

Survey backs keeping local elementary schools

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Respondents to Region One's organizational study survey strongly favor keeping elementary schools in their communities but are closely divided over establishing a seventh- and eighth-grade program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Among the 592 people who answered those questions, 77% preferred retaining an elementary school in their town, regardless of its grade configuration. A proposed middle school program at HVRHS drew support from 54%, while 46% opposed it.

The survey, which was open from Aug. 16 through Sept. 23, drew 860 participants, with 572 completing the questionnaire in its entirety. Participation varied by question, and respondents included

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Children enjoy a hayride during Salisbury's 69th Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 10, as beautiful weather drew crowds downtown for activities, book sales and live entertainment.

Salisbury celebrates 69th Fall Festival

Crowds fill downtown Saturday for crafts, music and autumn traditions

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Beautiful weather drew crowds to downtown Salisbury on Saturday, Oct. 10, as the town celebrated its 69th Fall Festival, a three-day event held Friday

through Sunday, Oct. 9–11.

Cars were parked on both sides of Route 44 west of the Scoville Memorial Library, well past the junction with Salmon Kill Road.

The library lawn was crowded with children decorating pumpkins and receiving temporary henna tattoos.

Inside and behind the library, book lovers browsed the Friends

of the Scoville Library book sale. This year, the Friends added a tent behind the library for more display space.

Across Library Street, by the Congregational Church, magician Peter James wowed the crowd with illusions, including the "Chop-A-Lot," which magically sliced carrots but not fingers.

Inside the church was the annual

quilt show in the worship space and a massive tag sale in the community room at the rear.

A highly arbitrary sample of items for sale: a fondue pot, an air purifier, assorted fabrics, baked goods of every description and a set of wooden salad bowls.

The quilts had also provided a

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PHOTO BY PATRICK STACHNIAK

From left, Board Chair Dan Dwyer, Publisher and CEO James Clark, Estabrook Community Leadership Award recipient Dick Hermans, his daughter Suzanna Hermans and Jubilee co-chair Joan Osofsky at the annual gala Oct. 11.

Lakeville Journal celebrates 5th anniversary as nonprofit, honors community leader Dick Hermans

By Patrick Stachniak

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, published by the nonprofit organization LJMN Media, held their annual Jubilee gala at the Sharon Playhouse Sunday, Oct. 11, to celebrate five years of

nonprofit ownership and honor Dick Hermans with the Estabrook Community Leadership Award.

About 200 attendees, including contributors, board members and staff, gathered in the Bok Gallery at the Sharon Playhouse at 49 Amenia Road to enjoy food and a live performance by The Joint Chiefs

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Lakeville vigil remembers domestic violence victims, calls for change

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The names of 23 Connecticut residents, ages 1 to 83, killed in relationship violence in the past year were read aloud during Project SAGE's candlelight vigil Thursday evening, Oct. 8.

After each name, the speaker said, "We speak their name," and the crowd responded, "We remember their name."

About 60 people gathered for the vigil, which honored those killed in the past year and called for change in the attitudes and behaviors that enable abuse.

Virginia Gold, Project SAGE's director of client services, spoke about Carrie Stetson, who was killed in Winsted in June by her estranged husband. Stetson ran the Railroad Cafe at Geer Village



PHOTO BY MADI LONG

Virginia Gold of Project SAGE speaks at the Oct. 8 vigil.

in North Canaan and in Winsted. "Carrie did everything right," Gold said. "It wasn't enough."

Stetson's husband, Leon Stetson,

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Berkshire Country Store to close as new Norfolk market planned

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORFOLK — After nearly 10 years serving the community, the Berkshire Country Store will close at the end of October, ending an effort by owner Ryan Craig to sustain an independent grocery and deli in a small town where rising costs and seasonal business have made it increasingly difficult to stay afloat.

Craig, 42, announced on Facebook that the store, located at 6 Station Place, will close Oct. 31, though he said in an Oct. 9 interview with The Lakeville Journal that it

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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.

Larceny in Sharon

Troopers were dispatched on Saturday, Oct. 3 at approximately 2:45 p.m. on a report of a larceny that allegedly occurred at an address on White Hollow Road in Sharon. An investigation led to the arrest of Elizabeth Young, 55, of New Preston on a charge of larceny in the sixth degree. Young was issued a misdemeanor summons and was scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court for arraignment.

Sideswipe on Rt. 44

Scott Bush, 61, of Kansas City, Mo., was traveling east-bound on Route 44 in North Canaan at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 and was attempting to make a left turn into Locust Tree Bed and Breakfast when his 2025 Mazda was sideswiped. Fiona Richards, 23, of Hillsdale, N.Y., driving a 2003

Pontiac Vibe, attempted to pass the Mazda on the left side, sideswiping the vehicle. There were no injuries reported and both vehicles were operable. Richards was issued a written warning for unsafe passing.

Leaving the scene

Jeanna Chamberlin, 47, of Millerton, N.Y., was traveling north on Route 361 in Sharon on Sharon Valley Road at approximately 12:45 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 9 in a 2005 Mercedes when the vehicle veered off the road, crashing into a ditch. Chamberlin fled the scene, and was later arrested and charged with evading responsibility, failure to drive in a proper lane, possession of a controlled substance, use of drug paraphernalia and interfering with officers. She was released on a \$2,000 non-surety bond and scheduled to appear in Torrington Superior Court.

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Falls Village home prices hold steady as sales rise

By Christine Bates

FALLS VILLAGE — Single-family home prices in the town of Canaan, also known as Falls Village, held steady over the past year, while sales volume increased in a market with few homes available.

The median sale price for the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2026, was \$650,000, virtually unchanged from \$645,000 a year earlier and down 3.7% from \$675,000 for the corresponding period in 2024.

The town’s rolling 12-month median peaked at \$794,500 in July 2025. With so few transactions, however, a handful of sales can substantially influence the figures.

Average sale prices also declined, suggesting a shift away from higher-priced transactions.

The average for the latest 12-month period fell to \$627,000, well below the \$650,000 median. By comparison, averages exceeded medians in the two previous periods, reaching \$735,500 for the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2025, and \$960,000 for the same period in 2024.

A total of 15 single-family homes sold during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, up from eight a year earlier and matching the total for the corresponding period in 2024.

Buyers continued to face limited choices. In early October, just six single-family homes were listed for sale. Three had asking prices above \$1 million, and there were none listed below \$500,000.

Even during the pandemic, fewer than 20 homes were



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

70 Railroad St. which overlooks the Falls Village train tracks sold in April for \$735,000, just below the list price.

listed at a time, underscoring the small size of the local market.

Land listings offered options at lower asking prices, including five-acre lots for less than \$200,000.

April Sales

16 Route 63 – 5 bedroom/3 bath antique home on .83 acres sold on April 16 for \$550,000

70 Railroad St. – 3 bedroom/4 bath home on .26 acres sold on April 29 for \$735,000

180 Sand Road – 2 bedroom/1 bath ranch built in 1938 on 2.95 acres sold on April 30 for \$130,000

May Canaan Sales

100 Belden St. – 2 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.61 acres sold on May 7 for \$750,00

66 Barnes Road – 41.92

acres of land sold on May 26 for \$205,000

June Sales

59 Prospect St. – 3 bedroom/2 bath house on .39 acres sold on June 28 for \$300,000

July Sales

89 Route 7S – 3 bedroom/2 bath house sold on July 15 for \$410,000

354 Route 7N – 4 bedroom/3 bath antique house on 6.25 acres sold on July 29 for \$1,300,000

August Sales

15 Belden St. – 3 bedroom/4 bath contemporary home on 2.72 acres sold on August 19 for \$965,000

September Sales

185 Route 63 – 3 bedroom/2 bath contemporary home on 18.06 acres sold on September 29 for \$710,000

* Town of Canaan real estate sales recorded between April 1, 2026, and Sept. 30, 2026, from Smart MLS. Private sales and transfers are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS and market statistics from InfoSparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

BD marks 65 years of manufacturing in North Canaan

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — Since 1961, a familiar manufacturer in town has been quietly producing a medical device that has become indispensable to healthcare around the world.

BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) marked the 65th anniversary of its North Canaan manufacturing facility Oct. 6, celebrating generations of local employees, the evolution of the site and its continuing role in producing the company’s widely used BD syringe.

The anniversary celebration also included a \$10,000 grant to the Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) in North Canaan, bringing BD’s financial support for the Federally Qualified Health Center since 2024 to \$90,000.

CHWC CEO Joanne Borduas said the donation will help the organization’s health centers in Torrington, Winsted and North Canaan provide care to residents regardless of insurance status.

“We are deeply grateful for BD’s generous donation of \$10,000,” Borduas said. “This contribution will go a long way in helping us to support our patients and local families as we carry out our mission of keeping our community well through providing access to quality health care regardless of insurance status.”

Several state and local lawmakers participated in the celebration, including state Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) and state Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), who presented BD officials with an official citation from the General Assembly.

“BD has been an important part of northwestern Connecticut for 65 years, providing local jobs while manufacturing a product that supports patient care around the world,” the pair said in a joint statement.

Humble beginnings on Grace Way

The BD Canaan facility, located on Grace Way, opened in 1961 with eight employees working in a 25,000-square-foot building and producing approximately 10 million syringes annually.

Today, more than 500

“For 65 years, generations of employees have continued to improve how we manufacture while delivering the quality and precision clinicians count on.”

Eric Borin, worldwide president of Medication Delivery Solutions at BD

employees work at the 385,000-square-foot facility, which produces more than 2 billion syringes a year.

More than 50 current BD employees at the Canaan site have worked for the company for at least 25 years, including 10 who have reached 40 years or more of service.

“The BD Syringe was invented here in Canaan as a breakthrough in patient safety and has become an essential part of care around the world, touching 80 patients every second,” said Eric Borin, worldwide president of Medication Delivery Solutions at BD.

“For 65 years, generations of employees have continued to improve how we manufacture while delivering the quality and precision clinicians count on,” Borin said. “This milestone is a testament to their dedication and the

difference their work makes for patients every day”

More than \$34 million invested in North Canaan site

The history of the North Canaan operation is closely tied to the development of the disposable plastic syringe.

The BD syringe was developed at the North Canaan facility as the medical industry moved away from reusable glass syringes. The change helped reduce the risk of disease transmission between patients and eventually made the disposable syringe a standard tool in medical care.

Over the decades, syringes manufactured in North Canaan have been part of major public health efforts, including smallpox eradication, H1N1 vaccination programs and the COVID-19 response.

“Connecticut has a proud history of turning innovation into products that improve people’s lives, and BD’s Canaan facility is a powerful example,” Gov. Ned Lamont said in a statement.

BD has invested more than \$34 million in the North Canaan facility during the past five years, including three new syringe manufacturing lines and equipment upgrades designed to expand production capacity and modernize operations.

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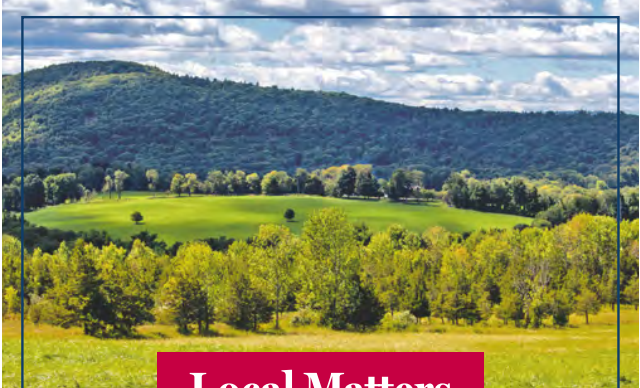
The investment comes as the company continues to emphasize domestic manufacturing and the importance of maintaining a reliable supply of medical products.

The North Canaan-made syringe has also earned recognition closer to home. It was the first product from the Northwest Corner selected for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association’s “Coolest Thing Made in Connecticut” competition.

CBIA representatives, including Chris DiPentima, the organization’s president and CEO, also attended the North Canaan festivities.

BD’s generosity, noted Borduas, “highlights the powerful impact that community-minded partners can make and we are very grateful for their support.”

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Our Towns



PHOTO BY PATRICK STACHNIAK
The narrow Route 44 bridge north of downtown Salisbury requires pedestrians to share the roadway with motorists.

Pedestrian bridge planned for safer walk into Salisbury

By Patrick Stachniak

SALISBURY — The Selectmen’s Pathways Committee secured a state grant to build a new pedestrian bridge alongside Route 44, aiming to make the walk between the Lions Head condominium development, the Appalachian Trail and downtown Salisbury safer.

Just north of Route 44, lies the Lions Head Development and an opening to the Appalachian Trail. Lions Head, a condominium developed in 1984, contains 52 units of housing.

For more than 40 years, residents walking downtown have had to share a narrow highway bridge with motorists to cross a brook on the north side.

The new pedestrian bridge is a part of a larger plan to build new sidewalks across town and improve overall walkability. It will run parallel to the existing Route 44 bridge on its east side and will enable residents of Lions Head and trail hikers to more safely walk the quarter mile into Salisbury by eliminating the need to cross the busy road.

The existing bridge narrows to slow traffic entering town, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross safely.

“Trying to make pedestrians feel safe so that more and more people move around on foot is the whole mission,” said Selectman Katherine Keifer.

Sharon to host free Repair Café Oct. 24

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — Residents can bring broken household items to Hotchkiss Library for free repairs at Sharon’s first Reuse and Repair Café Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be volunteers available to help with sewing, jewelry repair, bike repair, iron works, small furniture and appliance repair, as well as knife sharpening. No appointment is needed.

The Reuse and Repair Café phenomenon began in Amsterdam in 2009 by Martine Postma, who grew concerned about Western throw-away culture and the

In the Oct. 5 Board of Selectmen meeting, the Pathways Committee announced it secured \$180,000 from the 26th Connecticut Regional Trails Grant to begin permitting, design and bidding process. According to committee member Gerry Stanton, the total project will cost about \$680,000, though the state program could eventually cover up to 80% of the total price tag.

“There’s already enough speed coming into the village, and that, these bridges which are a hundred years old, they should hopefully stay narrow as they are,” said First Selectman Curtis Rand.

“So if there’s a reason to get bicycles or hikers over it, let’s do a footbridge over the brook.”

The idea came from a Department of Transportation (DOT) audit in 2025 to identify safety concerns and find solutions. No official timeline for the project exists, although the trail managers, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and Lions Head Resident/Representative Charlie Vail support the project.

“I’d just like to endorse the plan and thank those who’ve worked on it, because I think it’s very positive,” Vail said. “Every time I exit, you see a lot of hikers, so this will help the safety of those people, and the local residents as well... We’re very happy to cooperate in any way we can.”

rapid accumulation of household waste. It was originally intended to be a community event bringing people together to fix household goods. It was a great success and today there are over 3,500 Reuse and Repair Cafes worldwide.

As a result of this worldwide success, the Reuse and Repair Café Foundation was founded with core goals including preserving practical skills, promoting a circular economy and fostering a sense of community while encouraging sustainability and saving the environment.

‘Plot twist’: Jam Food Shop to open Sharon location

By Patrick Stachniak

SHARON — After closing its counter at Sharon Farm Market on Oct. 3, Jam Food Shop announced it will open a new location in Sharon as well as a shop in Salisbury.

Owner Colin Kennedy described the announcement as a “plot twist.” He had previously said the popular local deli would leave Sharon and move to Salisbury, but now plans to operate a shop in each town.

“We understand the importance of convenience, so why not give that to Sharon if we can?” Kennedy said.

The Sharon Jam Food Shop will be located at 29 W Main St. in the former building of When Pigs Fly, a BBQ restaurant that closed down mid-July. Though it will be smaller than its Salisbury counterpart, the store will still offer Sharon residents the same food, just with more limited seating.

Kennedy is actively renovating the former Neo Bar and Restaurant at 19 Main St. in Salisbury to become Jam’s primary location, including a whole new seating area.

Cardiac arrest survivor marks 10 years with free CPR class

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Ashlee Baldwin’s life was saved by the quick action of those trained in emergency medical situations. Now she wants to be sure others may be as fortunate, so she and her family are offering a free class in lifesaving measures.

It was 2016 and Baldwin, a student at Quinnipiac University, had just finished playing in the pep band at a hockey game when she collapsed.

“My memory ends there,” said the North Canaan resident who was 18 at the time.

The teen had gone into sudden cardiac arrest suffering from ventricular tachycardia. Fortunately, there were paramedics stationed at the hockey arena who immediately began CPR.

As part of the immediate intervention they shocked her with an AED (automated external defibrillator) twice. She was then transported to Yale New Haven Hospital where she spent two days in an induced coma.

After being awakened, she underwent surgery to install a subcutaneous internal cardiac defibrillator, which continues to live in her heart



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER
Jam Food Shop plans to open a new Sharon location at 29 W. Main St.

ously estimated to be sometime in October. As of now, Kennedy has no official start date for either location, but said both will be open ASAP.

“Our family always dreamed of expanding and opening a second location. While we are beyond excited to open our doors in Salis-

bury, it was difficult to see and hear the disappointment from the locals that have supported us for so long,” Kennedy said. “This is a new, exciting chapter for us that will allow us to be creative beyond the confines of the Sharon Farm Market and we can’t wait to serve you all!”

While we are beyond excited to open our doors in Salis-



PHOTO PROVIDED
North Canaan resident Ashlee Baldwin, who survived sudden cardiac arrest in 2016, is offering a free CPR/AED training class on Oct. 25 in Falls Village.

today. She had the surgery on Halloween and was back at school a week later.

The defibrillator is different from a pacemaker, Baldwin explained, in that it monitors the heartbeat.

The cause of the incident has never been determined. She was an athlete at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and had not been doing anything strenuous beforehand.

To mark the 10-year

milestone, the Baldwins are holding a free CPR/AED training class on Sunday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Falls Village Emergency Services Center, 188 Route 7 South. It is open to all residents of the Northwest Corner, as well as the surrounding area.

To register, contact Baldwin at ashleebaldwinqu@gmail.com.

Falls Village to celebrate ‘Autumn at the Town Farm’

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Families and community members are invited to celebrate the season at “Autumn at the Town Farm” on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town Farm, located at 108 Route 63 in Falls Village.

The event is sponsored by the Falls Village Recreation Commission.

This family-friendly event will offer an afternoon of fall fun for all ages, featuring demonstrations, live music, hayrides, food, and activities for the whole family.

Attendees are invited to enjoy the Town Farm while celebrating the fall season and connecting with friends, neighbors, and the surrounding community.

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Kent’s 80-unit housing proposal enters site plan review

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Planning and Zoning Commission began reviewing a site plan application for a long-anticipated 80-unit downtown housing development on Thursday night, Oct. 8, marking another step forward for the proposal.

While the application is new, the project is familiar to P&Z and many residents after the commission held a two-session public hearing in March and April on establishing a Planned Development District for the proposed development.

That process, which drew generally favorable responses from the public and commissioners, ultimately resulted in the establishment of a Planned Development District, referred to as a PDD, allowing the project to proceed within the framework of an 80-unit mixed-income neighborhood with at least 20% of units designated as affordable.

While the PDD restricts use of the 12.5-acre parcel of meadowland between Town Hall and Maple Street Extension to the proposed project,

it does not constitute final site plan approval, which is why the project is back before P&Z.

The plans are also under consideration by the Inland Wetlands Commission, which is considering holding a public hearing as part of its review. The project was approved by the town’s Architectural Review Board (ARB) on Oct. 5 following several changes to building facades and ornamentation recommended by the board during a series of meetings with the developer this past summer.

For Thursday’s meeting, Jim Millstein, managing partner of Kent Housing Development Associates, brought a full team of architects and engineers to present the latest plans.

Jeremy Lake, architect and community designer with Union Studio, said the proposal has changed little since the PDD approval in April, aside from modifications to the stormwater management system and aesthetic alterations to the larger buildings in response to feedback from the ARB to “add a few more pieces of flair on top of what

we had previously.”

The layout calls for three 12-unit apartment buildings containing one- and two-bedroom units and 11 townhouse buildings containing two- and three-bedroom units, arranged around a central roadway connecting Kent Green Boulevard south of Town Hall with Maple Street Extension.

The roadway would run parallel to an existing drainage channel that bisects the property and is the focus of the IWC’s pending review. As in previous meetings, the development team said Thursday that the channel would remain in place and be landscaped with native plantings along its edges.

The entire property is meant to retain a natural feel, explained landscape architect Barbara Constable of A2 Land Consulting, with a tree and shrub planting plan that would produce “significantly enhanced ecological value on the site.”

The native trees listed include red and sugar maple, river birch, sycamore, eastern red cedar, white oak and pin oak. Shrubs include chokeberry, swamp azalea,

spicebush, buttonbush and viburnum.

Of the property’s 12.5 acres, five acres at the southern end would be left as open space featuring a meadow crossed by regularly mowed pathways. As the site is relatively flat and low-lying, some have questioned the drainage implications of placing a large-scale development on the property.

Engineer Dainius Virbickas of Artel Engineering Group reported that soil tests showed the meadow’s soils to be generally well drained. He said the “beefed up” stormwater management plan, featuring catch basins, swales and subsurface infiltration systems, would improve drainage conditions at the site.

After the developers finished presenting, P&Z Chair Karen Casey announced that Bonnie Bevens, a neighbor to the southern end of the property who has been an outspoken opponent of the development, had formally entered the application process as an intervenor.

Kent’s Land Use Administrator Tai Kern explained that an outside party may petition

to intervene on environmental or historic grounds only, and “there must be evidence that harm of a specific nature and magnitude is likely to occur.”

As her consulting expert, Bevens introduced Joe Quaranta, who identified himself as director of the Connecticut Clean Water Coalition, a water-protection advocacy group. He suggested that the project could place an undue load on the town’s sewer system, which he described as outdated and “a glorified residential septic on a much larger scale.”

Kent’s wastewater treatment system, which is slated for an upgrade, allows treated effluent to infiltrate the soil rather than discharging it directly into the river. Quaranta raised concerns that the discharge could contaminate groundwater used by Aquarion Water Company to supply drinking water in Kent.

“Once you contaminate the groundwater, it’s virtually impossible to remediate,”

he said.

Millstein and several commissioners questioned whether the concerns should be addressed by the Sewer Commission rather than P&Z.

Millstein noted that the Sewer Commission had already indicated the increased load from the development would remain well within the system’s daily capacity.

“Aquarion indicated they could serve these 80 units,” Millstein said. “The Sewer Commission has said they could serve these 80 units.”

Quaranta ultimately said that a “will serve” letter from both Aquarion and the Sewer Commission should satisfy the issue from a zoning standpoint, and noted that the sewer system issues themselves are more of a “town of Kent issue.”

P&Z tabled the discussion until its next regular meeting on Nov. 12. Unless an extension is granted, a decision is due by the commission’s Dec. 10 meeting.



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OBITUARIES

Gary V. Ackerman

ANCRAMDAL — Gary V. Ackerman, Jr., 60, of 233 East Ancram Road, died Monday morning Oct. 5, 2026, at Sharon Hospital. He was the husband of Camille M. Mastropolo. Gary was born Aug. 16, 1966, in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of the late Gary V. and Betty Jane (Wilbur) Ackerman Sr. Gary had last worked in the maintenance department of the Indian Mountain School in Lakeville. Prior to that he had worked in the same capacity at the Maplebrook School in Amenia, New York for 30 years. Gary enjoyed cars and target shooting, in his spare time, and was a member of the

Ancram Land-Owners Association. In addition to his wife, Gary is survived by his sister, Vanessa Brazzale and her husband Bob Chase of Salisbury, Connecticut, and his sister-in-law Joanna Mastropolo and her partner Walter Rick, both of Sharon, Connecticut. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. At this time there are no funeral services scheduled. Please send any memorial donations to a charity dealing with animals. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Frederick Reel Jr.

CANAAN — Frederick Reel Jr., 89, passed away on Oct. 5, 2026. Fred was born on April 22, 1937, in Canaan, Connecticut, to Augusta Bagnaschi and Frederick Reel. Following Augusta's passing, Fred and his siblings were raised by their aunt, Dorothy Wilson. Fred worked as a mechanic for the Dufour Bus Company for many years. His love of working with his hands continued well into retirement, as he enjoyed tinkering with and fixing things. Fred was a fun-loving man who made friends wherever he went. Above all, his greatest joy was spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Fred was predeceased by his longtime partner, Betty Clark, and his sisters, Shirley

McCarthy and Joan Ryan. He is survived by his children; Karen Reel, Mark Reel and his wife, Lisa, and David Reel and his partner, Keisha. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Allycia Soule and her partner, Trevor; Westley Reel; Hanna Reel and her partner, Bobby Carberry; and Belle Reel. Fred's great-grandchildren include Rylan and Caden Soule, Robert and Amelia Carberry, and Cassidy Burcroff and her partner, Matt. He also leaves behind several nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory. A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the local VFW Berkshire Post 9243, located at 19 Brook Street, Lakeville, CT 06039.

Maureen A. Moore

AMENIA — Maureen A. Moore, 79, a longtime resident of Amenia, NY, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2026 at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, CT. Maureen worked as a registered nurse at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Office in Wassaic, NY for 40 years retiring in 2008. Born on August 12, 1947 in Poughkeepsie, NY, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence Quinlan and Jean (Martin) Quinlan. She was a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School Class of 1965 in Poughkeepsie, NY and Villanova University School of Nursing in Villanova, PA. On October 5, 1975 in Hyde Park, NY, she married Norman Moore who survives at home. Maureen was a member of the Amenia Historical Society, the Amenia Republican Committee and the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Association in Amenia. For many years, she was also the court clerk for her husband, former Town of Amenia Justice Hon. Norman Moore. A longtime active parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, she served as a Eucharistic Minister and assisted at the

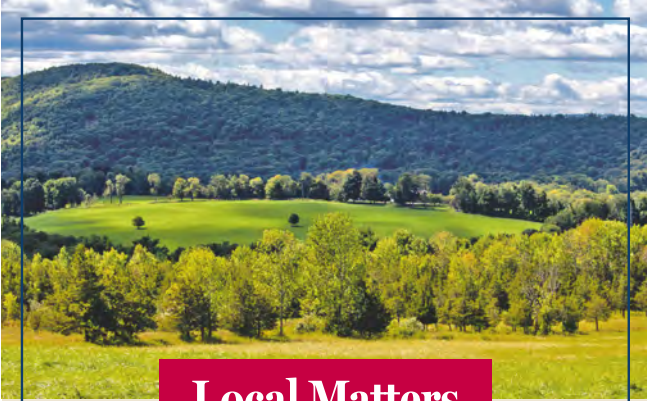
parish's thrift shop. Maureen was better known as Mom, and in more recent years, Grandma. One of her great joys was sharing her delicious baked goods with others. She will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: Lawrence M. Moore, and his wife, Jessica, of Millerton, NY and Thomas Moore, and his wife, Laura of Newington, CT; a brother, Michael Quinlan of Bowie, MD and three grandchildren, Iris, Isabelle and Penelope Moore. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY. Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Amenia, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY 12501. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.



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LET'S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

A recent survey on Region 1 schools' organizational structure found residents evenly divided on whether to keep the current K-8 school system in each town or establish a regional middle school.

Do you think Region 1 should consolidate schools or maintain the current system?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We'll publish a selection in next week's paper.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why can't the Bauer Fund be tapped for train station?

One of the pleasures—of living in our town is the opportunity to participate in Town Meetings. Neighbors may disagree, sometimes passionately, but discussions are (usually) remarkably civil. In an era of poisonous national politics, it's reassuring to participate in democracy on this local level.

At a special Town Meeting on September 16, residents voted to authorize spending up to \$650,000 to save one of our town's most historic buildings, the old Lakeville Railroad Station.

The question now is how to pay for it.

At its September 22 meeting, the Board of Finance decided against using money from the Bauer Fund, which currently holds approximately \$3 million. Instead, it proposed drawing on the Town's debt reduction account, which has approximately \$725,000 available. That deci-

sion requires approval at another special Town Meeting.

The Bauer Fund was established in the 1950s, in part, to maintain property that Frederick Bauer helped the Town acquire, including the Railroad Station and its surrounding land. Over the years, the Fund funded improvements to the Town Grove and Bauer Park.

If you share my curiosity about why the Bauer Fund can't be tapped in this instance, attend the special Town Meeting on Thursday, October 15, at 7 p.m., either in person at Town Hall or remotely via Zoom. The meeting link is available on the Town's website.

Town Meetings are more than a New England tradition. They're an opportunity—and a responsibility—to take part in decisions that shape the place we call home.

Helen Klein Ross
Lakeville

Vote early

October 17th is No Kings/ Early Voting Day.

Salisbury is joining the national No Kings/ Early Voting Day of actions on Saturday, October 17 on the Green at routes 41 and 44, in front of the White Hart Inn.

We hope to see you there, wearing blue and waving signs.

We will BE the blue wave. Weather permitting, a voter registration table will be set up from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with registration material. The main event will be from 11 a.m. to noon, but please drop by any time during the day. Hope to see you then.

Sophia deBoer
Salisbury

Reelect Harding for 30th

As a relative newcomer to voting in elections, I was raised to research the records of the candidates and to vote for the best ones. State Senator Steve Harding is running again and has been exceptional as the Senate Minority Leader. Against relentless opposition he has hammered away at getting legislative support for businesses and reducing residential electricity rates (the 2nd highest in

the country last year). Along with this State Senator Steve Harding has helped secure many grants that help preserve our towns local breathtaking beautiful landscapes and hiking trails so many can enjoy them for years to come. I wrote this letter to give my support to State Senator Steve Harding who is running for reelection in the 30th district.

Abigail Silvernail
Lakeville

Chris Shea for 5th Congressional District

Did you know the DOJ has designated Connecticut as a sanctuary state? Did you know that Hartford and our current Congressional Representative to Congress have no problem with this? Did you know that means people here illegally are protected as

a privileged class at the expense of you the taxpayer? As a taxpayer, legal resident and voter this progressive policy of socialism must be stopped. This November, whether by absentee ballot, Early Voting or on November 3rd elect Chris Shea to the 5th

Congressional District. He's a former Navy Seal who served us. Now he is a Lieutenant in the North Haven fire department serving us. Also, he is the founder of "Hero to Hero" which serves to acclimate veterans back into the workforce. Chris Shea a veteran, firefight-

er – not a politician- can be counted on in Washington to support free market capitalism. See you at the polls when you vote for Chris Shea for the 5th Congressional District to Washington.

Marie Barnum
Salisbury

Reelect Horn who listens and takes action

There are so many extraordinary aspects to Maria Horn's career that everyone probably has a different 'wow' feature, depending on personal experience. For me, I'm perpetually struck by the fact that once she's introduced to someone, she will always remember the name.

More importantly, I'm struck by how this attorney, who had such a significant New York City career, moved to CT and became the Representative for nine largely rural towns. What's on her docket? Forests, mountains, various water features, Region One schools, health care facilities, villages, and farms.

My mind can hardly encompass the specialized knowledge needed to deal effectively with the broad

range of issues produced by such a varied remit. Which leads me to that last item, surely the most remote from Ms. Horn's previous New York experience, but historically significant in the 64th House District, is farming. Before the Erie Canal transported easterners west, CT was a farming state. Climb any of our scenic mountain trails, look out at the landscape spreading below you, and all you see is trees, as though there were no towns.

But though the north-west corner is now 80% forested, 20% developed, this is the exact reverse of a previous situation when the iron industry cleared the land of trees in order to make charcoal; the rocks that seemed to be a major product of the land became

stone walls; and farming was the main activity. What's left of that history may be a minor aspect of present CT, but historically the north-west corner likes to think of itself as a rural area.

Witness the number of local farms that show up every summer at Farmer's Markets, each town drawing from its locale, as though our small state was significantly larger.

After Horn decided to run for office the first thing she did was a lot of listening. When she was elected, one of her early efforts was SB1063, legislation to improve farmland availability for first-time farmers. Farming is dependent on weather and there have been destructive storms that our Representative followed up on to get relief for

farmers. The Community Investment Act Fund was focused on assisting dairy farms. HB 5345 took aim at preserving valuable farmland.

And then there are the farm adjacent issues, such as air quality and recycling that have drawn her attention. Once a subject is brought to her, the result is usually action. That means rounding up support for what is no longer the first issue on people's minds in the state. Judging by the measures she has seen become law, she is skilled at negotiating to get that support. Let's keep Maria where she can make a difference in such long range issues as keeping our land healthy, productive, and beautiful.

Betty Krasne
Kent

Ploys won't make life affordable for Americans

This election is so crucial because Republicans in Congress have handed over many of their Constitutional duties to the executive branch, namely President Trump. These duties include the power of the purse and the power to declare war. They have given these constitutionally-mandated responsibilities to Trump out of fear of retaliation, or a mistaken belief Trump will do right. One result: his and Hegseth's Iran War has gone on for seven and a half months with no end in sight at the cost of \$44 billion. Iran now controls the Straits of Hormuz and isn't giving up. This war is why gas

and diesel prices and inflation continue to go up.

As a pre-election ploy Trump has now negotiated a deal with Putin for Russian diesel, thereby paying Russia for fuel Trump's own war has made so costly. Trump doesn't care that Putin provides Iran with drones and other weapons to use in its fight against us.

On the personal side Kushner negotiates business deals in Russia, Saudi Arabia etc. for the Trump Family. The mind boggles at this open and unrestrained corruption.

Why haven't the Republican Senators & represen-

tatives intervened to stop Trump's war, which is also increasing the on-going affordability crisis, and why did Republicans agree with Trump's presser to reduce SNAP, Medicaid and Medicare benefits so as to pass tax cuts that mostly benefit rich people and corporations

I could provide more examples but you can see why it is so important to elect Democrats to Congress, and at every level, who will put the brakes on Trump and fight to make life affordable for ordinary Americans.

Barbara Maltby
Salisbury

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Our national parks, under threat

For the first century of our nation, there was an abundance of space, people sought gold in the territories, established farms on the flat lands of the mid-West, needed to surmount the Rockies to reach Pacific treasures, fought American natives who had inhabited these lands for 15,000 to 20,000 years. Struggles for the land, its ownership was paramount yet “spacious skies” and “purple mountain majesty” were not under threat. In 1872, the first national park, Yellowstone, 3,474 sq miles, in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, the size of Rhode Island and Delaware combined, was signed into legislature-The Yellowstone National Park Protection Act by Ulysess Grant. Yellowstone was not only the first US national park, it was first national park in the world.

Presidents over the centuries have been steadfast advocates of national parks. In 1916, the National Park Services was birthed to build capacity, expertise for managing burgeoning natural treasures, to protect these lands for the people of the United States – 330 million visitors a year to 433 units covering 85 million acres across 50 states, DC and

OPEN SPACE
KATHY HERALD-MARLOWE

US territories. National parks, their expansion and protection has never been partisan – from Grant to Teddy Roosevelt, to Harding, to FDR, to Eisenhower, to Carter, to Clinton, to the Bushes, to Obama, to Biden. National Parks have for over a century been irrefutably Presidential-associated with Presidents giving significant attention and funding to preserving the natural beauty of this nation – for the pleasure of the people, for prosperity.

Currently, President Trump who has stated “America’s vast and wondrous national parks stand at the heart of our story, preserving the lands our ancestors cherished and the unmatched splendor of a continent like no other” yet Trump has cut Park staffs by over 25% while seizing monies allocated by the Congress to Park maintenance, upgrades, and refurbishing for his DC beautification projects – these reallocations, blocked grants, were not reviewed, not condoned

“The idea of preserving in a national grouping such spots of scenic beauty and historic memory originated here in this country...In Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, other countries have followed our pioneering example and set aside their most magnificent scenic areas as national treasures for the enjoyment of present and future generations.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

by Congress.

Over the years, we the people have been proud and dismayed by the policies and actions of Presidents of the nation, occupants of the White House (all but Washington resided there). Scandals have come in our past, hindering our progression: Andrew Johnson’s Presidential support of Jim Crow laws, Nixon’s Watergate, Harding’s Teapot Dome; Regan’s Iran-Contra Affair, Clinton’ Lewinsky Affair. Trump adds another Presidential scandal done unto the National Parks: diverting \$90 million from park entrance revenues to his DC vanity projects along with millions designated by Congress for 131 repair and renovation projects. As of November 26, 2025, Non-US residents 16 and older must pay a \$100 per-person surcharge beyond standard individual or vehicle en-

trance fees for the 11 most highly visited parks – Executive Order 14314 “Making America Beautiful Again by Improving our National Parks.” Before January, 2026, Park annual fees for US residents as well as Non-US residents were \$80, after that date an increase for Non-US residents to \$250 annually.

There are so many outrages in Trump’s policies, behaviors with so many negative impacts on so many be they immigrants, FBI agents, military brass, or just everyday go-to-the-grocery, stop-for-gas Americans. Here is yet another startling attack –another loss of what had been sustained Presidential honor and pride-Trump actions to undermine, diminish, demolish our nation’s natural wonders-our national parks. How to stop him.

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.

The Census Bureau is shutting out local data experts

Every ten years, the federal decennial census data informs two things that shape Connecticut’s future: how many seats we get in Congress and how many dollars go to our schools, roads and transit systems, and healthcare programs.

Right now, the U.S. Census Bureau is quietly rewriting the rules for how people will be counted in 2030. These rules will change 250 years of precedent and will disadvantage Connecticut. But instead of working with state leaders to get it right, federal officials have done something alarming: They have stopped talking to us altogether .

Our elected leaders in Hartford and Washington cannot afford to sit on the sidelines. If Gov. Ned Lamont, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Attorney General William Tong, and our congressional delegation do not step in immediately to demand answers and transparency, Connecticut risks getting shortchanged for an entire decade.

Here is what is happening behind closed doors. On Sept. 10, the Census Bureau published a proposal in the Federal Register that could fundamentally alter “residence criteria” for the 2030 count. These rules decide where snowbirds, college students, incarcerated individuals, military members, and immigrants are counted. Shift a definition by a few words, and you shift millions of dollars from Connecticut towns to other states.

When data experts from state data centers across the country gathered at Census headquarters in Maryland recently to ask standard technical questions, they were read a pre-scripted statement: Bureau staff were forbidden from answering any questions about the new residency rules.

Days later, regional meetings between Census officials and Northeast state representatives were abruptly canceled, with local experts told that Census Bureau staff are now banned from meeting with external partners to discuss Census 2030 preparations.

This is not routine administrative noise. It is a directive to silence the local partners tasked with making sure every Connecticut resident is counted once, only once, and in the right place. It is a deliberate assault on government transparency.

This is where our state’s

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SARAH EISELE-DYRLI and MICHELLE RIORDAN-NOLD

political leadership must step in. Federal bureaucrats should not be allowed to freeze out state partners while altering the rules that dictate Connecticut’s budget and representation.

We need our congressional delegation, Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy, alongside U.S. Reps. Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, John Larson, Joe Courtney, and Jahana Hayes, to demand that the Census Bureau lift this communication ban and answer basic questions about the 2030 count.

We also need immediate state action. Gov. Lamont and Attorney General Tong should join other states in filing formal objections before the federal public comment window closes on Nov. 3. [Changed from Oct. 13 — Ed]

We also need residents, advocacy organizations, and community-based organizations to respond to the FRN and voice your concerns. (See ctdata.org for instructions on how to do it.)

The math is simple: if Connecticut is undercounted because the rules were changed without local input, our state budget takes the hit. Local taxpayers end up footing the bill for health care, special education, housing programs, and roads that federal funding should have covered.

Our leaders regularly promise to fight for Connecticut’s fair share. Right now, that fight is not in a high-profile courtroom; it is in the fine print of federal notices, and time is running out.

The comment deadline is Nov. 3 [Changed from Oct. 13 — Ed]. That leaves our politicians with little time to make noise, demand accountability, and submit formal objections. The Census Bureau may have chosen to go silent, but Connecticut’s elected officials cannot.

It is time for our leaders to step up and defend our state’s count before the window closes.

Sarah Eisele-Dyrli is Assistant Director and Michelle Riordan-Nold is Executive Director at the CTData Collaborative, Connecticut’s lead organization in the Census State Data Center network.

TURNING BACK THE PAGES
NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — October 1901

The New York Condensed Milk Co. are building an ice house and constructing a pond for their factory at Canaan.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to burglarize the Norfolk bank early Wednesday morning. The safe proved too much for the knights of the jimmy, and was a case where the burglars failed burgle.

Last Saturday night there came a break in the Sharon Co.’s line of pipe on New Street, and Sunday morning the residents of that street awoke to find quite a formidable brook coursing down the gutter. The break was found to be serious and necessitated employing a force of men all day Sunday to make the needed repairs, and the water takers were without a supply in their faucets until the work was finished.

Farmers want \$2.00 a barrel for apples and one dollar a bushel for potatoes. Grain and hay are high. Every kind of meat is expensive. Coal \$7.00 per ton here and no license in Falls Village. If things continue thus the average poor cuss will begin to enjoy what he eats and drinks, that is, when he does so. He will wonder if, after all,

Jefferson wasn’t joking when he said “We never repent having eaten too little.”

100 years ago — October 1926

LIME ROCK — Mr. Belter has installed a radio in his home.

The Lakeville Water Co. is making some notable improvements to their reservoir. New retaining walls are being constructed, and new screens being placed over all outlets. In fact everything is being done to put the reservoirs in first class sanitary condition.

Edward Webb Sr., while loading a saddle horse from the Bartle Farm onto the freight train at Millerton recently, was thrown from the car door, falling upon his head. He was unconscious for about an hour and has since been feeling the effects of the shock and shake-up, but fortunately no bones were broken.

50 years ago — October 1976

Tongue lodged firmly in cheek and hard hat firmly on her head, Salisbury’s spritely town clerk Lila Nash stepped gingerly over debris from a collapsed ceiling at the Town Hall. The acoustical tile and

plaster fell from a large portion of the ceiling sometime Sunday evening.

The Housatonic River study bill passed its last hurdle Tuesday, when President Ford signed the measure authorizing a federal survey to determine the feasibility of including the river in the national Wild and Scenic Rivers.

William Schneebeli, owner of Valley Kennels in Falls Village, harvested a mammoth pumpkin from his garden this year. The pumpkin, which measures 23 high and 19 inches wide, is estimated to weigh about 85 pounds. Schneebeli produces much of his own food, filling two freezers with garden produce, drinking goat milk and raising some livestock.

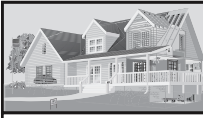
The North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps is seeking a home for its ambulance. The corps currently houses its vehicle in the former firehouse, now owned by the Canaan National Bank. Corps spokesman Mickey Madow said this week “we don’t want to give the impression that the bank is throwing us out — they have been very, very nice to us. But we are looking for a garage to keep the ambulance.”

25 years ago — October 2001

In a world of choices, what is more confusing than choosing long distance or wireless phone service? It would seem, at least, that the choice of carriers would be a forthright list. That is hardly the case. The question that prompted an investigation was simple enough: Does our little corner of Connecticut finally have wireless phone service? The answer is “Yes,” sort of. Residents should not run out and buy a cellular telephone assuming that any model will work anywhere. And they shouldn’t start comparing rates until they are sure the carrier can provide the services needed.

CANAAN — A traffic signal that has been plagued recently by operational problems is slated by the Department of Transportation for an upgrade. It is routine equipment replacement that has put the light at the intersection of routes 7, 44 and North Elm Street on the list of 10 the DOT will upgrade as part of a grouped design project.

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



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Housatonic honors 10 athletes in Hall of Fame induction

By Ruth Epstein

Athleticism, sportsmanship, teamwork and family support were celebrated at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School's 2026 Hall of Fame induction on Oct. 11.

Ten alumni who scored both on and off the field were honored by the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

The new members are: Phil Aldrich, class of 1992; Brooks Belter,'06; Adam Grant-West,'88; Katie Heacox, '14; Juliet Lyon, '97; Donna Marchi, '76; Catherine Mechare, '01; Sally Michalek, '74; Marci Perotti Saunders, '00 and Lauren Segalla, '17.

In his greeting, Principal Ian Strever lauded the athletes for their commitment to sports and spoke of the values sports provide.

"I thank you for bringing fame to Housatonic Valley Regional High School. You will always be Mountaineers."

Anne MacNeil, Region One athletic director, noted that 130 former students have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its beginning in 1996, including athletes, coaches and administrators.

Inductee Brooks Belter comes from a long line of local athletes, including his grandfather J. Henry "Hank" Belter, class of 1941, who was named to the first Hall of Fame in 1996. Brooks Belter was a three-sport athlete, competing in soccer, basketball and baseball. Following college graduation, he was selected in the 25th round of the MLB Draft (there were 40 rounds at the time) by the Tampa Bay Rays.

Nominated by his father, Jim Belter, the inductee said, "Baseball took me to plac-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Inductees into the 2026 Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame are: top, from left: Lauren Segalla, Katie Heacox, Adam Grant-West and Brooks Belter. Bottom: Juliet Lyon, Sally Michalek Green, Marci Perotti Saunders, Catherine Mechare, Diane Stratman (for her sister Donna Marchi) and nominator Chris Stratman.

es I'd never have imagined growing up in Falls Village."

Bader Hamzy, a graduate, introduced Adam Grant-West, and spoke about his notable sports career in high school, where he excelled in every sport he played. He was drafted by the Houston Astros minor league baseball team and was doing well until an injury ended his career.

In his acceptance, Grant-West praised his high school coaches. He is now a captain of a charter fishing boat in Alaska.

In nominating his daughter Katie Heacox, Chris Heacox called her a warrior—"tenacious and resilient." She was a three-sport athlete who distinguished herself in track and field, earning honors and setting records in shot put, hammer throw and discus. Her father was her coach. She worked for several years as an athletic compliance coordinator

and went back to college for a graduate degree in clinical mental health counseling, which she pursues today.

Inductee Juliet Lyon played the classic sports of soccer, basketball and softball, but got diverted to wrestling. By senior year she was co-captain of the wrestling team. In competing in the Berkshire League championship that year, she pinned three boys to achieve first place. Being a woman in the wrestling world wasn't always easy, she said. "Sometimes boys would forfeit instead of risking losing to a girl..."

She now runs a grassroots organization in Mozambique that seeks community-led solutions to poverty and environmental challenges.

Inductee Catherine Mechare excelled in basketball, where she achieved numerous accomplishments and awards. During her high school career, she scored

1,228 points and set a school record with nine steals in a single game. She went on to play at Keene State College.

Meanwhile, Sally Michalek Green fought for women to have opportunities in sports equal to men, said her nominator and brother Allyn Michalek. "She and a handful of women in high school in the 1970s didn't just talk about change, but made it happen." She pioneered a new soccer team for women at the school, which became part of the school's athletic program in 1972. At graduation, she delivered an essay titled "Athletics: Coed or Not?" She was also a three-sport player and after college, went on to a career in nursing.

Inductee Marci Perotti Saunders was a standout in three sports during her high school career and received 12 varsity letters, said her sister Shannon Perotti Mlodzinski, who read glowing tributes from two of Saunders' former coaches. They spoke of her sportsmanship and commitment to her teammates.

She went on to have a stellar career in soccer at Eastern Connecticut State University and then returned to Region 1, where she has been a physical education teacher at Kent Center School for 22 years, instilling a love of athletics in her students.

Meanwhile, Lauren Segalla set the school's all-time career scoring record in soccer and left a lasting legacy on the program. She then became another Mountaineer at West Virginia University, where she left her mark by helping the school capture the Big 12 Tournament Championship, earning

All-Tournament Team honors as a sophomore and again in her final year at the school.

She holds a master's in clinical rehabilitation and mental health counseling and is a licensed mental health counselor.

Inductee Donna Marchi's brother-in-law Chris Stratman talked about her achievements in soccer, basketball and softball. In her senior soccer season, she set a school record for shutouts as a goalkeeper. She currently lives in Portland, Ore., where she has built a successful real estate career. She could not attend. Her sister Diane Stratman accepted the honor.

Aldrich was honored for his successful achievements in track and field. He broke the school record in the pole vault. He was unable to attend the ceremony.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

North Canaan First Selectman Jesse Bunce uses a crane to hoist a cupola onto the roof of the Falls Village pool building.

Pool building gets finishing touches ahead of fall festival

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — The pool building at the Falls Village Recreation Center, on the Town Farm property at 108 Route 63, received its finishing touches Tuesday, Oct. 6.

North Canaan First Selectman Jesse Bunce donated his time and equipment to lift cupolas — small rooftop structures — into place. The installation came 15 years after the building was erected and ahead of the Autumn at the Town Farm event on Oct. 17.

Watching Bunce carefully maneuver the crane, former Falls Village First Selectman Louis Timolat joked that the work represented a reconciliation between Canaan, better known as Falls Village, and North Canaan following their split in the 1850s.

"This shows good spirit and cooperation for accomplishing things for our towns," Timolat said.

He recalled that two years ago, when North Canaan's pool closed for repairs for a few weeks, Falls Village invited North Canaan residents to use its pool.

Timolat's Falls Village Sawmill donated all the materials for the original pool building, which houses changing rooms and bathrooms. Volunteers constructed it.

Bunce, who owns Bunce Property Management, offered to help install the cupolas after Falls Village First Selectman David Barger mentioned the project during one of the periodic coffee gatherings of Region 1 first selectmen at Off the Trail Café in Falls Village.

The gatherings give the town leaders an opportunity to discuss issues and learn from one another.

On Tuesday, Barger helped secure the cupolas for the crane lift. Resident Tom Brashares and highway foreman Tim Downs climbed onto the roof and put them in place.

Recreation Commission Chairman Catherine Wales and commission member Chris Wadsworth watched the installation.

Wales said the town is working to increase use of the 70-acre Town Farm property, which once housed a working farm and the home of the farmer who ran it.

With funding from a state STEAP grant, the pool building was recently stained, a new pump house installed and windows glazed. Plans also call for a pavilion next year.

"We want to raise awareness of this beautiful space," Wales said.

"A group called All Falls Village (AFV) played an important role in the work that led to securing that grant, and their involvement hasn't stopped there. They've continued to be incredibly supportive in helping move the projects forward and contributing to what has been accomplished at the Town Farm so far."

Autumn at the Town Farm will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 17. Attractions will include vendors, Frisbee and Wiffle ball, painting activities, a bounce house and music. Norbrook Brewery will also bring a truck.

Visitors may bring food to barbecue; charcoal will be provided.

North Canaan considers trash hauler fees, seeks unpaid sticker revenue

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — Town officials are considering charging commercial trash haulers to use the local transfer station, citing disposal costs and concerns that 80 of the sole commercial hauler's 120 customers have not purchased required annual stickers.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the issue at its Oct. 5 meeting but postponed action pending further study.

Richard Ralph, the only commercial hauler using the North Canaan station, collects garbage from 120 local customers and brings it to the town facility. The town then pays to transport and dispose of that trash in Torrington.

Ralph does not currently pay a separate fee to unload his customers' garbage. His customers are required to purchase annual transfer station stickers, but First Selectman Jesse Bunce said a customer list provided to station manager Kate Light about a month ago showed only 40 held stickers.

Annual stickers cost \$110, or \$65 for seniors.

"The problem is we're not getting sticker fees," said Selectman Chris Sorrell.

Bunce suggested charging commercial haulers \$50 per visit for small trucks and \$100 for midsize trucks. The board discussed truck capacities but did not establish classifications or adopt a fee schedule.

"That would help in offsetting costs for us bringing our trash to Torrington," he said.

The board has yet to determine whether commercial hauling fees would supplement or replace the sticker requirement for haulers' customers.

Bunce said the transfer station is the town's largest budget expense after education. The town pays a \$129-per-ton tipping fee, plus \$277 per ton to haul the material to Torrington — a total cost of \$406 per ton.

Ralph, who attended the meeting, questioned how much his costs would increase and said he might have to raise his rates.

"If you're a commercial hauler and you're using the facility, it's a benefit to you," Bunce said. "You're not running your trucks down to Torrington. We're paying to get trash to Torrington so there should be some give and take where we come up with a fee schedule that works. We're not trying to run you out of business."

The board also discussed installing scales. Bunce said he raised the idea when he first became a selectman in 2023 because the town pays for disposal by weight, but there was no follow-up.

"I'm not saying we need to make a profit, but at least we should break even," he said.

Bunce said Light wants changes at the station.

"I know Kate would like

to see something happen because she feels like things are slipping by and she's trying to make a difference," he said. "I think a lot of taxpayers put pressure on her."

The board planned to meet with Light to seek her input.

"I think we just need a good plan of action, like making sure stickers are paid for by everybody that uses the station," Sorrell said. "Secondly, we need to figure out a fee schedule that's kind of equitable to everyone involved."

New Harmony

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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.

Salisbury celebrates 69th Fall Festival

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backdrop Friday at noon for the church's regular monthly musical performance. Solo cellist Jakob Nordlinger played an all-Bach program, surrounded by quilts hanging over the pews and from the railings.

Moving along Main Street, the church's hot dog tent was doing brisk business, enlivened by stalwart parishioner Barbara Wiggins in a hot dog costume.

Next door, the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary tent was equally busy dishing out "comfort food," mainly variations on chili and macaroni and cheese.

Next to St. John's Episcopal Church, Will Trowbridge of Sharon provided visitors with an ongoing blacksmithing demonstration.

Someone asked if he was using coal. "Yes, that's coal," said Trowbridge. "And you see where it's fluffy? That's coke."

Coke, a fuel formed as coal heats, burns hot enough to heat iron for shaping.

The visitor asked whether the coke could be used to fuel the forge. "Oh my yes," replied Trowbridge, lifting a red-hot piece of iron out of the fire.

At the town green at the intersection of Undermountain Road and Main Street, protesters were holding a "No Kings" demonstration.

Nearby, the musical group The Joint Chiefs was setting up. On the White Hart lawn, Salisbury Handmade artisans offered goods ranging from woolen shawls to ceramics and leather goods.

People sat at tables on the lawn enjoying lunch and the fine weather.

As the clock approached 2 p.m., Darcy Boynton and Amber Cameron of Blue Studio Dance politely asked diners to move their tables back a bit from the White Hart porch so a dance program could begin.

Everybody was agreeable, and most stuck around for the show.

Sunday dawned chilly and wet, forcing the cancellation of the Pet Parade in Lakeville. But the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's Brew Ski event at Satre Hill went ahead.

Attendees sampled beers and ales, including "Roadsmary's Baby," described by the brewer, Two Roads of Stratford, as a "rum barrel-aged pumpkin ale."

Ethan Gee of Salisbury shook his head when told about the pumpkin ale.

"No. Pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. That's it."

With the unpleasant weather, Main Street was largely deserted Sunday afternoon, but the Friends of the Scoville Library book sale was still going strong.

Lisa White of the Friends said sales were on track to beat the previous record set in 2024. The proceeds support library programming.

All weekend, everywhere one looked in Salisbury and Lakeville, there were scarecrows.

Some elaborate, some simple, some bearing messages, some just for fun. The winners of the scarecrow contest were announced on Monday.



Children enjoy pumpkin decorating on the lawn of the Scoville Memorial Library during the Salisbury Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 10.



The Salisbury Band Senior Hotshots entertain the crowd at the Salisbury Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 10.



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Dozens of scarecrows brighten Salisbury and Lakeville

By Madi Long

More than 40 scarecrows lined Main Street in Salisbury and Lakeville for the annual scarecrow contest during the 69th Salisbury Fall Festival, Oct. 9–11.

Individuals, families, schools, nonprofit organizations and businesses contributed creations ranging from simple figures to elaborate displays, some carrying messages and others made just for fun. The contest drew 850 votes.

Cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 are being awarded to the top three entries in each of three categories: individuals and groups; schools and nonprofits; and businesses.

Winners were announced Monday, Oct. 12. Pressure Perfect Massage's "Dolly's Saloon and Spa" topped the business category, the Lakeville Ladies Auxiliary won among schools and nonprofits, and Jean the artist/designer's "Kill Me with Kisses" took first place among individuals and groups.

The dozens of entries blended humor and imagination with messages about conservation and compassion.

Salisbury School's "Coral the Octopus" highlighted Oceana, an organization focused on ocean conservation. The orange and blue octopus held plastic bottles, with trash scattered around it. An accompanying sign encouraged viewers to donate to protect the oceans.

East Mountain House, an end-of-life care home in Lakeville, created a scare-



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Dolly's Saloon and Spa by Pressure Perfect Massage LLC won first place in the business category of the annual scarecrow contest. The business will be awarded with a trophy in recognition of its first-place finish.

ney Real Estate, "Spiderman" Third Place: J.T. Murphy's Barbershop, "E.T."

Schools & Nonprofits

First Place: Lakeville Ladies Auxiliary
Second Place: Salisbury School, "Help Coral the Octopus Save the Oceans,"
Third place: SOAR Enrichment, "The SOARcerer."

Individuals and Groups

First Place: Jean the artist/designer, "Kill me with Kisses."
Second Place: The Hackett family "Skele-pooch & the Honey Pot"
Third Place: Quinn and Vanessa Bosquet, "Luke."



The Lakeville Ladies Auxiliary won first place in the Schools & Non-Profit Category.

crow adorned with leaves bearing inspirational words such as love, peace and joy. The sign beside it read, "Love never leaves."

Pressure Perfect Massage's bright pink "Dolly's Saloon and Spa" paid tribute to Dolly Parton, while Jean's scarecrow was being "killed by kisses" from its canine friends.

Visitors voted for their favorites using QR codes or paper ballots available at the Salisbury General Store, White Hart Inn and Grassland Dessert Cafe.

Business category

First Place: Pressure Perfect Massage, "Dolly's Saloon and Spa"
Second Place: Elyse Har-



PHOTO BY PATRICK STACHNIAK

Larissa Vreeland outside the General Store in Salisbury. Vreeland took over organizing this year's Salisbury Fall Festival from longtime coordinator Jeannette Weber.

Vreeland takes the reins of Salisbury Fall Festival

By Patrick Stachniak

SALISBURY — Larissa Vreeland, manager of the General Store on Main Street, led this year's Salisbury Fall Festival, taking over from Jeannette Weber after her 14 years at the helm.

Weber took the initiative in festival planning back in 2011 when it was primarily a church function held by the Salisbury Congregation. Weber spent the next decade expanding it to include more events and garnering more participation from the townsfolk; even starting the coveted scarecrow competition among local businesses.

"Every year it just gets bigger and bigger, and I just heard this morning we now have 40 scarecrows this year," Weber said on Friday. "Every year there's more people involved and some more events are being offered."

Weber said she was ready to "pass the baton" to the next generation when Vreeland offered to take over the duty this year.

"Larissa is one of those people who is just very enthusiastic. She really has been trying hard to get the business community working together," Weber said. "I saw in her that enthusiasm, connection into the community, knowing lots of other young women and men in town. She has that wonderful ability to get people involved and that's what you want to do when you're dealing with volunteers."

Having helped Weber with the festival for the past 10 years, Vreeland brought both experience and fresh ideas to the role.

Starting back in August, Vreeland began reaching out to her network of friends and fellow small business owners. Vreeland said her goal was to expand the weekend with more to do and include even more local businesses in the festivities.

"It's been a lot of work, but it will be all worth it and it feels good to give back to our community," Vreeland said.

Vreeland has enjoyed the Fall Festival and has been assisting Weber for 10 years now. After taking charge, Vreeland found the logistical

side of planning, including making signs, closing down the road and ensuring parking for the 1,000+ attendees, to be the biggest challenge. However, Weber remained a close confidant whenever she had questions, even helping with publicity for the event.

Vreeland, a mother of three with the youngest just a year old, said taking over the logistics was difficult to fit into her schedule and required plenty of evening phone calls after closing down the General Store for the day. Despite a "full plate" being a mother, running her store and even operating a vaccine clinic, Vreeland was up to the months-long challenge.

Originally from Mount Vernon, N.Y., Vreeland moved to Connecticut after marrying Salisbury native Matthew Vreeland. She manages the nearly 100-year-old general store. Since moving here with her family, Vreeland says she's come to love the town and its people and considers it an honor to be able to plan the festival this year and in the years to come.

"I do love and care about this town more than anything," Vreeland said. "This community gives us so much, we're all so lucky to live here and raise children here. If this is what I can do for them, then I would do it again and again."

As the festival grows to include more people, both Vreeland and Weber attest it's a celebration for the small town itself, as the entire affair plays an important role driving more business and attention to the local stores and artisans who participate. Weber is grateful to be able to witness each generation enjoying the festival she helped build up and knows that it will be safe hands with Vreeland.

"I think the main thing that I've so enjoyed is seeing people laughing, the big smiles, and greeting each other on the sidewalk," said Weber. "But it's great to be able to see another generation coming along... mentoring them so that they can achieve and be successful, but also enjoy it."

Sheep join moviegoers for Fall Festival kickoff

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Scoville Memorial Library kicked off the Fall Festival with a baa on Friday evening, Oct. 9, hosting an outdoor movie screening with live sheep among the guests.

About 100 people gathered in the courtyard behind the library to watch "The Sheep Detectives," most bundled up for the chilly weather and equipped with folding chairs and blankets.

The sheep came from Le Petit Ranch in Sheffield, a nonprofit organization that specializes in animal-assisted activities at libraries, schools, nursing homes and other settings.

Having brought sheep to the library before, the Le Petit Ranch crew quickly set up temporary fencing. Before



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Children and parents mingled with sheep prior to the outdoor screening of the film "The Sheep Detectives" at the Scoville Memorial Library Friday, Oct. 9.

the movie began, children and adults carrying bags of sheep snacks visited the animals inside the enclosure.

Admission was free, and attendees received tickets for a complimentary box of candy and a bag of popcorn.

Rob and Mary Spencer of

Ancramdale, New York, arranged the screen, projector and popcorn machine.

As darkness fell, the refreshment table was moved from the library doors toward the parking lot to make room for more seating.

The unusual evening be-

came even more memorable when the real sheep began talking back to their on-screen counterparts.

Library director Karin Goodell surveyed the scene with quiet satisfaction.

"I'm so pleased we have such a good turnout," she said.

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Lindsay Dombrovsky and Janay Gregory attend the vigil to raise awareness and show support for survivors.

was arrested and charged with murder, home invasion and violation of a protective order. He remains in jail, with his next court date scheduled for Oct. 27.

“No single action is enough,” Gold told the gathering. “Change doesn’t work that way.”

While organizations such as Project SAGE provide practical help to victims of relationship violence, Gold said, their broader mission is to change conventional attitudes about power and control. Events such as the vigil contribute to that work incrementally.

The evening began at Cannon Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Sharon Road, where participants received small packets of red sand.

Artist Kristen Pratt of the Red Sand Project explained that the participatory art project raises awareness of people who fall through the cracks, including those affected by relationship violence and human trafficking.

She led participants in pouring the bright red sand

into cracks in the sidewalk.

“It illuminates something we often overlook,” Pratt said.

She reinforced the message by writing “No One Should Fall Between the Cracks” in chalk on the sidewalk.

Participants then walked to Project SAGE’s headquarters at 13A Porter St. The Lakeville nonprofit supports victims and survivors and works to end interpersonal relationship violence.

Executive Director Kristen Van Ginhoven said Project SAGE holds the vigil each October alongside similar organizations nationwide. She described the emotional demands of the work as holding “joy and grief, side by side.”

Gold thanked attendees for being “a witness to the power of community and hope.”

Project SAGE board chair Tom Connell closed with a message about the importance of their participation.

“Your presence here is the sound of hope,” he said. “It’s a reminder of what it means to show up and work for change.”

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people who live outside the region.

Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley said she was pleased with the participation and the thought people put into sharing their opinions.

She said the answers reflected a “good balance,” adding that these are issues that need to be talked about.

The study began last spring to evaluate the region’s K–8 structure amid declining enrollment in several smaller schools and rising operational costs. Brady-Shanley and Business Manager Sam Herrick are leading the work.

The study will examine demographic trends, enrollment patterns and operational capacity to identify ways to improve educational opportunities, ensure equity and maintain financial sustainability. It will also consider the history and traditions of local schools, providing information to help each local board of education and community make decisions about its school.

Of the 790 participants who answered the residency question, 142 were from North Canaan; 136 from Salisbury; 111 from Canaan/Falls Village; 108 from Sharon; 91 from Cornwall; and 79 from Kent. Another 123 lived outside the region.

Parents or guardians of current Region One students were the largest group participating, accounting for 342, or 43%, of the 794 people who identified their primary perspective. Region One employees were the next largest group, with 126 responses.

The questionnaire covered community and school identity, educational opportunities and services, classroom

size, governance and resource sharing.

Keeping a local elementary school was a clear priority, but respondents also showed openness to considering structural changes. Asked about a future organizational design that could improve educational opportunities, sustainability and financial efficiency, 55% said they were very or extremely open to considering changes. Another 27% were moderately open.

The survey found particularly strong support for universal pre-kindergarten, with 85% favoring a program free of charge to families.

Classroom size was another area of agreement. Some 82% preferred a balanced class size that provides enough peers for social-emotional growth, diverse perspectives and group collaboration. Eighteen percent said smaller classrooms are always better, regardless of how few students are in the room. Eleven to 18 students was the most frequently selected first choice for optimal classroom size.

Respondents also supported cooperation across schools. Seventy-three percent rated sharing resources or services as very or extremely important when it improves efficiency without reducing educational quality.

Maintaining a voice for each town remained a priority: 83% said representation from each Region One community in educational decision-making was very or extremely important.

Educational quality ranked

first among priorities for long-term sustainability. When asked to balance educational opportunities and local tax impact, 40% said educational opportunities should take priority even if costs increase. Another 34% said the two should receive equal consideration, while 22% prioritized financial efficiency when educational quality could be maintained. Just 4% made limiting tax increases the primary consideration.

Written comments reflected differing views about how to achieve those goals.

“I would like the Region One schools to remain the same for the next generation of students,” wrote one respondent who identified as a Region One graduate and current employee. “I like the distinction of each school and how each community possesses its own identity.”

Another respondent favored bringing older students together.

“I think that merging middle school students from different Region One towns makes a lot of sense in order to provide social and educational enrichment for middle school students to prepare them for high school.”

Others supported regional cooperation while retaining local elementary schools.

“A school is greater than the sum of its parts,” one respondent wrote. “It is a community hub, a place where kids and parents are connected to each other across the community.”

Another proposed a uni-

fied pre-K–12 learning community with shared leadership, curriculum, staffing, student services, technology, transportation, purchasing and long-range facilities planning.

One respondent argued that combining schools would benefit students in very small classes.

“Combining schools (pairs, regionally, etc.) provides better educational opportunities for the children and communities than having classrooms that are empty and grades with only 1-2 students per class.”

Others strongly opposed changing the existing structure.

“We have gone down this path several times before. Please leave our schools alone... The system works!” one respondent wrote.

The survey results describe the preferences of participants rather than all residents, and the combined report does not show how views on individual proposals differ by town.

Virtual forums scheduled for Oct. 20–22 will present regional and town-specific survey results and provide time for questions and feedback.

The Canaan/Falls Village forum will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by Cornwall from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Kent’s forum will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by North Canaan from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Salisbury’s forum will be Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by Sharon from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Google Meet and telephone access information is available in the forum notice on the Region One website.

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and pay tribute to Hermans.

In an address to supporters, Publisher and CEO James Clark said the papers’ survival had been uncertain five years ago, before the transition to nonprofit ownership. Clark thanked attendees, board members and others in the community whose grassroots support enabled that transition.

“You demonstrated that The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News are essential community assets worth supporting. That support has allowed us to do much more than sustain two newspapers,” Clark said. “We’ve strengthened our newsroom, expanded our reporting, and invested in the people and resources needed to cover our communities more thoroughly.”

Brian Ross, the board vice chair, also addressed the gathering.

The Estabrook award, named for the publications’ former owners, Mary Lou and Robert Estabrook, recognizes outstanding work in the community. Clark praised Hermans’ “long-standing commitment to this region,” saying he “made a lasting difference” as the owner of Oblong Books and as a community activist.

Dan Dwyer, board chairman, connected that commitment to the support of those in attendance, crediting them with helping keep the newspapers going despite widespread closures across the industry.

“Newspapers across the country, thousands of them, have closed in the last 30 years. Similarly, bookstores around the country have too,” Dwyer said.

He pointed to Hermans and the Estabrooks as examples of the community

commitment that helps such institutions endure.

“It’s because the Estabrooks established the pivotal role of the newspaper in this community. And Dick Hermans, through his business and his public service, has identified community service as the role that a citizen needs to play.”

For Dwyer, Hermans’ work embodied the practice of good citizenship.

“A bookshop is not just a place where you sell books. It’s where people come... it’s a place where ideas are exchanged,” Dwyer said. “If you want to talk about good old-fashioned civics... this is the guy who’s practiced it for his whole life.”

Hermans’ daughter, Suzanna Hermans, and Dwyer presented him with the award. In his remarks, he reflected on his business, his work establishing the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and his upbringing in the area.

“The store has succeeded beyond my wildest dreams and the Rail Trail is more beautiful than anybody could expect from an old railroad line,” said Hermans, who was “instrumental” in its establishment.

Hermans also reflected on his own experience in journalism, starting as a college radio host for the now NPR-affiliated WJHU in Baltimore. Hermans also co-founded the New Pine Plains Herald, a non-profit community newspaper.

“Accurate information and good news about things our neighbors are doing is a key to maintaining a cohesive community,” he said. “By being here, you’re part of The Lakeville Journal/Millerton News community. It is so important that we keep our communities sane.”

STORE

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may shut earlier if supplies run out. He is limiting new orders to avoid being left with perishable deli meats and other unsold inventory.

“It depends on how it goes,” Craig said. “If we run short for some reason, we may need to close sooner.”

The decision comes as another food market, Alfredo Taylor’s Food & Grocery, is planned for the historic Royal Arcanum building across Station Place. Craig said the prospect of two grocery businesses operating in a town of roughly 1,700 people adds to the uncertainty.

The proposed market is being developed by American Folk & Heritage, a partnership Craig believes has greater financial resources.

But competition is only one part of the equation. Craig described a business squeezed by rising food and transportation costs, higher minimum wage requirements, a shrinking workforce and the sharp seasonal downturn that accompanies Norfolk’s long, cold winters.

“I am not going out of business. I’m making a strategic exit,” he said.

Little room for error
Craig said the store lost \$30,000 last year despite efforts to control expenses during the slow season.

Customer traffic drops during winter, even as the costs of keeping the doors open remain.

“We need to greet everyone with a smile and take care of their basic needs all the while not even making our basic expenses,” he said.

The arrival of spring brings renewed business, but the recovery is not guaranteed. The store might finally begin to make up lost ground — only to face an equipment breakdown or another unex-



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Ryan Craig, owner of the Berkshire Country Store in Norfolk, is preparing to close the business at the end of October after nearly a decade in town. Craig said he is proud of the jobs he created and the relationships he built while serving the community.

pected expense.

“It’s like constantly kicking cans down the road.”

Working nonstop

Craig said the store began with four employees but now operates with two.

“We’re doing more with less,” he said. “It stretches people thin.”

Finding and retaining experienced workers has proved difficult. When an employee calls out sick or gives notice, Craig often has to step in himself.

“There’s never a day off for me,” he said. “That’s starting to weigh on me.”

Married and the father of two children, including a 15-month-old, Craig said he needs a more dependable source of income and a more sustainable work schedule.

He also runs a consulting business and works with National Iron Bank. He plans to begin a new job Nov. 2 but declined to discuss the position until the arrangement

is finalized.

A new chapter

For Craig, the closure ends a chapter that began in his teenage years, when the Goshen native took his first job at the original Berkshire Country Store on Route 4 in Cornwall.

After the store closed under previous ownership in 2012, Craig revived it as owner in 2014. He operated the Cornwall location until it closed in 2016, then opened the Norfolk store in 2017.

In 2021, amid the pandemic, he expanded to North Canaan, opening the Berkshire Country Café on Main Street. That separate business operated for 18 months.

Across those ventures, Craig estimates he has created dozens of jobs.

“I’ve met a lot of people who have become lifelong friends,” he said. Some customers attended his wedding and celebrated his child’s first birthday with his family.

Michael Selleck, president of The Norfolk Hub, which owns the space being vacated by the store, described Craig as an “excellent business partner” and called the store a “a hub of sorts for many in the community.”

The Hub, a private operating foundation and community space located next door, was saddened by the closure and is working closely with Craig on the transition, Selleck said. The organization is speaking with prospective tenants, but no replacement has been announced.

Craig said he had tried to sell the business for six months but drew little interest. His 10-year lease expires at year’s end.

“I am leaving with the shirt on my back after 10 years of putting my blood, sweat and tears into this business,” he said. “We are going to sell out our inventory, close up and leave with our heads held high.”

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Justine and Victor Valla in their studio with a painting of Victor's, "Jonah and the Whale."

A colorful life together at Atelier Valla

By Robin Rorback

Husband and wife Victor and Justine Valla share a lavender and pink studio, Atelier Valla, across the driveway from their pink house, nestled into a hillside in Salisbury. The colors, said Justine, "were inspired by Monet's house at Giverny."

Creating art has been a lifelong pursuit for both.

"I was always drawing as a child," Justine recalled. Victor dreamed of illustrating magazine covers like those of the "Saturday Evening Post."

Victor studied design and illustration at Rochester Institute of Technology, then received a fellowship to study painting and printmaking at the Univer-

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FILM

David Ruchman's "Acquired Taste"

By D.H. Callahan

In a region known for its vibrant but geographically scattered arts community, discovering something new can require a little effort. The same might be said for finding a new place for an extraordinary meal. While the Northwest Corner, Berkshires and Hudson Valley have no shortage of creative talent, opportunities to experience it — whether on a stage, in a gallery or on a plate — aren't always just around the corner.

In David Ruchman's short film "Acquired Taste," that challenge becomes the premise for an unlikely friendship between Nick, an aspiring young food critic living in an area with limited dining options, and a gruff New York City master chef.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, the film will act as the dessert course in an afternoon of culinary programming, when it will be paired with award-winning documentary "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" at the Moviehouse in Millerton.

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EDUCATION

The art of getting into art school

By Natalia Zukerman

For a young artist considering college, the question isn't simply whether the work is good enough. It's which work to show, which school might be the right fit and even whether a creative life can lead to a sustainable career.

On Friday, Oct. 16, hundreds of aspiring artists will have the opportunity to explore those questions at Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day, presented by The Art Effect at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie.

Now in its 26th year, the free event brings representatives from more than 30 art colleges and universities together with students seeking feedback on their portfolios, guidance through the admissions process and, occasionally, an acceptance on the spot.

Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt, executive director of The Art Effect, said the event typically draws between 300 and 400 students, with organizers hoping for about 400 this year. Some travel several hours to attend.

"We're the only portfolio day between New York City and Boston where you can get all of these really major art universities in one shot," she said.

For students, that means a rare opportunity to sit across from admissions representatives, show them their work and learn what individual schools are looking for.

"Every school is different," Fenichel-Hewitt explained. "This school wants sketches, this school wants three different types of work. Sometimes they want to see a whole body of work."

The feedback can be exhilarating, illuminating and sometimes difficult.



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Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day returns to Poughkeepsie.

rating, illuminating and sometimes difficult.

"It's really amazing to see the students respond to the feedback," she said. "At times, colleges will make acceptances on the spot."

She's witnessed students celebrating unexpected admissions offers, as well as others struggling with the realization that their portfolios need more development.

"Sometimes you're even just told, 'Yeah, you need to develop five more pieces,' and that's overwhelming for some students."

For young artists enrolled in The Art Effect's programs, critique is already a familiar part of the creative process. But Fenichel-Hewitt emphasized that admissions representatives are generally interested in encouraging students rather than discouraging them.

"They're there because they're marketing their schools. They want students to be applying," she said.

The relationships students establish at Portfolio Day can also make a difference later. Fenichel-Hewitt has seen students return year after year, developing their portfolios and getting to know admissions representatives before applying.

"I've seen kids go to portfolio day year after year, and then apply to seven schools and get into all of them," she said.

Even something as simple as introducing yourself to an admissions representative and getting your name on the school's contact list can demonstrate a level of interest that may help during the application process.

And unlike the enormous portfolio events in New York City and Boston, where students can

reportedly spend hours waiting to speak with representatives from popular art schools, the Hudson Valley event offers a more manageable experience.

"We usually have such a nice flow," Fenichel-Hewitt said, "so you will get in front of the reps you want to see."

Of course, getting into art school is only part of the equation. Paying for it — and figuring out what comes afterward — can be equally daunting.

The event includes tables dedicated to helping students navigate college applications, scholarships and financial aid. The Art Effect also works with students who receive awards to help them understand their options.

Then there's the question that has followed aspiring art-

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ART

Follow the Clay Way for ceramic delights

By D.H. Callahan

As the leaves across Litchfield and Dutchess counties rush to make it to the ground, your last chance to peep autumn is fast approaching. On Oct. 17 and 18, the 10th annual Clay Way offers peepers a route to follow lined with unique art that rivals the area's natural beauty.

The two-day event is a ceramics-focused open studio tour through northwestern Connecticut, with a few studios peppered in just over the border in Dutchess County. Featuring nine open studios and 25 participating artists, the tour promises a wide variety of work, from decorative objects to grand vessels and a whole world in between.

Cornwall ceramicist Jane Herold explained that there's quite a lot of enthusiasm for Clay Way among the region's ceramic artists.

"We all need work space,

which is hard to find or afford in urban areas. The wood-fire crowd needs lots of wood and outdoor space. This area is great because it's rural enough for us, but has a wonderfully enthusiastic and supportive population of pottery [patrons]."

While many of the artists are returning from previous years, the loose collection of unofficial organizers likes to keep the event manageable for the public, limiting the number of artists and studios each year. A direct drive from the southernmost point at Ann Heywood's studio in Wingdale to Herold's big barn in Cornwall is under 40 minutes. But if you want to catch it all, plan for a full day's worth of art exploration along some of the most beautiful roads in New England.

Starting at its northernmost point, Herold's studio will host Martin Malikzada of Afghanistan, whose polished, modern

interpretations of traditional forms are instantly recognizable. They'll be joined by wood-fired ceramicists Steve Johnson, with his raw, organic forms, and Harry Levenstein, whose works relate closely to Johnson's while making even more direct references to nature.

Herold herself creates work that is both beautiful and utilitarian. Her prolific output of objects is intended to be used by everyday people as part of their daily lives.

Moving south is Todd Piker

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sity of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He graduated in 1967. The following year, he received a grant from the Tiffany Foundation to study printmaking in Paris at Atelier 17, an experimental graphic arts workshop founded in 1927.

“What a great experience that was!” he recalled.

Returning home after the Paris uprisings of 1968, he discovered that the magazine covers he’d hoped to paint had largely given way to photography. His agent suggested trying record covers, which he pursued along with illustration and graphic design.

He also began teaching at Kean University in New Jersey.

“Kean had a wonderful graphic design and illustration department. I loved teaching Graphic Design, even though I never thought I would.”

He later taught at Syracuse University and Pennsylvania College of Art and Design.

In the late 1980s, he decided to stop teaching and concentrate on his own art. He moved to Falls Village, to a house on the corner of Minor and Prospect Streets.

“I used to call the studio ‘Minor Prospects Atelier,’” he said.

He continued working in illustration and graphic design, creating book covers for stories by H.P. Lovecraft and other authors, along with magazine covers, logos, advertising and murals.

His local commissions include the green and gold Noble Horizons signage and wall murals for the Stockbridge Inn, the Spa at Norwich Inn, Orchards Hotel in Williamstown and the David M. Hunt Library’s children’s section.

Justine grew up in the Bronx and studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology. After graduating, she took on whatever work she could find, including designing toys and novelty items for



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Textile designer Justine Valla sits in her father’s chair, which she painted, alongside her husband, illustrator and muralist Victor Valla, in their Atelier Valla studio.

“I lost the ability to paint after the accident. I struggled to paint again.

JUSTINE VALLA

Russ Berrie. But her true calling was textile design.

She moved to Los Angeles to pursue that calling, where she learned silkscreen printing from 1960s design icon Corita Kent.

“I was in her program at Immaculate Heart College. All fabric design at that time was silk screen. My first job in textile design was in L.A., creating wallpaper for Bob Mitchell Design.”

Justine returned to New York City, where the advent of computers required her to learn new design techniques. She enrolled at Parsons School of Design, studying Photoshop, Illustrator, Lectra U4ia and Kaledo.

Around this time, she met Victor online and moved to Falls Village.

A recruiter found her a job

in Arkansas at Dillard’s, a department store chain operating in 30 states and known for its exclusive designer collections.

“They had the best equipment I’d ever seen,” she said.

She became a senior computer-aided design designer there, designing fabric and preparing purchased designs for production.

The Vallas left Falls Village for Little Rock.

“It was a big move,” she said. “It was a different culture, but Little Rock was very progressive.”

The originally planned to stay in Arkansas for five years but ended up remaining for nearly 10.

Then Justine was hit by a car. She suffered injuries to her leg and head and required four years of rehabilitation.

“I lost the ability to paint after the accident. I struggled to paint again.”

The Vallas returned to Connecticut, this time settling in

Salisbury, where they’ve lived since 2013.

After leaving Dillard’s, Justine had planned to sell her work through Printsources in New York City, an international showcase for surface and textile design. But after the accident, she no longer had the mobility or energy to travel back and forth to the city.

Instead, she began selling her work locally at craft shows, including clothing, hand-printed tea towels and floorcloths.

She is currently working on selling her collection of textile designs.

In December, Justine will have a show of her tea-themed watercolors at the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Victor recently exhibited “The American West: A Pictorial History” at the NorthEast-Millerton Library. The series, created in the early 1990s, was part of a commission from the Postal Commemorative Society for which he completed 100 paintings in two years.

He hopes to place the series in a museum and has created books from its images, complete with text. Over the years, he has designed many other books that are ready for publication, including “Looking In, Looking Out,” a cosmic view of the universe.

Reflecting on his career, Victor said, “It’s about doing what you love”.

Justine agreed.

To see, purchase or commission work, contact Justine at justinevalla@gmail.com or Victor at victorvalla@comcast.net, or call 860-596-4282.

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ists for generations: How are you going to make a living?

“I think that’s always been a question for artists, right?” Fenichel-Hewitt said.

To help answer it, The Art Effect has offered students — and perhaps more importantly, their anxious parents — a handout called “Careers in the Arts,” listing an extensive range of creative professions.

“It’s double-sided, four columns on each side, teeny font,” said Fenichel-Hewitt, describing the sheer number of possibilities.

“Going to art school doesn’t just mean that you’re going to try to be a famous painter,” she added. “There are so many types of careers.”

And those careers aren’t necessarily confined to galleries, museums or studios.

“Anything, any object that you’ve purchased or looked at, it had to get designed first. It involved an artist.”

Fenichel-Hewitt also pointed out that a strong arts portfolio can benefit students who have no intention of majoring in art.

She recalled one student who went on to study astrophysics at Harvard University with substantial scholarship support connected to her art portfolio. Others have pursued business degrees, using their creative work as a supplemental component of their applications.

“It really sets them apart because it shows such a well-rounded approach to being a healthy, young, confident person,” she said.

Ultimately, she sees the event as something more than an audition for admission.

“It’s an opportunity to not just receive feedback, but to really explore the kind of setting and atmosphere and culture that you thrive in.”

Hudson Valley Regional Portfolio Day takes place Friday, Oct. 16, at the MJN Convention Center in Poughkeepsie. The event is free. For more information, visit thearteffect.org.

ART

A new home for the unexpected at Kent Fine Art

By Natalia Zukerman

Where can one find the work of an artist associated with occult rituals, surrealist visions and the underground California art scene? In a beautifully renovated former carriage house in Pine Plains, of course.

Unexpected discoveries are, after all, part of what Doug Walla has spent his career making possible. The longtime New York City art dealer and founder of Kent Fine Art, has brought the work of Marjorie Cameron Parsons Kimmel, known simply as Cameron, to his new gallery space. The exhibition, on view through Nov. 14, introduces visitors to an artist whose life and work moved between mysticism, poetry, film and the avant-garde.

Born in 1922, Cameron was a gifted draftsman whose intricate drawings explored spirituality, sexuality, mythology and the mysteries of the subconscious. Her work occupied a world somewhere between surrealism and the occult, informed by her interest in theosophy and the possibility of unseen forces shaping human experience.

Cameron also appeared in experimental films, including Kenneth Anger’s “Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome” and Curtis Harrington’s “The Wormwood Star” and “Night Tide,” the latter starring Dennis

Hopper.

Her reputation was as unconventional as her art. In 1957, her drawing “Peyote Vision” appeared in an exhibition at Los Angeles’ legendary Ferus Gallery. The work was considered so provocative that police shut down the exhibition and arrested artist Wallace Berman, who had included it in his show.

Both Cameron and Berman subsequently vowed never to exhibit in commercial galleries again.

Although she continued making art throughout her life, much of it remained largely unseen for decades.

Her work resurfaced in major exhibitions, including a 2015 retrospective at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. Curator Philippe Vergne described it as existing on “the edge of surrealism and psychedelia.”

For Walla, bringing Cameron’s work to Pine Plains reflects a larger desire to return to the experience of looking at art rather than treating it primarily as a commodity.

“I wanted to get back to looking at art and to get away from the finance, get

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of Cornwall Bridge Pottery. Piker has been making pots in his giant wood-fired kiln since 1971. The kiln looks more like an ancient blast furnace than something designed to transform clay into ceramics, but over the years, he's mastered its intricacies and produces an impressive amount of fine work.

Piker will host Sanah Peterson, who works at Cornwall Bridge Pottery and draws inspiration from both her time with Piker and her time traveling the globe as a child. They'll be joined by Stephanie Haines, whose vibrant, eye-catching work features underglaze illustrations of birds, fruit and the bounty of nature.

Further along in Warren, Jessica Dubin's pieces will be on display at the studio of Christine Owen. Both artists seem to appreciate the chaos and unpredictable nature of clay but find ways to refine it all using their own unique methods.

Heading east to Washington, Conn., Will Talbot's creates intricate work while allowing for the unpredictable nature of clay to play a role. His studio will house Tom Knox and his wide variety of textures and forms, as well as New York City-based Alex Lebedev, who lets music and the nature of improvisation guide his work.

There will be two studios participating in South Kent.



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Jane Herold's beautifully simple dinnerware.

Alison Palmner, whose page on the Clay Way website states she "strives to achieve a lighthearted meld of human forms, animals and the vessel." Her studio will host Ben Eberle, who trained under the guidance of legendary potter Toshiko Takaezu; James Guggina, whose intricate work can appear

both deliberate and whimsical; and Paula Shalan, who blends rough, unrefined surfaces with polished precision in individual pieces.

Nearby is Joy Brown, whose work have become a staple of the area, with her figurative sculptures dotting the Northwest Corner. Brown's studio will also feature Bonnie Levine, who taps into the beauty of chaos and destruction in her work, and Brendan Moore, whose more utilitarian forms are perfect for everyday use.

Finally, the tour crosses the border into Wingdale, New York, where the studios of Drew Montgomery, Ann Heywood and Amy Brenner

will host Jackie Sedlock, Lynn Behrendt, and Kathleen Heidemann.

Brenner creates some of the most colorful and vibrant pieces on the tour, while Behrendt's work is among the most studied and precise. Heywood creates carefully considered, intuitive forms, while Heidemann moves from simple minimalism to intricate textures. Montgomery and Sedlock both find new ways of playing with traditional forms, producing delightfully distinctive pieces.

To learn more about the artists and download a map of participating studios, visit clayway.net



Joy Brown's delightful ceramic sculptures.



A ceramic vase by Kathleen Heidemann.

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Filmmaker David Ruchman

Alongside the two food films will be Ruchman, who wrote, directed and produced "Acquired Taste," and actor Richard Mover. Mover stars as chef Jamison Gellar, who takes a liking to young Nick and decides to help him see the forest for the trees.

Ruchman, who acts as quizmaster at the Moviehouse's monthly trivia night, grew up in Washington, Conn., close enough to the Mayflower Inn to have experienced some incredible meals right in his own hometown. The next wrung down on the culinary ladder, however, wasn't exactly what many consider gourmet. In addition to those rare meals at the Mayflower, Ruchman had the opportunity to travel and get a sense of what was out there in the wide world of dining delights. It gave him a stark understanding of what it could be like to execute a creative vision in an otherwise utilitarian environment.

The screening is part of a Repertory Spotlight at the Moviehouse, ahead of

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, which runs from Nov. 4-16. But there's more food programming coming after the "Acquired Taste" and "Jiro" event.

On Oct. 24, the Moviehouse will screen "Julie & Julia," starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams, about the life and food of Julia Child. After the film, audience members will be treated to a discussion with former Food & Wine editor-in-chief Dana Cowin, celebrated Brooklyn-based cookbook author Jessie Sheehan and Chefs Table founding member Kristen Essig. While at Food & Wine, Cowin would assign work to Julie Powell, who wrote the story the movie is based on.

Two days later, on Oct. 26, a showing of "Babette's Feast" will precede a Q&A with film and television executive and local teacher and mentor Paul Wagner, who worked at the film's studio, Orion Pictures while it was being produced.

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Lena Dunham in conversation with Robert Becker in Cornwall.

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Lena Dunham is feeling “Famesick” in Cornwall

By D.H. Callahan

Lena Dunham is an unstoppable creative force. She's been releasing critically acclaimed projects since graduating from Oberlin College in Ohio in 2008. Her new memoir, “Famesick,” about her career, success and the unexpected side effects that accompanied her rise to household-name status, is yet another critical darling.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Dunham sat down with writer Robert Becker to discuss the book in front of a packed house at the Cornwall Congregational Church in Cornwall Village. The event was sponsored by the Cornwall Library, which, due to unprecedented demand, chose the church as the venue in order to fit more members of the curious community.

Dunham, whose parents are local in the Cornwall area, is settling into town, splitting time between the Northwest Corner and London with her husband, musician Luis Felber, and their first child, a baby girl. Due to her new role as mother, Dunham has not spent much time promoting “Famesick” in person. Despite her lack of public appearances, the book has topped the New York Times bestseller list at No. 1.

Becker boasts a storied résumé himself, with stints at The Paris Review and Andy Warhol's Interview Magazine. There was an intimate, natural feel to their rapport, grabbing and retaining the attention of everyone in attendance, from millennials to baby boomers, along with a few recognizable celebrities who blended right in with the local population. Both

writers landed off-the-cuff jokes with expert timing, often drawing uproarious laughter and applause. The hourlong event felt casually effortless, funny, honest and sincere

Among other topics, they talked about Dunham's career and family, writer's block, fame, health, sobriety, communism and the art of filmmaking. Dunham also offered a thoughtful reflection on her generational-defining HBO series, “Girls,” which she admitted she has not revisited since the show's finale nine years ago. She showed appreciation for the unique circumstances surrounding her artistic rise, regaling the audience stories of producer Judd Apatow going to bat for her ideas and explaining to her that things don't usually work out so well for young artists.

By her own account, Dunham watches a lot of TV and realizes that a show with a premise as loose as “Girls” would have a hard time getting made today. It's “four friends, they're having some issues, they're not even really friends, they don't really like each other, they're mean to each other, and to other people. That's the story.”

She went on to suggest, “There's no way that ‘Girls’ would be greenlit today because now, virtually every show has to be like: she's a girl ... but she's a ghost ... also she's a lawyer.”

After the talk, the delighted audience strolled across the Cornwall Village green to the library, where a book signing and reception kept everyone in good spirits long after dark.

“Famesick” is available now wherever books are sold.

BUSINESS

A new home for Stateline Auctions

By D.H. Callahan

If you've driven through North Canaan in the last month, you may have noticed that the big storefront windows at the intersection of Main and Railroad Streets, usually packed with antiques and art, are empty. Stateline Auctions has moved.

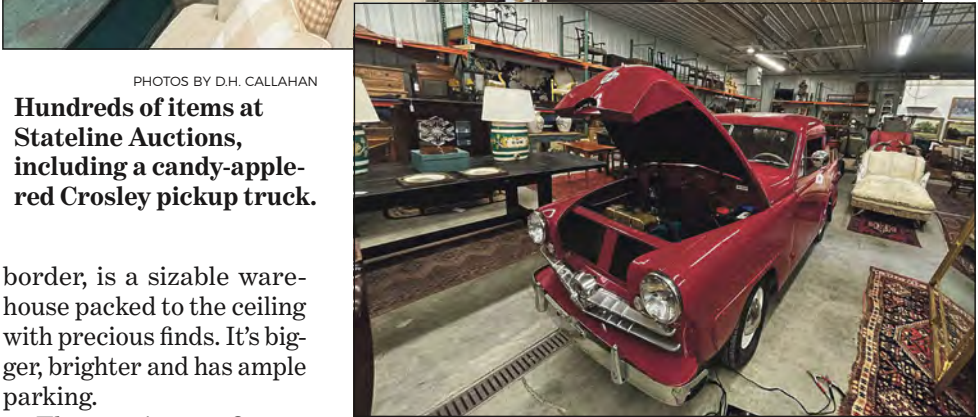
Stateline was started by Tommy Matteo and Bruce Kolbacher in 2011. Matteo had already been in the auction world for 15 years and had worked with Kalbacher, an antiques store owner, before they set up shop in North Canaan.

Matteo works as the ever-enthusiastic auctioneer, and he puts on a real show. In just a few hours, he presents and sells hundreds of items, from antique furniture and rugs to art and decorative items, even taxidermy, jewelry and other odds and ends you probably wouldn't expect. Community is part of the show, with Matteo joking around with regulars. Attendees congratulate each other on their purchases, and even educate each other about the items as Matteo keeps the momentum going. If items aren't moving, Matteo will remind the room that he's got alimony to pay, and it's up to everybody in the room to help him raise the funds.

For the past 15 years, this has all happened in that highly visible building at the main intersection in North Canaan. Now, Matteo, Kolbacher and their Stateline Auctions crew have moved off the beaten path. For some frugal bidders, this might seem like a good thing. After all, the fewer people who know about the auction, the fewer people they have to bid against when their lots come up.

Unfortunately for those who consistently show up, the competition these days is less in the room and more online. Stateline has been running simultaneous auctions through the real-time auction website and app LiveAuctioneers.com, where the entire event is streamed live. Throughout the eight-hour event, the online viewership rarely, if ever, dips below 600 individual users. This technological development creates more potential buyers for Stateline and also allows busy bidders to keep an eye on their lots while out and about.

The new space, still in North Canaan, just barely south of the Massachusetts



Hundreds of items at Stateline Auctions, including a candy-apple-red Crosley pickup truck.

border, is a sizable warehouse packed to the ceiling with precious finds. It's bigger, brighter and has ample parking.

The auction on Oct. 11 featured all kinds of lots, including three cars. A candy-apple-red Crosley pickup truck grabbed every eye in the room and even more attention online. Amid all the enthusiasm, it was heartwarming to witness the entire audience erupt in applause as young bidder Molly Seitz burst into tears after winning the truck. The beautiful vintage vehicle had belonged to her grandfather, who had given her driving lessons in it before he died.

Between resellers, collectors and the casually curious, the performance that is a Sunday at Stateline Auctions is a delightful way to breathe new life into old items. There's rarely a set date for the next auction, but it generally takes about six weeks before they're ready with their next round of goods. This time, Matteo predicts a sale after Thanksgiving, but if you want to be safe, follow their auction on liveauctioneers.com.



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CAMERON (1922-1995) is on view at Kent Fine Art in Pine Plains through Nov. 14.

away from the asset class, get away from the branding, get away from the fashion, get away from the celebrity status,” he said during a recent visit to the gallery.

Instead, he wants to encourage a more personal encounter with individual works.

“Here, getting to live with it, there’s an opportunity to have a more intimate way with the work,” he said.

Walla began his career as a curator in California, organizing Alex Katz’s first retrospective in 1975. He subsequently joined Marlborough Gallery, where he worked with artists including Francis Bacon, Larry Rivers, Katz and Frank Auerbach.

In 1985, he established Kent Fine Art at Madison Avenue and 57th Street in Manhattan. Over the following decades, the gallery moved through SoHo and Chelsea, presenting hundreds of exhibitions and publishing more than 70 scholarly books on artists ranging from surrealists Dorothea Tanning and Meret Oppenheim to contemporary figures including Chris Burden and Antoni Muntadas.

After the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the gallery business, Walla returned to Marlborough in an executive role. But with the couple’s two daughters heading off to college and many of their artist friends already living in the Hudson Valley, Walla and his wife, painter Nicole Pilorge, decided to make the move north.

They wanted a live-work arrangement, somewhere they could be surrounded by art without the demands of operating a conventional commercial gallery.

The Pine Plains property offered that possibility, although the building that would become Kent Fine Art required a substantial transformation.

When Walla first entered the space, it was essentially a raw woodworking shop, with unfinished walls and a single light operated by a pull chain. Electrical service was rudimentary, and the building needed insulation, windows and proper wiring.

“We had to trench and electrify the building, and then we insulated the whole thing,” he said.

For someone accustomed to pristine gallery walls, the transformation was particularly satisfying. The ability to install Sheetrock and create proper surfaces for hanging art was, in itself, a revelation.

Walla opened the space with an exhibition of Japanese artist Teruko Yokoi, whose work he has long admired. The Cameron exhibition is only the second presentation in the newly completed gallery.

“I don’t run a gallery per se,” he explained.

Instead, he envisions a more flexible approach, mounting exhibitions when there is an artist or body of work he particularly wants to share.

He also writes a weekly newsletter for a mailing list of approximately 3,000 people, generally focusing

on a single work of art. The essays are gradually being added to the Kent Fine Art website, creating a growing collection of observations and reflections drawn from decades of experience.

“Maybe they’re more like memories,” he said.

The property also accommodates Pilorge’s studio upstairs, adding another dimension to the couple’s live-work vision, a reminder that the property is as much about making art as presenting it.

Walla said the arrangement allows them to remain connected to the creative community while working at a different pace.

That spirit of discovery seems especially appropriate for an exhibition devoted to Cameron, an artist who resisted easy categorization and whose work remained outside the mainstream for much of her lifetime.

The exhibition offers a chance to encounter her drawings in a setting far removed from the commercial pressures of the New York art world but informed by someone who has spent decades working at its center.

After a career devoted to exhibitions, publications and the business of art, Walla is interested in something both simpler and more elusive: spending time with the work itself.

“It’s a very modest proposal,” he said.

“CAMERON (1922–1995)” is on view at Kent Fine Art in Pine Plains through Nov. 14. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit kentfineart.net.

BOOKS

A new chapter for Oblong Books and Stissing Center

By Natalia Zukerman

When Oblong Books co-owner Suzanna Hermans ran into comedian Murray Hill in New York City, she saw an opportunity.

Hill, the self-described “hardest-working middle-aged man in show business,” had a new memoir, “Showbiz! My Life as a Middle-Aged Man,” coming out, and Hermans was eager to bring him to the Hudson Valley for an author event.

She approached him and suggested a visit to “an independent bookstore in the Hudson Valley.” Hill asked where the bookstore was located.

“Millerton,” Hermans replied.

“Oh my God, Oblong?” Hill exclaimed.

As it turned out, Hill already knew of Oblong with its locations in Millerton and Rhinebeck. His friendship with actor and comedian Bridget Everett had brought him to the region, and he had visited the shop before.

“It was a marriage made in heaven,” said Helen Seslowsky, Oblong’s events director.

The chance encounter led to an evening of laughter, storytelling and an exuberant conversation between Hill and Everett on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Stissing Center in Pine Plains.

The event also marked the beginning of a promising collaboration between Oblong Books and Stissing Center, bringing together two regional cultural institutions with a shared interest in connecting artists and audiences.

For Seslowsky, the partnership has been a long time coming.

“One of the things that we really were missing was a midsize venue for author events for Oblong,” she said.

The bookstore has long hosted literary events at its Rhinebeck location, which can accommodate about 50 people, and at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury, where audiences of roughly 100 can gather. But a venue that could accommodate larger crowds while retaining an intimate atmosphere had remained elusive.

Seslowsky had been dis-



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Murray Hill and Bridget Everett shared the stage at Stissing Center in Pine Plains on Thursday, Oct. 8, for an evening celebrating Hill’s new memoir and the launch of a literary partnership between Oblong Books and Stissing Center.

cussing the possibilities at Stissing Center with Executive Director Patrick Trettenoro for some time, waiting for the right opportunity to emerge as the venue’s renovations progressed.

“It’s just taken until now for something that really was a good fit to pop up,” she said.

That something turned out to be Murray Hill.

“It came about quite by chance and was a perfect fit,” Seslowsky said. “We couldn’t have wished for better.”

The conversation between Hill and Everett, long-time friends and costars in the acclaimed HBO series “Somebody Somewhere,” brought a lively mix of show business stories, friendship and irreverent humor to Banning Hall, The Stissing Center’s upstairs performance space.

The evening also demonstrated how well the theater could accommodate literary programming. Although the event was initially considered for The Grace Note, the center’s intimate downstairs performance space, Banning Hall offered the seating capacity and sightlines needed for a larger audience without sacrificing a sense of closeness.

Seslowsky said the experience opened up possibilities for future events in both rooms.

“Now we know how it works,” she said. “Banning Hall is such a great, very versatile space to have. And then we’ve got the coziness

of The Grace Note.”

Geography is another advantage. Pine Plains sits conveniently between Oblong’s two bookstores, making Stissing Center a natural gathering place for readers from both sides of the Hudson Valley and the Northwest Corner.

The collaboration also introduces audiences to cultural offerings they might not otherwise discover.

Seslowsky noticed familiar faces from Oblong and The Moviehouse in Millerton, along with patrons of Stissing Center and people she hadn’t encountered before.

That kind of audience sharing is central to the partnership’s appeal. A reader who arrives for an author conversation might return for a concert or theatrical performance, while regular Stissing Center patrons may discover a new favorite author or bookstore.

The financial arrangement is similarly collaborative. For the Murray Hill event, the ticket price included a copy of the book. Oblong handled the book purchases, author arrangements and promotion, while The Stissing Center supplied the venue, technical staff and volunteers. The partners shared the proceeds.

“We do all our end of it and the promotion, and Stissing Center has their volunteers and Patrick and the tech staff,” Seslowsky explained. “And then we just split whatever we make.”

While no additional jointly produced events have been

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Rock Steady Farm (41 Kaye Road, Millerton) hosts its second annual FEAST, a celebration of abundance, queer joy and community on Saturday, Oct. 17. The afternoon includes farm tours, Filipino-inspired food from Harana Market’s Chef Chris Mauricio, music by DJ BKP, performances and reflections from community members. Proceeds support the farm’s mission to train queer, trans and BIPOC farmers and provide fresh, culturally relevant food to underserved communities. 2 to 5:30 p.m. Sliding-scale tickets, with reduced-cost options available. For more information, visit rocksteadyfarm.com.

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The Lakeville Journal
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Tri-Corner Calendar

OCTOBER 15

Jenni Freidman: “Finding My Way”
Gallery at Founders Hall, CT State Northwestern, 4 Park Place, Winsted, Conn.
An exhibition of works on paper by artist Jenni Freidman explores nature, pattern and color through prints, drawings and experimental techniques including folding, cutting, stitching and collage. An artist reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibition runs Oct. 12 through Nov. 5.

Ghostly Encounters: My Paranormal Journey

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Paranormal expert Joe Franke, founder of the Warren Society for Paranormal Research and Education, shares stories from four decades investigating the unexplained, from his early days studying with Ed and Lorraine Warren to firsthand encounters with ghosts, demons, poltergeists and exorcisms. 5 p.m. Free. huntlibrary.org

OCTOBER 16

Autumn Arts and Fine Crafts Show
Merwinsville Hotel, 1 Brown’s Forge Road, Gaylordsville, Conn.
Oct. 9 to 18

The 39th annual show features work by more than 80 local artists and artisans. A gala preview party Oct. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. features live music by Mama Train and catered hors d’oeuvres. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 to 12 and 16 to 18. \$3 suggested donation; children younger than 10 and members free. merwinsvillehotel.org

An Evening with Grace Smith House

Stissing Center for Arts and Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
A benefit for Grace Smith House featuring music by Melissa Ferrick, food by Stissing House and the Clothesline Project, supporting survivors of domestic violence. In The Grace Note. 6:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org

When Giants Die: The Ecological Afterlife of Elephants

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y.
Cary ecologist Jane Lucas and Princeton postdoctoral scholar Courtney Reed explore what happens when elephants die and how their carcasses create nutrient-rich ecological legacies that shape plants, soils and biodiversity in South Africa’s Kruger National Park. A short film and Q&A are included. 7 to 8 p.m. In-person and livestream options available.

Watercolor Journaling: Autumn’s Oddities

Hollister House Garden, 300 Nettleton Hollow Road, Washington, Conn.
Botanical watercolorist Betsy Rogers-Knox leads a workshop beginning with sketches of late-season garden details, followed by guided, step-by-step watercolor instruction and individual support in the barn. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration at hollisterhousegarden.org.

OCTOBER 16-18

39th Annual Autumn Arts and Fine Crafts Show
Merwinsville Hotel, 1 Brown’s Forge Road, Gaylordsville, Conn.
Oct. 16 to 18

More than 60 local artists showcase their work at the historic Merwinsville Hotel. All sales support the ongoing restoration of the 183-year-old building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit merwinsvillehotel.org or call 860-350-4443.

Cottage Courses: “Quilt Camp Weekend”
Wassaic, N.Y.
Oct. 16 to 18

Spend a weekend immersed in quilting during this hands-on retreat led by artist Natalie Baxter. Designed for quilters of all experience levels, the workshop includes demonstrations, guided instruction, open studio time, all materials, meals and use of a sewing machine. Registration and details at cottagecourses.com.

OCTOBER 17

James Taylor: Reimagined
Buttonball Barn, 17 Main St., Egremont, Mass.

Brad Cole brings a fresh, bluesy twist to Taylor’s iconic melodies. Much like James Taylor’s own reimaginings on his American Standard album, Brad Cole and his band keep the heart and emotion of the originals intact, offering new perspectives while staying true to the storytelling at their core. 8 p.m. Tickets at buttonball-barn.com

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

Local historian Richard Berzine leads a discussion on the First and Second Continental Congresses, exploring the organization of the Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. Part of a monthly series examining America’s founding from 1740 to 1791. Readings are available at the library in advance. Participants may attend individual sessions. 10:30 a.m.

Qigong for Autumn
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

Certified Qigong instructor Cris Caivano leads a seasonal workshop exploring gentle movements to release stress, improve flexibility, strengthen breathing and build balance. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free; registration required at hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com

Warren OctoberFest
Warren Woods Town Park, 255 Brick School Road, Warren, Conn.

The third annual Warren OctoberFest celebrates fall with tastings of local beer, wine, spirits and cider, food trucks, live rock music from Jet City, artisan vendors and family activities. The Cider Run/Walk 5K kicks off at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Warren Volunteer Fire Company and Warren Social Services. 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets and information: bit.ly/3TLiEaW

Items appear as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com.

Massaranduba

Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Gil Oliveira and Felipe Hostins bring Brazilian forró to Pine Plains, joined by special guest Davi Vieira for an evening of infectious rhythms and dance. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at thestissing-center.org

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Claudia Cayne leads an informal discussion of “A Guardian and a Thief” by Megha Majumdar. Copies are available to borrow from the library. 4 to 5 p.m. No registration required. scovillelibrary.org

No Kings: Vote Early

The White Hart Inn, 15 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
A nonpartisan voter participation event will feature “Vote Early” signs, sign-waving and a voter registration table on the lawn at the White Hart Inn. Participants are encouraged to wear blue and bring signs. The main gathering runs from 11 a.m. to noon, with voter registration available until 4 p.m.

Norfolk Tour de Forest

Norfolk Curling Club, 70 Golf Drive, Norfolk, Conn.
Great Mountain Forest and Norfolk Rails to Trails host their annual fall gravel ride, with a 13-mile Tour de Forest and a more challenging 30-mile Icebox Gravel route through Great Mountain Forest and surrounding roads. Day-of registration opens at 8 a.m.; rides begin at 9:30 and 10 a.m. Register at bikereg.com/76628

ArtEast Open Studio Tour
Eastern Dutchess County and neighboring Putnam County, N.Y.
Oct. 17 to 18 and 24 to 25

ArtEast’s annual fall tour invites visitors into the working studios of artists in Holmes, LaGrangeville, Hopewell Junction, Pawling, Patterson, Poughquag and Wingdale. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More info at arteast-dutchess.com

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Interactive screening, presented by The Triplex and No Comply Foods. 8 p.m. Tickets at thetriplex.org

Trunk or Treat at Taconic State Park

253 State Route 344, Copake Falls, N.Y.
Celebrate the spooky side of the season with this family friendly trunk-or-treat. 4 to 6 p.m. Sign up to be part of the event (518) 329-3993

Family Night: Ready-Made Paintings
Common Place Craft Workshop, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Families create an heirloom painting on stretched canvas using wheel-of-fortune prompts and playfully vague instructions. All ages; snacks and drinks provided. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Register at commonplacecraft.square.site

Books & Music

Books & Cake, 8 Anthony St., Hillsdale, N.Y.
Music writers and critics Ben Ratliff, Joshua Jelly-Schapiro and Alex

Abramovich come together for a conversation about music, followed by a bookstore concert with guitarist and composer Ken Wessel and composer Douglas Cuomo, best known for writing the theme music for “Sex and the City.” 5 p.m. Free; reservations at booksandcake.com/events.

RiverVisions

The Inn at Mount Pleasant, Torrington, Conn.
Housatonic Valley Association celebrates its 85th anniversary with the premiere of a short film about the Housatonic River watershed, a River Fauna Fashion Show, live music by The Green Jazz Band with TimeRider, food and a fundraising paddle raise. 3 p.m.

Scarecrows in the Meadow

Robertson Plaza, Norfolk, Conn.
Noon to 3 p.m., the Norfolk Hub in City Meadow invites local nonprofits, NGOs, community groups, families and individuals to build a scarecrow to become part of the Scarecrow Meadow in City Meadow. All are welcome. Registration required at bit.ly/4h8uP2e

The Little Guild’s 13th Annual Run & Wag 5K
Cornwall Town Green, Cornwall, Conn.

The premier human/dog race in the region, the Run & Wag 5K offers runners, walkers and their canine companions a great day in the Cornwall Valley with food, treats, live local music and family fun for all! Register at littleguild.org

OCTOBER 18

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Open House

West Cornwall Fire House, 289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, Cornwall, Conn.
Lunch and refreshments, kids activities, fire station tours, raffle and more. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. All welcome.

Coffee and Conversation with Will Hutnick and Melissa Marks

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn.
Join artists Will Hutnick and Melissa Marks for coffee and conversation about their work in “My Heart Like a Kick Drum,” an exhibition exploring movement, emotion and rhythm through layered abstractions and expressive drawings and paintings. The exhibition runs through Nov. 1. 11 a.m. More information at kbfa.com.

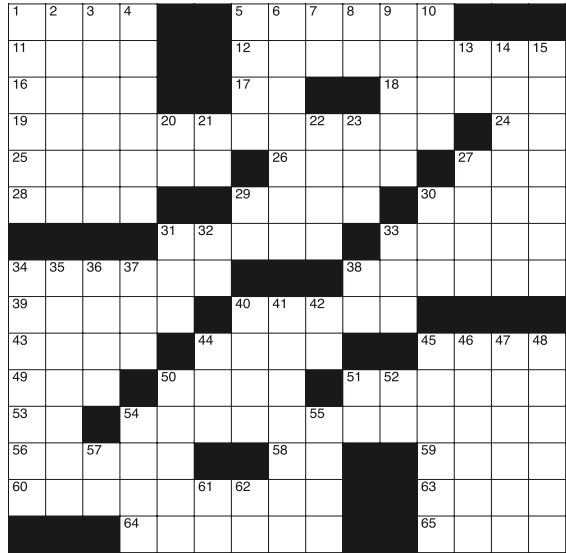
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- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to “Pa”
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Raincoats
- 27. Lower the light
- 28. Asian mountain range
- 29. Every one of two or more
- 30. Lack of difficulty
- 31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- 33. Reduces in size
- 34. Make an impact
- 38. Serviceman
- 39. A French river
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- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. “Layla” singer Clapton
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. “Top Gun: Maverick” actor Powell
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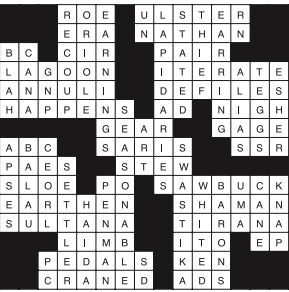
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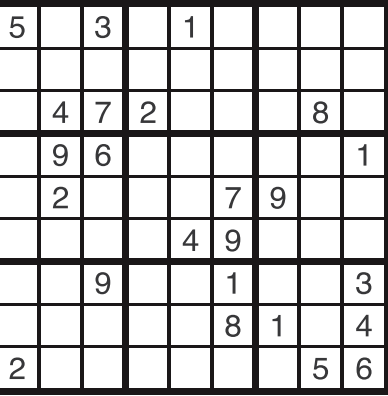
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- 35. Front part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Geological time
- 38. Of I
- 40. Northern Utah city
- 41. They work in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
- 44. Tall deciduous tree
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for mistake
- 47. More open
- 48. Most slick

- 50. Provokes
- 51. Home of the NCAA’s Flyers
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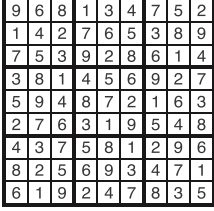
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Sports



Trevor Campbell throws.



Daniel Nolan moves the pile.

Torrington overwhelms GNH in second-half rout

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football team lost 52-14 to Torrington High School Saturday, Oct. 10.

What began as a back-and-forth battle turned into a second-half rout as Torrington scored 36 unanswered points after half-time. The Raiders ran for 416 yards in the win while averaging 9.2 yards per carry as a team.

GNH found success on offense in the first half with RB Airyn Berube, who scored the first touchdown of the day on a breakaway run during the opening drive.

Torrington responded in the second quarter when RB Anthony Ciesco concluded a long drive with a two-yard rush up the middle for a touchdown. Torrington successfully scored a two-point conversion and went up 8-7.

Berube scored again for GNH with 5:30 remaining in the second quarter on a 50-yard run down the far

sideline to put the Yellowjackets back ahead 14-8. The lead was short lived and Torrington went up 16-14 before half time courtesy of a 10-yard run by RB Nick Coleman.

To begin the second half, Torrington coach Gaitan Rodriguez called for an onside kick and his team reclaimed possession. Coleman followed it up with a 45-yard touchdown run and another two-point conversion to give the Raiders a 24-14 lead.

Torrington scored twice more in the third quarter -- RB Carl Salinas took a 40-yard run to the endzone then DE Cameron Roxbury intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown. Torrington took a 39-14 lead going into the final quarter.

Salinas started the fourth quarter with a 22-yard touchdown run. GNH fumbled on the next drive, leading to an eight-yard rushing touchdown by Naziah Lopez. The Raiders' ground game was unstoppable in the 52-14 victory.

GNH ran the ball 27 times for a total of 224 yards.



Airyn Berube evades tacklers.

The Yellowjackets passed 11 times, completing five receptions for 58 yards. The long ball of the day was caught by Jacob Robles.

The Naugatuck Valley League game was played at Van Why Field in Winsted with partly cloudy skies and the temperature around 61 degrees. After the result, Torrington's record ad-

vanced to 3-2 while GNH moved to 0-4 this season.

GNH heads out on the road for the next three games: Derby High School (0-3) Oct. 15; Wolcott High School (4-1) Oct. 23; Watertown High School (2-3) Oct. 30. The Yellowjackets will return home Nov. 7 to host Waterbury Career Academy (1-4).



Line of scrimmage.

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Early voting begins Oct. 19 across the region

By Christian Murray

Voters across the Northwest Corner and throughout the state can begin casting ballots Monday, Oct. 19, when Connecticut opens two weeks of in-person early voting ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

Early voting runs daily through Sunday, Nov. 1, including both weekends. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 29, when locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Regional contests include the 30th State Senate District race between Republican incumbent Stephen Harding and Democrat Aaron Zimmer, and the 64th State House District race between Democratic incumbent Maria Horn and Republican Katelynn Borraiz.

In the 5th Congressional District, Democratic incumbent Jahana Hayes faces Republican Chris Shea.

Voters will also choose a governor and lieutenant governor, with incumbent Democrats Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz facing Republicans Ryan Fazio and Matt Corey, and fill four other statewide offices: secretary of the state, treasurer, comptroller and attorney general.

Residents must vote at their town's designated early voting location, which may differ from their usual Election Day polling place. The Secretary of the State lists the following locations for the region:

Cornwall: Town Hall meeting room, 24 Pine St.

Falls Village: Canaan Senior Center, 107 Main St.

Kent: Registrars of Voters office at Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Blvd.

North Canaan: McCarthy Room at Town Hall, 100 Pease St.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Democratic incumbent Maria Horn

Salisbury: Upstairs meeting room at Town Hall, 27 Main St.

Sharon: Town Hall, 63 Main St.

The advance registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 16.

Eligible residents who miss it can register and vote during early voting or on Election Day.

Contact town registrars for requirements and locations.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Republican incumbent Stephen Harding

Registered voters can request an absentee ballot without providing a reason. Ballots became available Oct. 2; applications are available online or through town clerks.

Election Day polls will be open Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters can check their registration and find additional information at MyVote.CT.gov.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0333 by owner Town of Salisbury for Establishment of Municipal Use in existing building and Site Plan Application associated with Train Station Building Relocation in the Ethan Allen Street Right of Way near the intersection with Holley Street, per Section 205.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The building is sometimes referred to as 7 Ethan Allen Street. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 at or after 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. 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 may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application # 2026-0334 by Sarah March for parking flexibility associated with change of use to spa at 19 Main Street, Salisbury, Map 54, Lot 06 per Section 703.7 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owner of the property is Salisbury Center LLC. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 at or after 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this

meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. 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 may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT.

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NOTICE:

The Town of Canaan (Falls Village) will hold a **voter registration session on Friday, October 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Registrars of Voters Office, Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031.** This session is for individuals seeking **admission to the voter registry.**

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Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning
Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 5, 2026:

Approved - Special Permit Application #2026-0331 by owner Olaf Olsen, for an apartment in an existing barn in accordance with Section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 57 as Lot 09 and is located at 52 East Main Street, Salisbury.

Approved - Special Permit Application #2026-0328

by Patrick Mulberry, for establishment of a single family residential use in the Inner Corridor of the Housatonic River Overlay District and the Flood Plain Overlay District, with associated site work, in accordance with Sections 401 and 402 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 04 as Lot 31-1 and is located at 11 Route 7, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Delbert L Auray Jr.

Approved — Regulation Amendment application #2026-0332 to amend the Town of Salisbury Zoning Regulations, including modification to Articles 1,2,3,7, and the Appendix (Glossary of Defined Terms). Edits 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 regulation amendment was approved with an effective date of Monday November 2, 2026.

Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.

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The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 23, 2026, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim. The fiduciary is:
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PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY
About 400 people gathered in Salisbury for a “No Kings” rally on March 28.

Salisbury, Cornwall join ‘No Kings’ early voting push

By Christian Murray

A gathering promoting early voting will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, on the Salisbury green as part of the national “No Kings: Vote Early” day of action.

The local event begins at 11 a.m., with participants encouraged to wear blue and bring signs promoting early voting. The main gathering will run until noon, with a voter registration table open until 4 p.m.

The national campaign focuses on helping eligible

voters check their registration, understand their voting options and make plans to vote.

It follows No Kings protests against the Trump administration held in Salisbury, Cornwall and Kent in June 2025, and in those towns and North Canaan that October. A March 28, 2026, rally drew about 400 people to Salisbury and more than 300 to Cornwall Bridge.

A separate No Kings rally is planned for noon on the green at Cornwall Bridge. In

an announcement published in The Lakeville Journal, organizer Jonathan Arnold said speakers are expected to include state Rep. Maria Horn. Participants are encouraged to bring signs.

The Kent Democratic Town Committee has also announced an Oct. 17 event.

Connecticut's in-person early voting period begins Monday, Oct. 19, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 1. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Additional event information is available at nokings.org.

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Family, friends and community members gathered to honor Lisa Keller and dedicate a flowering dogwood at the entrance to Lime Rock Park on Friday Oct. 9.

Lime Rock Park dedicates tree to neighbor and friend Lisa Keller

By Madi Long

LIME ROCK — A tree dedication ceremony was held at Lime Rock Park on Friday Oct. 9, honoring the late Lisa Keller, a Lime Rock resident known for her work to foster relationships between the racetrack and its neighbors. The flowering Dogwood named as “The Lisa Keller Welcome tree at Lime Rock Park” was planted by the entrance to the park to greet visitors, employees, and community members. Keller served as a volunteer on the Lime Rock Citizens Council Steering Committee for over five years, helping to facilitate conversations between neighbors and Lime Rock Park as the venue continued to expand

its operations. She played an instrumental role in securing approval of the stipulation agreement that allows activities to take place at Lime Rock Park. Keller lived in the historic Lime Rock “Casino,” a home that sits directly across from Lime Rock Park, where she hosted community gatherings and worked to find common ground between the Park and its neighbors. Beyond her work at Lime Rock Park, she was known for her baking, particularly her cookies. She regularly sent packages to her sons and their military friends while they were deployed around the world. During the holidays, she would bring over 80 packages of cookies to the Lakeville

Post office to be mailed to lucky recipients. When she was no longer able to make cookies during her final year, she compiled a recipe book to share with those who enjoyed her treats. Keller passed away in July 2025 after a year-long battle with cancer. Lime Rock Park CEO, Dicky Riegel, welcomed attendees to the ceremony, and reflected on the impact Keller had on the park and everyone she met. He talked about what makes the Northwest Corner special beyond just it’s natural beauty. “Some might say that it’s the natural environment that truly defines the Northwest Corner, but I would argue that, among that landscape are the amazing people that truly define our community.”

Iron industry relic finds new home on Main Street

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A relic of the local iron industry was moved from the former Bicentennial Park in Lakeville to a spot in front of the Salisbury Association’s Academy Building on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Known as a “salamander,” the solidified mass of waste material from the hearth of a blast furnace had been displayed in the park, now the site of the Holley Place affordable housing development. The Salisbury Association’s Lou Bucceri said the town crew transported the heavy relic to outside the front door of the Academy Building on Main Street. “And I got to teach the town crew a little history,” Bucceri said. An iron kettle already on display at the building now sits atop the salamander. The relic bears little resemblance to the amphibian that shares its name. Bucceri said determining how the metallurgical term originated will require further research. He plans to add a sign explaining the salamander’s significance.



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The town crew delivered a relic of Lakeville’s iron industry to the Salisbury Association on Oct. 7. The relic was previously on display at Bicentennial Park.



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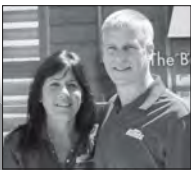
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