlesinger, so anytime I have the opportunity to do so, I do," Haney said.

"Secondly, it's just such a wonderful cause — all of the beautiful animals and their owners that come out and have a great day. It's so much fun for the whole community and beyond to get together for this



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

**Great Dane "Axel" with owner Sage Breyette in the Best Lap Dog Over 40 lbs. contest at last year's Great Country Mutt Show**

worthwhile cause."

Haney said he has long admired The Little Guild's mission and its work finding homes for rescue animals.

"I think The Little Guild is just one of the wonderful organizations here in the state that does such an amazing job finding animals homes, and I am wholeheartedly behind the mission of this wonderful shelter," he said.

The problem of overflowing

rescue shelters is at an all-time high, locally and statewide, said Jenny Langendorfer, executive director of The Little Guild.

"I've been here six years, and back then we would see two to three surrenders a year. Now, it's a problem that's unfortunately growing. I think people are going through many hard times."

While the increase has been difficult to witness, she said the

work remains deeply rewarding.

"It's heartbreaking," Langendorfer said of the growing number of animals entering shelters. "But when you see an adoption and a happy ending, it makes all the difference."

She credited the Northwest Corner community for helping sustain the organization's efforts.

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### BUSINESS

## Kelly's Kitchen Take 2 nourishes body and soul

By Jack Sheedy

The ornate wooden sign is deliberately misspelled: "Apathecary."

It greets visitors as soon as they walk into Kelly's Kitchen Take 2 in Colebrook, described on the store's website as "a charming sanctuary where time-honored traditions meet artisanal craftsmanship." Co-founder Kelly McCarthy said, "I work with energy, and I'm all about the herbal tinctures and working with naturopaths and more natural medicine." She said the misspelled sign is meant to denote a section of the store as "a path to wellness."

In that section are consigned products by local artisans, including decorative cutting boards, CBD sprays, herbal candles, honeybee pollen, pet shampoos, loose-leaf teas, jalapeno jams, greeting cards, handcrafted hats, inspirational photos and natural bar soaps.

Most of the artisans are based in Connecticut. All are from New England or the Hudson River Valley, McCarthy said.

Her husband and the store's co-founder, Bob McCarthy, shepherds another aspect of Kelly's Kitchen Take 2: prepared grab-and-go foods. And speaking of shepherds, one of his most popular dishes is shepherd's pie, that classic comfort food made with ground beef,

vegetables, potatoes, butter and cream. If it or another menu item is sold out, Bob can often prepare more while customers wait.

In coolers and freezers are soups, chowders, stews, casseroles, chicken pot pies, homemade sauces and spreads, des-

serts and fresh-baked breads.

Bob declined to name any one dish as his specialty. "My specialty is food made from scratch that tastes good," he said. He boasts more than 40 years as a foodie, having ap-

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law at high-profile New York firms specializing in criminal defense before eventually becoming head of ethics, compliance and risk at Peloton during the company's dizzying pandemic boom years.

"At some point in time, I got married and had children," she said matter-of-factly. "And then life kind of unfolded."

Stevenson and her husband began renting a house in Falls Village "just to get out of the city on the weekends."

"We fell in love with it, of course," she said. "And then when the pandemic hit, we of course fled the city up to that house and decided not to go back."

The family — Stevenson, her husband Jon, and daughters C.C. and Sylvie — became full-time Salisbury residents in 2020.

Then came another plot twist.

While the world was buying exercise bikes and streaming spin classes from their living rooms, Stevenson was part of Peloton's legal leadership team. But after the company's spectacular rise came the somewhat inevitable crash.

"In 2023, the board decided to let the entire executive team go," she said.

Suddenly, Stevenson found herself unemployed in Northwest Connecticut with time on her hands and a teenage daughter deeply immersed in the Sharon Playhouse YouthStage program.

"My older daughter said to me, 'Well, as long as you're bringing me to and from rehearsals every day, why don't you audition for the show?'"

She auditioned. "And they were like, 'Oh, you actually can sing.'"

What followed sounds like the plot of a feel-good movie about reinvention in middle age: mother and daughter performing together at the Sharon Playhouse while Stevenson rediscovered a part of herself she had set aside decades earlier.

"It was the most joyful experience ever," she said. "And I



PHOTO BY MARSHALL MEADOWS

Savannah Stevenson as Mrs. Paroo and Elliott Andrews who plays Harold Hill in the nationally touring production of "The Music Man."

"Sharing laughter, tears, music and dancing through stories that illuminate our common humanity touches us in a way that builds connection, empathy and genuine community."

SAVANNAH STEVENSON

kind of realized that now, in my late 40s — I'll be 50 this year — I've aged into this entire new crop of roles. The mothers, the older wise women, the cougar," she said, laughing. "All of these great older women's roles."

So, she started auditioning. And getting the parts. Now she's on a six-month national tour.

"It really does feel like a full-circle moment for me," Stevenson said.

If that sounds glamorous, Stevenson is quick to point out that touring theater is less champagne and more buses, protein bars and Peloton app workouts in hotel rooms.

"There are certainly times where it's a show Monday night in one city, get on the bus, show Tuesday night in another city, get on the bus," she said. "There's a lot of time on the bus."

Mostly, though, she talks about the crew with something approaching reverence.

"We finish a show at 10:30 or 11 at night. They load out the entire set onto trucks. Then they sleep on the bus, get to the next city at 8 a.m., load it all back in and rebuild it," she said. "They work so hard. It's incredible."

In "The Music Man," Stevenson now plays the role she once dreamed of from the opposite side of the generational divide.

"I would have sung Marian in my 20s," she said. "Now I get to play her Irish mother, Mrs. Paroo."

There is a scene where Marian sings "My White Knight," and Stevenson stands nearby as Mrs. Paroo listening silently. And while the younger actress sings about longing and possibility, Stevenson finds herself thinking about her own daughters.

"Sometimes I just find myself

standing there with a tear running down my cheek," she said.

Meanwhile back home, Stevenson has become one of the Sharon Playhouse's most visible champions. She joined the board in 2023 and stepped into the role of president this year.

"There's social science that provides really strong evidence about the benefits of having a theater in your community," Stevenson said. "Lower rates of violence. Higher rates of volunteerism. Higher graduation rates."

She speaks about theater the way some people speak about public libraries or churches — as essential civic infrastructure.

"Sharing laughter, tears, music and dancing through stories that illuminate our common humanity touches us in a way that builds connection, empathy and genuine community," she said.

Much of that conviction comes from watching what theater has done for her own children.

When her oldest daughter interviewed at competitive boarding schools this year, Stevenson said interviewers repeatedly commented on her poise and confidence.

"They would say to me, 'All that theater education is really paying off,'" Stevenson said. "She can establish connection with people readily."

When asked what advice she might offer to other women contemplating a midlife pivot, Stevenson resisted the fantasy of reckless transformation.

"I don't think it's about jumping without a net," she said.

Instead, she advocates something more measured.

"It's about making a calculated risk," she said. "And then, once you've run those calculations and feel planful enough about it, really diving into that risk headlong."

Which is perhaps another way of saying that sometimes the girl who once sang show tunes in Atlanta and studied musical theater at Carnegie Mellon never actually disappears.

Sometimes she's just waiting patiently for her cue.

For tickets to *The Music Man*, visit [themusicmantour.com](http://themusicmantour.com)

## ...Stissing Center

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Artists Yael Meridan Schori and Talya Baharat at Mad Rose Gallery's preview of Stissing Center's Art Auction.

Boundaries." Visitors also viewed works by internationally recognized artists including installation pioneer Judy Pfaff, photographer Ray Mortenson, painter Kit White and glass sculptor Natalie Tyler.

Several pieces reflect the Hudson Valley's enduring influence on artists, including Shane Neufeld's landscape "View Towards Stissing from Hill Top Road" and Brett McCormack's pastoral "Orchard." Other highlights included a wood-fired ceramic vessel by Paul Chaleff, dark and surreal drawings by Bob Dob, John Greene's layered surfaces, Eadweard Muybridge inspired "Climberscape" by Gail Rothschild and photographs by Kerry Madigan, founder of Mad Rose Gallery.

The fundraiser is organized by an auction committee chaired by Neal Rosenthal of Mad Rose Gallery and including Jack Banning, Didi Barrett, Gwen Greene, Yael Meridan Schori, L. Parker Stephenson, Dorit Straus, Natalie Tyler and Douglas Walla.

"We love creating opportunities for people to connect through the arts," said Patrick Trettenero, executive director of Stissing Center. "This event is a celebration of great art, generous artists and collectors, and a community that values creativity. We're thrilled to partner with Mad Rose Gallery for an evening that supports the programs that bring people together at Stissing Center all year long."

The preview exhibition will be on view at Mad Rose Gallery ahead of the June 13 auction. Mad Rose is open Thursday-Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. Proceeds will support Stissing Center's cultural programming throughout the year. For more information, contact Amy Jelenko, director of advancement, at [advancement@thestissingcenter.org](mailto:advancement@thestissingcenter.org).

## Bobby's chicken enchiladas

Each month, Dugazon owners Bobby Graham and Matthew Marden share a recipe inspired by the traditions, stories and sense of welcome at the heart of their shop in Sharon, Connecticut. Visit Dugazon at 19 W. Main St. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at [dugazonshop.com](http://dugazonshop.com).



### What's cooking at Dugazon?

Bobby Graham & Matthew Marden

We share a love of Mexican food, and these chicken enchiladas have become a favorite at our table. Creamy, comforting and reliably crowd-pleasing, they're equally at home on a busy weeknight or at a casual gathering with friends. The creamy chicken filling, green chilies and generous layer of melted cheese make it the sort of dish that disappears quickly and is requested often. Best of all, the dish can be assembled a day ahead and baked just before serving, making it a welcome option when you'd rather spend time with guests than in the kitchen.

Adapted from Courtney's *Chicken Enchilada Casserole*, *Sallier's Seasonings*, *Imperial Calcasieu Museum*, *Lake Charles, Louisiana*

**Ingredients**  
 • 12 small corn tortillas  
 • 2 cans enchilada sauce  
 • 1 (8-ounce) can tomato paste

• 1 teaspoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning

- 1 onion, halved
- 1 tablespoon whole peppercorns (optional)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 (8-ounce) container sour cream
- 4 (4-ounce) cans diced green chilies
- 1 jalapeño, seeded and finely chopped
- 1 pound shredded Monterey Jack-Cheddar cheese blend

#### Equipment

- 9-by-12-inch casserole dish

#### Preparation

• Place the chicken in a large pot and cover with water. Add the onion cut in half, salt and peppercorns, if using. Bring to a simmer and cook until the chicken is cooked through, 18 to 25 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board and let cool slightly, then chop or shred.

*Tip: Strain and freeze the cooking liquid to use later as homemade chicken stock.*

- In a medium bowl, combine the enchilada sauce,

tomato paste and Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning. Stir until smooth.

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

• Arrange the tortillas on a baking sheet and warm them in the oven for a few minutes. This helps prevent cracking when they are rolled.

• In a large bowl, combine the chicken, sour cream, green chilies and jalapeño. Stir until evenly mixed.

• Dip each tortilla into the enchilada sauce, coating both sides. Spoon some of the chicken mixture into the center, roll tightly and place seam-side down in the casserole dish.

- Repeat with the remaining tortillas, arranging them snugly in the dish. If any filling remains, spread it evenly over the top.

• Pour the remaining enchilada sauce over the enchiladas and sprinkle generously with the cheese.

• Bake uncovered until hot and bubbling and the cheese is melted and lightly golden, 30 to 35 minutes.

• Let rest for 5 to 10 minutes before serving. Serve with shredded lettuce and tortilla chips, if desired.

#### Make-Ahead Tip

Assemble the enchiladas up to 1 day in advance. Cover and refrigerate, then bake just before serving.



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Bobby's chicken enchiladas

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EDUCATION

# Yale Norfolk School of Art returns for another summer of creativity

By Patricia Platt

For more than 80 years, the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Trust has endowed Yale University's summer music and art programs in Norfolk. The renowned Yale Norfolk School of Art opened the 2026 summer season May 23, sharing its final week with Yale's new music workshop. The art school is held in the historic Alfredo Taylor-designed Art Barn, located on a trail behind the 70-acre estate's Whitehouse on the village green.

"Yale Norfolk brings together a diverse group of students who have demonstrated passion in artmaking and are exemplary community members," explained the program's co-director, Lisa Sigal. The student body is composed of 26 rising college seniors selected from more than 200 applicants. Participants come from across the country and from a growing number of international locations. Students live in dormitories on the estate alongside faculty and staff.

The faculty includes co-directors Sigal and Byron Kim, who will lead seminars with Yale professor Ayham Ghraoui and four teaching fellows.

"We cultivate the next generation of artists by providing immersive, community-driven residencies," Sigal said. "It ends up being six transformative weeks. Students leave with a deepened creative practice and lifelong friendships. Teaching fellows leave knowing



PHOTO BY SOK SONGA

The Yale Norfolk summer art program hosts open community drawing classes on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

how to structure a class and inspire young artists. And everyone leaves the estate in tears."

The public is invited to view student work during Open Studios at the Art Barn on June 28 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Each summer, students create a series of community art installations around Norfolk. Six to eight proposals are selected and then presented to the town's selectmen for approval. Some projects are installed during the last weekend of June, others remain for weeks, and a few have earned permanent places in the Norfolk landscape.

This summer's theme, "Seeing Through," draws inspiration from the French philosopher Édouard Glissant, who wrote about opacity and its inverse, transparency, observing that "The opaque is not the obscure; rather, it is that which cannot be reduced."

Visiting fellows and faculty will present free lectures exploring the theme over five Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Art Barn. For a schedule of speakers, visit [norfolkart.yale.edu](http://norfolkart.yale.edu)

The art program also offers free community drawing classes throughout the summer. These began Saturday, May 30, and continue

through the end of the music program on Aug. 23. The classes focus on life drawing with a live model. Drawing materials and paper are provided, and participants of all experience levels are welcome. Classes meet on the second floor of the Art Barn on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the Ellen Battell Stoeckel Trust, the Yale Norfolk School of Art is supported by the Yale School of Art, the Norfolk Hub, the Battell Arts Foundation and the Low Road Foundation. For more information, visit [norfolkart.yale.edu](http://norfolkart.yale.edu).

GARDENING

# The brief, beloved bloom of the 'King of Flowers'

By Debra A. Aleksinas

At Salisbury Garden Center, potted peonies are beginning their brief but anticipated spring performance — heavy blossoms unfolding in shades of soft pink, crimson, magenta and white. Soon, the flowers will fill the air with fragrance as Northwest Corner gardeners admire the blooms many wait all year to see.

"We're all a sucker for a peony plant," Garden Center staff member Irene Cmuchowski said with a laugh, describing the enduring appeal of the flower's oversized blooms, lush texture and unmistakable scent.

Despite changing gardening trends, peonies remain a longtime favorite in the region,

she said, not only for their beauty but for the emotional connection they often carry.

"People have them for decades, handed down from their parents and grandparents," Cmuchowski said. In a sense, they become living heirlooms, she noted.

Under optimal conditions, peonies bloom for only about three weeks, leaving the delicate flowers vulnerable to torrential downpours, extreme heat or drought.

The Garden Center carries both traditional herbaceous peonies and woody peonies, also known as Chinese tree peonies, in colors ranging from delicate pinks and whites to deep reds and vivid magentas.



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Herbaceous peonies in full bloom.

For centuries, Chinese tree peonies have occupied a celebrated place in Chinese culture, art and garden design. Often depicted in paintings, silk embroidery and poetry, the flowers became symbols of prosperity, beauty, nobility and honor. Their lavish blossoms — sometimes reaching nearly dinner-plate size — earned them the title "King of Flowers."

Unlike herbaceous peonies, which die back to the ground each winter, tree peonies are woody shrubs that can live for generations, producing increasingly spectacular blooms as they mature.

Dan Furman of Cricket Hill Garden in Thomaston, Connecticut, a 7-acre specialty plant nursery known for its rare and unusual peonies, said tree peonies have long stood at the center of classical Chinese spring gardens.

"There are five flowering plants of the classical Chinese garden," Furman

explained. "Plum blossom in winter, tree peonies in spring, lotus in summer and chrysanthemum in the autumn. Of these, tree peonies certainly have the most impressive flowers."

For Furman, the fascination with Chinese tree peonies runs much deeper than horticulture alone.

His parents, Kasha and David, established Cricket Hill Garden in 1989 and earned a reputation as being the most respected growers of Chinese tree peonies in the country.

"What first drew my family to Chinese tree peonies was their centuries-long cultivation history," Furman said. "There is a lot of culture there beyond just the horticultural."

"Tree peony is a misnomer," he added. "A better name would be woody peonies."

The plants are deciduous shrubs that typically grow about 3 feet tall and wide, returning each year from

permanent woody stems rather than dying back to the ground.

At Cricket Hill, enthusiasts travel from across the country seeking unusual and historic varieties prized for enormous blooms, nuanced fragrance and painterly colors.

Yet despite their reputation for elegance and rarity, peonies remain deeply personal flowers for many Northwest Corner gardeners — reminders of old homesteads, family gardens and spring traditions passed down through generations.

Their bloom may be fleeting, Cmuchowski noted, but their emotional hold endures.

"People wait all year for them."

## ... Kelly's Kitchen

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PHOTO BY JACK SHEEDY

Kelly and Bob McCarthy inside Kelly's Kitchen Take 2.

prenticed with an Austrian master chef before working at Farmington Woods Country Club and Beefsteak Charlie's. He opened Lily's of the Valley Restaurant in Simsbury, where he met Kelly, who was a server there.

As the name implies, Kelly's Kitchen Take 2 is a reboot of their popular restaurant, Kelly's Kitchen, which operated in Winsted from 2004 to 2015. When their lease ended, Bob became the chef at Bantam Market, preparing foods for the deli section. Kelly used her professional marketing experience to expand her holistic practice, working with people to educate and nourish them spiritually, she said.

When the building they now occupy recently came on the market, they saw it as an opportunity for a turnkey retirement business where they could combine their two areas of expertise. The location previously was home to Spice320, which also featured prepared foods and had a working kitchen and space for cooling, freezing and displaying foods.

As a destination for freshly prepared foods, it is a rare oasis, according to a young couple who identified themselves only as Maya and Rob. "I checked it online, and the reviews were so good that I was like, 'I gotta go and check it out,'" Maya said.

Another customer, a woman from the Berkshires, said she and her husband come to Winsted once a week to shop. She first tried shopping at Kelly's on a Tuesday, then on a Wednesday, but was disappointed to learn the store was closed on those days. "Now we have to change our shopping day to Thursday," she said.

"People don't need to retire," Kelly said. "Stop looking at retiring from life, and instead, what can you still bring to the table? There's so much magic within each one of us."

*Kelly's Kitchen Take 2 is at 320 Colebrook River Road in Colebrook. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, visit [kktake2.com](http://kktake2.com) or call 860-379-7927.*

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*Pianist Benjamin Hochman joins principal players from the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra for Music Mountain Summer Festival's opening Benefit Concert and Reception on June 7 at 3 p.m. The program features works by Bach, Brahms and Fauré. Concerts at Music Mountain are in Gordon Hall, at 225 Music Mountain Road, in Falls Village. Tickets are now on sale, online at musicmountain.org or by calling the Box Office at (860) 824-7126.*

## Tri-Corner Calendar

### JUNE 4

**How to Talk to Your Doctor with Bruce Weinstein**  
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org  
Board-certified patient advocate Bruce Weinstein presents practical strategies and take-home tools to help participants navigate health care with greater knowledge and confidence from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A question-and-answer session will follow. Registration requested at scovillelibrary.org.

### SOAR Trivia Night

Salisbury Central School, Salisbury, Conn.  
SOAR invites teams of up to four for an evening of trivia, pizza and friendly competition 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Salisbury Central School. Pizza dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., with trivia starting at 6 p.m. Teams may include parents, grandparents, friends, students and neighbors. Cost is \$10 per person and includes pizza. Advance registration is required by May 29; walk-ins will not be accepted. Final room location will depend on the number of teams registered. Register at <https://bit.ly/4wi9QAS>

### JUNE 5

**Foxtrot Friday with Westerly Canteen**  
Foxtrot Farm, 6862 Route 82, Stanfordsville, N.Y.  
Foxtrot Farm launches its new monthly community gathering, Foxtrot Fridays, with a grand opening celebration June 5. The evening features food by Westerly Canteen, beverages by Ten Mile Table and live music by Alessandra Gonzales. Reservations are required for parking, with timed entry windows from 4:30 to 6 p.m., 6 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Food, drinks and flowers will be available for purchase. The event is rain or shine. For more information and reservations, visit [foxtrotfarmflowers.com](http://foxtrotfarmflowers.com)

### Dirty Blonde

Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent, N.Y.  
The Ghent Playhouse presents Claudia Shear's witty, heartfelt comedy inspired by the life and legend of Mae West. Directed by Sky Vogel with musical direction by Cathy Schane-Lydon, the production stars Jessica Cordova, Robert Mason and Monk Schane-Lydon. Performances are June 5-7 and June 12-14. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets, visit [ghentplayhouse.org](http://ghentplayhouse.org) or email [info@ghentplayhouse.org](mailto:info@ghentplayhouse.org).

### Willy Porter

The Grace Note at Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. 7:30 p.m.

For more than 30 years, singer, songwriter and master guitarist Willy Porter's songs have traced the fragile, funny, luminous edges of being human. Drawing from 13 albums, Porter invites listeners into a living, breathing ritual where stories shimmer, grooves settle deep, and songs feel like home. A solo show with Porter is part concert, part conversation, part gentle reckoning — music as ritual, humor as grace, and connection as the point. Tickets: [thestissingcenter.org](http://thestissingcenter.org).

### Ned Ames Lecture: "Cultivating Resilient Food Systems in a Changing Climate"

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Lovejoy Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, N.Y.  
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies presents the annual Ned Ames Lecture at 7 p.m., featuring Cary Fowler, former U.S. special envoy for global food security and co-recipient of the 2024 World Food Prize. Fowler will discuss the challenges of feeding a growing global population amid climate change, with a focus on crop diversity, agricultural innovation and the role of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault in protecting future food security. A reception with light refreshments begins at 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, with in-person and livestream options available. Registration is required [caryinstitute.org](http://caryinstitute.org)

### JUNE 6

**"Grounded in Nature: Paintings by Adam Van Doren"**  
Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Rd., Stockbridge, Mass. June 6 to Aug. 23

Berkshire Botanical Garden will present "Grounded in Nature: Paintings by Adam Van Doren," a summer exhibition of more than 35 watercolor and oil paintings exploring the relationship between historic architecture and the natural landscape. Curated by Donna Hassler, the exhibition features scenes from New York, Connecticut and Europe. Opening reception with the artist June 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [BerkshireBotanical.org](http://BerkshireBotanical.org).

### Lecture & Discussion by Author and Historian Tim Abbott

Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.  
Executive Director of the Housatonic Valley Association Tim Abbott will lead a talk and discussion on his latest research into the treatment of British prisoners in Sharon during the Revolutionary War. 3 p.m. Free and open to the public.

### Twelve Moons Coffee House featuring Aimee Van Dyne

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. 6 to 9 p.m.

Twelve Moons Coffee House builds community with live music, poetry and storytelling on the first Saturday of each month. Doors open at 6 p.m., open mic begins at 6:30 p.m., and featured act, Americana singer/songwriter Aimee Van Dyne performs from 8 to 9 p.m.

### Meet the Filmmakers:

**Burning Blue + Q&A**  
The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

7 p.m. a special screening of the new Director's Cut of Burning Blue, followed by a Q&A with Director and Co-Writer DMW Greer and Co-Writer Helene Kvale in conversation with actor and director John Hickok. Tickets at [themoviehouse.net](http://themoviehouse.net)

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### RoundTop Burlesque Revue

The Grace Note at Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. 7:30 p.m.

Behold a bevy of beauties, bananas, back hair, burlesque, & more! The RoundTop Burlesque Revue returns to Stissing Center for its second year, celebrating the timeless tradition of burlesque with humor, glamour, and surprise. Enjoy a playfully entertaining evening of comedy, striptease, and theatrical flair from a bold cast of performers. Adults only. Tickets: [thestissingcenter.org](http://thestissingcenter.org).

### "Music Mountain: History of a Dream" Book Talk

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

The David M. Hunt Library and Music Mountain will present a book talk with Anne Liebling, author of "Music Mountain: History of a Dream," at 2 p.m. The book traces the history of Music Mountain since its founding in 1930 by violinist Jacques Gordon. Artistic director Oskar Espina Ruiz will discuss Music Mountain's upcoming 97th season, which opens June 7 with a benefit concert and reception featuring Benjamin Hochman and friends from the Metropolitan Opera. Books will be available for signing and purchase following the talk.

### Author Talk: The Patient Wait of the Stones

Merritt Bookstore, 57 Front St., Millbrook, N.Y.

Author Antonio Romani will discuss his memoir "The Patient Wait of the Stones: Time and Memory in Lunigiana" with novelist and co-translator Martha Coolley at 3:30 p.m., followed by a book signing. The event celebrates the U.S. debut of Romani's memoir, which explores memory, reinvention and life in a remote medieval village in northwest Tuscany.

### Stanford Pride at Bangallworks

Bangallworks, 97 Hunns Lake Road, Bangall, N.Y. Food, community and music from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Live @ AMP: Women Take the Lead - Riley Cotton

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. Americana and folk singer-songwriter Riley Cotton performs at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. at AMP. The Texas-born, Connecticut-based artist is known for storytelling-driven Americana blending themes of identity, love and loss. General admission tickets are \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door; student tickets are \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door. [americanmuralproject.org](http://americanmuralproject.org)

### JUNE 7

### Community Crafting Workshop: Collaging & Introspective Visionboarding

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. [scovillelibrary.org](http://scovillelibrary.org)  
Join local artist Ali De Prodocini from 2 to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of internal and artistic inquiry. In this intergenerational creative workshop, we will imagine our way into the summers we'd like to have using the medium of collage. Registration requested at [scovillelibrary.org](http://scovillelibrary.org).

### JUNE 9

### Workshop: Writing Your Story with Cheryl Heller and Natalia Zukerman

Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn.  
This two-hour creative workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. with Cheryl Heller and Natalia Zukerman is an opportunity to discover more about yourself and the place where you live. We'll practice noticing, reflecting, and writing. Participants will step outside and into nature for inspiration, then translate their observations into writing short flash memoirs that connect the world outside to inner experience. The result will be a renewed sense of creativity and a deepening awareness of how place forms identity. Registration required at [norfolklibrary.org](http://norfolklibrary.org)

## ... Mutt Show

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"We are so lucky that we have the best community in the world supporting The Little Guild," she said.

New this year, the Mutt Show will feature additional food trucks, expanded activities for all ages and a hospitality tent where visitors can relax, enjoy a meal and give their dogs a chance to cool down.

Also debuting is the Best Companion/Family Member competition, which invites owners to share stories and photographs celebrating the special bond they have with their dogs.

"The response has been fantastic," Langendorfer said. "It's what we do at The Guild — create families."

Unlike traditional dog shows focused on breed standards, the Great Country Mutt Show embraces canine individuality. Categories include Most Unidentifiable Mix,

Best Ears, Best Trick, Best Kisser, Waggiest Tail and Best Lap Dog Over 20 Pounds. Every registered dog receives a commemorative memento, while category winners take home blue ribbons.

Returning as judge is renowned animal trainer Bill Berloni, best known for training rescue dogs for Broadway and film productions, including Sandy in the 2014 film production of "Annie."

Beyond the fun, proceeds from the event support The Little Guild's numerous community outreach efforts, including pet food pantries serving local communities, free wellness clinics and low-cost spay and neuter programs.

"It is just so much fun," Langendorfer said of the annual event. "It puts a smile on everybody's face."

Additional information and registration details are available at [littleguild.org](http://littleguild.org)

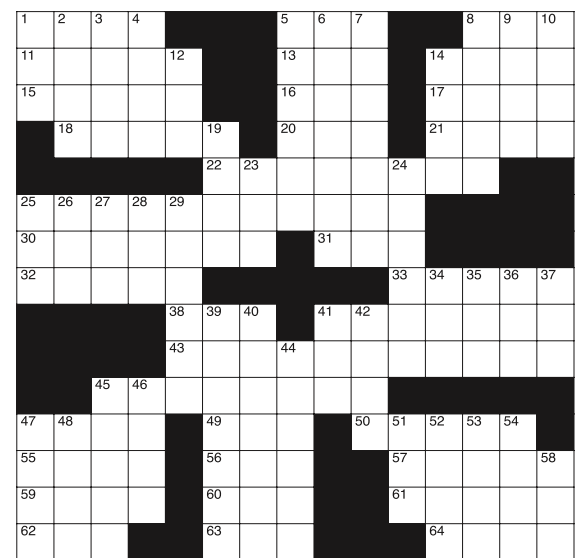
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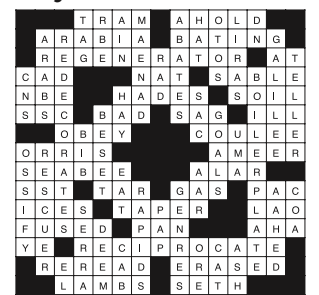
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1. Egyptian bull-god
5. A young canine
8. Cologne
11. Fictional British P.I.
13. Midway between northeast and east
14. A place to shop
15. Minneapolis suburb
16. Single lens reflex
17. NY Mets great Tommie
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Habitual twitching
21. Holm oak
22. Willing to consent or submit
25. In an early way
30. Made possible
31. Language in Ghana
32. Relating to one's birth
33. Deep-bodied fishes
38. Defunct European currency
41. Small American songbird
43. One from L.A.
45. After tenth
47. Hillside
49. Red deer
50. Partner to "oooh"
55. Indian musical pattern
56. Israeli city — Aviv
57. Golden peas plant
59. Breezed through
60. Midway between east and southeast
61. Frameworks
62. Danish krone
63. Fall back
64. Influential Korean leader



14. Something you receive
19. Satisfy
23. Wet dirt
24. No longer here
25. Writing utensil
26. Ribonucleic acid
27. Consume food
28. Licensed for Wall Street
29. Alternative forms of a gene
34. Buddy
35. We all do it
36. Chicken
37. No seats available
39. Yearned to possess
40. Ineffctual
41. Explosive
42. Turkish title
44. Worn near the foot
45. Impatient
46. Set an example for others
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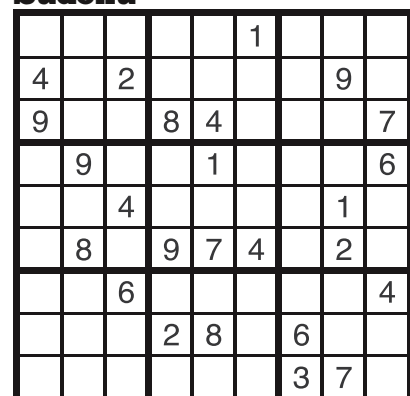
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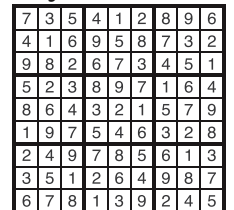
### CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Turkish leader title
5. Nag
6. Blank
7. Closely woven cotton fabric
8. A nice shot in golf
9. Away from wind
10. Evergreen shrub genus
12. Large African antelope

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# Sports

## Little League season winds down in Northwest Connecticut

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON – The Canaan Pirates took on the Torrington Orioles Saturday, May 30, in a late-season Little League showdown.

The Orioles prevailed 14-1 over the Pirates. The game was played amid gloomy conditions, about 47 degrees and rainy.

The Pirates are a team of 10- to 12-year-olds from Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon that play in the Northwest Connecticut

Steve Blass Little League.

Pitcher Charles Smith started on the mound for the Pirates. Quinlan Bryant relieved him later in the game.

The Orioles racked up runs early on and opened up an eight-point lead. Canaan got on the board in the second inning with a run by Lane Brooks. Torrington responded with two runs in the second inning and four more in the third inning.

The Pirates collected four hits as a team with strong at-bats by Brooks, Bryant, Berkley Karcheski and Quinn

McNiff. Catcher Colby Hosier was a wall at the backstop and Myles Shippa, Hunter Lyon and Ben Ryan performed strongly in the field.

With the end of the season in sight, coach Matt Hosier reflected on what he described as a rebuilding year for the Pirates.

"We had a young team this year," Hosier said, and there was an emphasis on establishing fundamental skills with the players. "We've definitely progressed, played better as a team and been pretty upbeat all year."

Charles Smith



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Hunter Lyon

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