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

After almost four centuries...

## Does the town meeting still make sense?

By Tom Condon  
CT Mirror

"Be seein' ya at the town meetin'" (Imagine a Yankee accent)

Nothing says small town New England like the town meeting. Derived from English village and Puritan church assemblies, the town meeting/board of selectmen structure is the oldest form of civic government in the country, stretching back nearly four centuries.

Direct participation in local governance won high praise from one of America's premier 19th century tourists, the French political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville. Norman Rockwell, who lived in a small town in Vermont, chose a town meeting to illustrate Freedom of Speech, part of his famed 1943 "Four Freedoms" collection.

The town meeting/selectmen structure is still the most common form of municipal government in Connecticut, used in more than half of the state's 169 municipalities. But it was created for small communities with common interests. The world has changed in ways the most visionary Puritan could not have imagined. Is the venerable town meeting still viable and relevant, still the best way to govern not-quite-as-small communities

with many and varied interests?

Here is one opinion:

"The New England town meeting is a beautiful thing, the last bastion of direct democracy, but it is not suited to this era, and I don't know how it can survive much longer," said Gary Greenberg, first selectman of the small eastern Connecticut town of Scotland.

Here's another: "The town meeting will continue to exist, but it is slowly changing as people become more aware of forms (of government) that give better representation at the local level," said Matt Knickerbocker, former first selectman of Bethel and now town administrator of Wilton.

A number of towns have either dropped the town meeting/selectmen form in recent years or altered it, by in bringing professional town managers or town administrators and by giving more legislative responsibility to the board of selectmen. The most recent was Marlborough, which just named its first town manager and expanded its board of selectmen from three members to five. In the past decade, Clinton, Simsbury and Cromwell have opted for town managers.

No town has gone back to the

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### Back to School

It was the first day of school in Region One on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Above, students enter Kent Center School. Left, Principal Stacey Calo greet students with smiles and high fives on the first day of school at the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village.

## Vandals strike at Lakeville job site

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — A home under construction in Lakeville was vandalized twice, once during the night on Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27, and again overnight between Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Rick McCue, the contractor, was on the site at 14 Woodland Road Tuesday morning. He said the crew discovered freshly sprayed graffiti on the rear porch of the building and on the patio. The graffiti included a racial epithet and the words "this is what you get for calling in," presumably a reference to the State Police being called to investigate the earlier incident.

McCue said the vandals ignored several thousands of dollars of tools and grabbed a can of spray paint from a truck in the driveway in the second incident.

McCue said he's been in the contracting business for decades and has never had a problem like this.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

In two incidents, vandals spray painted graffiti that included a racial epithet and knocked holes in walls at a home site in Lakeville.

In the first incident, McCue said the intruders entered the home, found a hammer and proceeded to knock holes in the walls downstairs and upstairs. They also wrote a racial epithet in the bedroom.

Asked if it was possible to see

the damage inside, McCue said it had already been fixed.

Salisbury resident State Trooper Will Veras arrived at about 9:40 a.m. Tuesday morning as McCue

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## Riley Klein appointed Journal managing editor

Riley Klein, a Lakeville Journal staff writer and digital video producer, has been named managing editor of the paper.

Klein joined The Lakeville Journal in August 2022 and has covered town government and the Northwest Council of Governments, along with an almost weekly dose of a variety of sports coverage in the region. He also has produced weekly news videos covering all aspects of life in the Northwest Corner.

Patrick L. Sullivan, who has served as managing editor since January 2022, is a veteran Lakeville Journal writer. Sullivan began re-

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Riley Klein



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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.

### Breach of peace

On Saturday, Aug. 19, at approximately 4 p.m. troopers were dispatched to Quinn Street in North Canaan for an active disturbance. An investigation led to the arrest of Jacqueline Amodio, 72, of North Canaan, and Donald Gabriel, 75, of North Canaan, on charges of breach of peace, 2nd degree. Both individuals were released on \$1,000 non-surety bond.

### Millerton Road accident

On Sunday, Aug. 20, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Jennifer Scott, 38, of Torrington, was traveling eastbound on Millerton Road in Salisbury. A westbound vehicle driven by Joseph Kreta, 31, of Sharon, crossed a double-yellow line to make a left turn and collided head-on with Scott's vehicle. Scott and her passenger, Heather Scott, 42, of Torrington, sustained minor injuries. Heather Scott was transported to Sharon Hospital by North Canaan EMS for evaluation. Kreta was issued an infraction for failure to maintain lane resulting in an accident.

### One vehicle accident

On Thursday, Aug. 24, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Joseph Fortunato, 17, of Winsted, was traveling on Route 7 in Canaan north of Johnson Road when he failed to main-

tain his proper lane, striking a rock off the roadway, crossing into the left lane and traveling 50 feet before coming to a rest. Fortunato was issued a written warning for failure to maintain proper lane.

### Rollover accident

On Friday, Aug. 25, at approximately 6:30 a.m., Brent Savage, 26, of Plymouth, Connecticut, was traveling westbound on Cornwall Bridge Road in a 2015 Honda Civic when he lost control, veered into the eastbound lane, drove up an embankment, striking a standing tree. The Honda rolled over two complete times. Savage was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. He was issued an infraction for traveling too fast for conditions and failure to maintain lane.

### Strikes utility pole

On Friday, Aug. 25, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Christopher Tursi, 49, of Watertown, was traveling southbound on Route 7 in Canaan when he lost control, striking a utility pole. Tursi and two passengers were transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. Tursi was issued an infraction for failure to drive in proper lane and traveling too fast for conditions.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com).

## Four Housatonic Heritage walks offered over Labor Day weekend

### Saturday Sept. 2

Learn about the historic iron industry of the Upper Housatonic Valley, by the Friends of Beckley Furnace, 140 Lower Road in the East Canaan section of North Canaan. One hour tours leave on the hour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Sunday, Sept. 3

Join Tim Hunter from the Sharon Land Trust for a moderate to difficult walk of the Goodbody Preserve. Good-

body Preserve, 140 Millerton Road in Sharon, 10 a.m. to noon. The 2.5 mile hike takes two hours. To register, email [maria@sharonlandtrust.org](mailto:maria@sharonlandtrust.org) or call (860) 364-5137

A walk with Kathryn Boughton, from the Canaan History Center, will offer a look at how North Canaan village expanded following the coming of the Housatonic Rail Road in the 19th century. Vintage Canaan, Canaan History Center, 115 Main St. in the former Roraback law offices, 11 a.m. to noon. The quarter-mile walk takes one hour. To register, email [kathrynwboughton@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynwboughton@gmail.com)

Lou Bucceri, from the Salisbury Association Historical Society, will share the history about the factory and the people that produced the most powerful cannons of the Civil War at the Amesville Iron Works in Salisbury, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Park at the boat launch on Dugway Road. The quarter-mile walk takes one hour. For more information go to [www.housatonicheritage.org](http://www.housatonicheritage.org)

## Corrections

An article in the Aug. 10 issue about Salisbury installing electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Town Grove incorrectly stated that by working with government decarbonization programs, Eversource is able to grow its market for electricity with little direct investment. In fact, Eversource invests in maintaining and strengthening the grid in support of increased electrification, and as well as in clean energy technology and renewable resources, including geothermal, battery storage, offshore wind, and solar. The article inaccurately implied that Eversource, which said it complies with the Connecticut Renewable Portfolio Standard, deals excessively in energy derived from non-renewable sources.

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In an Aug. 24 article about the Salisbury Land Trust, John Landon and Grant Bogle were incorrectly identified in the photo. Bogle is at left, Landon is speaking at the microphone. In the same story, Bob Boyett's name was misspelled.

## Online This Week

### In Millbrook, a short-term rental plan

The Millbrook Town Board faced concern about a proposed STR plan. Go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com)

### Troutbeck neighbors fight its expansion

A court case seeks to block the Amenia Planning Board's approval. Go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

### Jordan Stoner's lifelong musical journey

Stanfordville native's group will be the opening band at the Hudson Valley Rodeo in Amenia on Sept. 16. Go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice TAX SALE

The tax collector of the Town of Canaan has levied upon the following properties in Canaan and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. §12-157. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 3:00 p.m. on September 7, 2023 at the Canaan Town Hall at 108 Main Street in Falls Village.

- #1—18 Route 63 owned by Priscilla C. Belcher
- #2—acres on Steep Road owned by Kevin H. McKee or his Estate
- #3—97 Route 7 South and acres on Route 7 South owned by Lewis C. Shippa a/k/a Lewis Shippa or his Estate and June E. Shippa a/k/a June Shippa

Bidders must present \$5,000 per property in certified funds payable to "Pullman & Comley, Trustee" on the day of the sale, and the winning bidder must pay the balance of the sale price within 5 days or forfeit that deposit and the property. Absent a redemption, the purchaser will take title "free and clear" six months after the auction except for certain encumbrances. Details at [www.cttaxsales.com](http://www.cttaxsales.com).

Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, CCMC  
Canaan Tax Collector  
08-31-23

### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 21, 2023:

Approved - Minor Modification of Approved Site Plan associated with special permit #2021-0123 by Salisbury Housing Committee, Inc. to Construct 12-Unit Multifamily Residential

Development in the PKSQ Overlay District and Aquifer Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 803.5 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 2 and is located at 11 Holley Street, Lakeville, CT. The property is owned by The Town of Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
08-31-23

### Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sept. 9, 2023, at St. Thomas Church, 40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from 1 to 2:30 PM. If attending, please bring a canned or boxed food item for the Church's Food Pantry. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.

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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 August 21, 2023:

Approved—Site Plan Application #2023-0224 by William J, and Stephanie Colaric, for demolishing and rebuilding a garage in a conforming location, and parking area and utility improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with Section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 40 as Lot 30 and is located at 67 Old CNE Road, Lakeville.  
Approved—Site Plan

Application #2023-0223 by owner Indian Mountain School, to construct a new ropes course in accordance with section 800 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 01 as Lot 20 and is located at 211 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville.

Approved - Application #2021-0126 Modification to Site Plan by owner 178 South Shore LLC for a revised planting plan in connection with an approved site plan to demolish and build a new single-family dwelling and associated site improvements in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 60 as Lot 22 and is located at 178 South Shore Road, Salisbury.

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

Town of Salisbury  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF SANDRA L. BLACK Late of Salisbury (23-00342)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 17, 2023, 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.

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## Our Towns

# Controlling and eliminating invasive knotweed

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SHARON — Arborist Tom Zetterstrom and North Canaan Selectman (and candidate for first selectman) Christian Allyn described how they found success in controlling and eliminating invasive knotweed in North Canaan to the Sharon town highway crew on Aug. 9.

The session was both a reprise and an update of a presentation Zetterstrom put together for other town crews in 2019.

Zetterstrom provided some background, saying knotweed was introduced into the United Kingdom in the 1850s and in the United States in the 1890s.

It was seen as an ornamental plant. "People liked the blossoms," Zetterstrom said.

It was also used to stabilize railroad beds.

Knotweed is an herbaceous perennial that spreads rapidly and readily. Zetterstrom said a half-mile patch on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts could have been the result of one plant.

In addition to being thick, ubiquitous and annoying, knotweed has a deleterious effect on biomass, reducing insect life in some cases to "near zero," and depriving fish of their natural food.

Zetterstrom said on a small scale, cutting and bagging knotweed, or even digging it up, will work. "Treat it like lawn maintenance."

But the most effective treatment is a single, late summer application of glyphosate.

Zetterstrom and Allyn do not recommend RoundUp,



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Christian Allyn, left and Tom Zetterstrom shared their experience combatting invasive knotweed in North Canaan with the Sharon town crew on Aug. 9. At right, Bob Gambino demonstrated with water how to spray knotweed effectively.

which is what most people think of when glyphosate is mentioned. Asked about this prior to the presentation, Allyn said RoundUp contains other, undesirable ingredients.

Allyn said roadside knotweed in North Canaan has been "100% controlled" since 2017 using less than three gallons of glyphosate concentrate. "We're on maintenance mode," he said, adding the next step in that town is to deal with knot-

weed along the Blackberry River, a tributary of the Housatonic River.

Allyn said dealing with the plant is tricky. He cited one instance of knotweed being cut and allowed to enter the Housatonic in Massachusetts as a prime example of what not to do.

"Even the smallest cut bit can take root."

Mike Nadeau of Sharon offered an alternative to glyphosate. He said a solution of 30% agricultural vine-

gar, combined with small amounts of salt flour, citrus oil, dish soap and blue dye can be injected into the plant with excellent results.

The group adjourned to a nearby spot, where there was a patch of knotweed just right for demonstration purposes.

Bob Gambino, an invasive plant specialist from New Milford, showed how to spray a thicket of knotweed, using water for demonstration purposes. He also covered operator safety techniques.

## Salisbury Band ushers in end of summer

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Band played the traditional end of the summer show concert on the lawn at the Scoville Memorial Library on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26.

Director Brian Viets thanked the audience for coming and Nature for providing a dry day in an unusually wet summer.

"We've had a couple of washouts this summer."

He noted it is the 95th year of the group's existence, and made a brief pitch for centennial events in 2028.

Then it was on to the show, starting with a brisk, no-nonsense rendition of the National Anthem.

There were about 70 people in the crowd when the music started a little after 5



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Salisbury Band played a mix of marches and pop songs at the end-of-summer concert on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury.

p.m. The concert ran until 6:30 p.m., and in that time people

kept arriving. By the "Stars and Stripes Forever" finale, there were well over 100 peo-

ple listening.

One couple in a Mercedes convertible found a prime parking spot directly in front of the library, and enjoyed the show from their bucket seats.

Many brought lawn chairs and blankets.

There were spontaneous outbursts of dancing, primarily from the under 10 age group. One determined toddler got tangled up in an elderly man's feet, which required a parental rescue and prompted smiles all around.

The library's bells also provided counterpoint. Viets was describing the elements of George Gershwin's music: "A mix of jazz—

"BONG" went the bell at the quarter hour.

"...church bells" continued Viets without missing a beat.

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# Our Towns

## Inspiring young people to join the trades

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — As baby boomers enter the twilight of their careers, Litchfield County faces a looming labor shortage in its construction and manufacturing sectors.

Quarterly workforce indicators from the U.S. Census Bureau showed that in the fourth quarter of 2022, more than one-third of workers in these sectors were over the age of 55.

As the Northwest Corner's carpenters, plumbers, electricians, metal workers, mechanics, and other blue-collar

professionals head into retirement, others in the area have begun to take action to fill the inevitable void.

Brian Ohler, candidate for first selectman in North Canaan and former state representative, sees the dilemma as an opportunity to retain one of the region's increasingly scarce resources: young people.

"Unfortunately, for the past thirty years our local teenagers and young adults have been urged to move as far away from North Canaan and the Northwest Corner as possible," he remarked. "That put us in the position we are

in now." With property prices out of reach for many young adults, Ohler sees trade professions as a potential solution to keeping adolescents in the area after high school.

"There's no shame in staying in the Northwest Corner. With the trade jobs that are available now...you can make, depending on how hard you work, 70 to 100 grand easily. And that's in your early 20s," he said.

Ohler outlined his goals to train the region's youth in hopes of inspiring the next generation of trade workers.

"We need to change the

culture and erase the stigma," he said. "It's not wrong to be an electrician. To be an automotive mechanic. Those aren't second class professions."

Ohler envisioned a facility in North Canaan that would offer professional training and guidance to those interested in learning a trade. He has begun this effort by speaking with industry professionals to form a "trade collective" and create a school-based awareness program.

He said he is "working with the local elementary school in order to have reoccurring days where a particular trade can come into the school and demonstrate their skills and perhaps even have the 7th and 8th graders get some hands-on exposure."

Eventually, he hopes to pair licensed professionals with apprentices to replenish the workforce and keep young adults in the Northwest Corner for years to come.

"What I'm envisioning is structured programs where they can obtain a license in the end," he said. "North Canaan can be, and will be, a home for this type of opportunity."

In Kent, Touch a Trade has spent the last few years working to solve the same problem. Founding partner and career carpenter Mason Lord discussed the lack of contractors in the Northwest Corner and explained Touch a Trade's response to the sit-

uation at hand.

"Especially trades like plumbing, electric, it's hard to find help. There's not a lot of people interested in going into the trades these days and I think that's what Brian and we would like to change," he said. "Our initial goal is to create a spark in young people."

Touch a Trade hosted its inaugural event last fall in partnership with Eric Sloane Museum and Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA). The open-air fair featured interactive demonstrations from dozens of artisans to give a hands-on experience to attendees.

All with professional supervision and safety precautions, guests climbed trees with an arborist, worked with power and hand tools, learned modern and historical techniques, and even competed in a 12-foot wood beam slalom course.

Touch a Trade will return this year with its second annual fair this fall, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Sloane-CAMA complex in Kent. Lord said this year will be "as good as last year, maybe 10% better."

"We'll have carpentry, plumbing, electric, tile, contractors, drywall, hand tools, we had an arborist last year, we'll have an arborist this year. That was probably to most popular, climb the tree," he said.

Eric Sloane Museum and

CAMA will host coinciding events on Oct. 21 to highlight historical craftsmanship and artisans from the past.

Building on the success of last year, Touch a Trade has set additional goals to replenish the workforce. Among these is a push to include neurodiverse people in the solution.

He said hands-on work comes naturally to many visual learners and could offer employment opportunities for individuals on the autism spectrum or those with ADHD and dyslexia.

"For visual learners, especially in the trades because so much of it is visual, they can really succeed," he said.

He recalled spending time with a teenager at one of Touch a Trade's pop-up events this summer while working with a hand plane.

"The first time she made the pass, basically she just skidded across the board and did nothing. I showed her how to do the next one, she got a little bit of a shaving. By the fourth time, she went the whole board and did a shaving, and you should have seen the look on her face. She wanted to take the shaving with her."

Through individual experiences like this, it is Touch a Trade's hope that the next generation sees blue collar professions in a different light.

"There needs to be a real reshuffling of how people look at the trades," said Lord.

## Local blacksmith teaches trade at Kent's Sloane Museum

By Emma Spindler

KENT — The Eric Sloane Museum showcased the talents of local blacksmith Ian McCarthy on Aug. 26.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors at the museum were able to watch and learn from McCarthy as he demonstrated and talked about his trade and skills.

The event happened to be on National Dog Day. Puns were utilized and "dogs" were forged, log dogs, to be exact.

Also known as andirons, the iron-fashioned tools hold firewood together for efficient burning. While not the fluffy pets the day commemorates, McCarthy's log dogs are still objects worth noting.

As McCarthy primarily fashions cookware and homegoods, he presented a large display of handcrafted iron skillets in front of his demonstrative station. Originally a carpenter, McCarthy shared that once he began using blacksmithing techniques to create tools for himself, he switched his focus and honed his skills. Now, eight years later, he sells his handcrafted pieces and teaches others how to do the same.

Andrew Rowand, museum curator and administrator at the Eric Sloane Museum, shared his goals for the education programs that he is helping to integrate and establish. "If the people who come here, of any age, learn even just one thing when they visit, then we've accomplished [our goal]," he said.

While the museum is full of intricate tools of iron, Rowand acknowledged that



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**Ian McCarthy gave demonstration, showing his handcrafted pieces.**

visitors "can't touch anything, even though they want to," so in conjunction with McCarthy's demonstrations, there were interactive exhibits set up just yards away that integrated fashioned iron with larger machinery and carpentry.

The museum is a time capsule of American trade pioneership and invention. Lynn Worthington, of the museum staff, shared that "most people don't know" of the museum's extensive collection of original tools, as well as the vast knowledge of unique skills that the curators and staff have, and all within reach of the community.

"Tradework is so important now," Ms. Worthington shared, because the term "includes so many more skills than people realize," like that of electricians, plumbers, landscapers, and others.

"Maybe people will become interested if they see" all of the possibilities that ex-



**Andrew Rowand led an interactive exhibit.**

ist, and have existed, in Kent and in the greater Litchfield County.

Rowand's plans on maintaining demonstrative sessions, like that by McCarthy, as a way of spreading tradework education in the community, but reminds that the real spectacle will be at Touch-A-Trade in October, when blacksmithing, along with more skillsets, will be on display.

Rowand added that, while the museum is prioritizing education and preservation, the staff doesn't forget that "these skills are fun."

"We show kids that, too."

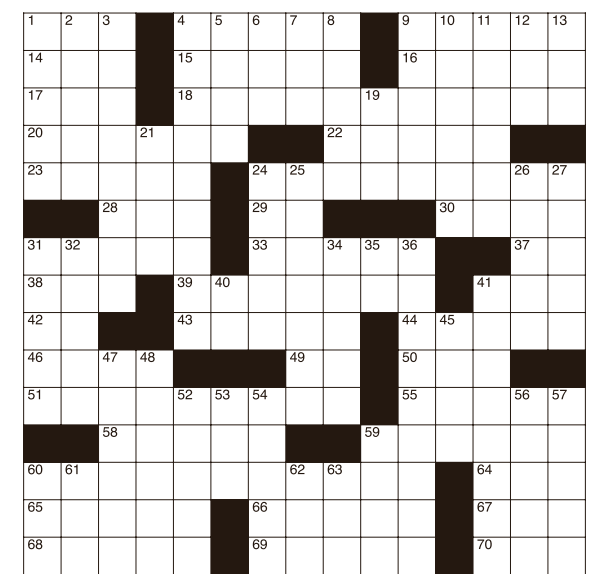
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Midway between east and southeast
- At right angles to a ship's length
- William Penn's business partner
- \_\_ de plume
- Accomplished soccer coach
- Bone cavities
- \_\_ juris: independent
- Popular Philly sandwich
- Northern Ireland county
- Performing artist
- SSS
- Lacks flavor
- Commercials
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- Qatar's capital
- Indigenous peoples of Alberta
- Popular footwear
- Indicates position
- Anglican cathedral
- Aircraft part
- Before
- Blood group
- Secretory organ
- Fencing swords
- The small projection of a mammary gland
- Technological advancement
- Male parent
- Dissociable
- More cold
- Cape Verde Islands capital
- Blood disorder
- Creative
- Sun up in New York
- Made angry
- Relieves
- Brooklyn hoopster
- Seasonings
- Movable barriers
- Attempt

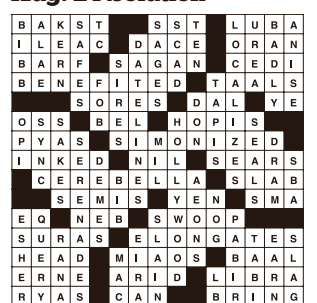
### CLUES DOWN

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- Spiritual essences
- Representative
- Entering
- Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- Midway between northeast and east
- Consumed
- Tablelands

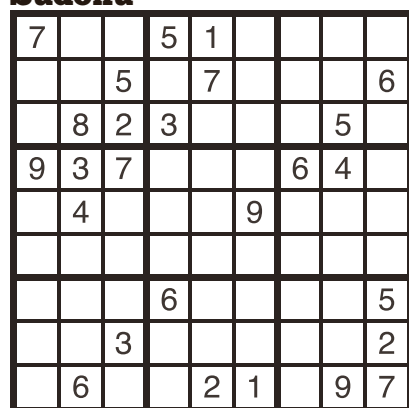


- Kids' craft accessory
- Not known
- Sound directed through two or more speakers
- A major division of geological time
- Wild ox
- Shock treatment
- Turner and Lasso are two
- Genus of flowering plants
- Relating to ductless glands
- Stock certificate
- Satisfies
- Places to enjoy a rest
- Edward \_\_, author and writer
- "\_\_ but goodie"
- One hundredth of a liter
- Shabbiness
- TV personality Roker
- Triangular upper part of a building
- Speed at which you move
- Offend
- A reference point to shoot at
- Forays
- Biblical city
- Blatted
- Northern sea duck
- Shabby (slang)
- Allege
- Tax collector
- Whereabouts unknown
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Indicates equal

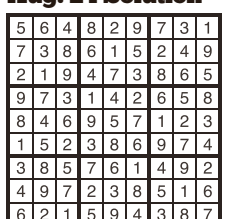
### Aug. 24 Solution




### Sudoku



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# OBITUARIES

## Jill S. Ghi

NORTH CANAAN — Jill S. Ghi, 87, of North Canaan passed peacefully surrounded by family on August 18, 2023. She was a loving sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was the widow of Anthony A. Ghi and daughter of the late Dorothy and Kenneth Stackpole, of Harrison, Maine. Jill was born in Valhalla, New York, grew up in Pleasantville, New York, and graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1954. She attended Hartford Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated as a registered nurse in 1957. Shortly after graduation she got married and went to work at Winsted Memorial Hospital. After moving to North Canaan in 1960, she helped run the family sign company with her husband of 40 years.



on all her nursing school contemporaries and when a classmate didn't respond to her calls, letters or e-mails she used her vast network to track them down and get the scoop. Jill collected angels. If you had ever been in her home or ridden in her car, you, no doubt, saw the dozens of angel pendants, angel stickers and angel figurines scattered about. Some were plain, some were fancy, and others had sayings on them like; "Believe in angels", "Don't drive faster than your angel can fly", "Believe in miracles", "Reach for the stars" and "Have a dream". All very sage advice. Jill is with her fellow angels now.\*\*

Jill is survived by her sister Jane Seeds, her brother Joe Scelza, her sons Frank and Philip, her daughter-in-law Maria, six grandchildren, Jordan, Samantha, Dominic, Lily, Francesca and Alexis and her great-granddaughter, Maggie.

A special and heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful doctors, nurses, CNAs, administrators and staff at the Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Androscoggin Home Healthcare & Hospice in Norway, Maine. Their kindness, caring, understanding and professionalism made all the difference at a very difficult time.

Please send any donations to Hartford Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The wake will be held at Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan on Sept. 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a mass at Saint Martin of Tours, St. Joseph Church in North Canaan on Sept. 12 at 10:00 a.m. The mass will be followed by a brief graveside burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery and a reception at the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan.

## Linda Lou Mary Clark

NORFOLK — Linda Lou Mary Clark died on Aug. 21, 2023, in Oak Grove, Missouri. She was born Aug. 15, 1947, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, to Frances Mildred (Grace) and Joseph Daniels.



Linda Lou was an alumna of Pittsfield High School graduating class of 1965. She enlisted into the Army and received her Licensed Practicing Nurse certificate. She served during Vietnam and received an Honorable Discharge, at the rank of SGT. Linda Lou married Donald Andrew Clark and resided in Norfolk where they raised their two children, Heather Lin (Gaghan) and Donald Joseph. Linda Lou continued her nursing career working at Ann's Nursery For Babies and Winsted Hospital.

become part of a volunteer program at the local soup kitchen donating her time to those in need, expanding on her love for gardening and growing flowers, visiting with friends and family, and traveling with her companion Luis Insignares while visiting military bases along the way.

Linda Lou is preceded in death by her husband Donald Joseph and her brother Thomas Galloway. She is survived by her children

MILLERTON — Rudy Schaelchli (Schalchli) was born on Nov. 25, 1927, in Winterthur, Switzerland, and he was very proud of his Swiss heritage.

After attending The Winterthur Agricultural College, he traveled to Sweden to tend livestock on a small farm. He described his time in Sweden as "the best time of my life." He came to the United States in 1952 to work on Bel Air Farms in Millbrook, New York, first as a cook for the other farmhands, then a milker, and later, managing and working the corn and hay field. Rudy was also in charge of repairing the farm machinery. It was during this time that he met Jorge Meili, and they remained friends for 65 years, until Jorge's passing in 2020.

Moving on from Bel Air Farms, Rudy was employed

by Mohawk Harvester as the Parts Manager for 34 years, Swiss Society and everyone relied on him to grill the bratwurst and knockwurst at the annual Swiss Fest.



Rudy came out of retirement and was employed at Harney and Sons Tea, full time for 10 years, a job which gave him much pleasure. He was able to keep active and made many new and dear friends.

Rudy was a life-member of Germania Singing Society, in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was on the Board of Directors for 20 years. He played soccer for the Germania Soccer team and sang in the Germania Men's Chorus. He also ran a catering service for their dinners.

Rudy was also a life-member of the Hudson-Mohawk

his granddaughter Iris Hermann and her partner Rocco Botto and their children Ivy June, Henry, and Hazel, of Cornwall, Connecticut, and his grandson Sam Hermann and his wife, Lisa Erdner Hermann, of Millerton.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Sharon Health Care for their kind and compassionate care, during these past few years as well as Erin and Kelly from Athena Home Health and Hospice. Calling hours were Friday, August 25, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY. A graveside service and burial followed at 12:30 p.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Rudy's memory or to send flowers to the visitation, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

He was predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Elise (Benz) Schalchli and his siblings, Jacob and Ursula.

Rudy was also predeceased by his wife, Vivian June (Quick). He is survived by his son Rudy E., currently living in Poughkeepsie, and his daughter Trudy and her partner Frank Grusauskas, of Falls Village, Connecticut,

## Alyce V. Kastner

MILLERTON — With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Alyce V. Kastner on Aug. 20, 2023, at the age of 87.



Alyce was born on Sept. 14, 1935, in New York, New York, to the late William and Alice (Murray) Yeaton.

Alyce was a cherished friend and neighbor and a devoted family member. Alyce is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, George of Millerton, and her favorite daughter, Michele of Beacon, New York. She was pre-deceased by her bubbly grand dog (Maizy).

Before living in Millerton, New York, Alyce resided in New Jersey, Hoboken, and Jersey City, in her younger years. It was in Hoboken at Keuffel and Esser Co. (K&E) where she and George first met. One of the remarkable chapters of Alyce's life was how George convinced her to leave the urban hustle and bustle and move to the bucolic countryside.

Alyce had fond memories of the friendships she made over the years. She had delightful, genuine neighbors in Lakeville, Connecticut, and

Millerton, New York. And her employment at the North East Pharmacy (Rexall Drugs) and Riley's Furniture led to many newfound pals among colleagues and patrons.

Alyce was renowned for her one-liners, effortlessly brightening everyone's day with her quick wit and sharp humor. Her ability to craft a memorable quip brought laughter to even the most ordinary moments, leaving an enduring mark on the hearts of those lucky enough to share her company. "This house is a circus, and no one is the star," received repeated giggles over the years.

She loved kids of all ages. She never gave up an opportunity to chaperone a class trip or tell lively, action-packed stories with stuffed animals as the ensemble cast.

As we remember Alyce, let us appreciate her memories and their impact on our lives. Her legacy will continue to inspire us to live with purpose, compassion, and, most importantly, laughter.

At her request, Alyce will be cremated with the scattering of ashes in her home state of New Jersey. Most likely in a place where she can actively people-watch, sip on an ice-cold Pepsi, and enjoy a hot sausage sandwich with peppers and onions.

The family kindly requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, a cause close to Alyce's heart.

At this time, calling hours will be at the family's discretion. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

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Week of September 3, 2023

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# New teachers in Region One

FALLS VILLAGE — New teachers in Region One gathered at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Tuesday, Aug. 22 for orientation.

There are 14 new hires by Region One. The teachers received a briefing on information technology and security from Mike Ellington, the network administrator at HVRHS.



**Jessie Bate**  
Housatonic Valley Regional High School  
Library Media Specialist  
Jessie Bate is rejoining the Housatonic Valley Regional High School faculty as the library media specialist. She is finishing her Master of Library and Information Science degree at Southern Connecticut State University. She holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Eastern Connecticut State University. Jessie previously worked as a health and physical education teacher and, most recently, as the high school library assistant for the past two years.

Jessie is a graduate of HVRHS and a Cornwall native, where she now lives with her boyfriend, Mark, and their three cats, Bryan, Schmidt, and Margie. In her spare time, Jessie enjoys traveling to national parks, playing pickleball, and pet sitting. Jessie is looking forward to starting her new role and offering new programming and activities in the library. Salary: \$93,342



**Karen Littau**  
Housatonic Valley Regional High School  
School Counselor  
Karen Littau is a certified School Counselor. She holds a Masters Degree in School Counseling from Capella University, and a Bachelors Degree in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies with a focus on Psychology and Human Rights. Her initial interest to become School Counselor came from her experience abroad, where she worked with students from a variety of backgrounds. Karen completed her practicum and I internship hours with Terryville High School before joining the Housatonic Valley Regional High School counseling department.

Karen is excited to continue building relationships with students, parents, faculty and staff as the years progress. When she's not at HVRHS, she enjoys hiking, various training, paddleboarding, and reading books. Salary: \$53,590



**Colleen O'Reilly**  
Housatonic Valley Regional High School  
Mathematics  
Colleen O'Reilly is stepping into the Math Department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School with years of teaching experience at the middle school level. A graduate of St. Lawrence University and Teachers College at Columbia University, she holds a BS in Mathematics and an MA in Mathematics Education. Colleen lives in Lakeville with her husband and three children. She is most excited to return to the classrooms at HVRHS where she was inspired to teach math. Salary: \$86,206



**Samantha Flunory**  
North Canaan Elementary School  
Special Education  
Samantha Flunory is a Special Education Teacher who has been in the field for 14 years. She relocated from Brooklyn, New York, to North Canaan two years ago and is excited to join Region One as a Special Education Teacher and to work in her local community. She attended Brooklyn College, obtaining her Master's Degree in Education with a dual certification in Special Education.

In her free time, Samantha enjoys reading, spending time with her family, exploring new places, and trying different cuisines. Salary: \$77,906



**Patricia Bunk**  
Lee H. Kellogg School  
Art  
Patricia Bunk has earned an M.Ed in education. Studying at Smith, California College of Arts and Crafts, and The Art Institute of Boston, her passion involves the creative process. Bunk is the new art teacher at the Lee H. Kellogg School in Falls Village. "I focus on the elements and principles of design. Working in watercolors, and have taught grades k-12 and foundational college courses in illustration and color. My love of nature has included

portraits, landscapes, flowers, birds, and animals. I have exhibited my work from Ireland to Europe and the USA." Salary: \$47,286



**Kaitlyn Buckley**  
Cornwall Consolidated School  
Third Grade  
Kaitlyn Buckley will return to her roots at Cornwall Consolidated School as the Third Grade teacher. She recently graduated from Western Connecticut State University with a BS in Elementary Education. During the summers, Kaitlyn works for Chimney Rock, a local gardening company, and enjoys spending her free time outdoors. Kaitlyn is looking forward to teaching in her home town. Salary: \$47,793



**Susana Martinez-Bauer**  
Cornwall Consolidated School  
Art and Spanish  
Susana Martinez-Bauer is a bilingual Pre-K-12 certified Art teacher and Spanish teacher. She holds her Master's Degree in Art Education from Long Island University and her Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Adelphi University. Susana is returning as the art teacher at Cornwall again this year. Beginning this school year she will also be teaching Spanish in the Spanish Lab and incorporating it in the Art Studio for more immersive language learning in grades K-8. Susana comes to Region One from the Winchester Public School District last year where she taught Pre-K – 2nd grade art for 6 years and the Talented and Gifted Art Program for grades 4-6. Susana is originally from Long Island where she taught middle school art.

Susana has a passion for language, culture, art history, drawing and continuously learning artistic techniques. She enjoys sharing these passions with her students and believes that through techniques, language immersion and creativity all students can become bilingual artists. Susana is married, has a 17 year old son, 2 dogs and a rabbit. She loves animals and enjoys taking her dogs on adventures including kayaking, hiking and paddle boarding. Salary: \$43,804



**Steven Huang**  
Kent Center School  
Music  
Steven Huang has conducted youth, community, and professional orchestras

across the United States and throughout the world. He served as tenured faculty as Director of Orchestral Activities at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He is currently the Music Director of the New Westchester Symphony Orchestra, Music Director of the Yale Medical School Orchestra, and Conductor of the Norwalk Youth Concert Orchestra. Steven is particularly excited about learning and teaching with young musicians at Kent Center School. He is a pianist and a cellist. Although he grew up in Southern California, Steven studied on the East Coast at Harvard College and the University of Michigan; and received his Teaching Certification in June 2023 from Connecticut Alternate Route to Certification (ARC).

Steven lives with his two children in Sharon. In addition to music, Steven picked up many other hobbies during the pandemic, including day-hiking, cooking, and managing a country home. Salary: \$18,624



**Cody Rodrigues**  
Kent Center School  
Spanish  
Cody Rodrigues is a K-12 Certified Spanish teacher who will be joining Kent Center School. He holds a Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish from CCSU. Cody joins Region One from Middletown Public Schools where he taught Spanish for two years.

Cody is passionate about the science of learning and the ways in which people acquire a second language. He believes every student is capable of acquiring a second language and the cultural competencies that come with it. He looks forward to engaging students in the language and helping them learn to communicate with others in meaningful ways. A speaker of English, Spanish, and Portuguese, Cody's love of language and culture has allowed him to live and work in several Spanish speaking countries. He takes full advantage of summer breaks to travel and interact with other cultures, experiences he brings with him to the classroom. Salary: \$52,937



**Alison Hasenbein**  
North Canaan Elementary School  
Science  
Alison Hasenbein is a science teacher and has been teaching for the last 8 years. She is excited to bring her passion and love for science to North Canaan Elementary school where she will be teaching 7th and 8th grade science. Alison holds her Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences from University of Connecticut and her Master's Degree in Environmental Geosciences from University of New Haven. She comes

to us from Regional School District 10 (Harwinton/Burlington), where she taught 7th grade science for the last 4 years. She previously worked at the Watertown School District teaching high school science for 4.5 years.

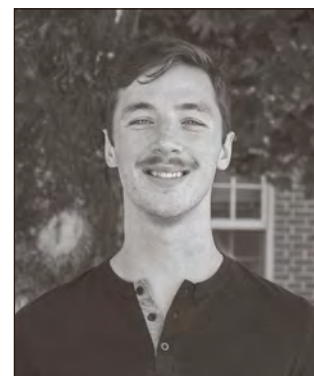
In her spare time Alison enjoys spending her time outdoors hiking, camping, and skiing with her partner Ryan and their two dogs. You can also find her tending to her gardens, chickens, and honeybees. Salary: \$74,236



**Mindy Rosen**  
Salisbury Central School  
Math, Science, and STEM  
Mindy Rosen recently relocated to Lakeville from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where she specialized in integrating STEM Education into the curriculum and teaching math, science, and technology. Mindy received a master's degree in computer science education from Nova Southeastern University and a bachelor's degree in psychology and education from Gettysburg College. Mindy is a Master Lego Educator and is passionate about using robotics in the classroom. For the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, Mindy will teach math, science, and STEM at Salisbury Central School. Salary: \$47,546



**MaryEllen Epstein**  
Sharon Center School  
Science  
MaryEllen Epstein is a lifelong Connecticut resident, now living in Kent with her husband, two children, and dog. Prior to joining Sharon Center School, she taught 7th grade science in New Milford and taught 6th grade science for more than 20 years in Wilton. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield and continued her graduate studies there, earning a Master's degree in education. She believes that learning is about wonder and discovery and is looking forward to working with all of the children at Sharon Center School. Salary: \$95,556



**Ryan McNulty**  
Sharon Center School  
Music  
Ryan McNulty is a Music Teacher who recently earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University. He comes from the Danbury School District, where he completed his Student Teach-

ing requirements teaching General Music, Band, and Choir. He will be teaching Music at the Sharon Center School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Living in New Milford, Connecticut, Ryan enjoys performing around the area singing or on the saxophone. He believes that learning music is essential for a student's success in school. Outside of performing and teaching, Ryan loves to run, hike, and play tennis. Salary: \$50,555



**Grace Hemenway**  
Salisbury Central School  
School Psychologist  
Grace Hemenway holds a Master's Degree in School Psychology, with a specialty in clinical child counseling, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Hartford. She comes to us from Granby Public Schools, where she completed her year-long internship. Being a Litchfield County native, Grace is excited to start her career with Region One. In her free time, she enjoys reading a good book at the beach, hiking with her two dogs, and spending time with family and friends. Salary: \$56,793



**Abigail Thompson**  
Salisbury Central School  
Special Education  
Abigail Thompson is a certified Special Education teacher and holds a Masters of Education. Originally from southern New Hampshire, Abigail attended the University of New Hampshire where she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She then moved to Manhattan where she lived on the Upper West Side and worked as a Special Educator in Washington Heights. She recently moved to Sharon where she lives with her fiancé, Nick, and goldendoodle puppy, Gatsby. Abigail is excited to bring her passion and excitement for teaching to Region One, where she will be a Special Education Teacher at Salisbury Central School. In her spare time, Abigail enjoys hiking with family, reading, and doing yoga. Salary: \$70,404

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# Our Towns

## Buckley remembered at funeral

By Leila Hawken

SHARON — Family, friends, and associates turned out to honor and remember a life that began a century ago when James L. Buckley was born to a renowned family of Sharon.

The Requiem Mass was held at St. Bernard's Church in Sharon on Thursday, August 24, filling the historic space to capacity.

"He was a good man," said Maureen Bozell, Buckley's niece, as she arrived for the service, adding that in fact, that summation is the ultimate testament to a fulfilled, purposed century of life.

"He was a good neighbor," said Sharon resident Tom Trowbridge, remembering his neighborly qualities.

The funeral for the conservative politician and U.S. Senator representing New York would mark the end of an important political era represented by one prominent family.

"To know another person is a great asset in our lives," said the Rev. Francis Fador who had been invited by the Buckley family to serve as co-celebrant for the funeral service. He recalled that Buckley's qualities of character made him a genuine, deep listener.

"He sat and he listened," Fador said. "He had a profound ability to do that," he added remembering fondly and emotionally long hours passed in conversation.

A commitment to truth was another quality of character that defined Buckley, Fador said, asking and answering, "What is the truth? Not always what you want



The mass for James L. Buckley was held at St. Bernard's Church on Aug. 24.

it to be."

"Jim lived it. The truth was always first and foremost in his life," Fador said, adding that his Catholic faith was a bulwark for his life, that he intentionally integrated his faith into his politics as U.S. Senator from New York and in his service as a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

That integration had been so successfully realized, Buckley was invited to speak on Oct. 31, 2015, at the University of Connecticut School of Law on the subject of "Religion and Politics."

Speaking of the taking of an Oath of Office, Fador said "We ask God to bear witness to our promises in the expectation that He will hold us accountable."

"Jim was soft-spoken, a gentlemen's gentleman with a deep faith, who related

with people.

"Thank you for your friendship; thank you for your love," Fador concluded over the casket.

Daughter Priscilla Buckley delivered remarks of remembrance on behalf of her family. She was one of six children born to Buckley and their mother, Ann.

"We never saw him, but we knew he loved us," she quipped, adding, "like God." She continued that he loved time spent in the country and that money was of no importance to him.

"He was a bedrock Catholic," she said, maintaining cordial relationships even when confronted with opposing views.

She recalled that Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, having defeated Buckley for his U.S. Senate seat in 1976, had described Buckley as "a man of

good quality."

"He never raised his voice," his daughter remembered, praising him for his empathy and his appreciation for small kindnesses. As the years went on, he never complained, and he told his family often that he loved them.

As more years passed, she recalled that he relished the repeated visits from former colleagues, former law clerks, and his many friends.

Deirdre Broderick performed at the funeral as organist and solo vocalist, offering a sung 23rd Psalm and another solo on the "Ave Maria."

Love had been a simple central theme of the service and the remarks, love of people and love of country, the funeral recessional hymn appropriately being "America the Beautiful."



PHOTOS BY BRIDGET STARR TAYLOR

Book lovers converged on the free book giveaway at the Norfolk Library's 47th annual book sale.

### Norfolk supports library

By Riley Klein

NORFOLK - After a three-year hiatus, Norfolk Library's Summer Soiree made a comeback on Friday, Aug. 25.

The open-air cocktail party drew hundreds to support the library over hors d'oeuvres from The HUB, beer from Norbrook Farm Brewery, and music from the Albert Rivera band.

Presented by Norfolk Library Associates, the fundraiser not only generated support for year-round programming at the library but also

served as a "thank you" to its many volunteers and contributors.

Tom Hlas, a member of Norfolk Library Associates, helped organize the event and said he was pleased to see the library's Summer Soiree return to Norfolk this year.

"This is the first one since 2019," Hlas said. "We sold a lot of tickets pre-sale. I think we sold 130."

The following Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of bibliophiles lined up for free books under the big tent at the library.



The line for free books at Norfolk Library stretched down the street on Sunday, Aug. 27.



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## MEETINGS

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selectmen/town meeting format.

**Change in Chester?**

The question of what municipal government structure works best in small towns was raised in a recent study in Chester.

Chester is a tidy and tranquil town (population 3,749) in the lower Connecticut River Valley that has used the town meeting/board of selectmen form of government since it broke off from Old Saybrook and became a separate town in 1836. In recent years, there had been some talk of examining the structure of local government; events last year amped up the discussion.

The recently reelected first selectwoman, Lauren Gister, resigned in January 2022 to take a job as a town manager in Carbondale, Colo., leaving the town without its chief executive officer. Another board member, Charlene Janecsek, agreed to take the post, and a former first selectman, Ed Meehan, was induced to rejoin the three-member board to fill the Gister vacancy.

As the year wore on, it became clear that none of the three board members would seek reelection. This and other issues prompted two residents, businessman Jon Joslow and former state Department of Transportation official Michael Sanders, to propose to the selectmen that they initiate a study of other available forms of local governance to see if there might be a better fit for Chester.

The governance study was completed earlier this year and has been well-received locally and by officials in other towns.

The study suggests that the romantic ideal of the town meeting belies a faltering modern reality. The traditional system has a number of shortcomings, the study found, issues that affect Chester and many other small towns.

**Continuity**

The one staring Chester in the face is lack of continuity. If the whole board of selectmen goes out the door at the same time, the new crew has to get up to speed, which by some estimates could take most of their two-year term. Constant turnover was one reason why the shoreline town of Clinton, which had three first selectwomen in five years, voted to adopt a council-manager system in 2018.

Also, the first selectman doesn't have direct control over other elected officials or boards, so the executive power is diffused. Thus, so is accountability.

"The board of finance is the keeper of the money. If they don't want to appropriate the funds, the project doesn't go anywhere," said Chester selectman Meehan. He is a former Hartford city planner and Newington development director.

Good coordination and communication can help offset the diffusion problem, but that is not guaranteed. Some towns have solved the board of finance issue by eliminating the board.

**It's complicated**

In addition, the first selectman's job has gotten vastly more complex than it was in earlier times, which argues for professional management. Mark Walter, former first selectman of East Haddam and now town administrator of Columbia, said the post has "tripled in complexity" in the 17 years he's been in municipal government.

Gary Greenberg of Scotland elaborates: "In addition

to the list of duties that go with the job — municipal CEO, cemetery sexton, highway supervisor, chief of police, tree warden and a couple more I can't remember, there's grant administration, municipal finance, labor law and human resource management, OSHA, facilities management including construction oversight, procurement policy and land use law."

The first selectman has to know these things because, in a small town such as Scotland, "there are very few executive/managerial level staff to whom to delegate."

Greenberg, who makes \$45,000, and many other first selectmen of small towns are paid as if the position is part-time.

"There's no such thing as a part-time first selectman," said John Filchak, executive director of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, which serves 16 small towns in the Quiet Corner, including Scotland.

It is getting harder and harder to find people to run for first selectman. Greenberg is leaving office after four years. He said he approached someone he thought might be an able successor, and the fellow replied, "I'd rather shave my head with a cheese grater."

An obvious risk in towns with few candidates is that the job goes to someone who isn't up to it. This could render a town government dysfunctional, said Filchak.

"These towns are the equivalent of multimillion-dollar mid-sized businesses. You wouldn't want someone with no expertise running one, right?"

"A lot of towns have been lucky" that qualified people have stepped up to serve, said veteran municipal lawyer Richard Roberts of Hartford. Whether that continues remains to be seen.

**Other positions**

It isn't just selectmen candidates who are hard to find. In recent years, the study reports, Chester "has had difficulty recruiting and replacing employees who have left town service." For example, in the last two years, the town has had long-term vacancies in the inland wetlands and zoning compliance officer positions, both required by state law. Since November 2021, retirements created vacancies in the elected positions of town clerk and treasurer, as well as the appointed position of town assessor.

Also, the town, like many others, has had difficulty filling all the positions on volunteer boards and commissions. The study notes that these entities deliver services to the public, and without full complement of members, they cannot do so

as effectively as they might. Vacancies on all boards and commissions ranged from 7% to 22% over the period 2011-12 to 2021-22 and was at 9% at the end of 2022, the study reports.

"We are definitely having difficulty getting people to serve on boards and commissions. People are busier and not as interested in public service. It's very challenging," said Betsy Gara, executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns.

**What if they build it and nobody comes?**

Perhaps the most confounding issue with the town meeting is attendance — more specifically, lack of attendance. Unless there is a particularly important or contentious issue, not many people show up for town meetings.

"It's not uncommon to have four people in the audience," said Filchak.

Mark Walter said town meetings in Columbia usually draw about 10 people, unless there's a hot topic on the agenda. One of the last was in 2009, when officials had proposed building sidewalks in the center of town. Some 300 residents showed up and voted it down, 2-1.

Chester doesn't report town meeting attendance as a rule, but the governance study committee observed in its report to the board of selectmen that two special town meetings held in 2019 were counted, and the participation rate of registered voters was 0.1% and 1.31%, or, based on the state's count of 2,875 registered voters that year, three and 34 persons, respectively.

There are several reasons people might not attend the town meeting. Some don't like to speak in public or contradict their neighbors. Some, said Gara, are not unhappy with how their town is run. The big reason is likely other obligations: busy, busy.

Joe DeLong, executive director of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, said when the town meeting was created, "people weren't driving their kids three states away for AAU basketball tournaments."

Except when there's a school issue that brings out parents, the folks who do attend skew older.

"Older people show up," said Sam Gold, executive director of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, or RiverCOG. So, he said with tongue slightly in cheek, attendance could be improved by making the state friendlier to retirees.

Some think attendance would improve if people were better informed about issues facing the town.

"This is where the decline

in local news coverage hits home," said Filchak.

Gara said email newsletters, which some towns including Chester do, help educate residents about issues and board vacancies. Social media, she said, is not as helpful.

Attendance is vital, the Chester study finds, because "without a reasonably high level of public engagement and participation, the value and effectiveness of the town meeting serving as a town's legislative body is questionable."

**Adjourn to referendum**

Some towns adjourn their annual budget town meetings — or send proposed expenditures over a certain amount — to referendums.

"Referenda increase turnout significantly, but it is still low compared to other elections," observed UConn political science professor Michael E. Morrell, who has studied town meetings, in a presentation to the Killingworth Charter Revision Committee in 2020.

For example, Chester is part of Regional School District No. 4 with Essex and Deep River. Voters in the three towns must vote on the regional school budget at a referendum each year.

According to the study, Chester's average annual voter turnout between 2011 and 2021 was 127 votes cast out of an average of 2,567 eligible voters, resulting in an average participation rate of 5%.

A referendum is not a magical solution. Residents can keep voting them down. For example, veteran Coventry town manager John Elsesser recalled that in 1990, his town's budget went to five referendums, stretching from May until late October before it was approved.

Elsesser is among the departures — he retired at the end of June.

The advantage of the in-person town meeting over the referendum, Morrell observed in an email, is the opportunity for more deliberation and discussion. But that presumes the presence of deliberators and discussers.

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*In part two, the options for town government.*

## Millbrook Winery to host the Daniel Bennett Group for concert season finale

By Judith O'Hara Balfe

MILLBROOK — Celebrating their 9th studio album release, "New York Nerve," saxophonist Daniel Bennett and his Daniel Bennett Group will be the featured final concert in the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery's summer series on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A mixture of folk and minimalism, jazz fusion to American folk music, jamming with Bennett will be Koko Bermejo on drums and keyboard, and bassist Kevin Hailey.

After many years of playing, first in the Rochester area followed by time in Boston, Bennett hit the New York City scene in 2010. His group was voted Best New Jazz Group in New York City in Hot House Jazz Awards. He is also an associate director of the New York Jazz Academy

and orchestrated the music for "Whitman at the Whitney," the acclaimed multimedia production at the Whitney Museum, as well as a woodwinds musician in "Blank! The Musical" on a national stage.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK Jazz Journal touted Bennett "an outspoken voice of hope."

The Millbrook Vineyard Jazz Concerts are held on the vineyard's lawn, so attendees should bring blankets or chairs. Food trucks will be on site, and taproom cheese plates will also be available. No outside food will be allowed. Millbrook wines are available by the glass or the bottle.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the gate on the day of the show. To purchase tickets in advance, go to [www.millbrook-wine.com/jazzconcerts](http://www.millbrook-wine.com/jazzconcerts)

## RILEY KLEIN

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porting for the paper in 2005 and will continue to cover a wide range of topics as a senior reporter on the staff. That includes continuing to write his popular "Tangled Lines" fishing columns that draw strong readership even by those who don't fish.

In May, Klein was recognized as a "Shooting Star, Class of 2023" by Editor & Publisher (E&P), an authoritative voice of the news publishing industry. He was featured with other award winners in the June 2023 issue of E&P, and was selected among a group of national entries for his strong reporting, photography and video skills.

Klein, graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, New York, has produced dozens of videos that can be seen on Instagram [[@Lakevillejournal](https://www.instagram.com/Lakevillejournal)] and Facebook,

including one last week on Gridlife Circuit Legends' return to Lime Rock Park. His feature length stories recently included a profile of local baseball legend Steve Blass and an in-depth, historical look at dairy farming in North Canaan.

"Riley's passion for community journalism and his interest in all stories large and small is precisely what The Lakeville Journal seeks as it continues to rebuild its staff following the COVID era," said John Coston, editor-in-chief. "Patrick is an invaluable resource for the paper and the staff. His knowledge and curiosity about journalism is just what we need."

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## VANDALISM

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showed a reporter the outside graffiti. Veras brought his police dog along, and said he was going to try to get an idea of the direction the vandals came from.

McCue said he was going to install a security camera,

and that neighbors had agreed to turn their cameras toward the site.

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DANCE: ALEXANDER WILBURN

## Doors Are Open For Young Dancers At Blue Studio

“My life would be totally different if I didn't have the dance studio I had as a child,” Amber Cameron said at the open house of the new Blue Studio Dance in Lakeville, Conn., held last Saturday, on Aug. 26.

Cameron, together with Darcy Boynton, is extending that same gift to the area's children with their new studio, which will welcome students from four-years-old to 17 (along with some adult classes)

for a 10-week fall session starting on Sept. 25.

The two initially crossed paths as cast members of the Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!" at The Sharon Playhouse in 2010. Since then, they've embarked on a journey to mentor the region's next wave of young talents. Boynton engages in choreography roles at Indian Mountain School in Lakeville and Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass. Meanwhile, Cameron

takes charge of choreographing student productions not only at The Hotchkiss School, located just up the road from Blue Studio in Lakeville, but also at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., and The Taft School in Waterbury, Conn. It's an impressive array of dance activities for these two friends and mothers, involving a mix of energetic performances, intricate footwork, and expressive routines.

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PHOTO COURTESY BLUE STUDIO DANCE

Dance instructors Amber Cameron, left, and Darcy Boynton have opened Blue Studio Dance for all age courses in Lakeville, Conn.

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

## The Working Artist / The Working Gallerist



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Kathleen Kucka at her opening at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn.

Kathleen Kucka of Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., shares a commonality with many of the gallery owners in The Berkshires and Litchfield Hills — Henry Klimowicz of The Re Institute, Theo Coulombe of Standard Space and KK Kozic of The Icehouse Project, to name a few — they're all working artists in their own right.

When asked how she views herself, Kucka said, "I'm always an artist first."

At the opening of a new show at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., Kucka stepped out of her role curating exhibitions and debuted her own new work — very new. "I finished this series about a week ago with that last fabulous

coat of paint. I wanted them to pop."

The "Cosmos" trio blend geometric perfection with the allure of carefully embraced burn-mark scars. Residing in Salisbury, Conn., Kucka has transplanted the downtown dream of the SoHo artist to adapt to rural living. A drive to Falls Village allows her to effortlessly transition between her working studio and her role at her contemporary gallery.

"Red, Red" takes its inspiration from classic New England barns, while "Black & Gold" responds to a recent trip to Rome as Kucka's took in the Italian city's vibrant history for the first time, especially its patterns. "The Romans were in communication with Egypt and the Middle East; these cultures were built around ancient math and sacred geometry. It's mind-blowing, and it still resonates."

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# COMPASS CALENDAR

The Lonely Island's Jorma Taccone is Pulling Up To The Drive-In

Jorma Taccone, best known as one-third of the musical comedy trio The Lonely Island, formed with Akiva Schaffer and Andy Samberg and showcased on "Saturday Night Live" and in the 2016 mockumentary "Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping," will appear at Four Brothers Drive-In Theater in Amenia, N.Y., for a screening of "Hot Rod."

The 2007 comedy, co-starring Samberg and Taccone, was Schaffer's directorial debut and will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8 p.m. by Boondocks Film Society, a monthly cinema pop-up founded by Jeff Palfini and Cindy Heslin of Cornwall, Conn. The pair have specialized in selecting off-beat and cult films. It's a fitting team-up for Taccone, who recently



PHOTO BY KATHY HUTCHINS

Jorma Taccone

bought a home in North Canaan, Conn., with his wife, film director Marielle Heller. The pre-show cocktail party will include a meet-and-greet with a red-tailed hawk courtesy of Sharon,

Conn., Audubon's raptor aviaries and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Motion Picture & Television Fund, which is seeking to aid crew members affected by the ongoing Writers Guild and SAG-AFTRA strike. For tickets go to [www.boondocksfilmssociety.org](http://www.boondocksfilmssociety.org)

## ...blue studio

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PHOTO BY DARCY BOYNTON

Amber Cameron led an attendee at Blue Studio Dance's open house ballet workshop.

Their dedication has finally culminated in the realization of a long-held aspiration: opening their own studio. The aim of this space is to serve as a nurturing hub where aspiring dancers — or children just wanting to (to quote Taylor Swift) "shake it out" — can refine their skills in ballet, tap, jazz and more.

Even with the adult programming, for Boynton and Cameron, dance transcends mere physical exertion, embodying a deeper significance. "The ballet classes are more than just a workout," Cameron said. "It's toning, its balance, it's working your brain to follow combinations."

"Learning about your body and its space is so important for children and adults," Boynton added. "Dance doesn't

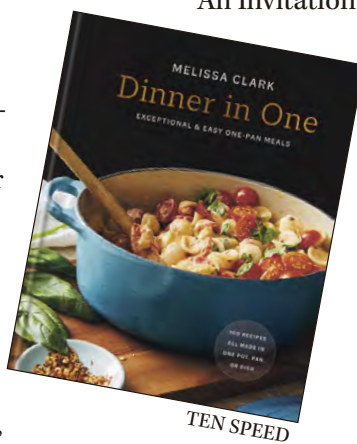
just benefit people who become dancers. It's an essential skill, not necessarily to have perfect choreography or perfect form, but to have comfort in your own body and the confidence that comes with that."

## At The Movies

### Melissa Clark & Madhur Jaffrey

The Meeting House in New Marlborough, Mass., will bring together two celebrated cookbook authors, Melissa Clark and Madhur Jaffrey, in a discussion held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 4:30 p.m.

Brooklyn, N.Y., based Clark can be found weekly in her New York Times column, "A Good Appetite" and taping from her kitchen on the New York Times Cooking Youtube channel. Her bestselling books include the 2022 publication, "Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals." She will also be at Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., that Saturday at 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. signing books.



TEN SPEED

Jaffrey brought Indian cuisine to the English table with her 1973 book, "An Invitation to Indian Cooking."

She has presented televised cooking shows, including "Madhur Jaffrey's Indian Cookery," "Madhur Jaffrey's

Far Eastern Cookery" and Madhur Jaffrey's "Flavours of India." She is also a film actress, with a role in Merchant Ivory's "Shakespeare Wallah," which will screen as part of a James Ivory retrospective on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. at Hudson Hall, in Hudson, N.Y. To purchase tickets for the discussion go to [www.nmmeetinghouse.org](http://www.nmmeetinghouse.org)

### THEATER: ALEXANDER WILBURN

# Finn Wittrock and Christopher Lloyd to be fellows of infinite jest

Murder most foul! Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, Mass., will present a three-performance-only run of a staged reading of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," directed by Shakespeare & Company founding member Kevin G. Coleman in the Tina Packer Playhouse starting Friday, Sept. 1.

The anguished Danish prince will be played by Finn Wittrock, a Lenox-born native who grew up acting on the Shakespeare & Company stage. No stranger to specters, psychodrama and "the devil's power to assume a pleasing shape," Wittrock has gone on to be a regular player in Ryan Murphy's acclaimed horror anthology "American Horror Story," alongside Grace Gummer (who grew up in Salisbury, Conn.) where he earned an Emmy nomination

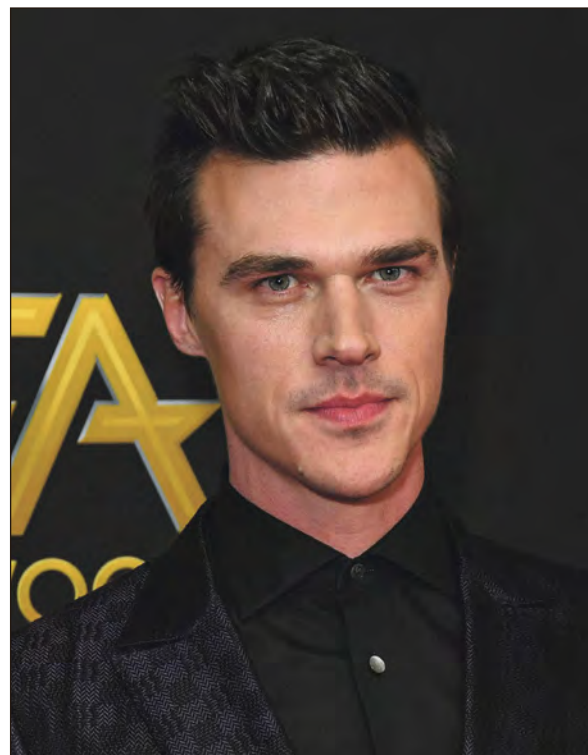


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Finn Wittrock


for his murderous spree in the installment "Freak Show." He has appeared in "La La Land," "The Big Short," "Judy," and recently opposite Mila Kunis in the Netflix thriller, "Luckiest Girl Alive."

Beloved character actor Christopher Lloyd, eternally recognized as the time-hopping Doc in Robert Zemeckis' "Back To The Future" trilogy and Uncle Fester


in "The Addams Family," will take on the role of Claudius' conniving counselor, Polonius. A Shakespearean veteran, Lloyd recently played the titular lead in the Lenox company's production of "King Lear" and starred as Malvolio at Shakespeare in The Park's production of "Twelfth Night" at The Delacorte Theatre. For tickets go to [www.shakespeare.org](http://www.shakespeare.org)

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EDITORIAL

Toto, we're not in Kansas anymore

On Aug. 11, the Marion County Record, a weekly newspaper in central Kansas, was raided by police after a local restaurant owner accused the newspaper of illegally accessing information about her. The raid of the offices of the newspaper and an accompanying search of the home of the publisher's 98-year-old mother, has sparked a firestorm of protest, put an international spotlight on Marion, Kansas, and stirred renewed concern about the sanctity of the First Amendment.

Tragically publisher Eric Meyer's mother died the day after the raid. A video released by the newspaper following the raid shows how visibly upset the mother was during the raid: "Get out of my house...I don't want you in my house!" she says at one point. "Don't touch any of that stuff! This is my house!" she said at another. Her subsequent death was caused by cardiac arrest.

A letter from 34 journalism organizations and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, written immediately after the raid, expressed grave concern: "Newsroom searches and seizures are among the most intrusive actions law enforcement can take with respect to the free press, and the most potentially suppressive of free speech by the press and the public."

The raid reportedly followed the newspaper's attempts to verify information — through a state website available to the public — it had received from a source. Following that, the Record is said to have alerted alert the police department out of concern that, according to the owner and publisher of the paper, the paper was being "set up." A prosecutor said later that there was insufficient evidence to justify the raids. Some of the seized computers and cellphones have been returned. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the agency that maintains the state website said the initial online search — that the police chief cited to justify the raid — was legal.

Legal experts believe the police raid on the newspaper violated a federal privacy law or a state law shielding journalists from having to identify sources or to turn over unpublished material to law enforcement.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation continues to examine the newspaper's actions.

The federal Privacy Protection Act of 1980 protects the flow of information to journalists by prohibiting law enforcement, including local agencies, from searching for or seizing journalistic work product or documentary materials, except in narrow, exceptional circumstances. Authorities may only search for or seize work product if the immediate seizure is necessary to prevent the death of, or serious bodily injury to, a human being, or where there is probable cause to believe that the possessor has committed or is committing certain crimes.

The Marion County Record has a circulation of about 2,000 copies distributed every Wednesday across a county with a population just under 12,000 people. It was founded in 1869 and has a reputation for holding local officials accountable. That role as a community watchdog is becoming rarer by the week as community newspapers fall under pressures that come from declining readership, declining ad revenues and rising costs.

Social media — viewed as a competitor to traditional news sources — tries to claim a community connection, but knowing a community and its people is nothing new to local newspapers. The Lakeville Journal knows about those existential pressures. Our readers generously helped keep us going when the going got tough. We thank you again for continued support of your community weekly.



The Constitution Controls

As debate intensifies about whether the Constitution prohibits Donald Trump from being President again, we should remember some Constitutional basics. Simply stated:

1. Section 3 of Amendment XIV prohibits Trump from holding office if he "... shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against..." the Constitution of the United States "...or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof." The prohibition is self-executing and automatic ("No person shall..."), just like other requirements for the Presidency concerning place of birth, age, and residency. No action by Congress or any court is necessary to determine place of birth, age, or residency or to activate the disqualification. Section 3 further states that "Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability."

2. In 2021, in the second impeachment of Trump, the House of Representatives voted 232 to 197 to indict Trump for "Incitement of Insurrection," and the Senate voted "Guilty" by a vote of 57 to 43. While the Senate vote fell short of the two-thirds necessary to convict in a Senate impeachment trial, Congress has certainly determined by a majority vote of both the House of Representatives and the Senate that Trump engaged in insurrection.

3. Congress has not acted to remove the disability with respect to Trump.

4. Thus, while Congress has determined that Trump engaged in insurrection, it has not removed the automatic disqualification of Section 3.

5. In the Final Report of the Select Committee

to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the the United States Capitol, the Committee noted "The Committee believes that those who took an oath to protect and defend the Constitution and then, on January 6th, engaged in insurrection can appropriately be disqualified and barred from holding government office—whether federal or state, civilian or military—absent at least two-thirds of Congress acting to remove the disability pursuant to Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment." (Recommendation 4)

6. The text, meaning, and effect of Section 3 are clear and do not go up and down with opinion polls. The outcome of state and federal criminal trials of Trump do not affect the text, meaning, or effect of Section 3. Defiance in a mug shot is not relevant.

7. Section 1 of Article II stipulates that the Legislature of each State shall direct the "Manner" in which such State's Electors shall be appointed.

8. The legislature and election officials of each State are responsible to determine whether Trump may appear on the ballot of such State and to consider all relevant factors, i.e., place of birth, age, residency, and disqualification for office under Section 3.

9. As election officials of each State act, or prepare to act, to include or exclude Trump from the ballot of such State, litigation may be unavoidable. Judges and Supreme Court Justices may soon be challenged to uphold, defend, and enforce the Constitution.

G. A. Mudge

Sharon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My recent experience in the Nuvance system

This is about a recent experience in the Nuvance system. It is also an opportunity to alert readers that there are now eleven tickborne diseases to worry about — bacterial, parasitic and viral.

Based on my hospitalization for the tickborne parasite Babesia microtia at Sharon Hospital, I have drawn several conclusions:

1. Nuvance (Sharon Hospital) Medical Practice, my primary care physician practice, desperately needs a third doctor. When I made an appointment mid-June for an ugly rash, I was prescribed the standard antibiotics. In mid-July when I had serious fatigue, headache and fever, I had to be referred to the Emergency Department because, I was told, every doctor and nurse in the practice system was fully booked that week.

2. Nuvance (Sharon) Emergency Department also needs more doctors. I say this because on the first of my two visits to the ED, my intake was done by a Family Nurse Practitioner, and if an FNP does not yet have at least 2000 hours over 3 years of supervision, then their diagnosing and treating must be reviewed by a doctor. The only doctor available apparently had his own caseload, so I got short shrift and was discharged back to my primary care physician with an indication that a treatment plan might follow upon the results of a test. I was led to believe that results would be known within 2-3 days but on Day 4 there were still none and I had to be re-admitted with worsening symptoms in the hope of a treatment plan this time around. Unfortunately, treatment now

required hospitalization.

3. Nuvance needs to prioritize spending on medical staff over marketing and public relations consultants: Within the first 24 hours of hospital discharge, I received a "Nuvance" phone call, not to ask me how I was doing, but to establish how well the Hospital had done, through questions such as "Had I been satisfied with the level of care provided?", overlooking the fact that I wouldn't have needed to be there in the first place if their system as a whole had been properly staffed with medical people! I asked about the medical qualifications of the person calling ("none"), and if my answers might be shared with the relevant hospital staff ("not directly"). Subsequently, in talking to the Hospital's Quality Control Department, I learned that they would not be receiving my feedback, which was obtained from a marketing ("consulting") agency contracted by the hospital. This leaves one to wonder what, if any, patient feedback systems Nuvance might have in place?

Might I suggest that Nuvance prioritize hiring more medical staff over outside consultants with neither medical or nursing background? If image is what they are concerned about, then there's no better way to build up an image as a competent and reliable medical establishment than by building a strong medical team, one that communicates seamlessly between its Doctors' Practices and its Hospital Departments. Is it really too much to ask that this be their priority?

Janet Graaff

Salisbury

Bravo for interest in journalism

I enjoyed reading your article about your summer interns. It is so good to learn about young people interested in print journalism.

Newspapers are so important. I grew up reading the Des Moines (Iowa) Register and Tribune and have always tried to read a daily newspaper wherever I lived.

There is a lot going on around here besides art shows. Many years ago I worked in a booth along Route 7 for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. A visitor snarled "What do you people do around here?" "Well, a train comes through on Thursdays," I said sweetly. No comment from her.

Carolyn McDonough

North Canaan

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — August 1923

In the recent Fleisher Yarns Knitting Contest in which women from all over the United States entered many useful and beautiful articles for competition, Mrs. Henry Woodworth, who entered a lovely knitted scarf, received a Certificate of Honorable Mention, of which she may justly be proud. This scarf and the Certificate will be on exhibition at G.H. Clark's dry goods store, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, so that all those interested may see them.

LIME ROCK — Mr. A. Rosburgh had the misfortune to burn his feet quite badly in the foundry one day last week.

Lieut. John J. O'Connell, formerly of Lakeville and

now of El Paso, Texas, is one of the flyers who will represent the Army in the International Air Race to be held in St. Louis, Mo., from October 1st to 3rd.

50 years ago — August 1973

An extremely violent wind and electrical storm swept down the east side of the Taconic Ridge Tuesday afternoon, killing four persons in West Stockbridge, Mass., and leveling trees, blocking roads and causing power outages as far south as New Milford and Newtown. Salisbury Selectman George Kiefer termed the total damage "10 times" worse than in the tornado that hit on June 29.

Because of the newsprint shortage, The Lakeville Journal must make better use of its space through tighter editing

and strict observance of deadlines. Cooperation of readers and advertisers is requested in submitting copy as early as possible to facilitate planning.

Canaan town officials were notified last Friday that a portion of the old Lawrence Playground on East Main Street will be opened to the town for use as a recreational area. The property was purchased from the town by the state in the 1950s for the proposed relocation of Route 7 — a project that has never gotten off the drawing boards.

25 years ago — August 1998

The Town of Cornwall Tuesday was in mourning for Gary Charles Hepprich, who suffered a fatal heart attack Friday, Aug. 21. Mr. Hepprich was only 49 years

old when he died, but he had made his mark in the community, serving 25 years in the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, including 15 as chief. He had helped found Litchfield County Dispatch back when it took hours of volunteer effort to create the present 911 system.

The Salisbury School library bit the dust this week, destroyed by Danks Construction Co. of Canaan. The library was built around 1912 when it was the second building on campus. It is to be replaced by a math-science complex as part of the current \$15 million renovation of the all-boys' school's educational and sports facilities.

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# Viewpoint

## Our Home, Our Future

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

### TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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#### SEPTEMBER 1

##### Cornwall Library Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)

The legendary Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale returns to The Cornwall Library this year, marking the fifth anniversary of this highly popular event. The sale will open with a cocktail reception at the Library on Friday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will continue through the following week, closing on Saturday, Sept. 9. Everyone is welcome. The sale and its opening reception will be at 30 Pine Street, Cornwall, CT 06753.

#### SEPTEMBER 2

##### Cornwall Open Studio Tour

Cornwall, Conn. [cornwallct.org](http://cornwallct.org)

The annual Cornwall Open Studio Tour returns to town on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. Over a dozen of Cornwall's creators will display their work at 11 venues throughout town. For more information and a map of participating venues, visit [cornwallct.org/2023/08/23/cornwall-artists-open-studio-2023/](http://cornwallct.org/2023/08/23/cornwall-artists-open-studio-2023/)

##### This Must Be the Place: Artists' Impressions of Home

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

In late August and September, the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village will host "This Must Be the Place: Artists' Impressions of Home," a large group art exhibition collecting personal, quirky, and nostalgic images from over 40 local artists in painting, photography, mixed-media, sculpture, and video. There will be a celebratory outdoor reception for the artists, with refreshments, on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. The exhibition will be on display during library hours from Aug. 29 to Sept. 22. For more information call the library at 860-824-7424 or visit [huntlibrary.org/art-wall](http://huntlibrary.org/art-wall)

##### Cornwall Country Dance

Cornwall Town Hall, 24 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

Dust off your dancing shoes for the Cornwall Country Dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2 at Town Hall. New England square, circle and contra dances taught and called by "rural character," Dudley Laufman to jigs and reels by the live band; Relatively Sound. Suggested Donation: \$5-8/child, \$12-15/adult, \$25/family For more info, contact [Debra@motherhouse.us](mailto:Debra@motherhouse.us) or call 860-671-7945

##### Berkshire Woodworkers Guild Show and Silent Auction

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road (Route 102), Stockbridge, Mass.

On Saturday, Sept. 2 and

Sunday, Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, a fine woodwork show and sale featuring woodworkers from New York and Connecticut.

\$5 general admission

#### SEPTEMBER 5

##### Two Decades of War In Afghanistan & Iraq: Today's Homefront

South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Route 63, Falls Village, Conn.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., Brian Ohler will be the final speaker for the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's First Tuesday at 7 Summer Talks. His presentation is titled "Two Decades of War In Afghanistan & Iraq: Today's Homefront."

Ohler is a fourth generation resident of North Canaan. He enlisted in the United States Army just two months prior to 9/11 on July 17, 2001. Over the next twelve years, his military service would take him onto the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The talk is open to the public and is free. For more information, call 860-824-5607 or 860-824-8226.

#### SEPTEMBER 12

##### Rosie the Riveter with the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History

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

On Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a presentation on "Rosie the Riveter" in partnership with the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History. "Rosie the Riveter" became an iconic symbol of working women during World War II. This event is free and open to the public.

#### SEPTEMBER 22

##### Housing + Jobs + Conservation: A Roadmap for Action

Salisbury Forum Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Conn. [salisburyforum.org](http://salisburyforum.org)

There will be a Salisbury Forum event on Housing + Jobs + Conservation on Sept. 22 with a reception at 5 p.m. and a program at 6:30 p.m.

Housing is rapidly becoming less affordable for residents in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and the surrounding region, making it difficult for those who work in local businesses, schools, and nonprofits to find a home. This forum will explore how towns and local organizations can expand housing affordability while balancing other important issues, including land conservation.

The forum will be facilitated by Steve Rosenberg, co-convener Hudson Valley Affordable Housing & Conservation Strategy, formerly of Scenic Hudson.

What would you do if you had a health issue that required help to remain safely at home? Since 1904 people needing home health care have called the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA). It is now part of Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County after a 2020 merger with Foothills Visiting Nurse and Home Care and VNA Northwest.

Meghan Kenny runs two sister companies from her office on Salmon Kill Road in Salisbury — SVNA Home Assistance and Litchfield County Home Assistance, which have different payment structures and offer different kinds of private duty home care options. She says she "employs 150 people of which 95% are caregivers. Unfortunately, due to being licensed for non-medical care, most medical insurance will not cover our services. If they do offer some coverage, the wages they reimburse are so low they do not cover the cost of running this business. The costs we charge are particularly challenging for low income clients who beg for help but need assistance to pay for it. It's extremely difficult to



PHOTO BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

Meghan Kenny, SVNA Home Assistance and Litchfield County Home Assistance

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

retain employees since the cost of living is astronomical.

My employees are often residents of local affordable housing, however, between Sarum Village and Sharon Ridge being full and the high cost of rent in our area, it's almost impossible for them to

find anywhere they can afford to live within a reasonable commute. Some of our staff avoid this issue because their spouses receive free housing as private school faculty. Many others have to move to Torrington and beyond to find housing, which directly affects the clients that we serve in our small community. While we try to keep our wages competitive, driving from Torrington to the Northwest Corner is not something most want to do, especially in winter, so it's difficult to find all the staff I need. For the first

time, I've had to establish a wait list for clients."

If you are unsure about supporting affordable housing in our community because of concern about who might live in it, keep in mind it just might be the person who takes care of you when you're sick and at your most vulnerable. It might be the person who cares for your loved one to enable you to run an errand, see a friend or give you a needed break from caregiving. These are people who are important contributors to our community.

## The Republican primary debate

The two South Asians, Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy, standing next to each other at the recent debate, shaking their fingers, I thought one was going to eat the other, and yelling at each other.

Quite a sight. Is this India, in its various iterations? As some used to say — Only in America. The only other BIPOC (that's Black Indigenous People of Color, for the still uninitiated), Tim Scott, the only Black Senator

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in Congress, and now with Max Hurd, who says he's not running for re-election to the House, the only Black in either chamber, Scott, a self-described "nice guy" defining the term cipher, of whatever hue, and Chris Christie, is he an honorary African, being Italian?

Well, what do we have here?

What we have is an 80 plus police motorcycle-cade to escort The Orange BlubberBlubber Mouth to the infamous Fulton County prison. (Who be payin' the freight on this bloated display?) The only indicted co-conspirator to submit his own height and weight — 6'3, 215. How about 240, Tubby?

Or is that Tubberville, the ex-football coach, the Alabama Senator holding up the approval of hundreds of commissions in our military, endangering our national security, BIGTIME, because he disapproves of paying for military women to cross state lines for necessary medical care, thanks Tubbs, "How could I be a racist, when I coached football?"

Huh?

Speaking of Christie, I did love his answer, getting the biggest laugh of the evening, in fact, the only laugh, when the moderator asked him about UFO's. He said something like You too are from New Jersey and you are asking me about UFO's?

And then there is Mike Pence. Is he worth more than one? A tuppence for his thoughts. Actually, he seems to have some. (Or does he get them from Mother, his wife of many years who wouldn't dare let him have dinner with another woman alone? Their knees might touch under the table. Ooo, what a frisson!)

The fact that Farthing sought out the renowned legal scholar Dan Quayle to ask if he could overturn the election and that Q in his Solomonic wisdom opined Don't cut the baby, it hasn't been born yet, we'll get to that abortion stuff later, showed a pound of wisdom, or at least a sou.

Again, what do we have here? 240 saying that the Indicted co-conspirators have had their lives ruined by these "animal" prosecutors. No, Blubber, they have had their lives ruined by you and their own rank avidity and stupidity. And they keep giving you pence or shillings?

Did I say rank stupidity? How do you rank that stupidity? As we say en Espagnyol, Muy Stupido.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Two to compare

This summer, we are witness to two rather different examples of individuals that have stirred the imagination of the U.S. general public. Each, in his own way, has captured 'lightning in a bottle'. One has moved a simple air filled ball with his feet in his journeys around a 'pitch' of green — all the while creating the excitement of your first birthday party, with all of your friends, with a delicious chocolate birthday cake covered in mouth-watering buttery icing. The other has squeezed as much 'green' out of his various and sundry journeys through the corridors of both state and federal judicial review and prosecution.

Leo Messi, arguably the greatest soccer player — certainly of our time (and quite possibly all time), has been paid a great deal of green to employ his skills for a U.S. soccer team — F.C. Inter Miami. From the start, he has done what all sports greats do — make his teammates better and produce in the clutch. He has taken his broad spectrum of signature abilities to confound opposing players with his exceptional understanding of how human nature operates in competition, confuse his opponents with his sensational crafty spacial awareness, and perfectly time the employ of his consummate 'ball skills' to catch opponents off guard.

Meanwhile, former President Donald Trump has used his unrelenting p.r. skills to take us back to the carnival barkers of yore. Not since P.T. Barnum has the public been treated to such a continual

barrage of hypnotic hucksterism laced with low brow paroxysms of self-serving boosterism. The 'sell' is all.

Trump has claimed greatness for himself — though I do not see him making any teammates better. As well, his ability to produce in the clutch suffers badly when one summarizes outcomes in elections in which he has backed candidates. Granted, Mr. Trump does confound, but it is not a plus when your own political party can't follow your lead because they too are baffled. Alas, there is human nature to consider. Mr Trump claims this as his speciality. He keeps telling the American people that the 'deep state' isn't going after him, but rather — going after them. The wild thing about this statement is that seems to be proving true in a butt-backward kind of way. By selling his legal plight to the masses through endless variously deceptive donation schemes, he has coopted the goodwill of a not insignificant segment of the citizenry. His selling his conspiracy laden assessment that the deep state is hell-bent on preventing his reelection to the presidency is playing well to the faithful. With this he continues to successfully milk the political donation cow at a singularly feverous, if not counterfeit, pace.

Mr. Messi is quite possibly the g.o.a.t of soccer (greatest of all time).

Mr. Trump is also quite possibly the g.o.a.t of politics (greatest of all truthers).

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# Sports

## Fall sports return to Falls Village

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE - With the new school year right around the corner, Housatonic Valley Regional High School's athletes have begun gearing up for fall sports.

The Mountaineers are set to field rosters for 12 teams in five sports: football (varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams), volleyball (varsity and JV), boys soccer (varsity and JV), girls soccer (varsity and JV), boys and girls cross country, and boys golf.

HVRHS football players will take the field alongside Gilbert and Northwestern High School athletes in the GNH co-op team, called the Yellowjackets, for the third consecutive season. Last year, GNH's varsity squad finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and reached the

Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class SS semifinals in the postseason.

With a young roster this year, GNH football may be in rebuilding mode after graduating 16 seniors last year, including star running back Freddy Camp, who led the state in touchdowns last season and will be playing at the NCAA Division I level at University of Rhode Island this fall.

GNH's 2023 season is set to begin on Friday, Sept. 1, with a scrimmage at Granby High School. Kick-off is at 6:30 p.m.

HVRHS will host one GNH home game this year against Naugatuck High School on Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 1 p.m. start time. All other home games will be played at Gilbert, with the first home game scheduled

for Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. against Kennedy High School.

JV football will begin at Gilbert on Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. against Ansonia High School. Freshman football starts on Oct. 9 at Naugatuck.

HVRHS has named a new coach for varsity volleyball this season: Cherie Lopes. Last year the Mountaineers' varsity volleyball team ended the season 8-10.

Both varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will open the season with home games against Wolcott Technical High School on Friday, Sept. 8, with JV teams to start at 4 p.m. and varsity to follow at 5:15 p.m.

Boys soccer will begin the following day, Saturday, Sept. 9, on the fields behind HVRHS. Both varsity and JV teams will host Shepaug Valley High School beginning

at 10 a.m.

Girls soccer starts the 2023 season with a jambo-ree at Granby on Sept. 3 that will feature seven area high schools. The first HVRHS girls soccer home game is scheduled for Sept. 11 against Gilbert with a 3:45 p.m. start time.

Both boys and girls cross country will head to Thomaston High School to open the 2023 season on Sept. 5 with competition to begin at 4 p.m.

Boys golf teed off the Mountaineers' fall season at Canaan Country Club on Aug. 28 with a match against Gilbert.

The boys return to the links on Aug. 31 when they host Wamogo. Tee time at 3 p.m.



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At a practice behind Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Thursday, Aug. 24, the GNH Yellowjackets worked on kick-offs and returns.

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