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

Climber dies after 40-foot fall at St. Johns Ledges

By Christian Murray

KENT – A 30-year-old Great Barrington man died Thursday, Sept. 10 after falling approximately 40 feet while rock climbing at St. Johns Ledges along the Appalachian Trail in Kent.

The man was identified as Collin Salmon, who previously lived in Warren.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Environmental Conservation Police responded to the area at about 2:30 p.m. off River Road and announced Salmon's death later that day.

Kent Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim Sneller, who was among the first responders on the scene, said Salmon was part of a group of about 12 climbers participating in a climbing class. He was believed to be one of the instructors.

"I think everyone was in shock

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When pet owners struggle, the Northwest Corner steps in

By Debra A. Aleksinas

WEST CORNWALL — Across the Northwest Corner, financial hardship, housing restrictions, illness and other life changes are leaving some residents struggling to continue caring for their pets.

Local food pantries, veterinary assistance programs, animal-control officers and neighbors are helping owners keep animals they might otherwise surrender. But when that support is not enough, shelters and rescue organizations become the remaining option.

Officials at The Little Guild, a nonprofit animal shelter in West Cornwall, said financial hardship played a role in more than half of the animals relinquished by their owners this year. Through Aug. 27, the organization had taken in 62

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PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Members of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department salute the American flag during the town's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony at Kent Town Hall.

Northwest Corner communities gather to mark 25th anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks

By Ruth Epstein,
Patrick L. Sullivan
and Christian Murray

NORTH CANAAN – Among the observances held across the Northwest Corner, communities in Kent, Sharon, North Canaan and

Cornwall marked the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with ceremonies honoring those killed.

In Kent, residents gathered at Town Hall, where Peter Gadiel spoke about his son, James, a Kent native who was 23 when he was

killed in the World Trade Center's North Tower. The ceremony included prayers, bagpipes and remarks from officials, firefighters and veterans.

Sharon's observance featured firefighter Todd Anderson, who traveled to Ground Zero after the attacks, former ABC News correspondent Brian Ross and resident Roger Liddell, who recalled his experience that day. The names of the first responders and a police

dog killed in the attacks were read aloud.

In North Canaan, volunteers at the Canaan Fire Company read the names of nearly 3,000 victims. A large American flag hung from a fire truck's ladder.

Cornwall held a brief remembrance Saturday during the Cornwall Agricultural Fair.

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Holley Place oil cleanup expected to cost up to \$175,000

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Soil testing at the Holley Place affordable housing site on Holley Street found contamination from old heating oil, but the situation is "not as dire" as initially feared, First Selectman Curtis Rand told the Board of Selectmen at its regular meeting Monday, Sept. 14.

Construction crews digging the foundation for Holley Place in June detected the smell of fuel oil and notified the developer, the Salisbury Housing Committee, a private nonprofit organization.

The development of the 15,000-square-foot, three-story complex at 11 Holley St. in Lakeville was abruptly brought to a halt upon the discovery, pending

soil testing. The plans call for 10 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom apartments, with a garage beneath the building that will provide 22 parking spaces.

Rand said remediation is expected to cost between \$165,000 and \$175,000. The town will consider contributing toward the expense, he said.

"It's on town property," Rand said.

The selectmen also discussed two funding requests from the Affordable Housing Commission: \$200,000 for the Dresser Woods development in Salisbury and \$81,000 for a three-unit development on Bostwick Street in

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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.

Evading responsibility charge

Matthew Atkins, 41, of South Canaan, was taken into custody on Sunday, Sept. 6, at approximately 12:30 p.m., on an active arrest warrant related to an incident that occurred on May 3, 2026. He was charged with violations related to evading responsibility and failure to maintain lane and was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond for an appearance in Torrington Superior Court.

Corvette leaves road

John Quaintance, 24, of Salisbury was arrested on Saturday, Sept. 5, at approximately 2 a.m., related to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Farnum Road and Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury. An investigation showed that Quaintance, driving a 2026 Chevrolet Corvette owned by Paul Kotecki, 31, of Schenectady, New York, a passenger in the vehicle, left the roadway and traveled through a grassy area before coming to a rest on a rock retaining wall, balancing on the passenger side. No injuries were reported. Quaintance was charged with operating under the influence, failure to obey a Stop sign and failure to keep proper lane and released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond.

Three-car accident in Salisbury

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, at approximately 1 p.m., three vehicles were involved in a motor vehicle incident. Pamela Winters, 77, of Salisbury, was traveling north on Route 41

in Salisbury near the Scoville Ore Mine Road intersection in a 2025 Hyundai when she initiated a turn and slowed for oncoming traffic. A 2018 Jeep Renegade driven by Jessica Strattman, 41, of North Canaan, was behind the Hyundai, and slowed down. A third vehicle, a 2006 Subaru driven by Pamela Osborne, 80, of Salisbury also was traveling north behind the Jeep. Osborne's vehicle struck the rear of Strattman's car, causing it to then collide with the first car. Osborne was transported to Sharon Hospital by Salisbury EMS and was issued an infraction for failure to drive a safe distance apart. The second and third vehicles were towed from the scene.

Striking a fence and tree

Fernando Moises, 24, of Sharon, was traveling south on Route 41 in Sharon on Sunday, Sept. 6 at approximately 5 p.m. in a 2012 Nissan when the vehicle crossed the centerline and exited the road, striking about 20 feet of residential fencing before hitting a tree and coming to rest. Moises was transported to Sharon Hospital by Sharon Ambulance for minor injuries and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Sideswiped on Route 41

On Thursday, Sept. 10 at approximately 7:45 p.m. Briceson Barry, 25, was southbound on Route 41 prior to the intersection of Wells Hill Road in Salisbury in a 2024 Tesla and was slowing down due to traffic when his vehicle was sideswiped by a blue Honda Accord. The Honda was last seen headed south on Route 41. Troop B's report identifies Paul Angot, 57, of Amenia, New York, as the driver and owner of the Honda, stating that the case remains active and under investigation.

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

Cornwall home prices dip, sales volume remains steady

By Christine Bates

Cornwall - The median price of a single-family home in Cornwall declined during the 12 months ending Aug. 31, although prices remained well above levels seen before the spring of 2024.

The town's 12-month trailing median stood at \$870,000 at the end of August, down 14% from \$1.008 million for the comparable period ending Aug. 31, 2025. It was also 4% below the \$907,500 median recorded for the 12 months ending Aug. 31, 2024.

Cornwall home prices have remained largely between \$850,000 and \$1 million in recent years. Unlike some area towns that experienced sharp price increases during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 through 2023, Cornwall's median did not rise above \$800,000 until the spring of 2024.

The number of homes changing hands has remained relatively stable. Nineteen single-family homes sold during the 12 months ending Aug. 31, matching the total from the previous 12-month period. Fifteen homes sold during the comparable period ending in August 2024.

Cornwall typically records between 15 and 25 single-family home sales annually through the Multiple Listing Service. Because the town has relatively few transactions, a small number of high- or low-priced sales can have an outsized effect on the median.

Sales reached a high of 43 homes during the 12 months ending in August 2021, reflecting heightened real estate activity during the pandemic.

Inventory remains limited. At the beginning of September, seven single-family homes were listed for sale at a median asking price of \$1.295 million. One furnished home was available for rent at \$3,750 under an annual lease.

Vacant land was more widely represented in the market, with six parcels listed at prices ranging from \$150,000 to \$360,000.

July Transfers

72 Cogswell Road – 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.13 acres transferred by Diana Hine and Gretchen and Douglas Carlson to Benjamin, Kate, James, and Thomas Levine for \$695,000

19 Hollenbeck Road – 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 59.6 acres transferred by Carolyn Schmidt and Dennis Belanick to Lizinka and Francine Benton-Rzeznik



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Built in 1907, this Victorian home at 72 Cogswell Road, set on 1.13 acres, sold privately for \$695,000 in July. Only four of the eight single-family homes transferred in Cornwall during July and August were publicly listed for sale on MLS.

for \$1,400,000

128 Popple Swamp Road – 1 bedroom/1 bath cottage on 11 acres transferred by John Goldhurst to Marguerite Purnell for \$295,000

48 Lower River Road – 3 bedroom/1 bath home on 2.3 acres transferred by Patricia Lynn Anstine Fowler to Marina Cora Munoz for \$350,000

August Transfers

148 Warren Hill Road – 6 bedroom/2 bath home on 36 acres transferred by Marsha and Rodney Smith to Warren Hill LLC for \$2,395,000

162 Cream Hill Road – 3 bedroom/3 bath house on 6.4 acres sold by Frederic

Jenny to Bradford Martin and Heather Abrames for \$126,540

170 Dibble Hill Road - 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 9.1 acres transferred by Jonathan and Margot Landman to Anna Hubbard for \$695,000

56 Todd Hill Road – 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 4.5 acres transferred by Allan Bahn to Timothy Shiloh Saltarelli and Lauren Rachel Young for \$786,000

159 Kent Road – 1.2 acres of vacant land transferred by Silvio Villa to Martha Villa for \$165,000

112 Popple Swamp Road – 2 bedroom/1 bath home

on 1.9 acres transferred by Sarah Oyanadel to Marguerite Purnell for \$165,000

* Town of Cornwall real estate transfers recorded from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026, provided by Cornwall Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS and market statistics from Infosparks. Note that recorded transfers frequently 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.



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Our Towns



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON
Jessica Kubicki, left, will become president and CEO of The Housing Collective on Oct. 1, succeeding David Rich of Lakeville, right, who is stepping down after two decades.

230 affordable homes in the pipeline across Litchfield County

By John Coston

SALISBURY — The Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity released its 2025 Impact Report on Thursday, Sept. 10, showing that 230 affordable homes are planned or under development across the county.

Jocelyn Ayer, director of the center, said 209 of those homes will be rentals and 21 will be owner-occupied. The center is an initiative of The Housing Collective, founded 20 years ago by David Rich.

Speaking at a gathering at Salisbury School, Ayer highlighted affordable housing projects in the pipeline, including:

- Barkhamsted Housing Trust (20 units): Mallory View
- Falls Village Housing Trust (16 units): River Road and (5 units) called FVHT Apartments
- Cornwall Housing Corporation (20 units) called Millard Brook
- Kent Affordable Housing (13 units) as South Common expansion
- Litchfield Housing Authority (8 units) called River Bend
- Morris Housing Authority (8 units) known as Eldridge expansion
- Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. (14 units) Holley Place and (20 units) Dresser Woods
- Sharon Housing Trust (6 units) under Sharon Homes and (4 units) as Community Center reuse
- Warren Affordable Housing Corp. (8 units) known as Warren Village
- Washington Community Housing Trust (12 units) Judea Springs
- Winchester Housing Partners (37 units) converting former Batcheller School into housing

“Our work is to support those volunteers to make their projects happen,” Ayer said.

Some developments can take 10 years to complete, she said, citing Holley Place in Salisbury as an example. Ayer also discussed Dresser Woods, a development planned near downtown Salisbury beyond East Railroad Street that will provide

20 homes in nine buildings.

Ayer said that there are 2,775 families across Litchfield County that have gone through the application process and now are on a waiting list, noting that many of those are in Torrington, which reports 1,828 on a waiting list.

“Many families hear how long the waiting list is and don’t bother filling out an application,” she said.

In Salisbury, there are 119 families on waiting lists for three developments. The Sharon Housing Authority has 84 families on waiting lists for Sharon Ridge and Sharon Ridge Expansion. Cornwall has 67 families waiting for Kugeman Village and Bonney Brook.

Kent shows 64 waiting for housing at Stuart Farm and South Common Apartments. There are 68 on waiting lists in North Canaan for Wangum Village and Beckley House (Geer Village). More than 50 are on waiting lists in Norfolk for Meadowbrook and the Town Center Apartments.

Jessica Kubicki will succeed Rich on Oct. 1 as president and CEO of The Housing Collective, the statewide backbone-type service organization that provides assistance to local housing organizations. At the Housing Collective, Kubicki, a licensed clinical social worker since 2013, has focused on homelessness and housing affordability as a single problem.

“Homelessness and housing are not two separate things anymore,” she said, noting that last year 64% of homeless individuals were experiencing homelessness for the first time. Two-thirds of Connecticut’s homeless population cite affordability reasons, she said.

“Who are these homeless?” she asked. “It’s our neighbors, our schoolteachers, our friends.”

Rich, who was credited with creating the Litchfield County organization, emphasized that it “brings people together to solve intractable problems.”

Federal, state and philanthropic support is “uncertain at best,” he said. “We need to create lasting, sustainable affordable housing.”

New tree planned for Salisbury’s sole 9/11 victim

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — A memorial tree honoring Susan Getzendanner, the town’s lone victim of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was destroyed in the powerful July 4 storm, but plans are underway to plant another in her memory.

Getzendanner was a vice president at Fiduciary Trust working on the 97th floor of 2 World Trade Center when the South Tower was struck. Her friend Victor Germack said she was the floor’s fire warden and was helping ensure her colleagues evacuated when she died.

According to her obituary, she laid deep roots in Salisbury “oscillating comfortably back and forth between New York bustle and hiking or gardening on Mt. Riga.”

“Thrift, adventure, loyalty and compassion were her hallmarks,” the obituary read. “She traveled prolifically, especially to Nepal and Tibet, always leaving behind something of herself wherever she went.”

Germack became friends with her when they were both members of the Blue Hill Troupe, a Gilbert and Sullivan nonprofit company performing mainly in New York. Its members became a part of her family.

Germack called her a “fabulous lady with a wonderful smile.” He remembered her amazing collection of Tibetan art.

After she died, her friends planted a Princeton American elm on the lawn in front of the Academy Building. A plaque was placed on the tree to commemorate her memory.



PHOTO PROVIDED

The memorial tree honoring Susan Getzendanner, Salisbury’s lone victim of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, was toppled by the July 4 storm. A replacement tree is planned.

Left, the plaque in memory of Susan Getzendanner is still on the lawn of the Academy Building, but the tree was destroyed in the July 4 storm.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The tree grew over the years and Lou Bucceri, executive assistant and historian at the Salisbury Association, said, “It towered over the building’s cupola,” but was blown down in the storm. A

plaque can be found on the ground where the tree stood.

Germack’s wife, Lori Shepard, is a member of the Salisbury Association board of directors. She said there are plans to plant another

tree in honor of Getzendanner. “Monuments to women are few, and so here we’re recognizing a woman who’s a hero. It’s awfully nice to have a tree memorializing a woman.”

First Selectman Curtis G. Rand said discussions about a new tree are being held. “We need to figure out what species,” he said.

Camp Sloane names veteran YMCA leader Luke Dooley CEO

By Ruth Epstein

Camp Sloane YMCA has named Luke Dooley, a camp leader with 20 years of experience at YMCA residential camps, as its new chief executive officer.

Dooley will oversee Camp Sloane’s year-round staff, strategic development, and finances as the organization prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2028.

He takes over from Gina Lucas, who has been interim executive director.

Dooley most recently

served as executive director of the YMCA Joe C. Davis Outdoor Center through May 2026. There, he helped develop the outdoor education program and expand the year-round retreats department.

Dooley previously held leadership positions at YMCA Camp Cullen, YMCA Camp Kirkwood, YMCA Camp Chandler, and YMCA Camp Hanes.

“As we approach our centennial year in 2028, we look forward to partnering with Luke to honor the traditions that have made Camp Sloane

so special while embracing new opportunities for the future,” said board Chairman Amanda Jacobson, who attended Camp Sloane, in a statement.

“Together, we are committed to ensuring Camp Sloane remains a place where young people discover confidence, friendship, leadership, and a lifelong connection to the outdoors for generations to come.”

Dooley, in a statement, said his career has demonstrated the role camps can play in young people’s character development.

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“Camp provides the confidence, connection, and sense of belonging that can only be found through time spent outdoors and away from the screen,” he said. “Camp Sloane has a long legacy of providing a safe place for families, and I’m excited to help grow its impact on the next generation of campers.”

A New York City native, Dooley holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

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Bunce outlines town projects at Cranford Club meeting

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — Nearing the end of his first year in office, First Selectman Jesse Bunce discussed the town issues he has faced and several projects on the horizon.

Bunce and his administrative assistant, Jessie Lawrence, addressed about 15 members of the Cranford Club during the civic organization’s Sept. 10 meeting at Town Hall. The club was established in 1897.

Bunce said that Chris Sorrell has been appointed to the Board of Selectmen, replacing Brian Ohler, who stepped down in May for medical reasons.

“He has a good working knowledge of finances, since he served on the Board of Finance overseeing a \$14 to \$15 million budget,” Bunce said. “He’s a former state trooper, which could help us out at meetings,” a remark that brought laughter from the audience.

Bunce described the day-to-day responsibilities of the job, such as signing checks and paying bills, as well as larger issues that take time to resolve.

He said he is proud of the

town’s efforts to pursue millions of dollars in grants, including funding for improvements to the town pool and a new roof at North Canaan Elementary School.

The town has received \$1.8 million to reconstruct the bridge at the beginning of West Main Street, pave the road to the transfer station and repave portions of Pease and Bragg streets. A separate \$1.5 million grant requested via U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes’ office may be used for a solar project at the school.

Bunce acknowledged the work of the town’s grants committee, especially Ian Edwards, who he said has worked hard to secure the funding. He also noted that the government agencies through which the town has applied for grants have been helpful.

Bunce said he will focus on upgrading the Greenway trails, securing state land in that area and erecting a new sign at Lawrence Field.

Asked about the status of the former Masonic Lodge property on Route 44 West, known as Ruggles Landing and now owned by the town, Bunce said a board was formed so discussions about

its future could be held publicly.

The goal is to provide public access to the Housatonic River for fishing and boating because no other such access point exists in town.

The building will be demolished at the state’s expense, and the entrance will need to be reworked to provide safer access. Picnic tables and a boat launch may be included in the proposal. A recurring grant from the Housatonic River Commission helps with maintenance.

“We’ll eventually bring the matter to the town to see what it wants to do with it,” Bunce said.

Club member Lynne Martin expressed concern that while the median age in North Canaan is decreasing, it is increasing in other Region 1 towns with large numbers of second-home residents. She said she worries that North Canaan will have to bear a larger share of the costs because it will send more students to the high school.

Bunce said a study of possibly merging some of the schools is underway, but the process could take a long time. North Canaan has the

largest number of affordable housing units, which attract young families, he noted.

“In the end, the town with the most kids pays the most for school maintenance,” he said.

Martin also raised the subject of the dog park, which is now located at Lawrence Field. The town received a \$6,800 donation to relocate it and separate it from the playing fields.

Bunce said the new location will be at the end of Whiting Drive.

Audience members expressed strong approval for the Hometown Heroes banners currently hanging throughout town. The banners show the faces of 125 veterans from the area, and the project raised \$3,300 for the Couch-Pipa VFW Post in North Canaan.

Bunce said the banners will be taken down in late fall and put up again in April so they do not become torn or tattered over the winter.

“We’d like to get more next year,” Lawrence said. “We’ll keep putting them up until we run out of poles.”

Asked what he enjoys most and least about the job, Bunce said he likes being involved with community members.

“Sometimes meetings can be tough, as I try to get my meaning across as a young first selectman. I have a lot to learn.”

Lawrence, who is also new to the job, said she enjoys working closely with the town’s boards and commissions.

“I love working here and seeing people come in and out. I grew up here, so it’s an honor for me.”

Club member Eileen Fox said, “I definitely feel the energy in town now. There seems to be a lot of collaboration. Job well done. You’re off to a good start.”



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Rachel Gall, right, provided the music for a contra dance lesson at the Center on Main Saturday, Sept. 12.

Contra dancing lessons begin in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Tom Scott and Rachel Gall drew a good turnout for the first in a series of three contra dancing lessons at the Center on Main on Saturday evening, Sept. 12.

Eleven people attended, enough to form six couples with Scott joining the dancers.

Before the lesson began, Scott described contra dancing as a “cross between square dancing and swing dancing.”

He also emphasized that contra dancing is not the same as line dancing.

“It’s the old-time barn dancing, with a caller and live music.”

A caller guides the dancers by announcing the steps and movements. Scott served as the caller, while Gall, also

known as the Falls Village Fiddler, provided the music.

Once the group was assembled, Scott offered the same explanation to the participants before putting the lesson into practice.

It didn’t take long for the group to get the hang of it, and there was plenty of laughter as the dancers became accustomed to the rhythm and format.

Scott said, “There’s a lot of laughing, hand-holding, it’s very friendly.” He added, “I’ve danced in New York City and in the Maine backwoods. It’s always the same.”

Scott provided a list of weekly contra dances nearby, including events in Hillsdale, New York, and Housatonic, Lenox and Sheffield, Massachusetts.

The next session will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Center on Main.

Children celebrate creativity at Scoville’s Dot Day

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Children escaped the rain Sunday, Sept. 13, for an afternoon of ice cream, balloons, raffles, art projects and other activities at Scoville Memorial Library.

The library and Project SAGE hosted the event in celebration of International Dot Day, inspired by Peter H. Reynolds’ children’s book “The Dot.” Project SAGE is a Lakeville-based nonprofit domestic violence agency serving communities in Northwest Connecticut and nearby areas of New York and Massachusetts.

Angela Hall, marketing coordinator at Project SAGE, said, “The Dot” is about “creativity and courage.”

Participants were encouraged to decorate colored dot stickers however they wished. The collected dots will be assembled into a larger work of collaborative art.

Similar events are taking place across the United States and in 190 countries, Hall said.

Linda Ciano of Project SAGE said last year’s project, which used popsicle sticks as its basic unit, was so successful that the organization



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Julia Hobart, right, helped children sign up for a raffle at International Dot Day Sunday, Sept. 13.

created seven artworks and presented them to the Region One schools.

Grassland Desserts in Lakeville made a special batch of “Dot”-themed ice cream sandwiches and donated both the treats and the use of a freezer to keep them cold.

Asked whether the ice cream freezer would become a permanent fixture, Scoville Director Karin Goodell laughed and said, “It probably should be.”

Goodell’s 3-year-old grandson, Arlo Schlaudt, worked intently on his own dots. He was concentrating

so hard that his grandmother had to ask him a couple of times to look up for a photo.

Addison Southwick of Canine Link Therapy Dogs in Hillsdale, New York, brought two dogs to the event. One, Wrexxy, a 4-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, was particularly eager to greet everyone who came within sniffing distance.

As if ice cream, face painting and an international art project were not enough, youngsters were also entertained by Balloon Ben of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, who made balloon animals to order.



Cornwall celebrates its agricultural heritage

Scenes from the 34th annual Cornwall Agricultural Fair, held Saturday, Sept. 12, on the town green.



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Former Miss Hall's teacher from Norfolk pleads not guilty to sexual assault charges

By Christian Murray

PITTSFIELD, Mass. — A former Miss Hall's School science teacher from Norfolk pleaded not guilty Thursday, Sept. 10, to three charges stemming from the alleged sexual assault of a student more than three decades ago, according to authorities.

Matthew Johnson, 70, was arraigned in Berkshire Superior Court on one count of assault with intent to rape and two counts of indecent assault and battery on a person over age 14, according to the Berkshire District Attorney's office. A grand jury indicted him Aug. 20.

Johnson was released on personal recognizance. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Oct. 28 in Berkshire Superior Court.

Johnson taught science at Miss Hall's School, a private boarding school in Pittsfield, from 1993 to 1994.

The alleged victim was a Miss Hall's student at the time, prosecutors said.

Johnson is the third former Miss Hall's staff member to be indicted in connection with investigations into alleged abuse at the school.

Former history teacher Matthew Rutledge, who worked at the school from 1991 until his resignation in 2024, was indicted in April and has pleaded not guilty to three counts of rape involving two former students.

Meanwhile, Jeannie Norris, former head of school from 1996 to 2012, was arraigned on one count of reckless endangerment of a child in August. She has also pleaded not guilty.

Selectmen back \$113,000 request for new ambulance

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The Board of Selectmen approved a request from the Fire Commission for \$113,000 toward a new ambulance scheduled for delivery in November.

The selectmen acted during their regular monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 14.

The money would come from a town account designated for emergency services vehicles and equipment. The request now goes to the Board of Finance, which would refer it to a town meeting for final approval.

The ambulance will cost about \$202,000, with the remaining \$89,000 coming from Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department funds.

Andrea Downs, a member of the town's volunteer ambulance squad, said new ambulances can cost as much as \$450,000. The department instead chose a smaller, simpler and more maneuverable vehicle.

The squad's last ambulance was added in 2000, she said.

The selectmen also approved a request from Nikki Blass, librarian at Lee H. Kellogg School, for \$201.33 for new bookshelves.

First Selectman Dave Barger read a letter from 20 Pine Grove residents requesting signs or flashing lights where Pine Grove enters Belden Street, also known as Route 126. The residents said limited sight lines make it difficult to see oncoming traffic when turning onto Belden Street.

Barger expressed sympathy with the residents' concerns but noted that Belden Street is a state road and the town has no authority over traffic-control measures there.

However, Barger said he is meeting with a state Department of Transportation official this week and will add the Pine Grove request to his list.

Hazel McGuire, who attended the meeting, asked whether the state official could also consider signs near Grassy Hill Cemetery on Route 126. Barger said he would add the request to his list.

Barger also reported that Cardinal Engineering is evaluating the Cobble Road culvert.

"By the time this is done, it will be the Seventh Wonder of the World," he said.

OBITUARIES

Irene (Renie) Dietter

ANCRAMDAL — Irene (Renie) Dietter, 91, passed away on Sept. 7, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family.

Irene was born on Aug. 23, 1935, to the late Abbie (Brizzie) and Charles Boyles Sr. in Ancramdale New York. She was the 10th of their 11 children. Renie would never leave Ancramdale, remaining on the same half mile stretch of County Route 8 for her entire life. Irene would attend Pine Plains School and then follow that with work at the Pine Plains Shirt Factory.

On Nov. 28, 1953, Renie would marry the love of her life, Avery (Prope) Dietter. They would become inseparable and would be married just shy of 70 years. Together they welcomed three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. While Prope worked, Renie held the house down. She was proud of her home and was known for her spotless house and yard. Most people knew Renie for her beautifully hung laundry line.

Renie was a woman who loved people. Together with Prope, they became the designated parents and then grandparents to all the children of Ancramdale. Known for being the "fun" house, they were always ready for a game of ball, a day of skating on the pond, sleigh riding or just enjoying a picnic. They began the tradition of the Halloween party at the Ancramdale Church and were leaders for many years of the Churches Youth Group.

Devoted to her church, where she was the current oldest and longest member, Renie was known for her dedication to the church suppers in the fellowship hall. She ran the church kitchen

like a well-oiled machine, and she took such pride in the church hall. The church was her favorite place to be after her home. For many years she was the snack lady for Bible School. She devoted many Sundays to preparing food for coffee hour. And there were all of the behind the scene tasks she did without much notice like polishing the collection plates, starching tablecloths and dusting hymnals.

Renie loved her family and large extension of friends. She was a collector of people. For years she and Prope could be found surrounded by friends having coffee at the Farmer's Wife or eating lunch at the Moose on the Loose. But her favorite place to be was home. After Prope had retired, they went on an extended trip with friends across the United States. Renie would say that she saw many beautiful sights but that no place was as beautiful as Ancramdale and her home.

Renie was known for her jewelry, especially her earrings. You could always tell what holiday was coming up by the earrings Renie wore. She had hundreds of them and took great pride in them. When she eventually went to stay with her daughter Gail, it was with her enormous jewelry box safely seat belted into the back seat of the car.

Renie will be missed not just by her large extended family but by the Ancramdale community as well.

Irene is survived by her two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Ronald Brant and Gail and Nickie Heath,

all of Ancramdale, two granddaughters and grandson- in-laws, Monica and Brandon Cleveland of Ancramdale and Amanda and Edward Bishop of Pine Plains. Grandson and granddaughter-in-law Avery and Jennifer Heath of Stanfordsville. Five great-grandchildren Sydney Cleveland (Calvin), Ronald Cleveland, Karlee Bishop (Michael) and Lilah and Thomas Heath. Renie leaves behind many nieces and nephews and friends as well as two sisters-in-law, Helen Boyles and Bertha Boyles both of Ancramdale.

In addition to her parents and husband Avery, Irene was predeceased by her son Avery Dietter Jr., all of her siblings; brothers Russel, William, Henry, Charles Jr., Harold, Clifford and Robert and sisters Gladys (Millius), Eleanor (Cookingham) and Susan (Dietter) as well as her beloved cousins James and Eleanor Hoag.

Irene's family would like to give a special thank you to Renie's caregiver, Violet, who took such good care of her in the final weeks as well as the members of the Community Rescue Squad and the Town of Ancram Fire Department.

A funeral service was conducted on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church, 15 Co Rd 8, Ancramdale, NY 12503. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Pine Plains. In lieu of a traditional wake, Renie wished that folks gather in the fellowship hall following the interment for a celebration of her amazing life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be directed to the Ancramdale Presbyterian Church, PO Box 99 Ancramdale, NY 12503. For directions or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit [www. PeckandPeck.net](http://www.PeckandPeck.net)





Worship Services

Week of September 20, 2026

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Growing together in God's name</i> Rev. John Allison Priest-In-Charge All are welcome 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 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 www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
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The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 10 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall 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! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i>
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 9 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org
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Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138	

Celebration of Life

Marilyn Kay

A Celebration of Life for Marilyn Kay will be held on Saturday September 26, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of St. John in the Wilderness in Copake Falls, NY. There will be a coffee hour following the service. All are welcome.

Memorial service

Austin Barney

SHARON — Austin Barney, age 87, died peacefully on December 23, 2025. There will be a graveside service on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00AM at Ellsworth Cemetery in Sharon. All are welcome to join.

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LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

As summer comes to an end and the days begin to get a little cooler, signs of fall are starting to appear all around us. The leaves are beginning to change, the evenings are getting shorter, and a new season of activities and traditions is just around the corner.

What fall activities are you looking forward to?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.

LAST WEEK’S QUESTION

If you had \$1 million to make a meaningful difference in housing affordability in your community, what would you do — whether it’s a new idea, a different approach to something already being tried or a way to make an existing effort work better?

“Invest in a project to utilize shipping containers to make solar powered homes”
— *Johnny Martin, Millerton*

“Donate it to the Cornwall Housing group so they could put it towards a project.”
— *Michelle Shipp Schatz-Mullins, Cornwall*

“Help the Village build a sewer.”
— *Beth Sherman, Millerton*

“Fees, lawyers, local zoning meetings alone are a million.”
— *Edward Matson, Kent*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The sound of life

‘Hwack!’ That’s the sound of competition, of going at it full-bore, no holding back. Way back when, that sound -‘Hwack!’, generated a shiny trophy, a signpost of achievement in time. However, in that instance, among others to come, I learned quickly that it was the ‘Hwack!’ that was the truth of that moment — not the trophy. The ‘Hwack!’ was a sound of life.

Fifty nine years ago I was twelve, and an all-star infielder (short-stop) finishing up my little-league baseball career. At the end of the season our town’s collection of all-stars played a neighboring town’s. My whole family was at the game watching. My best friend and classmate played 2nd base on our team. We were both good hitters. Neither he nor I had personally created a ‘Hwack!’ in a game.

That day it all changed. He batted 2nd and I batted cleanup-4th. The second time through the batting order my friend hit his first home run.

A real ‘Hwack!’ I instantly had two competing feelings well-up inside. I was both proud of him — and real jealous. Three minutes later I came to bat. I hustled into the batters box. I was so darn hungry for the opposing pitcher to throw the ball — ’cause I had to keep up. [I had an older brother. I always had to keep up.] Sure enough, all the pent up emotion - happiness, jealousy, challenge, hunger, grit-welled up inside me, and. I got a pitch to hit -a fastball. I jumped on it.

The ‘HeWaaack!!’ sounded and felt like an explosion. The kind of wondrously mysterious explosion that could just take you to the moon. Just for that instant the 32” solid hickory bat - felt liquid. It pulsed with a thick as molasses sound-barrier breaking transfer of energy - from the ball, to every muscle and bone in my body, to my heart, to my brain - finally reversing field travelling back to the bat - where it ‘sweet-spotted’ that

ball, arcing it up and up, and over that homerun fence. All of it in slow motion, landing poetically right where my family stood watching the game.

“Whoee! Whoee! Whoee!” were the words I heard coming out of my mouth as I bounced ’round the bases, ending up where I started, at home plate -with all of our teammates gathered to celebrate. My best friend and I shook hands congratulating each other. We both felt on top of the world because we had done something (finally) that was difficult to do, felt stupendous doing it, and helped our team win. The togetherness we felt and shared with all of our teammates and coaches was the icing on the cake.

The competition within the competition, between two good friends, enabled me to make the earnest and ultimately successful attempt to go beyond what I had, up to that point been able to achieve. He showed me the way.

I hope the 16 year-olds ‘Hwack’-ing away creating AI can hear their own sounds of life.

Michael Moschen
Cornwall Bridge



PHOTO BY CAITLIN HANLON

Late summer blooms

Opinion



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Put \$1M to work for housing affordability

If I had \$1 million to improve housing affordability in Litchfield County, I would create a revolving Housing Opportunity Fund. Instead of spending the entire amount on one or two homes, I would use it to help local housing trusts acquire land or properties, provide down-payment assistance for qualified buyers, convert appropriate existing buildings into housing, and help cover some of the up-front costs that can prevent good housing projects from ever getting started.

The goal would be simple: make that \$1 million work more than once. Whenever possible, money would return to the fund through resale provisions, shared-equity programs and other partnerships so it could be used to help the next household.

I would also love to see some of that investment go toward smaller homes on small-

er lots throughout our towns. Affordable housing does not always have to mean a large development. Thoughtfully placed homes can preserve the character of our small towns while creating real opportunities for people to live here.

Because affordable housing is about so much more than housing. It helps keep families in our communities, children in our schools, local employees close to their jobs, and seniors in the towns they have called home for years.

One million dollars won’t solve Litchfield County’s housing crisis. But if we use it as seed money to attract additional grants, private donations and matching funds, that \$1 million could become several million dollars in housing investment and create opportunities for generations instead of funding just one project.

Karen Rios
Sharon

Thank you for reminder of how friends should treat each other

The Sharon Playhouse production of Come From Away is timely not only for the 25th anniversary of September 11 but also as a reminder of the special relationship between Canadians and Americans. When Newfoundlanders welcomed thousands of stranded Americans and others headed to the United States in 2001, they were not just acting as gracious small town folk living their Rock values; they were also enacting the relationship that Canadians and Americans have built by crossing our shared border — the longest undefended border in the world. The heart of

the U.S.-Canada relationship is, as the historians Marcus Lee Hansen and John Bartlet Brebner put it in 1941, the mingling of the Canadian and American peoples.

It is that relationship — not to mention the story of Gander or the shared sacrifices made by Canadian and American soldiers in both World Wars and Afghanistan — that Donald Trump is now tearing asunder. He tosses out random national insults on social media and purports to rename Great Lakes. Worse, in the name of a quixotic and pointless trade war, Trump is attacking Canadian sovereignty. He and his negotiators attempted to strong arm Canada into sacrificing its language policy, forego its sovereign right to make trade pacts with third countries without American approval, and dismantle its unionized automobile industry. Meanwhile, he leaves the very Canadians celebrated in Come From Away wondering how literally to take his repeated threats to annex their country.

Leaving the theater, I could not help but feel ashamed and embarrassed that my country is repaying the kindness of our neighbors with such ugly attacks. Thank you to the Sharon Playhouse for the reminder of how friends and neighbors should treat each other — and for a reminder of how Canadians and Americans acted before Donald Trump.

Jacob Remes
Sharon

Demand private capital with public for housing

If I had \$1 million to make a meaningful difference in housing affordability in Salisbury and across Litchfield County, I would not build anything. I’d put the million on the table and ask: Who will match it?

Banks benefit from our deposits. The state collects our taxes at 4.5% even for income levels below the ALICE line. Half a dozen under the radar but flush foundations exist in and around the NW Corner and Litchfield Hills to solve problems individual philanthropy alone does not. Private wealth in this corner of Connecticut is extraordinary — both collective and individual. Additionally, talent--planning, engineering, building and sourcing experts abound here in the hills. We only must unlock the talent, take the time, and marry the money and resources to build velocity.

For every public dollar, let’s demand private capital beside it. Use town surplus to de-risk bank investment. Use philanthropy to unlock state dollars. Use state dollars to make private development possible. Turn \$1 million into \$5 million, then \$10 million—and create a revolving fund that keeps doing it again.

Deploy it surgically: incentivize the owner of the old barn, the dated garage apartment, and empty cottage, the donated acre, tired duplex. Septic. Surveys. Acquisition. Construction. Use a portion of the initial million dollar investment to eliminate the obstacles between possible and occupied.

Allocate a third of the dollars to secure and hire one extraordinary, extremely well-paid person for a three year term whose entire job is to connect the money to the opportunity—and let that person move like the same machine that helped create this region’s wealth to begin with. Litchfield County does not suffer scarcity. We suffer from a failure to mobilize our resources for fear of change. But change is the law and it can be managed effectively to maintain aesthetics, which I have come to understand, for better or worse, is a most unvirtuous but voracious value of this region. By creating housing options rather than housing developments, NIMBY becomes IMBY, incentivized by tax credits and attractive buildouts to house the people--landscapers, teachers, nurses, bank tellers, baristas, bar tenders, housekeepers, domestic and custodial engineers and caretakers who also constitute the majority “working class” volunteers who make life and comparatively low mill rates possible for the ultra rich.

If we simply become willing to first acknowledge, without shame, our region’s enormous public and private wealth, then we can leverage it to ensure that the people who make this place work can actually afford to live here. A million dollars compounds through interest and ingenuity. The wealthy know exactly how this works and many would be thrilled to devote our talent and time to a plan that works for others.

Theodora Jones

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Viewpoint

Voices from our community about the housing we need for a healthy, vibrant future

There’s a reason people say, “It takes a village to raise a child.” To thrive, a child needs a safe, stable place to call home. That’s the bedrock for health, dignity, and the chance to build a bright future. What kind of “village” does it take to create these homes?

Motivated by compassion and a drive to make housing more accessible, it took the Foundation for Norfolk Living years of hard work to create ten affordable homes at Haystack Woods. The “village” turned out to be a patchwork of support that included financial help from the DOH, a construction mortgage through Northwest Community Bank, and a Community Development Block Grant to purchase the property and pay for the road and infrastructure. The result? Two- and three-bedroom homes reserved for first-time

OUR HOME, OUR FUTURE
MARY CLOSE
OPPENHEIMER

homebuyers earning 60-80% of Litchfield County’s median income, and selling for \$159,000 to \$261,000. The condominium homes are deed-restricted and net-zero thanks to energy-efficient construction, solar panels, and battery storage, meaning the homebuyers will have no energy costs! Curious? Just Google “Haystack Woods” to learn more. It’s a remarkable accomplishment.

More hard work has produced another remarkable accomplishment. Right after Jordan Seibert (22) graduated from college, she and her fiancé Riley Bossi (21)

purchased one of the homes this summer. Neither had parental help, so both juggled commuting to classes, online courses, and multiple jobs to save up. Jordan graduated from Charter Oak State College, majoring in criminal justice, which she says “Is great for nonprofit work”. Riley will graduate next May from Central Connecticut University with a degree in computer science.

Jordan says, “There’s a good group here. I believe we’re the youngest owners by about 10 years. The other folks seem to be in their 30s. They have young kids, which is exciting. It’s a real community... This house will definitely allow us to put down roots and start growing... Lindsay, Kate and Lou Barbagallo at the Foundation, and even David Jones, the builder, were all super helpful...”

She also says, “The mortgage process was very simple,



PHOTO BY SHELLY DINELLE

Jordan Seibert and Riley Bossi

considering it seemed to be such a new project and idea... We really knew nothing and went in completely blind. We learned a lot through Webster Bank, who encouraged

us and taught us what we needed to do to buy a house... We took an online homebuyer education course through the Housing Development Fund (HDF), and we also met with one of their counselors who advised us and made sure we were prepared for the home-buying process. The course was required for us to receive CHFA (The

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority) assistance. Completing the required education allowed us to qualify for a reduced, fixed-rate mortgage of 5.875%... The Foundation also encouraged us to take a class for financial benefits to see, through the State, what we could be approved for - any help or benefits. And then, just on our own, we decided to take extra Zoom classes to get a better understanding of everything.”

Jordan emphasizes, “I really want to highlight the Foundation and how forward-thinking they were, and I want to thank them and everyone who was involved. Just the affordability, sustainability, and quality, all being hand in hand. It’s just a great idea, and they executed it perfectly. I can’t thank them enough. It’s so great. The home is beautiful. It’s in a perfect location. There are no issues, no problems. Everything is perfect!”

Mary Close Oppenheimer is a member of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
September 1901

LIME ROCK — Matthew Patterson recently received a silver medal from the Canadian government as a token of his services during the Fenian raid in ‘71. The medal is suitably inscribed and is considerably heavier than a silver dollar. It depends from a silk tri-color and pin, and altogether makes a very neat souvenir.

Brook Pit Mining Company have closed down for a few days to make repairs.

W.P. Bradley while standing in his yard last Thursday was astonished to see a large bald head eagle fly over in a westerly direction. Mr. Bradley says the bird was the largest he ever saw.

100 years ago —
September 1926

Good bye to the straw hat till next summer, but how about those eye shades. Isn’t it time for them also to join the straw lid and the bathing suit on the closet shelf.

Mr. Robert Fowlkes has been putting a new roof on his house.

50 years ago —
September 1976

Six daily and 10 weekend bus trips through the Housatonic Valley and Berkshire Mountains by Bonanza Bus Lines began Sunday. Five northbound trips originate in New York City and serve the Northwest Corner towns of Kent, Cornwall Bridge, West Cornwall, Falls Village and Canaan. Continuing through Massachusetts, the

line also serves Sheffield and Great Barrington.

SALISBURY — The selectmen appointed James Rutledge Tuesday night to succeed Frank Markey as manager of the Town Grove. Mr. Markey is retiring on Oct. 15 and Mr. Rutledge will begin his duties Oct. 8.

A new roof is being installed on the Farnum Apartments in Lakeville. Formerly the Farnum Tavern, originally erected in 1795, it is owned by Sidney Terhune.

Archbishop John F. Whealon will be in Sharon on Saturday, Sept. 25, to honor

or Mrs. Maurice McCann with an Archdiocesan Medal for Outstanding Service. The archbishop, who will celebrate Mass at St. Bernard’s at 5:30 p.m., usually bestows this medal at his office but wishes to present it in person to Mrs. McCann. The Archdiocesan Medal expressed gratitude to Mrs. McCann for her outstanding service to the Archdiocese of Hartford. Mrs. McCann, who is well-known in the community for her many years of work as coordinator for special education in Regional District No. 1, has been playing the organ and contributing to the musical life of the parish for 40 years.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0329 by owner Salisbury School Incorporated for renovation of existing dwellings and establishment of accessory apartment use at 508 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Map 69, Lot 18 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at or after 6:45 PM, dependent upon other agenda items. 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/. The application materials will be listed at 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. Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials

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Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0330 by owner Sharon Electric Company LLC for storage warehouse at 19 Railroad Street, Salisbury, Map 56, Lot 56-1 per Section 205.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at or after 6:45 PM, dependent upon other agenda items. 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/. The application materials will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/.

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0331 by owner Olaf Olsen for an apartment in an existing barn at 52 East Main Street, Salisbury, Map 57, Lot 09 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at or after 6:45 PM, dependent upon other agenda items. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom

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The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing to amend the Town of Salisbury Zoning Regulations. Proposed changes include modifications to Articles 1,2,3,7, and the Appendix (Glossary of Defined

Terms). Edits will include a new Section 104 governing a temporary moratorium on hotels in residential zones. Other changes pertain to statutory requirements and minor edits for clarity and to account for best practices. The hearing will be held on Monday September 21, 2026 at or after 7:00PM, dependent upon other agenda items. 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 proposed amendments have been posted, and agenda and meeting instructions for participation will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting at www.salisburyct.us. 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. Paper copies of the proposed amendments may be reviewed at the Town Clerk’s Office in the Salisbury Town Hall during regular business hours (9:00AM to 12:30PM and 1:30PM to 4:00PM) Monday through Friday.

Salisbury Planning &

Zoning Commission
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Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 8, 2026:

Approved – Variance Request Application # ZBA-26-1 to rebuild an existing structure with an expanded footprint in the required 40ft front yard setback. The application sought relief of sections 304 and 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 48 as Lot 15 and is known as 145 Farnum Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is 145 Farnum Road LLC. Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.
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Our Towns

Kent honors local man, all victims lost on 9/11

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — Peter Gadiel lost his son, James, in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. At Kent's 25th anniversary remembrance on Sept. 11, he spoke about missing him every day.

James Gadiel, 23, was a Kent native and a graduate of Kent Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower, which was struck by a hijacked plane.

Gadiel described his son as a "bright, gentle soul."

He also expressed frustration that terrorism remains a threat and questioned whether enough has been done to prevent those associated with it from entering the country.

"Where is the justice for my son and for the parents of all the firefighters who lost their lives that day and in the aftermath?" he asked.

The remembrance was held in front of Town Hall, where a large crowd witnessed the lowering of the flag to half-staff, the playing of bagpipes, an invocation and benediction by the Rev. Richard Clark and several speeches. Members of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department and Kent Volunteer Ambulance Corps attended, along with many veterans.

First Selectman Eric Epstein welcomed those gathered.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Members of the KFD Honor Guard salute during the town's 9/11 remembrance outside Town Hall on Sept. 11.

He said, "Today we gather to remember a dark day that changed our world...In that moment of shock, we saw the true character of our people. First responders ran into burning buildings without a second thought. Strangers helped strangers find safety, give blood and comfort one another. Evil showed its worst face, but America responded with its best."

Martin Lindenmayer, a veteran and former first selectman, noted that 403 firefighters, Port Authority police officers and New York Police Department officers died that day.

"They knew the danger, but they went in anyway," he

said, "showing us something about the character of ordinary Americans who put the lives of others ahead of their own."

He also spoke about the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have answered the call to military service since then, deploying to countries around the world as part of the Global War on Terror. He urged citizens to use the 25th anniversary of the attacks "as an ongoing call to action to be sure the country is prepared to face enemies, both foreign and domestic, that seek to destroy our way of life."

Kent Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim Sneller

said firefighters understand the call to serve.

"On that day, our brothers and sisters demonstrated the highest traditions of the fire service. They climbed the stairs not because they were unaware of the danger, but because people needed help."

He said their courage continues to guide today's firefighters. They honor the memories of those lost not only with words, he said, but also through how they conduct themselves.

"Let us remember the names, the faces and the lives behind the numbers," he said. "Let us teach future generations about the courage shown that day. And let us honor those we lost by choosing unity over division, service over selfishness and hope over fear."

Sneller concluded by offering the department's deepest respect and gratitude.

"We remember. We honor. We will never forget."

Firefighter Carter Sneller read "A Fireman's Prayer," and ambulance Chief Mary Ann Van Valkenburg read "An EMS Prayer."

A bell was rung seven times at the end of the ceremony, marking the two plane strikes on the World Trade Center, the attack on the Pentagon, the collapse of the South Tower, the crash in Shanksville, the collapse of the North Tower and, for the first time, a moment of silence for those who later died from 9/11-related illnesses.



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Cornwall remembers 9/11

The town of Cornwall and the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department held a brief 9/11 remembrance ceremony during the Cornwall Agricultural Fair.

Sharon remembrance honors courage, unity of 9/11

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — The 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, brought out stories of courage, heartbreak and hope.

Those who gathered at the Sharon Volunteer Fire Department's remembrance ceremony heard from Todd Anderson, a firefighter who vowed to help others when he heard about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center towers.

A member of the fire company at the time, he and a fellow firefighter from another department decided to travel to Manhattan on Sept. 13. "Those were our brothers and sisters trapped in that rubble," he said.

While there was much tragedy to confront, Anderson also spoke of the kindness they encountered that day. They left from the Wassaic, N.Y., train station, and when the conductor learned they were going to help, he said there would be no charge for the trip.

Arriving at Grand Central, they followed some New York City police officers, who showed them to a bus headed to Ground Zero.

"When we got a few blocks away, we changed into our work clothes and walked to the site," remembered Anderson. "They welcomed us with open arms and no questions asked. Out of respect for the victims, I won't describe what we saw at the makeshift morgues."

After their last task, a police officer drove them back to Grand Central in a cruiser, with lights and sirens blasting. "I thought that was remarkable that he'd do that for us."

Becoming emotional, Anderson said, "If you could make anything good from it, I'll always remember the thousands along that route thanking us. I thought that kind of unity for a common good was a special thing to see."

He concluded by advising those in the audience to hold their loved ones close. "We all know tomorrow is never promised."

Brian Ross, who was ABC News' chief investigative correspondent and worked alongside anchor Peter Jennings that day, also spoke at the event.

"Because it was such a beautiful day, it made it so much worse," he said.

ABC News staff members monitored the hospitals, waiting to hear about injuries, but few survivors arrived.

"That day we looked into evil men who had no regard for human life," said Ross, who is also a board member of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

He said what he remembers today is the bravery displayed by the first responders and the courage of those on Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania.

"We saw the resilience of our country. We remember the fallen, salute the heroes and say proudly, 'Good bless America.'"

Opening the ceremony, Fire Chief Brian Moore said, "Today we remember the compassion and unity felt in the aftermath that binds us all in our nation."

The Rev. Anna Camp-house prayed for the community to practice compassion.

Fire department mem-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Sharon Volunteer Fire Department member Todd Anderson recounts going to Ground Zero to help on Sept. 13, 2001, during the town's 25th anniversary remembrance on Friday, Sept. 11.

ber Tom Bartram read "A Fireman's Prayer" and asked for two minutes of silence for those who perished and those who continue to die from illnesses caused by exposure to toxic air at the site.

The event ended with a reading of the names of the 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, eight EMS workers and one police dog who lost their lives that day.

Following the ceremony, Sharon resident Roger Liddell spoke about his experience on Sept. 11.

He was at his office two blocks from Ground Zero when he heard a ghastly boom that reminded him of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He looked out the window and saw what appeared to be a blizzard, with papers blowing out of the windows of the North Tower.

"I was so traumatized because I knew the widow of my college roommate, Gail,

worked in a law firm on the 65th floor of the North Tower," he said.

He walked 6.5 miles home and couldn't bear to call her cellphone and hear her cheerful voice on the answering machine.

"Finally at 10 p.m., I couldn't wait any longer and made the call. Amazingly she picked up, sobbing." She had seen the first plane coming and, recalling her experience eight years earlier, followed the escape route.

"She was in the staircase when the North Tower was hit," said Liddell. "Ten to 15 minutes later, the building collapsed."

Sharon lost one resident in the attacks: Christoffer Carstanjen, a 1985 graduate of Sharon Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He was 33 when United Airlines Flight 175 struck the World Trade Center's South Tower.



PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Brian Allyn, left, and Nick DeAngelis outside the firehouse in North Canaan on the morning of Sept. 11.

North Canaan marks Sept. 11 with reading of victims' names

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — North Canaan observed the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks with a reading of the names of nearly 3,000 people killed at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and aboard United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers fought back against the hijackers.

Brian Allyn of North Canaan, a member of the Canaan Fire Company, and Nick DeAngelis of Salisbury coordinated the observance Friday, Sept. 11, at the firehouse.

A 20-by-40-foot American flag hung from the extended ladder of a fire truck.

Allyn set up a wireless public-address speaker outside. Inside, a table held a microphone and two thick loose-leaf notebooks containing the victims' names.

Litchfield County Dispatch, which handles emergency calls for the Northwest Corner, issued an alert at 8:46 a.m., the time the first hijacked plane struck the World Trade Center's North Tower on Sept. 11, 2001.

Nancy O'Connor of North Canaan was the first volunteer reader. She said it was important to her to acknowl-

edge the victims, particularly "the people who went to help, who didn't come out."

Lou Timolat of Falls Village was the second reader, beginning around 9:30 a.m.

Before taking over from O'Connor, he said, "I was in the National Guard at the time, and got called in. This was an act of war, directed at civilians. We endured it and recovered from it, and it's worth venerating."

DeAngelis said past observances included more elaborate ceremonies. The First Litchfield Artillery Regiment would set up a cannon in front of St. Joseph's Church, across the street from the firehouse, and fire it at significant moments in the Sept. 11 timeline.

Previous observances also included readings of the names of service members who died in the War on Terror. In recent years, however, the ceremony has been scaled back.

The firehouse displayed several exhibits, including relics from the World Trade Center site and an extensive timeline of the attacks.

"People will come one and two at a time," DeAngelis said at the beginning of the observance. "And by the end of the day we'll have had two or three hundred people come by."

PETS

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animals, including 35 surrendered by their owners. The shelter was operating at capacity in late August.

“The stories behind the surrenders are as varied as they are heartbreaking,” said Executive Director Jenny Langendoerfer.

“Intake” is the umbrella term for animals entering a shelter’s care. It can include owner surrenders, strays, animals brought in by animal control, transfers from other shelters and other categories. An owner surrender, technically called “relinquished by owner,” also includes the return of an adopted animal.

The owner of Sadie, a 3-year-old shepherd-pit bull mix, surrendered his dog after moving to a gated community in the South that did not allow pets. The owner, who was not identified, had lived with Sadie for two and a half years.

“He sobbed when he left,” recalled Susan Boucher, shelter manager at The Little Guild.

Sadie is now waiting for another home.

During a recent tour of the shelter, Boucher and Cassidy Humphrey, The Little Guild’s feline manager and animal care coordinator, introduced Sadie and several other animals awaiting adoption.

Among them were Noodle, 1, and Whisper, 2, two male cats that arrived frightened in separate cages and gradually became inseparable.

When keeping a pet becomes a financial calculation

Boucher said the circumstances described in surrender applications often overlap. They include people moving and being unable to take their pets, families inheriting unwanted animals, allergies, moves into senior housing where pets are not permitted and households discovering they can no longer absorb the cost of another mouth to feed.

“It’s a multitude of reasons,” Boucher said.

Anyone seeking to surrender a pet to The Little Guild must complete an online placement request form. Applicants must be the animal’s legal owner and provide proof of ownership. Shelter staff generally respond with-

in about two business days.

There is no surrender fee, although donations are appreciated. The shelter maintains a waiting list because the number of animals needing placement typically exceeds its available space. Wait times vary.

Veterinary care can be an especially difficult expense for residents with limited incomes.

The Little Guild’s donor-funded Lasey Fund provides veterinary-care vouchers to Litchfield County residents who apply and qualify financially. It covers a range of needs, with an emphasis on preventive care, vaccinations, spaying and neutering, and dental work. The fund can also cover specialty surgeries. Over the past year, approximately \$25,000 was spent assisting financially struggling pet owners, according to Langendoerfer.

“Those in need are invited to attend and inquire,” said Langendoerfer. Those services are made possible by community donations.

The Little Guild also holds vaccination clinics periodically, which offer residents free vaccines and wellness checks.

Boucher said several animals at a recent vaccination clinic were found to have dental problems. Some owners then applied to the Lasey Fund, and three animals were scheduled for dental procedures.

The goal is to address problems while they are still manageable rather than allowing them to develop into illnesses that are more expensive—and sometimes impossible—to treat.

When food becomes a choice

For some pet owners, the most immediate need is food.

At The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville, pet food was not always part of the regular offering. Allison Gray, a long-time volunteer and current board member, said clients began requesting it. As demand increased, the pantry began providing canned and dry pet food every week. Some weeks, the canned food runs out.

“We have found that cli-



PHOTOS BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Whisper, 2, accepts treats from The Little Guild animal care coordinator Cassidy Humphrey in the shelter’s enclosed catio.

ents will choose to feed their pets before they feed themselves,” Gray said.

The Little Guild’s Pet Pantry also has expanded over the past six years. It provides food and supplies, including litter, beds, leashes and carriers, and reaches residents through partnerships with food pantries and social-service organizations across the region.

Its partners include The

on Furnace Brook Road in West Cornwall. The temporary operation consisted of two trailers and a small kennel. The organization’s former facility was replaced by the new shelter on the same Sharon-Goshen Turnpike property.

The new building has expanded The Little Guild’s ability to quarantine animals, conduct wellness clinics and operate the Pet Pantry. Langendoerfer said its design also reduces stress for animals and should eventually allow the organization to rescue substantially more animals.

Statewide numbers tell a complicated story

Connecticut’s shelter data present a mixed picture. The state recorded 79,536 surrendered animals in 2025, down 21.91% from 101,853 in 2024, according to Shelter Animals Count data cited by CT Insider.

Despite that decline, shelters in some parts of the state have reported problems with abandonment, crowding and animals remaining in their care longer.

In January, Hartford Animal Control Officer Sherry DeGenova told WFSB that she was receiving five or six calls a day from residents who could no longer care for their pets. The news outlet reported that there was a recent surge in the number of dogs and cats being abandoned in various locations, including during freezing conditions.

The Connecticut Humane Society reported that some animals were remaining in its care for more than three weeks, compared with only a few days previously, according to CT Insider. Longer stays can contribute to crowding even when fewer animals are being surrendered.

Animal-control officers serving the Northwest Corner said they are not seeing the same degree of strain reported elsewhere in Connecticut.

Helping owners before they surrender a pet

Lee Sohl, animal control officer for Kent, Salisbury, Sharon and Cornwall, has served Kent for 35 years. When she began, she picked up about 60 dogs annually in Kent alone. By contrast, she

now typically handles just 20 to 25 dogs a year across all four towns.

Although those figures do not directly measure owner surrenders, they offer a long-term view of the local animal-control system. Sohl attributes this decline partly to a shift in mindset: people now ask for help before giving up their pets.

“They call and just don’t know what to do,” Sohl said. “And that’s the point where animal control will try to help them. We want people to keep their pets.”

Modern communication plays a major role in that support network. Sohl uses Facebook to educate residents about lost pets, hot-weather dangers and other concerns. At the same time, local online networks connect residents who need help with neighbors who have resources to share. Someone with extra dog food can quickly find an owner in need, while a resident seeking pet supplies can easily connect with a donor nearby.

That same spirit of community extends to search efforts. Residents, Sohl said, consistently step up when a pet goes missing or is found.

“If a dog gets lost here in the Northwest Corner, people are so helpful,” Sohl said. “They want to help because it’s really a great community.”

While community networks help keep pets in homes, neighboring towns face different structural challenges. In North Canaan, Animal Control Officer Lindsay Burr sees how lim-

ited access to veterinary care can contribute to a distinct set of problems: cats that are not spayed or neutered, unwanted litters and growing feral-cat populations.

“A lot of people here can’t afford the veterinary care,” Burr said.

To address these gaps, Burr tries to connect residents with discounted services, particularly preventive care and spaying and neutering. She also responds when animals are outright abandoned.

Abandonment cases often rely on regional rescues to step in. This year, a bulldog was found wandering on Sand Road in Falls Village in the middle of the night. The dog had no microchip and was never claimed, so The Little Guild helped arrange for him to be vaccinated and neutered, and a prospective adopter was recently scheduled to meet him.

The Little Guild handles many success stories that emerge from difficult beginnings.

Boucher recalled a heartbreaking farewell between an elderly man and his 7-year-old dog. The man had recently lost his wife and was struggling to care for the animal, but wanted it to receive the care and affection it deserved.

Happily, that story reached a peaceful closure: after the dog was adopted, the man received photographs of his former companion walking and smelling flowers, and told Boucher, “I know now that I did the right thing.”

CLIMBER

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PHOTO BY GRAHAM CORRIGAN

St. Johns Ledges along the Appalachian Trail in Kent, where a 30-year-old Great Barrington man died Thursday, Sept. 10, after falling approximately 40 feet while rock climbing.

from that [climbing] group,” Sneller said. “They were huddled up and debriefing, and they were definitely shocked.”

The ledges are less than a mile from the parking area, with the base of the climbing area about a seven-minute hike from where emergency vehicles could park, Sneller said.

Approximately two dozen first responders were at the scene, including 12 to 14 who entered the woods. Responders came from Kent, Warren,

Gaylordsville and Sherman, with an ambulance crew and paramedic responding from New Milford.

Sneller said he could not recall another death or serious injury at the ledges and that emergency calls from the area are uncommon.

Salmon was transported to New Milford Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The circumstances of the fall remain under investigation.

HOLLEY PLACE

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Lakeville.

Rand said the Dresser Woods contribution, if approved, would strengthen an application for a substantially larger state grant. The proposed development at 37 Railroad St. would have 20 rental units in nine one- and two-story buildings. Plans call for six one-bedroom, 10 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units.

Rand said a local contribution would demonstrate to the state “that the town has skin in the game.”

The current town budget allocates \$100,000 to the commission, Rand noted. After briefly discussing how the requests might be funded, the selectmen tabled the matter and agreed to revisit it at a special meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 8:30 a.m.

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Artist Danielle Mailer at her studio and showroom in Goshen.

Danielle Mailer's lifelong love

By Robin Roraback

A visit to Danielle Mailer's colorful Goshen studio found her busy getting ready for a show at Hunt Library's ArtWall in Falls Village. The show opens Sept. 19 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. and runs through Oct. 23.

She explained, "With just weeks to go and a stack of blank small wooden panels, I set up a challenge to do a painting a day. This became a painting a week. I always forget how little works can be brutal to resolve."

Well-known for her large-scale work, she commented on taking a break from it.

"I love the way the public art projects involve the community. All of the large-scale works include many hands. But I also welcome the times when I

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BUSINESS

From grain to glass at Mine Hill Distillery

By D.H. Callahan

Mine Hill Distillery wants to stock your bar. They're working throughout the year to provide professional and amateur mixologists with the ingredients they need to make cocktails their way, which distiller Chris Byles claims is the best way to make them.

To do it, they're distilling some of the finest grain-to-glass spirits in the state. Nestled in Roxbury, the second-to-last town in Connecticut to allow the sale of alcohol, the distillery occupies three carefully restored buildings: one a former cigar factory, one a converted train station and the third an old lumber storehouse.

Grain-to-glass is what you might conjure up when you picture a distillery. It's sourcing raw ingredients like wheat, rye or barley and using some complicated equipment to create time-honored spirits. In other words, they only bottle what they make themselves. It's how Byles has done it throughout his career, having built two distilleries in his home state of Texas before striking out to

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BOOKS

Haystack Book Festival returns to Norfolk

By Mike Cobb

Now in its eighth year, the Haystack Book Festival brings together many of today's best authors Oct. 2 through 4 for unmoderated conversations about their work in Norfolk, Connecticut.

On Friday, Oct. 2, Infinity Hall will host "The Brendan Gill Lecture" at 6 p.m., with Belle Burden in conversation with Roxanne Coady, founder and owner of RJ Julia Booksellers.

"We have a terrific program this year," said festival organizer Michael Selleck. "We're going to kick it off with Belle Burden, the best-selling author of 'Strangers.' The event has quite a bit of draw, so we moved it to Infinity Hall. It's the first time we're doing that."

Burden's book recounts the early days of the pandemic with her husband, who, without warning, announced that he was leaving her after 20 years.

In "Strangers," Burden revisits her marriage, searching for clues that her husband was not who she always thought he was. As she examines her relationship through a new lens, she reckons with her own family history and the lessons she intuited about how a woman is expected to behave in the face of betrayal. Through it all, she is transformed.

"The Brendan Gill Lecture" was originally a program that the library associates started. It's a really great platform for us to have writers. This year we chose to do it as a conversation," Selleck said.

A longtime Norfolk resident,



PHOTO PROVIDED

Belle Burden, No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of "Strangers," will kick off the Haystack Book Festival in conversation with Roxanne Coady, RJ Julia Booksellers, on Oct. 2.

Brendan Gill wrote for The New Yorker for more than 50 years. He contributed short stories, profiles and book reviews and was, in successive decades, the magazine's movie, theater and architecture critic.

In 1998, "The Brendan Gill Lecture" was established by the Norfolk Library Associates to honor Gill's generous contributions to the library.

Saturday's events will be held at the Norfolk Library and include three conversations on America at 250.

"This year our Saturday program will celebrate America 250 through conversations that

examine identity by living a life abroad, the effects of war and its aftermath, and the exploration and myth of the western frontier," Selleck said.

"Across Borders and Belonging — Exile, Identity and American Lives Abroad" will kick off the day at 10:30 a.m. with David Mayers and best-selling author Nicholas Boggs.

At 1 p.m., "After the Wounds — War, Memory and the Search for What Endures" will feature authors David Nasaw and Elizabeth Samet. It will be followed at 3 p.m. by a conversation with Craig Fehrman and Megan Kate Nelson, "Inventing

America — Power and Myth at the Nation's Edges."

On Sunday at 11 a.m., "Among the Trees — History, Science and Environment" will be discussed by Sophie Pinkham and Robert Moor. This event is sponsored by Great Mountain Forest.

When asked what he likes best about the festival, Selleck said:

"We like the intimacy and unmoderated conversations between the authors. Our hope is that people will be interested and want to come."

For tickets and information, visit haystackbookfestival.org

ART

There's still time for monsters in Wassaic

By D.H. Callahan

"Because, now is the time of monsters," the summer group show at the Wassaic Project, held its closing reception on Sunday, Sept. 13. Like many exhibitions at the venerated arts gallery, incubator and cultural center, the space was packed full of innovative art of a wide variety of media..

Housed in the iconic Maxon Mills building, the show started on the first floor, just beyond the Project's vibrant and funky gift shop. To name all the artists and mediums might take this week's entire Compass section, but it's worth highlighting some standouts.

Dennis Gordon is a retired firefighter from the South Bronx. His realistic architectural-model-style sculptures of abandoned buildings are eerily realistic and elicit the uncanny feeling of recognizing a place you've never actually seen.

The ceramic sculptural objects by Kelly Cox seem similarly pulled from a world of a failed capitalistic experiment, with an office chair, safety cones, and mouse and bear traps in dreamy

colors occupying space along the narrow staircase that leads from gallery to gallery. Further up those stairs, Saul Chernick explores the possibilities of colors and simple shapes through painting, felt work and sculpture.

The doorway of the fourth floor was overwhelmed by a grand, site-specific sculpture by Samuelle Green, conjuring the likeness of angelic clouds of heavenly feathers, all made from the pages of old books. The gran-

deur and glory of the piece was inescapable.

Two full-room installations towards the top of the building tapped into parallel themes of home and imagination. "Protect Me From My Dreams" by Jessica Hargreaves, and "A Room of My Own" by Clarissa Pezone both explored unique interpretations of fear, safety, and the existence — imagined or real — of monsters.

While the summer exhibition

has closed, the Wassaic Project continues to host events, including an author's talk with writers and former podcast hosts Amy Stephenson and Casey Childers. A new exhibition featuring National Endowment for the Arts-commissioned works by photographer Liz Nielsen and fiber artist akeylah wellington will open on the same day, Oct. 3. That evening, musician Tim

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can be in the studio working in solitude and managing a modest-size canvas as opposed to a 200-foot mural.”

Besides the small paintings, she is finishing art for gardens, which will also be in the Hunt show. These tall metal columns are topped with birds, cats or rabbits. Each side takes her about a week to paint, with the intricate patterns and designs that are trademarks of her art.

“My lifelong love for pattern spills over onto every surface, often stepping beyond canvases to chairs, walls, etc. I once saw a quote by an unknown artist who said, “To pattern is to make human.”

Mailer has also been designing costumes for the Nutmeg Ballet’s upcoming production of “El Colibri” (“The Hummingbird”).

Recently, she had a piece in Provincetown.

In mid-August, The Berta Walker Gallery which represents her, commissioned Mailer to make a piece for a show titled “Collaboration.”

“I created a five-foot spinning, two-sided figure silhouette, and my husband, Peter McEachern, a professional jazz musician, composed a piece to accompany this swinging muse. It’s the first time in our 25-year relationship that we have joined forces this way. It was very exciting and possibly a new path.”

Murals by Mailer decorate

“That painful time inspired me to pursue a career in teaching art so that I could find the kid like me who struggled academically but was able to find some joy in the art room.

DANIELLE MAILER

the city of Torrington, ranging in size from 12 feet to 200 feet. They include “Horse Tale” near the children’s museum, “Fishtales” behind Staples above the Naugatuck River, “Cat Tales” above Five Points Gallery and “Ballet Dancer” at Nutmeg Ballet. At the Bantam Arts Factory is a mural of a potter at work. Leonora, the mountain lion, is a well-known figure outside Scoville Library in Salisbury.

“As a young child I was in certain ways defined by my inability to read. I was and am, most definitely dyslexic, but in those days, some 65 years ago, they did not have the diagnostic tools. So, I felt clueless in the classroom for years. But in the art room I was often a star, and it pretty much saved me from despair. Eventually I managed and did well academically. When making things, I felt successful. I think that painful time inspired me to pursue a career in teaching art so that I could find the kid like me who struggled aca-



“Mi Alma Gemela” by Danielle Mailer, 2026. Acrylic on canvas.

demically but was able to find some joy in the art room.”

Mailer taught for 30 years, first at Indian Mountain School and then at Salisbury School.

Mailer’s parents — her father, a writer, and her mother, an abstract expressionist painter — were always very supportive of her.

“I would describe my childhood New York City apartments with my mother as creative chaos. She always picked the room with the best light to set up her studio. Invariably, this was the living room, which became an ongoing, ever-changing giant still life. Color, pattern, palettes, with large globs of paint that several cats would often run through, making colored paw

prints on the parquet floors. And then a smell of some savory stew (she was a great cook) mingling with the odor of turpentine. All of this was my childhood backdrop.”

Mailer studied at Bowdoin College, New York Studio School and the School of Visual Arts.

At New York Studio School, “We drew from the figure five hours a day and the instructors were very rigid. It was the early ’80s, and Cezanne was the artist du jour. I was more interested in making giant Matisse-like paintings but quickly realized that to survive the program it would be Cezanne. It temporarily killed my joy for painting, but I got a solid art training and so it had its value.”

She continued, “Years later, after a decade of becoming a graphic designer, I returned to painting with the move to Connecticut. There I finally felt free to shed all the ‘art teaching voices’ and make work that expressed more of my ‘inner reality.’ I wanted to make female figures and so started with simple collage and eventually moved over to acrylic on canvas and still later found a desire to pull the figure out of the picture plane and make a stand-alone silhouette.”

Mailer credits her husband with helping her figure out any problems that come up with her work and its installation.

“Peter has been my number one everything! He helps me in every way. A gatekeeper and a sounding board and a smart problem solver and a talented musician in his own right. And a really good guy.”

Art has been a support throughout her life.

“Painting keeps me glued together,” she reflected.

Mailer will take part in a panel discussion at Hunt Library, “The Business of Art,” on Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m., along with artists Robert Cronin, Janet Andre Block and Jason Losh. The discussion will be moderated by Compass editor, artist and musician Natalia Zukerman.

To see more of Mailer’s work, visit daniellemailer.com.

LIFESTYLE

Fireplace season: make the hearth the heart of your home

By Kerri-Lee Mayland

There is something about that first wood fire of the season mixed with crisp New England air that feels like fall’s own potpourri. It’s nostalgic. It makes us think of chilly evenings, Sunday dinners, sweaters pulled out of storage and everyone coming inside a little earlier as the days grow shorter.

Even just looking at a fireplace can spark that feeling.

Fireplaces have always had a way of drawing us in. Long before we had televisions hanging above them, the hearth really was the heart of the home — a source of warmth, light, food and gathering. And while we may not depend on our fireplaces in quite the same way today, we still instinctively gravitate toward them.

So, fireplace season is here. Let’s make the most of it.

If you have a working wood-burning fireplace, use it! Once the fireplace has been properly inspected and cleaned as needed, bring in the wood, find a beautiful basket for the logs and put those fireplace tools where you can actually reach them. A fireplace doesn’t need to look pristine. In fact, they are better when they look as though someone actually lights a fire there.

Fall is also a great time to rearrange the room around your fireplace. Angle a favorite chair toward it. Pull an ottoman closer. Bring out the throws and pile them into a basket. Add a little table for a cup of tea or a glass of wine. Suddenly, you have a place that practically begs you to sit down and stay awhile.

And then, of course, there is the mantel.

We love decorating our mantels in New England, especially as the seasons change. But fall decorating doesn’t have to mean covering every available inch with orange pumpkins.

Start with what you already have. A favorite painting or mirror can be the anchor. Add candlesticks, pottery, a few branches clipped from outside, perhaps some tiny pumpkins or gourds. The best mantels feel collected and slightly imperfect — as though they evolved with the season rather than arrived in one giant shopping bag.

But what if your house doesn’t have a fireplace?

Fake it. A good trick is to find an old mantel at an antique store, flea market or architectural salvage shop and use it purely as decoration. A beautiful old mantel instantly adds architecture, history and character to a room, even if there isn’t a chimney anywhere in sight.

And don’t forget: The space underneath is just as much of a design opportunity as the mantel itself.

Place a large basket beneath it and fill it with logs. You may never burn a single one, but you’ll still get that wonderful

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Love Lee will present the first of three “Resonant Reflections” performances in the Gridley Chapel, which are being described as “part nightclub, part ashram and a sonic bath for your heart and feet.”

On the weekend of Oct. 23, however, the monsters will reappear at the Wassaic Project’s Haunted Barn and Monster’s Ball. In the past, the Project has hosted their Haunted Mill, an artist’s rendition of a grand-scale haunted house with scares and sculpture given equal weight. This year, they’re moving to a barn building with fewer stairs and more possibilities for frights. On Saturday, Oct. 24, they’ll team up with Wassaic’s Lantern Inn bar and pizza restaurant for some serious celebration of the season. The Monster’s Ball is not for the casual observer. Costumes are required, and tickets sell out early. Show up with a ticket but no cos-



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Above, A site-specific sculptural work by Samuelle Green at Wassaic Project. Right, “Protect Me From My Dreams” by Jessica Hargreaves at Wassaic Project



tume, and they’ll turn you away. But arrive in the appropriate attire, and get ready to boogie with the baddies.

To learn more about the Wassaic Project’s upcoming programs and snag your tickets to the Monster’s Ball, head to wassaicproject.org.

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Shortly after WKZE was founded in Sharon in the late 1980’s, the station approached Oblong Books as a possible advertising client. Unwilling to part with cash at that point, Dick Hermans and Holly Nelson proposed creating a radio show in return for advertising. **Harmony Junction** (as the show was called then) was born.

The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal congratulate **Dick, our 2026 Estabrook Community Leadership honoree**, who continues hosting his weekly program nearly 40 years later, live from 98.1 KZE’s studios in Red Hook.

New Harmony is every Saturday morning from 9 to 11 and features an eclectic blend of acoustic folk, bluegrass, Celtic and related musical genres contributing to the station’s notable musical diversity.

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You may have heard Dick before ...
For several years, Dick also did a similar show, “The Borderline,” on Robin Hood Radio. Those programs were recorded and are rebroadcast every **Tuesday at 8 pm** and **Saturday at 6 pm**, on WHDD 91.9.



A wall at the Mine Hill Distillery tasting room.

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work stills in Montana and Wisconsin.

Through that time, Byles picked up quite the passion for what you can do to spirits, as well as what you can do with them. He'll be quick to give visitors tips and tricks to tweak their old-fashioned to their preferences, but ask the right questions in the Mine Hill Tasting Room, and he might start telling you about ways to use their Amaro to cook burgers or top your ice cream. That's right: Amaro.

When the distillery opened in 2019, they started, as many small distilleries do, with their whiskeys. Whiskey is the only spirit they make that requires substantial time to age. So they started there, allowing their product to mature as they experimented with other spirits. Gin and vodka are the logical next in line.

Very few distilleries venture into the world of Amaro. In fact, Mine Hill seems to be the only one in the state. The decision was partially a fun experiment and partially a tactic in their game plan to provide cocktail enthusiasts with the ingredients they need to concoct their own creations. Similarly, Byles is making his Amaro his own way, using maple syrup as a sweetener. By his estimation, he may be the only one in the world using this process as such a scale, adding 170 gallons of Vermont Maple Syrup to 490 gallons of wine from Hopkins Vineyard, just



Mine Hill distiller Chris Byles

up the road in Warren, Connecticut. They mix it all up with a secret blend of herbs and spices, age it for over seven months and end up with a unique spirit perfect for mixing, cooking or even sipping over ice.

Amaro isn't their only tactic for filling out a cocktail bar. Understanding that not every casual cocktail creator wants to use a nicer, pricier spirit as their base, the distillery released their Iron

Trail line. Named after the historic iron blast furnace just up the road from the distillery, their Iron Trail bourbon and vodka offer quality distilled spirits at a more affordable price point.

As we leave summer behind us and evenings reclaim their crisp temperatures, now is also a great time to explore the possibilities of Mine Hill's signature bourbon and rye. The tasting room and their website are

chalk full of cocktail ideas, but as Byles says, the best cocktails are the ones made to your taste. So have fun with their spirits, and enjoy the process.

To see their full lineup and get some cocktail suggestions, visit minehilldistillery.com.



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Limited-edition print "Wander, Dusk," by Sharon painter Jeff Joyce will debut at Sharon Land Trust's Cider Press Party on Sept. 19 and then be on view at DUGAZON in Sharon through Sept. 27.

ART

The 'gray hum' of the Sharon landscape

By Natalia Zukerman

Sharon painter Jeff Joyce has created a new limited-edition print, "Wandering, Dusk," to benefit the Sharon Land Trust.

The print, which will debut at the Land Trust's annual Cider Press Party on Sept. 19, captures the quiet atmosphere of the Northwest Corner at day's end. Trees and clouds appear in translucent shades of gray against a pale gray ground, creating a shifting sense of space and perspective. Joyce describes the effect as a pictorial equivalent of a "gray hum," an homage to the stillness of a winter evening as the sun disappears early.

Joyce, who has lived in Sharon since 2013, is a frequent visitor to the Sharon Land Trust's trails. The landscape and history of Litchfield County have become central to his work, which has been exhibited national-

ly and locally, including at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art and the Carnegie Museum of Art.

"Since moving to Sharon 13 years ago, I've drawn most of my inspiration, ideas about painting, and the landscape, from the land in and around Sharon," Joyce said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to support the mission of the Land Trust."

Following the Cider Press Party, "Wandering, Dusk" will be on view at DUGAZON, 19 West Main St., Sharon, from Sept. 23 through Sept. 27. Proceeds from the sale of the print will support the Sharon Land Trust's work conserving and stewarding more than 4,840 acres of open space, forests and farmland in Sharon.

Information about the Cider Press Party and tickets is available at tinyurl.com/2026CiderPress.

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Bronze sculpture “Tierra y Cielo” by Jon Riedeman.

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ART

Norfolk sculptor’s raven lands at The Mount

By Patricia Platt

A bronze sculpture by Norfolk artist Jon Riedeman is on view through Oct. 24 at The Mount, Edith Wharton’s home in Lenox, Massachusetts. The work is one of two dozen large-scale sculptures selected for this year’s juried exhibition, which carries the theme “Flourish” and celebrates connection, growth, hope and resilience. The exhibition is free and open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

Riedeman’s sculpture, titled “Tierra y Cielo” (Earth and Sky), depicts a raven balancing two ideas at once.

“Across cultures, the raven represents survival, transformation and wisdom,” explained Riedeman. “The raven is neither in flight nor at rest, balancing strength and vulnerability as it reaches outward. Its extended wings suggest growth and possibility, while its firm grip on the branch reflects stability, grounding and connection to place.”

Riedeman built the original in microcrystalline wax over an aluminum armature, and it was cast in bronze at Argos foundry in Brewster, New York. It recently received a fresh patina from WellSculpt, a foundry in Albany, New York.

Barry Webber, director

of the Norfolk Historical Society and Museum, commented on having local work featured at the show.

“I love visiting the annual sculpture show at The Mount, and this year especially, knowing that Jon had a piece in the exhibition,” he said. “It’s so wonderful having such a talented sculptor in Norfolk.”

Sculpture at The Mount is a fixture of the Berkshire cultural season, drawing thousands of visitors over its summer-to-fall run. Selection is competitive: Guest juror Jess Wilcox reviewed the 2026 submissions from an open call alongside Mount staff, trustees and professional artists. Because the grounds are expansive, large-scale work is favored, and all materials must withstand outdoor conditions, including extreme heat, direct sun, heavy rain and high winds.

Many of the sculptures are available for purchase. When a piece sells, the artist receives 70% of the sale price and The Mount keeps 30% to support the program. Not every work is for sale; that decision rests with each artist. Visitors interested in a specific sculpture can inquire about availability and pricing.

For more information on “Sculpture at The Mount,” visit edithwharton.org.

WRITER’S NOTEBOOK

You can’t see Brimfield in a day

By D.H. Callahan

The first thing you’re going to worry about when you get to Brimfield is parking. Luckily, there are tons of fields reserved for that exact purpose. Don’t just take the first available one, because that walk back to your car will get tiring by the third trip. Next, you’re going to worry about timing. When does this market open? When does that one close? Are there any vendors sticking around until 5 p.m.? How could you possibly see it all?

You can’t. At least not in one day.

If you mention Brimfield to anybody who’s been there, they’ll be quick to tell you that it is not actually one unfathomably large antiques flea market. It’s many big markets, all coordinated to open the same three weeks every year: once in May, once in July and once in September.

The whole thing started in 1959, when auctioneer Gordon Ried decided to emulate the outdoor antiques flea markets he’d seen in Connecticut up on his farmland in Brimfield, Massachusetts. It began with 67 vendors but would never be that small again. Within a few years, his Auction Acres was packed to the brim, and nearby farmers started opening their fields to more vendors.

Today, there are more than 20 individual markets, all with different schedules and specialties. Despite the varying lineups, one thing remains consistent throughout the event: quality. No matter what field you wander onto



A whole section dedicated to camping and outdoor gear at Brimfield.

and whether or not they have an entry fee, you’ll find treasures everywhere you look.

Sure, there are some tents that have more of the contemporary collectibles, like boxes of Funko Pop! dolls and Marvel movie posters — the same stuff you see at every event of this kind. They’re always easy to identify and usually just steps away from some serious treasures, like a whole tent of midcentury furniture or one full of old, obsolete hand tools for oddly specific jobs. There are tents dedicated to vintage lighting and antique fixtures for restoring your new old furniture. Political pins and postcards dating back to the 1800s. Clown shoes and cauldrons and canoes. Funerary art made from the deceased’s



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A wicker viewing coffin from a closed funeral home for sale at Brimfield.

hair. More things made of wicker than you’d imagine necessary.

Many of the vendors have their own antiques or interiors shops, and they make the trip once, twice and even three times a year from all over the country. More and more, though, it seems to be avid collectors who use the events as a way to justify their collections, selling off items to make way for new stuff.

The buyers are everybody from locals interested in the hubbub to regional antique enthusiasts to career collectors. It’s not hard to find interior designers from Florida picking through the good stuff at every field. The

social diversity is also pretty rich, with all races, ages and economic categories represented. Everybody seems to get along wonderfully, encouraging one another to make fun purchases and laughing together at the awkwardness of navigating their bodies around all the delicate delights.

Brimfield is all wrapped up for this year, but now is the perfect time to plan for next year. The trip is about two hours from the Northwest corner, so if you want to see all you can see, there are many hotels and motels with rooms available for the May show. Learn more, and plan your next trip at brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com.

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A taste of late summer, with tomatoes, herbs and plenty of good sauce.

Bobby’s Chicken Provençal

September is one of our favorite times of year in the kitchen. Summer isn’t quite over, fall is beginning to make itself known, and gardens and local farm stands are overflowing with some of the best tomatoes of the season.

That’s when we make this Chicken Provençal. It’s one of those recipes that feels special enough to serve to friends but easy enough for a weeknight dinner for two. That’s how we like to cook: simple, generous food that brings people to the table without keeping you in the kitchen all evening.

The tomatoes are really the star here. They cook down with garlic, shallots, Herbes de Provence, white wine and capers into a rustic sauce. The chicken cooks right alongside everything, soaking up all those wonderful juices.

Serve it straight from the pot with couscous or rice to catch the sauce, a simple green salad and perhaps a crisp, cold white wine. Put it all on the table and let everyone help themselves.

Easy, delicious and made for sharing. Our kind of dinner.

Bobby’s Chicken Provençal
Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients

- 8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 shallots, thinly sliced
- 4 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 5 ripe medium tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons Herbes de Provence

What’s cooking ...

Bobby Graham
& Matthew Marden

- 2 tablespoons capers, drained
 - 1 bay leaf
 - Fresh parsley or basil, roughly chopped, for serving
 - Lemon wedges, for serving
- Preparation**
- Pat the chicken dry and season generously with salt and pepper.
 - Heat the olive oil in a large Dutch oven or heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the chicken, skin-side down, and cook until deeply golden, about 6 to 8 minutes. Turn and cook for another 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate.
 - Lower the heat to medium. Add the shallots to the same pot and cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for another minute, being careful not to let it brown.
 - Pour in the white wine, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the

- pot. Let the wine simmer for 2 to 3 minutes.
- Add the tomatoes, Herbes de Provence, capers and bay leaf. Season with a little salt and pepper and stir to combine.
 - Nestle the chicken back into the pot, skin-side up, along with any juices that have collected on the plate. Spoon a little of the tomato mixture around the chicken, leaving the crispy skin exposed.
 - Transfer the uncovered pot to a 375-degree oven and cook for 30 to 35 minutes, until the chicken is cooked through and the tomatoes have softened into a rich, rustic sauce.
 - Remove the bay leaf, taste the sauce and adjust the seasoning. Scatter fresh parsley or basil over the top and serve straight from the pot with lemon wedges alongside.
- NOTE:** Don’t worry about making this too perfect. Use the tomatoes you have, add a little more garlic if you love garlic, throw in a few more capers if that’s your thing. Put the pot in the middle of the table, open the wine and enjoy.
- Each month, Bobby Graham and Matthew Marden, owners of Dugazon in Sharon, share a recipe inspired by the traditions, stories and a sense of welcome.*

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visual warmth and texture. Or fill the space with an enormous arrangement of dried hydrangeas from summer. By fall, those bright summer blooms have faded into beautiful muted greens, dusty pinks and creams. Pile them generously into an old basket, crock or oversized vessel and suddenly you have this gorgeous, romantic focal point.

You could even turn the space into a tiny library. Tuck a small bookshelf beneath the mantel or stack favorite books inside. Add a chair nearby, and you’ve created a charming little reading corner around a fireplace that doesn’t actually exist.

And if you want more than the illusion of warmth, electric fireplaces have come a long way.

There are beautiful options now that can be inserted into an existing nonworking fireplace or incorporated into a new mantel. You get the glow and movement of flames, plus actual heat, without needing a chimney. For apartments, newer homes or rooms where adding a traditional fireplace simply isn’t practical, they can completely change the atmosphere.

Because fireplace season isn’t really just about fire.

It’s about creating a reason to gather. To turn off a few lights, pull up a chair and settle in. It’s about the glow, the warmth and that unmistakable feeling that fall has arrived.



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A cozy fireplace sets the stage for fall, with layered textures and seasonal touches creating a warm gathering place.



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SEPTEMBER THROUGH OCTOBER
Beth Miller and Dylan Vadakin
Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org
Canaan artist Beth Miller and her son, Dylan Vadakin, exhibit their work in a variety of media. Miller's work ranges from murals and painted furniture to portraiture and display signs, often drawing inspiration from nature. Vadakin specializes in signage, transforming unusual found objects, including old windows and cars, into works of art. More info and library hours at douglaslibrarycanaan.org

SEPTEMBER 16
Dahlia Festival
Dewey Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass. Sept. 16 through Sept. 20
Cultivation to Completion workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. with Allison Chase of Dahlia Daughter. Dahlia contest, workshop and cocktail benefit on Saturday, Sept. 19 and And Afternoon of Blooms on Sunday, Sept. 20. For a complete listing and more information, visit deweyhall.org

SEPTEMBER 17
Exhibition: Field Notes, Work by Eve Biddle
Tremaine Gallery, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn. Sept. 2 through Oct. 18
Multidisciplinary artist Eve Biddle explores memory, transformation and the cyclical nature of life in this solo exhibition, curated by Terri Moore. An artist talk with Biddle will be held Sept. 17 from 7 to 7:45 p.m., followed by a public reception Sept. 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Twilight Paddle Through Thousand Acre Swamp
New Marlborough, Mass. Explore the beauty of Thousand Acre Swamp at dusk during a guided evening paddle with the Housatonic Valley Association. Participants will explore wetland habitats, look for wildlife and experience the transition from day to night on the water. The leisurely paddle is appropriate for all levels and lasts approximately two hours. 6 p.m. More info at hvatoday.org

The Pyrocene: Living in a New Age of Fire
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y. Environmental historian Stephen Pyne, a leading authority on the history and man-

agement of fire, joins Cary Institute ecologist Winslow Hansen for a conversation about humanity's changing relationship with fire. The program will also be livestreamed. 7 p.m. Free; registration required at caryinstitute.org

SEPTEMBER 18
Trinity Church Lime Rock Art Show
484 Lime Rock Road, Lime Rock, Conn. Sept. 18 to 27
The annual Trinity Church Art Show features approximately 65 artists from Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. An opening reception and awards presentation will be held Sept. 18 from 5–7 p.m.; the show continues Sept. 19, 20, 26 and 27, noon–4 p.m. More info at trinitylimerock.org.

“Who Were the Wobblies?: Hidden Labor History”
American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. American Mural Project presents a screening of “The Wobblies,” followed by a discussion with historian Hamish Lutris and author and activist Steve Thornton. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the program at 5:30 p.m. Tickets at americanmuralproject.org

Evolving Education: Issues Facing America's Young Adults and the Educators Who Guide Them
Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn. At 7:30 p.m., The Salisbury Forum presents Dr. Miguel Cardona, chair of the Connecticut Career Pathways Commission, former commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Education and the 12th U.S. secretary of education. Cardona will discuss the current landscape of education and the challenges facing students and educators, as well as the impact of education policy, sustainable career pathways, and the promises and limitations of higher education.

SEPTEMBER 19
Berkshire Biodiversity Day
Bartholomew's Cobble, 105 Weatogue Road, Sheffield, Mass. Noon Saturday to noon Sunday, join the Berkshire Environmental Action Team for a 24-hour BioBlitz celebrating the biodiversity of the Berkshires. Participants can take part in guided walks, species surveys, demonstrations, presentations and hands-on activities with biologists, naturalists and other experts. Free and open to all ages and experience levels. More information at thebeatnews.org.

Cornwall Town-Wide Tag Sale on the Village Green
Cornwall Village Green, Cornwall, Conn. All Cornwall residents are welcome to set up tables. Come and find a treasure from 9 a.m. to noon. Please register for a space with Nancy Calhoun at cathedral-pinesfarm@gmail.com

Susan Carr: Sick of the Devil
LABspace, 2642 NY Route 23, Hillsdale, N.Y. Opening reception for Susan Carr's eighth and final solo exhibition at LABspace from 1 to 5 p.m.

Together Again: Squeak

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Carnwath and Kathy Butterly
daphne Gallery and Advisory, 55 West Morris Road, Bantam, Conn. Sept. 19 through Jan. 9

An exhibition bringing together the work of artists Squeak Carnwath and Kathy Butterly, whose friendship began when Carnwath was Butterly's professor at UC Davis in the 1980s. Open house Sept. 19, 2 to 6 p.m. By appointment thereafter.

Dual Vision: Photographs by Lazlo Gyorsok and Jack Kearney
Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org Sept. 19 through Nov. 7

An exhibition of black-and-white photographs of animals by Lazlo Gyorsok and color landscapes by Jack Kearney. Artist reception Sept. 19, 5 to 7 p.m. Registration requested at cornwalllibrary.org

Kent Tritle Organ Recital
Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road (Route 83), Amenia, N.Y. New York Philharmonic organist Kent Tritle performs works by J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Frescobaldi, Jean Demessieux and Rachel Laurin on Smithfield Church's historic tracker organ. 3 p.m. Suggested donation. Reception follows. Accessible and air conditioned.

My Heart Like a Kick Drum
Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 5 & 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn. A two-person exhibition featuring artists Will Hutnick and Melissa Marks, whose work explores rhythm, repetition and emotional energy. Public reception 4 to 6 p.m.

Wandering Dusk
Dugazon, 19 West Main St., Sharon, Conn. Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 27

Sharon artist Jeff Joyce's new limited-edition print, “Wandering, Dusk,” debuts at the Sharon Land Trust's annual Cider Press Party fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 48 Herrick Road in Sharon before going on view at DUGAZON (19 West Main St., Sharon) from Sept. 23 through 27. The print, inspired by the quiet beauty of the Northwest Corner at day's end, will be sold to benefit the Sharon Land Trust's work to conserve and steward land in Sharon. For more info, visit sharonlandtrust.org

Art Show
Common Place Craft, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. Opening of a two-person show featuring the ceramics of Jennifer Langhammer and the papier-maché of Polly Shindler. 5 to 8 p.m.

International Observe the Moon Night at Innisfree
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. Celebrate NASA's International Observe the Moon Night with a talk by science writer Corey S. Powell followed by telescope viewing of the Moon and other celestial objects with volunteers from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association. 6 to 9:30 p.m. Preregistration strongly advised at innisfreegarden.org. Weather permitting.

Revolutionary Roundtable
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org The David M. Hunt Library

hosts a monthly reading and discussion group led by Falls Village resident and amateur historian Richard Berzine, exploring the emerging nation from 1740–1791. September's discussion, “Fueling the Road to Revolution,” will examine trigger events, acts of Parliament and the struggle over dual sovereignty, with readings from “The Last King of America: The Misunderstood Reign of George III” by Andrew Roberts. 10:30 a.m. Participants may attend individual sessions or the full series.

“Danielle Mailer: New Paintings”
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org Sept. 19 through Oct. 23

New paintings by local artist Danielle Mailer, featuring fig-

ures in motion, dancing silhouettes, musical motifs and her recurring crows and cats. A reception with the artist is Sept. 19, 5–7 p.m. On Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m., Mailer joins artists Jason Losh, Janet André Block and Robert Cronin for “The Business of Art,” a panel discussion moderated by journalist and arts advocate Natalia Zukerman. More info at huntlibrary.org/art-wall or 860-824-7424.

Walk the Rattlesnake Preserve
Rattlesnake Preserve, Cornwall, Conn. Join Deb Bennett and Terry Burke for a guided walk through the fields and forests of Rattlesnake Preserve, exploring its agricultural history, stone walls, stone bridges, hedgerows, old foundations and varied forest habitats. 10 a.m.; approximately 1 hour and 1 mile. Free. Park

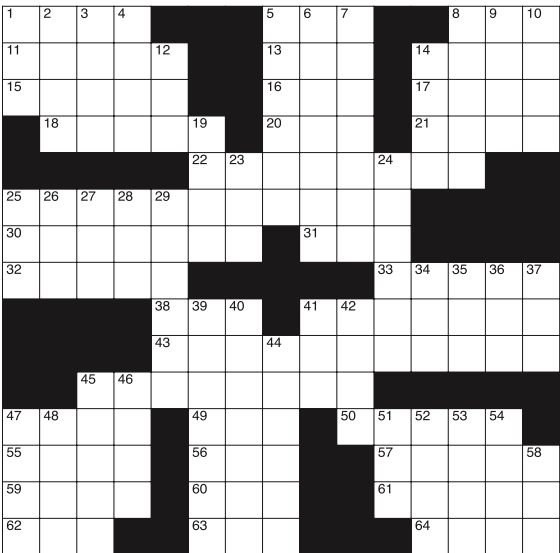
at the Rattlesnake Road entrance near Cogswell Road. Presented in collaboration with Housatonic Heritage Walks. Registration requested at cornwallconservationtrust.org

Craft Your Own Rustic Welcome Sign
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org Join Anne Cameron to create a simple, modern version of the traditional Scandinavian “velkommen” welcome sign, inspired by folk art traditions and rosemaling. All materials will be provided. Children ages 8 and up are welcome with an adult. 10 a.m.-noon. Free and open to all; registration required: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

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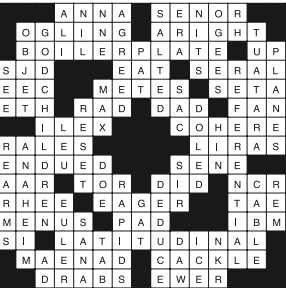
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- 5. A young canine
- 8. North Carolina university
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- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Mysterious “Severance” family
- 16. Single Lens Reflex
- 17. Malaria
- 18. Informal loan organizations
- 20. Twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Stuck it out
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Obtain
- 33. Ancient Greek currency
- 38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 41. Popular baseball movie
- 43. Group of islands
- 45. Church building
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
- 50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 55. Thick piece of something
- 56. Breakfast food
- 57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
- 59. Ancient Greek City
- 60. Bitterly regret
- 61. Don't forget it
- 62. Dishonorable man
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. “_ and flows”



- 14. It's delivered most days
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Of a past era
- 25. Chest muscle (slang)
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Doctor of Education
- 28. Coffee receptacle
- 29. Where rockstars work
- 34. International airport in Connecticut
- 35. Russian river
- 36. It's used to make cabins
- 37. OJ trial judge Lance
- 39. A means to persuade
- 40. Short poem
- 41. A way to begin hostilities with
- 42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 44. Joints
- 45. Blatted
- 46. Swedish rock group

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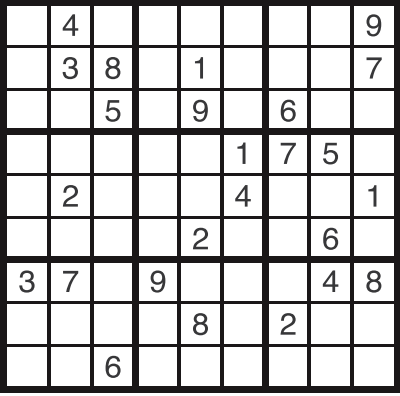
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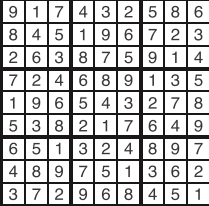
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- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Lizard species
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- 5. A way to bother
- 6. Blank
- 7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
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Sports

GNH falls to Woodland in season opener

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football team started the season with a tough 56-7 loss to Woodland Regional High School on Saturday, Sept. 12.

It was the first game of the season for both squads in the Naugatuck Valley League. GNH took the field after graduating 20 seniors last year. Entering the opener, the Yellowjackets had seven seniors and 32 total players on the roster.

The young GNH squad gained valuable experience against a quality opponent in the season opener. The Yellowjackets rushed for 208 yards and passed for 54 yards.

Woodland, coming off an undefeated regular season in 2025, took an early lead against GNH and quickly widened the gap.

Woodland quarterback Evan Mastropietro threw two touchdown passes and rushed for a third score. Justin Pringle also completed a trifecta, scoring on a run, a reception and an interception return.

The game was played at Van Why Field in Winsted on a partly cloudy afternoon. It was about 72 degrees at kickoff.

Woodland scored four unanswered touchdowns in the first 10 minutes of play: a 10-yard run by Pringle, a 59-yard interception return

by Pringle, a 15-yard rush by Colby Marsan and a 60-yard pass from Mastropietro to Ryan Kenney.

GNH got on the board late in the first quarter when Airyn Berube rushed to the right and broke away for a 56-yard dash to the end zone.

GNH often used a jumbo package with a full house in the backfield — a familiar setup for coach Scott Salius and one the team leaned on last season.

Woodland added to its total with a 55-yard quarterback sneak by Mastropietro, bringing the score to 35-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Woodland scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter. First, Marsan capped a long drive with a 2-yard run. Pringle then caught a 15-yard touchdown pass near the end of the half.

The Gilbert School marching band offered a preview of its seasonal routine at half-time, performing a steam-punk-inspired show centered on a large mechanical clock at midfield.

With the score at 49-7, the referees allowed the clock to run continuously in the second half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Woodland scored on the first play of the fourth quarter — a 75-yard run by Daniel Keogh that brought the score to 56-7.

GNH put together a long drive during the rest of the fourth quarter that brought



Above, Airyn Berube stiff arms Breyden Lango.

the Yellowjackets to the goal line.

As the clock expired, a last-ditch throw hung over the end zone before a Woodland defender rose to make the interception.

Friday night football is coming to Falls Village for GNH's next game, which will be played at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The Yellowjackets are scheduled to host the Granby/Canton co-op team Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.



Carson Riva battles a double team.

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