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

## Street Fair showcases vibrant, engaged nonprofit community

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — After several days of rain, Saturday, Aug. 10, was bright, sunny and above all dry for the third annual Lakeville Journal/Millerton News Street Fair on Academy Street in downtown Salisbury.

The fair coincided with the 127th birthday of the Journal, which launched its first edition in August 1897. Northwest Corner nonprofits joined the celebration with dozens of representatives engaging with community members.

Bill Spalding was operating in a grey area between the Habitat For Humanity of Northwest Connecticut and the Rotary Club of Salisbury.

Asked if he was rotating or habitating, he cheerfully replied, "Both!"

Kelly Rybczyk held down the Project SAGE table. Although now a volunteer, she said she worked for the organization for five and a half years organizing the Trade Secrets



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Crescendo's Mary Sullivan (above) quizzed visitors on their singing abilities and Danny Tieger (right) entertained during the Lakeville Journal/Millerton News Street Fair Saturday, Aug. 10.

fundraiser, as operations manager, and as interim director. She currently works for Community Access to the Arts (CATA) in Great Barrington but keeps her hand in at Project SAGE.

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News were present with copies of the latest papers. New subscribers and donors were gifted t-shirts with memorable headlines of the past such as "Area man sees



moon-shaped UFO." Next to The Lakeville Journal/The Millerton News tent, a face painter worked on young Aman-

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## Hydrilla's spread prompts state survey of boat launches

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Last summer, East Twin became the first lake in the state to discover the presence of a genetically distinct strain of invasive hydrilla, a robust aquatic plant which, if left unchecked, can out-compete native plants and cause damage to local ecosystems.

Until it found its way into East Twin, most likely by hitchhiking a ride on a boat or boat trailer, the novel variant had only been identified in the Connecticut River, where it has wreaked havoc

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Registrar Jayne Ridgway works on a puzzle while waiting for voters at Cornwall Town Hall.

## Voter turnout low despite extended hours

By Mia Barnes

Early voting made its second appearance in Northwest Connecticut last week with a Republican primary election between Matthew Corey and Gerry Smith for the nomination to run against incumbent Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) for the U.S. Senate seat this November.

Registrars across the Northwest

Corner staffed polling stations for extended hours over the seven-day early voting period. All town halls in the region reported low turnout.

In June 2023, Connecticut passed Public Act 23-5 implementing early voting for general, primary, and special elections. The law provides residents with 14 early voting days for general elections and between four to seven days for primaries and special elections.

Starting for the first time in April, early voting was offered for

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## Sharon Hospital maintains five-star rating from CMS

By Riley Klein

SHARON — The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has given Sharon Hospital a five-star rating for the fifth consecutive year.

In 2024, Sharon Hospital was the sole facility in Connecticut to receive the top rank by CMS. Last year there were two other five-star hospitals in the state, but Stamford

Hospital and Greenwich Hospital Association were each given four stars this year.

CMS rates Medicare-certified hospitals from one to five stars based on quality ratings and consumer satisfaction. A variety of data contributes to the score such as patient safety, satisfaction, effectiveness of care, readmissions and mortality.

More than 3,000 hospitals were evaluated and 381 received the top

rank. Sharon Hospital has maintained the five-star rating since 2020.

"Our fifth consecutive five-star rating is a testament to the commitment of our inspiring healthcare professionals who share in our culture of excellence," Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch stated in a press release.

Sharon Hospital is part of the Nuance Health network.

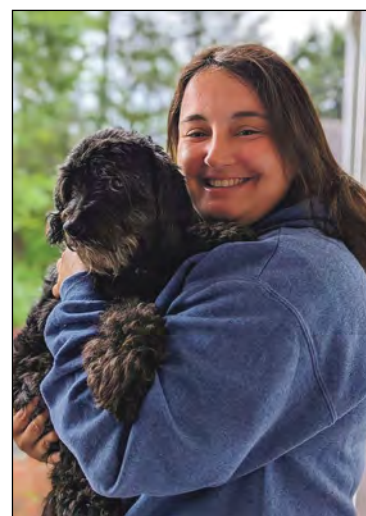


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Lindsay Burr with a dog in the town kennel. Burr is Animal Control Officer for Falls Village and North Canaan.

### Animal control

## A wildlife lover's dream come true

By Mia Barnes

NORTH CANAAN — Lindsay Burr, who spent her childhood watching Animal Planet, is now living a similar life to the people on her favorite shows. An Animal Control Officer since 2018, she is in charge of the furry and feathered residents of North Canaan and Falls Village.

For the past 20 years Burr has been involved in animal care, specifically with horses. "I just always knew I wanted to work with ani-

mals," Burr reflected.

Originally from Norwalk, she moved to North Canaan in 2013. In 2018 she was recommended for the job by a friend, and took it. To become certified she underwent 80 hours of training at the state academy. After working in North Canaan for three years, Burr decided to add on another town, taking the responsibility of Falls Village in April of 2021.

The job has become a lifestyle

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## Online This Week

### Taste of Cornwall

Guests gathered on the Green for summer fun. Watch the video on Instagram @lakevillejournal

## 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.

### Avoiding a deer

On Thursday, Aug. 1, at approximately 12:15 p.m., Gabriela Amaya, 24, of Torrington, was traveling south on Point of Rocks Road in Canaan in a 2012 Nissan VRS and was unable to maintain her lane after a deer entered the roadway. She struck a utility pole and was transported to Sharon Hospital for minor injuries. She was issued an infraction for operating a motor vehicle without a license, operating an unregistered vehicle, illegal use of a registration, failure to maintain lane and insufficient insurance.

### Collision near Stop & Shop

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Gary Daddario, 62, of Colebrook, was eastbound on Route 44 in North Canaan in a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado and slowed to turn into the Stop & Shop parking lot. Jimenez Hernandez, 50, of Canaan, was following in a 1999 Mitsubishi Fuso and could not brake in time to avoid colliding with the Silverado. Hernandez was issued a written warning for following too close resulting in a collision.

### Processed at Troop B

On Thursday, Aug. 6, at approximately 8 p.m. Lauren Lyga, 34, of Colebrook, was

arrived at Troop B to speak with troopers about an incident under investigation and was taken into custody under an active warrant and charged with disorderly conduct, harassment second degree and assault third degree. She was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond with a court appearance set.

### Strikes Cornwall bridge

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, at approximately 10 a.m., Ann Kilroy, 59, of Rocky Hill, entered the covered bridge in Cornwall driving a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado with a camper and hit the roof of the bridge. CT DOT inspected the bridge and determined the bridge yielded minimal damage and was safe for operation. Kilroy was issued a written warning for failure to obey height requirements.

### Jeep lands in ditch

On Friday, Aug. 9, at approximately 7:15 a.m., Linda Palmer, 62, of Sharon was eastbound on Route 128 in Cornwall in a 2014 Jeep Compass and ran off the roadway, sideswiping a utility pole, hitting a wire rope guard rail and coming to rest in a water filled ditch. Palmer was issued an infraction for failure to maintain 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

## Copake Bicentennial parade

By Carol Kneeland  
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — The Copake Bicentennial Celebration will wrap up in spectacular fashion on Saturday, Aug. 17 starting with what Committee Chairwoman Kelly Nardin says is certainly the largest parade in the county this summer followed by a picnic at Catamount with fireworks topping off the evening.

Grand Marshals will be driven in an old Packard car

with support from a fleet of Morgan's. Free entry to the final party at Catamount will begin after the parade with food being available for sale after 5 p.m. and celebrants invited to bring their own food. A rain date is scheduled for Aug. 18.

## Taconic Learning Center fall class registration opens

LAKEVILLE — New courses are available through Taconic Learning Center this fall. Below is a brief description of the classes.

Robert Frost's North of Boston: The class will explore the power of Frost's poetry.

Clara and Robert Schumann: German Romanticism contained much depth of thought and emotion. The class will increase musical awareness and appreciation of this extraordinary couple.

Documentary Films on Spies: Focus on spies who played critical roles in WWII, the Cold War, and beyond.

Exploring Alice Munro's Stories: Family Furnishings. Each session includes a discussion of one or two stories, and possibly excerpts of recorded readings, interviews or articles about Munro.

Industrial History of the Northwest Corner: The class will cover the industries that emerged in Norfolk, Canaan, Sharon and Salisbury and the wide range of products they produced and still do.

The Roberts Court 2023-2024: The class will examine the issues, key decisions, and

controversy of the Court in as it upended established precedent, charted new territory, and found itself in scandals involving several justices.

Roger Hurlburt on Art: An informal, anecdotal inquiry into the work of artists you know, do not know, and perhaps think you know. Also, a discussion of portraits from several epochs with insights and surprises through a visual tour of countenances that have stood the test of time.

Confessions of a Film Reviewer: A special perk of the instructor's career involved interviewing a wide range motion picture makers and people in the entertainment industry, from film stars to stand-up comedians. The best encounters were chosen to relate, entertain and perhaps evoke a laugh.

Autumn 2024 Taconic Learning Center classes from run mid-September through early November at Geer and Noble Horizons. Yearly membership is \$60 for unlimited classes. taconiclearningcenter.org



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## Wedding announcement

Natalie Rittenhouse Boyse and Whitcomb Johnson were married at Trinity Lime Rock, on July 27. The daughter of Eleanore and Matt Boyse, of Washington, D.C. and Salisbury, Natalie graduated from Hotchkiss, Johns Hopkins, Hopkins SAIS, and is Global Programs Manager for ORF America. Whit, a producer, graduated from Palmer Trinity School and SMU.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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

Chief Clerk  
08-15-24

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 5, 2024:

Approved—Site Plan Application #2024-0248 by owner Eric Mendelsohn, for Nursery Use. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 15 as Lot 47 and is located at 2 Prospect Mountain 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  
08-15-24

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ROSLYN T. HALL Late of Falls Village AKA ROSALYN T. HALL (24-00290)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 2, 2024, 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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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARIA McCABE Late of Salisbury AKA Maria F. McCabe AKA Maria Francesca McCabe (24-00294)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 30, 2024, 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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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JOE BAKER Late of Salisbury AKA Joe I. Baker AKA Joe Baker AKA Joseph Baker (24-00306)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated March 7, 2019, 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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## Plane Pull at Tweed Airport to benefit Special Olympics

HAMDEN — Avelo Airlines is partnering with Special Olympics Connecticut again this year to host the 2nd Annual Plane Pull benefit athletes of all abilities at Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) Sept. 24.

Participants will flex their muscles by coming together to pull an Avelo Airlines Boeing Next-Generation 737 jetliner 20 feet.

Each member of the winning team who pulls the 90,000-pound aircraft the fastest will be awarded a free

Avelo roundtrip ticket. Every member of the top fundraising team will also receive a free Avelo roundtrip ticket. Teams of 20 or more members are suggested and the minimum donation to participate is \$2,000 (\$100 per person).

The event will take place throughout the day on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Teams may register now at soct.org. For more information or assistance in signing up a team, email specialolympicsct@soct.org or call (203) 230-1201.

## Back-to-school clothes program

Salisbury Family Services will provide gift cards for back-to-school clothing to families in need.

Families with children in Salisbury should contact Patrice McGrath by phone at 860-435-5187.

Salisbury Family Services is a charitable organi-

zation providing assistance to children and families in Salisbury, Amesville, Lakeville, Lime Rock and Taconic.

More information on the organization and its back-to-school drive is available at salisburyfamilyservices.org or (860) 435-5187

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# Our Towns

## Cooking up homegrown heartiness at Beavertides Farm

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Tracy Hayhurst of Undermountain Pantry demonstrated how to make panzanella and tartine using fresh, organic ingredients and with a minimum of fuss at Beavertides Farm during a brief dry moment on an otherwise relentlessly rainy Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8.

The program was sponsored by the David M. Hunt Library.

When a reporter arrived, Hayhurst was grilling thick slices of her own double-spelt sourdough bread and chatting with library director Meg Sher.

When the group of six or eight participants was assembled, they all trooped down Undermountain Road to the greenhouse, half of which was given over to plants, and half to serious carpentry but temporarily repurposed as a demonstration area.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Tracy Hayhurst assembled the ingredients for panzanella and tartine.

Hayhurst sent the group into the foliage in search of cherry tomatoes, cucumbers

and basil.

Having assembled the ingredients for panzanella, she started by tearing the toasted bread into chunks and heaving it into a large bowl, followed by cut up vegetables.

When the bowl was full, she gave the whole thing a good shot of olive oil, tossed it and let it sit while she turned her attention to the tartine.

Hayhurst described this as “salad on toast.”

She spread a creamy ricotta cheese on a piece of toasted bread and piled on cucumber sliced in long, thin strips. Then she added whatever else was handy, a little dressing, and voila.

Throughout this process Hayhurst talked about organic farming and organic food. She recalled her years on the same property when it was Chubby Bunny Farm, a community-supported agriculture operation with 200 subscribers.

And the participants peppered her with questions. How do you slice such and such? What kind of kosher salt do you prefer?

There was wine and sparkling water, and everyone got busy sampling the results, which were singularly toothsome as well as easy to make.

And, miraculously, it didn't rain.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

### Augustfest at Hunt

A midsummer celebration came to David M. Hunt Library for Augustfest, Sunday, Aug. 11. Falls Village First Selectman Dave Barger, pictured above, asked the crowd to “open your hearts and your wallets” at the library fundraiser. Country Jam performed the tunes while guests dined on local eats. A silent auction offered unique items in support of the library.

## Real estate transfers in the Town of Cornwall for June and July 2024

By Christine Bates for \$105,000.

CORNWALL — In the summer months real estate activity picks up in the hills and hollows of Cornwall. Four transactions were recorded in June all under \$800,000 and six in the month of July with four sales over a million dollars. Currently there are ten single family residences publicly listed for sale with six over a million dollars.

#### June Cornwall Transfers

119 College Street — 3.95 acres of vacant land sold by Augusto and Margery W. Sogliuzzi to Ian Lukis Tyson for \$132,000.

191 Great Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 8.94 acres sold by David S. Moche and Nancy Wolfson-Moche to Robin Fernandez and Cathryn Q. Smith for \$790,000.

196 Great Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.79 acres sold by Terrance P. and Patricia C. O'Grady to John Eric and Tanya West for \$740,000.

007 Railroad Street Annex — a workshop on .13 acres sold by Nicholas W. Sainz-Zatzis to 007 Railroad St LLC

July Cornwall Transfers  
112 Town Street — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home built in 1826 sold by the Estate of John Green to Barbara Ensor for \$1.15 million.

105 Cream Hill Road — barn style home with 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths sold by Marc Sgaraglino and Maria Ginzburg to Daniel Geisser for \$1.14 million.

419 Sharon Goshen Turnpike — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home in West Cornwall sold by David L. Bain and Christopher J. Garrity to Christina Louise and John Joseph Kearney for \$435,000.

237 Kent Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath home sold by David Clark and Ann Logan Wheeler to Nestor Castelblanco, Javier Ticora, and Alina Rovinskaia for \$450,000.

35 Dibble Hill Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home with 25.34 acres sold by Bette Halby Klegon to Happy Homes LLC for \$1.3 million.

83 Cogswell Road — 5 bedroom/5.5 bath home on 15.68 acres sold by Anne G. and John D. Coffin to Stone Hill LLC for \$180,000.



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112 Town Street is an antique house with four fireplaces built in 1826.

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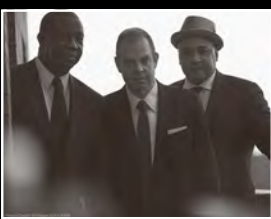
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# Our Towns

## North Canaan Transfer Station revamps services, appearance

By Kayla Jacquier

**NORTH CANAAN** — Since the new town administration entered office in November 2023, the Transfer Station has seen a complete overhaul.

All areas of waste management have been reimagined with residents in mind. The main goal of First Selectman Brian Ohler was to improve the station's operations by "keeping it clean, efficient and welcoming" to achieve both a "visual and tangible result."

To start, the appearance of the area welcomes townspeople with the vibrant 40-foot-long mural painted on an original shipping container. Local artist Cheri Johnson is a town resident who also produced the Steve Blass Field dugout art. Without any guidelines to direct the inspiration, Cheri envisioned and portrayed all of her unique inspiration to create the evolution of plastics to greenery. From left to right, the mural begins with images of plastic bottles and waste, depicts the process of recycling, and ultimately shows all the beautiful nature, plants, and butterflies that are here when we keep the planet green.

The efficiency of operations has been improved for residents with a straightforward one-way loop and stopping points for trash and recycling drop offs.

Waste bins have been reworked too. This change was designed to make the bins more weather resistant; when the stormwater collects in the bins, the town is required to



Above, the 40-foot mural by Cheri Johnson. Below, the Transfer Station garage is now home to a swap shop.

pay for the weight that accumulates. As a solution, the waste bins are now covered with tarps at night. The result for the town has been thousands of dollars saved in the first half of the year.

The Transfer Station is embracing a "revolving door" of reusing items, as First Selectman Brian Ohler stated, by incorporating the empty area in the two-bay garage out front and turning it into a swap shop. This is a way to allow others to find hidden treasures while saving themselves money and minimizing the items thrown into the waste bin, adding weight.

Finally, the last change for the town relates to brush chipping, which is no longer offered. Although the town crew will continue to clean up the local land after harsh weather, chipping is a highly unsafe task. The transfer station has taken safety measures by discontinuing chipping, but will still collect



any brush free of charge as a solution to disposal.

This coming fall, North Canaan will start the compost program where authorized food waste and brush will be turned into compost products. The ability to produce an aggregate from disregarded products that would otherwise be considered trash is rewarding

for the town. With their paid stickers, community members will then be able to bring home the compost and keep the environment clean in a greater way than before.

While panning the view of the updated transfer station, Ohler remarked, "It's so nice to go to the dump and it's not a dump anymore."

PHOTOS BY KAYLA JACQUIER

## As Comcast comes to Sharon, Frontier re-enters conversation

By Sadie Leite

**SHARON** — On Aug. 8, the Sharon Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approved the last payment to Comcast for the \$1.6 million broadband rollout.

In an interview Aug. 11, Jill Drew of the Sharon Connect Task Force confirmed the decision to pay the second \$800,000 installment with the town's undesignated fund. She said Treasurer Tina Pitcher sent the check on Aug. 9. The town did not qualify for the ConneCTed Communities Grant from CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Office of Telecommunications and Broadband.

The Comcast project partners the town with the cable company for a new network of high-speed internet, ensuring faster service in town.

Frontier Communications, an alternate provider, lost on the town's bid for the internet deal met by Comcast. Still, competition in Sharon is felt as Frontier recently began soliciting customers to join its network.

Frontier wants homeowners to replace copper landlines with its new fiber network in the Northwest Corner. Frontier offers Wi-Fi calling as an alternative to landlines; however, for many this service is insufficient when power outages or other natural disasters leave Wi-

Fi calling unusable, whereas landlines would work through outages.

Drew said, "They're old. This is the nation's original phone system. But they're kind of amazing because they work when the power is out."

Frontier's offer has been appealing to some due to the affordable pricing of Wi-fi calling. But others are hesitant to give up their landlines.

"It's true," said Drew, "It's less expensive if you do the fiber network for everybody, at least for right now. As the consumer, we have no way to know what we're going to be charged a year or two from now. The copper phone wire charges are regulated."

Drew also noted that the people that hold onto landlines tend to be seniors.

She said, "Sharon skews older. There's a lot of people here who want to keep their landline phones."

Drew said residents started complaining to Sharon Connect Task Force about Frontier's tactics. She emphasized that it was a fault of the company, not the actual workers on the line.

Sharon is not the only town experiencing issues with Frontier, as exemplified by recent filings in Connecticut. On July 11, PURA (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority) fined Frontier 2.5 million dollars for "lapses in quality services of standard."

## Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association awards \$10,000 scholarships

The board of directors at the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association awarded a \$10,000 per year scholarship to local students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare. This scholarship can be renewed for up to five years and supports the recipients' educational journeys in healthcare. This year's scholarship winners are, from left, Erin Daley, Kara Elizabeth Franks, Catherine Bushey, Zoe Gillette, Emma Colley, Myah Baird, Avery Narcissa Tripp, Brooke Neller, Finn Ashton Cousins, Micah Matsudaira



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# OBITUARIES

## Olivier Cecil Benjamin

LAKEVILLE — Olivier Cecil Benjamin, age 74 of Lakeville, passed away, peacefully, in the early morning hours of July 18 at Noble Horizons. His loving partner of many years, Patricia Walsh, was there beside him throughout the night.



He was born in Manhattan of French parents but moved, with his family, shortly thereafter, to Geneva, Switzerland, where his father worked for the United Nations. At age 15, he returned to the United States, to attend The Stockbridge School in Massachusetts from which he graduated in 1967.

All who knew Olivier knew him to be a hugely charismatic, extremely talented and extraordinarily creative person. All those traits were exhibited at Advertising Display Company in New Jersey and The Thompson Leeds Company in Manhattan where he was employed as a designer and model-maker.

Those of us privileged to be his friends might even have received a hand-carved trinket hewn from a discarded piece of wood — right up until the day he was first hospitalized with prostate cancer.

He is survived by his former wife, Robin; his beloved stepdaughter, Shannon, and two step-grandchildren; and by his youngest brother, Eric, his wife, Donatella, and their two children who still reside in Switzerland. Olivier was predeceased by his parents Lillian and Claude Benjamin and his younger brother Michel.

Olivier's family and friends are extremely grateful for the very kind and highly professional care he received from so many there in the Wagner Building at Noble Horizons.

Friends and family of Olivier's will gather to celebrate his life on Sept. 21. Memorial Donations should be sent to The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

LAKEVILLE — Emma Ruth Pollock was born in Ogdensburg, New York, on July 21, 1933. She was the oldest child of Wilbur Pollock and Evelyn Webster Pollock who later settled in Mannsville, New York. She was valedictorian of her high school class and met her husband, the Rev. Gerard B. Pollock during her freshman year at Houghton College in Houghton, New York. They were married Sept. 11, 1954. The couple raised their 4 children in the Methodist parsonages of the churches to which her husband was appointed. They spent the years from 1963-1984 at the Lakeville United Methodist Church in Lakeville.

Emma's family tree included 5 generations of Methodist clergy, and she was a gifted pianist and organist. She was the children's choir director for the time spent in Lakeville and became the full-time organist for the Pawling United Methodist Church during her ten years there. The couple retired to her hometown

of Mannsville, and she continued to be the organist for almost 30 years, for her home church, until Jan. of this year. She was the pianist at the Dempster Grove Camp Meeting in New Haven, New York for many 10-day summer camp meeting programs, where her family had been members of the association for 5 generations. Her husband "Gerry" passed away in 2013 and Emma continued to reside in Mannsville until this spring when her health issues brought her to Avon Health Care in Avon, Connecticut to be closer to her children.

In Lakeville, Emma volunteered her time to her children's Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops and in a classroom at Salisbury Central School. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School classes. As her children grew older, she worked in the special education department at the North Ca-

naan Elementary School. In nearby New York, she later substituted in music at the Webutuck Elementary School and taught at the Amenia Day Nursery. As a member of the Lakeville United Methodist Women's group, she helped with the luncheons served to the Salisbury Rotary Club, which met in the LUMC every Tuesday. Eventually, she took over the responsibility of leading this group. She both planned and cooked these meals every week for about 10 years, until her husband was appointed to Pawling UMC.

Emma is survived by one of her 4 siblings, the Reverend Wilbur "Bill" Pollock of Florida. Emma was predeceased by a baby brother Timothy, her brother John and his wife Carol of Mannsville, as well

as her sister Eleanor P. Harter, also of Mannsville. She is survived by her daughters Nancy P. Williams and her husband Dennis, of Millerton, Dr. Susan P. May of Farmington, Heidi Versland and her husband Dr. Mark Versland of Avon, as well as her son Christopher M. Pollock and his wife Christine of Hancock, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Dr. Christopher May. Emma had 8 grandsons and was predeceased by her grandson Dr. Andrew May. She has 10 great-grandchildren and recently received the good news of another baby to be born. Emma kept in touch with her many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, 2 p.m. at the Mannsville United Methodist Church, Mannsville, NY. Donations in her memory may be made to the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

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

## Leila Mae Shaw

SALISBURY — Leila Mae Shaw, 88, of 99 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, formerly of 30 Fowler St. Salisbury, went home to the Lord, Monday night Aug. 5, 2024, at the Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. She was the wife of the late Robert Henry Shaw who died in 2004.



Leila was born Oct. 12, 1935, in Opelika, Alabama, daughter of the late Jim P. and Lula Mae (Dowdell) Darby.

Leila worked for over 30 years in the molding department of Becton-Dickinson Company in Canaan as a machine operator. She was a proud member of the Eastern Star. Leila was a devoted member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church. She took great joy in helping her church family with any task. Her passion for helping others along with her strong sense of self, made Leila unique. She had a zest for life and laughter and was loved by all she met. Leila also enjoyed singing and had a passion for cooking.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta Green and her husband Rudy of Canaan; granddaughter Whitney Benson and her husband Curtis and their daughter Isla all of Torrington. Granddaughter Sherryll McCowan and her children, daughter Nijea and son Lenox, as well as grandson Spencer Belcher

and his wife Tamara and their two daughters, Morgan and Skylar of Long Island, New York. Leila is also survived by her step-grandson Josh Green and his wife Lynley and their two daughters. Her son Kevin Trotman and his wife Donna of Bristol, Connecticut and

their children. Leila is also survived by her four sisters; Ermatine Moses of Windsor, Connecticut, Cathrine Taylor of Long Island, New York, Martha Ann Dowdell of Opelika, Alabama, Evon Dowdell of Hampton, Virginia, and her sister Willie Ruth Dowell of Opelika, Alabama.

Leila was predeceased by her daughter, Sharon McCowan, and her step-daughter Barbara Belcher, in addition to many beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Aug. 17, 2024, at 12 p.m. in the Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St. Lakeville, CT 06039. Burial will follow in Salisbury Cemetery. Calling hours will be held at the church from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society PO Box 6704 Hagerstown, MD 21741. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

# OUR TOWNS

## Hedden steps down as longest active Cornwall board member

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency Chairman Stevenson Hedden has vacated his seat after about 40 years on the commission.

Reported to be the longest active serving member of any Cornwall board, Hedden chaired hundreds of meetings while in the role. Hedden's tenure was just a few years longer than current First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, who has served since 1991.

The agency requires a balance of party affiliation. As a registered Republican, Hedden's seat must be filled by a non-Democrat to maintain the ratio.

The agency appointed Ian Tyson, a lifelong Cornwallian who is registered as an unaffiliated voter, to fill the seat. Tyson works in the excavation business and has a dedicated interest in the outdoors, said Ridgway.

"Ian is young so perhaps he can bear Steve's record in the year 2064 or something," said Ridgway.

On Aug. 6, the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to approve Tyson's nomination as chairman of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency.

### South Road paving

South Road is in a state of disrepair and in need of repaving, particularly at a three-quarters mile stretch

of road near Hart Pond.

Cornwall received five bids from contractors that have worked with the town on previous projects. The bids ranged from \$178,023.30 to \$229,320. In the current town budget there is \$330,000 allocated to road repairs.

"We'd like to spend roughly half of that on paving," said Ridgway, who added that South Road is "probably one of the bumpier roads in town."

After discussion with Jim Vanicky of the Highway Department, the selectmen opted to go with the lowest bidder: S&S Asphalt Paving.

The work is expected to take about five days to complete, including preparation, and will likely begin in September. Seeley Road will be utilized to detour traffic while South Road is being paved.

### Soccer sign up

Intermural soccer will return to Cornwall this fall. Sign ups for children in grade K to 6 are eligible to register on [cornwallparkrec.org](http://cornwallparkrec.org).

Games will be played on Saturdays. Park and Recreation Chair Michelle Shipp said more coaches are needed.

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845-373-8264  
[info@congbethdavid.org](mailto:info@congbethdavid.org)

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860-435-9496  
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Students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School spent eight days in Iceland in July and are pictured above at the Godafoss waterfall and below on a whale watch excursion.

Student Travelogue

HVRHS travel club explores Iceland

By Madison Gulotta

As I stood below the Súlur mountains of Akureyri, I felt the cold breeze and appreciated how the fresh air smelled and felt in my lungs. Even in mid-summer, the high mountains were white-capped despite there being no snow on the ground. I could see why our tour director, Illugi, referred to the beautiful landscapes of Iceland as “God’s country.”

On my eight-day trip this July with 15 other students from the Housatonic Valley Regional High School International Travel Club, I learned that most of the land is untouchable as it is made up of geothermal hot spots such as volcanoes, mud pots and natural lagoons.

Every part of the country is beautiful in its own way. We swam in the bright blue Mývatn Natural Baths, hiked to the top of Grábrók Crater, stood where two tectonic plates meet at Þingvellir National Park, fished for cod (the fishing industry is still immensely important to the country’s economy) and learned about biodiversity and climate change from a University of Akureyri oceanographer.

We also experienced whale-watching on the north side of the country in the beautifully teal-colored Arctic ocean. There’s something about the moment of sitting on the boat, watching humpback and beluga whales flip around giving a show, that goes unmatched. It’s something everyone should be able to feel.

During relaxing hours, my friends and I did not relax – because why would you when there are quaint towns to explore and scooters to ride? We will always remember riding scooters down the streets of Akureyri in the midnight sun.

Every part of Iceland is unique and lovely. Anyone who gets the chance to step foot on their preserved land soon realizes how special the country is.

The HVRHS International Travel Club thanks Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders and the 21st Century Fund for supporting this trip. The annual fundraiser, the Wine Dinner and Auction, is at the White Hart in Salisbury on Friday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. and raises funds for the club’s 2025 trips to Italy/Germany and to Thailand. For more information, visit [winedinnerandauction.com](http://winedinnerandauction.com).



How to keep cities cool in face of global warming

Dear EarthTalk: Cities seem to be heating up fast more so than less urban areas. What can we do to keep them cool in the face of increasing global warming?

— Paul Smith  
Providence, R.I.

As global warming intensifies, cities worldwide are experiencing an accelerated rise in temperatures compared to less urban areas. This phenomenon, known as the urban heat island (UHI) effect, results from the concentration of buildings, roads and other infrastructure that absorb and re-emit heat more than natural landscapes. Addressing urban heat is crucial in the context of global warming to improve public health, reduce energy consumption and enhance the livability of urban environments.

One effective strategy is the implementation of green infrastructure. Urban green spaces, like parks and tree-

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lined streets, provide shade and cool the air through evapotranspiration, whereby heat is reduced as water evaporates from soil surfaces and transpires from plant leaves. Urban green spaces can significantly reduce the surrounding air temperature, offering a natural solution to urban heat.

White roofs can reflect up to 90 percent of sunlight, reducing heat absorbed by buildings.

Reflective and cool roofs are another strategy to mitigate urban heat. White roofs can reflect up to 90 percent of sunlight, significantly re-

ducing the amount of heat absorbed by buildings. Several cities have successfully implemented white roofs, demonstrating their effectiveness in lowering urban temperatures. Cool roofs, made from lighter colored materials, offer another viable solution. These can be constructed from various materials, including reflective coatings, tiles and membranes. Implementing cool roofs helps reduce urban heat and contributes to energy savings by lowering the need for air conditioning.

Urban design and planning also play a key role in managing urban heat. Cool pavements, which include reflective and permeable materials, can greatly reduce heat absorption versus asphalt and concrete. Cities like Los Angeles have started using cool pavements, showing promising results. Other technological innovations offer advanced solutions for urban cooling. Smart shad-

ing systems, which adjust automatically based on the sun’s position, and other innovative technologies, can enhance the effectiveness of traditional methods. Urban climate modeling is another valuable tool that helps urban planners make informed decisions in implementing different heat mitigation strategies.

Globally, many cities have successfully implemented measures to combat urban heat. Singapore’s green roof initiative and Melbourne’s urban forest strategy have had significant impacts on local temperatures. Urban planners, policymakers and communities must adopt multi-faceted approaches and policies to create cooler, more resilient urban environments and protect the health and well-being of city dwellers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking heed of two examples of self sacrifice

On July 13, bullets flew at former President Trump, now a candidate to be our next president. One bullet grazed his ear — drawing blood. It was just one of a number of bullets that flew at the political rally. Some of the bullets hit others in the crowd. One man was hit — and was killed. Two more people were hit — and were critically wounded.

To date, from the evidence available to the public, it

seems clear that former president Trump was the intended target of the assassin. The more specific motives remain unclear. With the attempted assassination of former president Trump and the resulting terrible violence inflicted on innocent bystanders, we have collectively experienced a sharp jagged tear in the socio-political fabric of trust we rely on to help guide our lives.

In those moments when

this single person caused such horror for those attendees that were directly injured or killed, as well as their loved ones and friends (also causing shock, anger, sadness and bewilderment for the rest of the country) — did anyone, in those moments, care whether any of the the people victimized were white or of color, straight or LGBTQ, pro-life or pro-choice, religiously affiliated or not - and the list goes on? I think not. We are an immensely diverse people with widely diverse political opinions. Yet, in times of need — we care for each other.

The secret service heroically made themselves into a pile of bodies around the ex-president — to protect his life. The man who was murdered by the shooter was heroically trying to use his body as a pile - to protect his family. The intent behind both actions — succeeded. Neither the ex-president or the murdered man’s family

were physically badly hurt.

We now have, before our eyes, two vastly different yet equal examples of total self-sacrifice. One came from a small number of people showing profound commitments to their professional duty to their country. The other came from one person showing profound love of his family. These superlatively selfless human actions live on in our individual and collective memories and imaginations. They can, if embraced and cherished as actions that solemnly speak of the best of human nature, be profoundly uplifting counters to the piles of poisonous hatred continuing to grow, fester and blight the politics in our vast diverse landscape. One can hope that all responsible politicians and voters take heed. For those that sacrificed themselves were the best of us. Two little piles of hope.

Michael Moschen  
Cornwall Bridge

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# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

### 100 years ago – August 1924

Mr. Charles E. Renshaw, who has been ill during the past winter and spring, has returned from a period of rest and recuperation in Scotland, and is now much improved.

The substation of the Connecticut Power Co. at Sharon was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock. The complete outfit of the company was totally destroyed. A temporary substation has been put into operation, and the juice was back on the wire by 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The large substation of the company at East Canaan was also burned out last Sunday night, but the lines were in operation by Monday morning. Lightning was the cause of the fire.

Abram Martin has an oak walking stick which he thinks very much of for its historical relations. In 1812 the American vessel Defiance was sunk in Lake Champlain to keep her out of the hands of the British, and it has remained at the bottom of the lake since that time. In 1910 one of Mr. Martin's friends who was foreman of a bridge building crew secured a large piece of one of the oak timbers which was brought up while a bridge was being built. From this timber was cut the walking stick and presented to Mr. Martin. The stick is of perfect grain as hard and undamaged as when it went under water nearly a hundred years ago.

If you don't attend the Men's Club Carnival on the Public Play Grounds August 30th you "ain't" well. "By heck" we'll all be there with bells on. "B'gosh" you miss it if you don't come.

STRAY CATTLE – Ten yearlings, three red and the rest black and white, one with bell on. Owner can have same by paying for this advertisement and care of cattle. E.L. Peabody, Lakeville, Conn.

The barbers are certainly pleased with the bobbed hair craze. Men are getting to be pretty small potatoes in the average barber shop. Next.

What has become of those gasoline buses that were going to be operated on the C.N.E.

Robert Feathers is wearing his right arm in splints owing to a broken bone in the wrist sustained while cranking a flivver last week.

### 50 years ago – August 1974

For the second time the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission Monday night rejected the application of the Farmington Development Group to build 52 condominium units adjacent to the old House of Herbs under the new cluster zoning regulations. The 3-2 vote came after promoters of the proposed Salisbury Glen Village project had endeavored to meet all the eight points listed by the Planning and Zoning Commission for its previous disapproval in May.

W. Rees Harris, a dedicated worker for the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service since its inception more than three years ago, will now have an opportunity to apply his expertise on the state level. Mr. Harris was appointed last Friday as chairman of a new state advisory committee on emergency medical care.

Five hundred names appeared on the White House "enemies" list that was compiled by former President Nixon's staff in 1972. Nineteen of those listed were from Connecticut, and three were from the Salisbury area. This week, The Lakeville Journal solicited comments from two of them on their opinion of Washington's new administration. John Briscoe, a former university professor and retired farmer now living in Lakeville, said that he "had predicted all along that the far right of the Republicans would demand he (Nixon) leave office. Richard Emerson is a former teacher who has come to Lakeville and concerned himself with literature, music, the arts, and foreign travel. He attributes his appearance on the "enemies" list to the fact that The New York Times printed a list of contributors to the 1972 presidential campaign of Sen. George McGovern. Sally Ellsworth, the third Salisbury resident who appeared on the "enemies" list, was on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

The Reynolds Aluminum Company was in Canaan last Friday to shoot a television commercial advocating the recycling of aluminum products. Several area persons were included in the production. The star of the commercial will be young Robby MacArthur of Milerton, who is shown riding from a farm into the village center carrying a bagful of aluminum cans. A mobile Reynolds recycling center is in the village. More local

persons are shown collecting the cans and loading them into the huge trailer.

The red caboose located at the front of the Canaan Union Depot will begin another phase of its history this weekend when it is opened as a shop specializing in antique dolls and toys. The new shop, Claire's Caboose, will be operated by Claire deManbey of Norfolk. Mrs. deManbey said she has collected old dolls for a decade, but that this is her first venture into business. Other items that will be sold include coins, cast iron and tin toys and a collection of pre-World War II comic books.

Siamese zucchini squash was discovered in the garden of Luann Hamel over the weekend. Mrs. Hamel said that it was the first such aberration she has seen.

A Sharon father of three is willing to give up one of his eyes if it will help him find someone to love and care for his children. Camille Careme, a stone mason contractor, is divorced and has had custody of his children for three years. In that time, he said, he has not been able to find anyone to live at his home and care for his children. He said he is not looking for a housekeeper. His plan is to do something nice for a blind girl by giving one of his eyes so that she will do something nice for him by caring for and loving his children. Mr. Careme admitted there was no guarantee that because a blind girl was given sight she would be good with his children. "It's a chance I have to take," he said.

The Planning and Zoning Commission Monday unanimously approved a zoning permit for Neoweld Corporation to construct a new plant off Route 7 in Cornwall Bridge. The new 46,000-square-foot plant will be built on approximately nine acres, two miles south of Cornwall Bridge and fronting on Route 7. The plan is to move the present manufacturing facilities, now located in three separate buildings, into the one location.

Construction has started on a new facility for Morgan Motors of Canaan. Owner Morgan Schafer said this week that he hopes to move his Ford dealership into a new building on the Ashley Falls Road by November.

### 25 years ago – August 1999

Marguerite "G" Gulotta, an oncology nurse and Canaan native, will participate in the 26.2-mile marathon in Dublin, Ireland, in October as a member of the Leukemia Society of America Team in Training. She has pledged to raise \$4,000 for the society's research for a cure for cancer.

Nancy Boyles of Lakeville was doing private duty nursing at Rose Haven retirement home in Litchfield when a fast-moving twister came through Saturday, loosening a transformer which fell on her Subaru Legacy parked outside, totaling it. Mrs. Boyles, luckily, was not inside, but she watched it happen.

Items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial

## Status Report

TORRINGTON — The annual Little Guild Canine Vaccine Clinic is back on Aug. 17 at Coe Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free and intended to keep furry friends healthy. Sign up at [littleguild.org](http://littleguild.org) to reserve an appointment.

The Canaan Fire Company will hold its Annual Golf Tournament at Fairview Farm Golf Course in Harwinton on Monday, Sept. 9. Tournament sponsors, raffle donors and teams looking to register to play can sign up by contacting Maribeth Marchi at (860) 601-3130 or email [canaan-fireco.1911@sbcglobal.net](mailto:canaan-fireco.1911@sbcglobal.net)

Remnants of Tropical Storm Debby moved through the Northwest Corner late last week. Downed trees forced road closures and power outages across the region. Residents in Sharon reported no electric for more than 12 hours Aug. 8 and 9, and Route 7 remained blocked on Friday.

NORTH CANAAN — A dog was spotted running through town Friday morning. His photo was shared on social media and the pup was quickly identified as Boots, a well-known roamer. He was promptly found by his owner and returned home safely.



PHOTO BY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

In front, Maria, Yaritza and Saul Vega with Nancy and Neil Humphreys.

## Our Home, Our Future

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

We all love inspiring stories. Here are two about some wonderful neighbors.

In 1979 Nancy and Neil Humphreys bought a beautiful, historic apartment building in Lakeville wanting to preserve it. Each apartment has a garage and is spacious with a marble fireplace from when it was an elegant home. Nancy says, "We never thought of it as a money maker. It was filled then with local hard-working people and we deliberately kept it that way. With the cost of oil and upkeep, we are probably losing money but it doesn't matter. We have become friends with the tenants and so haven't raised their rents in living memory." Their current tenants include a handyman, a local worker, a real estate agent, a property care person, a senior woman, and the Vega family.

While a few local families rent residences below market rates, I don't know of any who come close to the Humphreys' generosity. Why are they doing this? Nancy says, "We feel good about helping people and have a source of pride in the building."

The legacy of their desire to help people is wonderfully illustrated by the Vega family. Saul Vega immigrated from Mexico 30 years ago followed by his wife Maria 10 years later. They originally lived in a one-room apartment on a farm in Millbrook. Over the years both have become citizens and have worked unbelievably hard to provide a better life for their children.

Saul now has his own home improvement business with two employees. Maria continues to work as a housekeeper. During COVID their rental home became unavailable and a mutual friend reached out to the Humphreys to see if they might help. Fortunately a 3 bedroom, 3 bath apartment had just become available.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

**Yaritza graduated as valedictorian of the class of 2024 at HVRHS, was awarded the \$100,000 Margaret Derwin Scholarship through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and was accepted early decision by Middlebury College.**

Now, for an apartment that is nicer than their previous residence, the Vegas' rent is half of what they had been paying.

The Humphreys love seeing how the family has made friends with the other tenants who enjoy parties and social activities together. It's clear how much joy the whole situation brings them.

Their daughter Yaritza's story is just as inspiring. Thanks to a home in Lakeville she was able to attend Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She graduated as valedictorian of the class of 2024, was awarded the \$100,000 Margaret Derwin Scholarship through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and was accepted early decision by Middlebury College, one of the most highly regarded liberal arts colleges in the United States.

She credits her success to the support of her family and "every single teacher at Housatonic Valley". History teacher Peter Vermilyea says of Yaritza, "She has a quiet listening side, did well on tests, and did an outstanding art project. I've never seen anything like it... Holy cow this kid has talent! She has natural artistic ability, is a very good writer, and works and works and works at it, a trait I value. She has a role model in her parents who also work really hard. Every successful step she's taken has been earned."

We are lucky to have the Humphreys and Vega families as part of our community and can all rejoice in the bright future that lies ahead for Yaritza.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Food pantry thankful

Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who supported The Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry through their bake sale purchases at the Aug. 3 Sharon on the Green Crafts Fair! With your help, we earned more than double last year's totals — and those dollars are hugely welcome this year when higher food prices are challenging both the pantry and the people who continue to need help.

The sale was organized and run by both St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Amenia Union, where the pantry is located, and by Congregation Beth David of Amenia.

It has been a busy year at

the pantry, which provides nine meals' worth of groceries every Friday afternoon to anyone who comes to its doors. In the first half of the year, that totaled 90,549 meals, including 1,200 pounds of produce from the on-site garden. Such results are possible only with the help and collaboration of many individuals, churches, foundations and local organizations. We thank all who help us in such a variety of ways — and look forward to seeing those with a sweet tooth at the bake sale next year!

Anne M-S Vance  
Bake Sale Coordinator  
Sharon

## Realtor® at Large

As of August 17th, the real estate industry will be changing on how commissions for the buyer agents will be structured. Up to now, the buyer agent had been offered a certain amount of commission by the seller in the Multiple Listing Services, (MLS). As a result of a recent settlement with the National Association of Realtors, this will no longer be the case. The buyer agent will have to negotiate their commission rate with a buyer before they work together. So it will be a whole new world shortly. For more information, please visit [www.nar.realtor/magazine/real-estate-news/nar-practice-changes-to-take-effect-august-17](http://www.nar.realtor/magazine/real-estate-news/nar-practice-changes-to-take-effect-august-17)



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## Our Towns

# Discovering Berkshire Street Railway's history

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Historian Gary Leveille told the story of the Berkshire Street Railway, a trolley car network that served an area as far north as North Adams, Mas-

sachusetts and as far south as North Canaan, Connecticut at the South Canaan Meeting House Tuesday, Aug. 6. The talk was part of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's "First Tuesdays at 7" series.

Judy Jacobs introduced Leveille, saying they met in a roundabout manner when they were bidding against each other for vintage postcards on eBay.

Leveille said the trolley began operations in 1888 in Massachusetts with horse-drawn cars on routes between Adams and North Adams, and Pittsfield and Lee.

Eventually, "it grew to be the only trolley system in four states" (Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Vermont).

The trolley arrived in North Canaan in 1911. The ticket office was in the Canfield Hotel, now the site of the Walgreens drug store.

The trip between Great Barrington and North Canaan was a dime. A nickel bought a ride on a separate line between Great Barrington and South Egremont, where there was an axle factory.

"It's hard to believe now



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Historian Gary Leveille speaks at Canaan Meeting House on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

but South Egremont was an industrial center."

To build up ridership, the trolley company put up "points of interest" signs along the various routes.

The company also tried building an amusement park in Great Barrington. This venture failed, Leveille noted, "because the mosquitoes were so bad."

Now powered by electricity, the trolley offered more frequent trips between North Canaan and Great Barrington than the railroad, and in theory should have been successful.

Leveille offered several reasons why the trolley was finished in North Canaan by 1919 or so.

First was the rise of the automobile, which offered considerably more convenience to casual travelers.

The influenza epidemic of 1918-19 had a depressing effect on all aspects of life, including travel.

The electricity supply, generated by burning coal, was expensive and sometimes erratic, depending on the coal market.

Three or four unusually harsh winters in succession created track problems.

And a labor strike in 1918 disrupted operations.

"After 1919 it never came to Canaan."

## Green Bank cancels Sharon Center School solar project

By Sadie Leite

SHARON — In a news-letter to the community Aug. 6, First Selectmen Casey T. Flanagan addressed the termination of the Sharon Center School Solar Project. Green Bank ended the project, referencing unsuitable electrical infrastructure.

The electrical service to the school is rated for 1,200-amps. An increase

to 1,600-amp service would be required to utilize the solar array. When Green Bank learned of the added expense, the project was canceled.

At this time there are no realistic alternatives to pursue.

The letter ended, "The Town will keep investigating opportunities to incorporate renewable energy technology at our facilities."

# Motoriot applications approved by Kent commissions

By Sadie Leite

KENT — The Kent Sewer Commission held a special meeting on Aug. 7 to discuss Motoriot's Application for Discharge in accordance with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regulations.

The two founders of the company, Charles Narwold and Jason Doornick, were present at the meeting and clarified questions from the commission members. The questions were mostly related to proper waste management and potential environmental contamination. The role of the discharge application is

to ensure Motoriot's water and sewage does not harm the Kent Sewer Treatment Facility.

Chairman Elissa Potts said the Facility could identify problematic substances if they were present. She cited an incident at the Kent School in which the plant traced materials back to them.

Motor oil management poses a separate issue; Potts coined it as a "sticky wicket."

She also said, "[Motoriot hasn't] exactly been forthcoming unfortunately, and I know they want to get their business open and we all understand that, but you never

know."

After discussing details, a motion passed to approve the 21 Bridge Street application, pending state approval and a more detailed diagram of the building's plumbing.

Kent Planning and Zoning also discussed Motoriot at a meeting on Aug. 8.

Chairman Wes Wyrick said in addition to Sewer Commission approval, the Fire Marshal's letter stating the business will not impact the fire load of the building and the upgraded parking lot survey ensure the completion of Motoriot's site plan application for authorized dealer and repairer.

With those updates, Wyrick confirmed the application was complete, despite objections about the "neighborliness" of the applicants.

He said, "We are not here to judge personalities. We've got to go by regulations."

Narwold and Doornick were present at the meeting, responding to commission members' points addressing the long application process. The application was first addressed at an April 11 P&Z meeting.

Member Shelby Green agreed with Wyrick, "If they've complied with all the regulations for the site approval then the commis-

sion really has no choice but to approve it."

She noted the amount of businesses at the property is relevant, and tracking parking capacity is a lingering concern. She suggested the commission continue to follow up with Motoriot and the owner of the property, Guy Mauri, to monitor compliance.

Land Use Administrator Tai Kern said she had spoken with Mauri about other businesses on the site. On record, she listed Motoriot, PB Automotive LLC, Iron Horse Customs, landscaping storage, and two apartments approved by P&Z, one not

approved by the Fire Marshal.

Members noted the fact that Motoriot has been in operation for months without permits presents a paradox. Phrases like "cart before the horse" and "the snake eating its tail" were used to communicate setbacks.

P&Z worried about setting a precedent where the town knowingly allows a business to operate without permits.

Wyrick said, "I hope you can be a good neighbor. That's my personal comment."

After the discussion, P&Z voted to approved Motoriot's permit application.



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# Sports

## Entering the next chapter of Bearcat athletics

By Copey Rollins

LAKEVILLE — Team huddles at The Hotchkiss School often break with, “Big Blue’ on two. One, two, Big Blue!”

Entering his second year as athletic director this fall, Dempsey Quinn has spent the summer preparing for a “Big Blue” year two.

His first year was met with success in every season. In fall sports, Hotchkiss mountain biking went undefeated to win its league title and boys cross country won the Founders League. In winter, boys diving and boys and girls squash each won their Founders League tournaments. In spring, girls lacrosse won its third straight Founders League title and two golfers (one male and one female) took home first prize in the end-of-season tournaments.

The bar is high for Quinn’s second year as athletic director. In the off-season, two fifth-year basketball recruits were added to the boys varsity team: a 6’8” forward from Brooklyn and a 6’6” guard from Seattle. Additionally, Hotchkiss athletics was represented at the 2024 World Junior Squash Championships by rising senior Oscar Okonkwo.

“It was a big, big learning experience,” said Quinn about his first year in the new job. “A lot of revamping the



PHOTO BY COPEY ROLLINS

Dempsey Quinn took over as athletic director at The Hotchkiss School in 2023 and set the bar high for year two.

department and taking a look at what the vision is.”

The son of a coach, Quinn, has been playing sports his whole life. “My earliest memories as a three-year-old were running up and down the sidelines with my father’s high school football team,” he remembered. Quinn attended Avon Old Farms, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He went on to play Division 1 football at Cornell University.

Immediately after graduating, Quinn went straight into the world of school

sports with a job at the Berkshire School, where he worked for four years before deciding to go to Brown University to coach football. At Brown, Quinn got to see a different side of coaching and got a deeper look into the college recruiting process.

But he wasn’t able to stay away from high school sports for long. After a brief stint at the Kent School, he joined the Hotchkiss community in 2020. It was a difficult time, right at the start of Covid. “We were doing remote classes and meals were being

delivered,” he recalled. After a second year at Hotchkiss working as a math teacher, football coach, and girls JV basketball coach, Quinn realized that he wanted to try a more administrative role in order to have greater impact on the inner workings of the school and a deeper connection to students.

He became class dean for the seniors of 2024. “That was the most rewarding,” he said. “You learn a lot about how a school is run.” And then, just two years later, the job of athletic director opened up. “Athletics had always been my passion, and I felt it was the area that I had the most impact both on policy and students,” he explained. Quinn decided to go for the

position.

In his first year Quinn’s main focus was fixing issues with staffing. Along with that, he developed a new program for coaches, making sure they are supported and developed with the help of student feedback. “The first year is just laying the groundwork,” he said. With that came a key new hire.

“We have recently hired a director of athletic performance,” Quinn noted proudly. Seth Deters, a strength and conditioning coach from Virginia Tech, has joined Quinn’s team. “He has very high-level Division 1 experience and he will have an impact on every program,” Quinn says.

Hotchkiss has sent many

players to Division 1 colleges for a multitude of sports. Quinn believes it’s important that Hotchkiss “continues to improve how they present student athletes to the outside audience,” and that it is also imperative that an athlete’s parents and coaches have as much information as possible about the recruiting process.

A goal of Quinn in year two is to welcome the local community to Hotchkiss. The athletic program does things such as host open swims, let nearby schools use facilities, and host camps. “It’s giving back and paying it forward,” Quinn said.

Quinn hopes that more locals will come watch Hotchkiss athletic events, too, from football under the lights to soccer played on gorgeous fall afternoons. “If you are looking for something to do, bring your kids over!” said Quinn, who noted that Hotchkiss is hosting the New England Championship for swimming and cross country along with the Founders League Championship for track and field in the coming school year.

Looking ahead to the next few years, Quinn wants to, “Continue to be available and approachable for students and faculty alike.” Most of all, he wants the Hotchkiss Athletics Department to be supportive of the students who study at the school and the community at large. “I want people to leave thinking that that is an operation that does things well and treats us with respect.”



PHOTO BY GAVIN MARR

Author Jason Calabrese shares insights from “Boost Your Basketball I.Q.”

## Embracing ‘the grind’

By Gavin Marr

Author Jason Calabrese shared his journey of writing “Boost Your Basketball I.Q.” with an intimate audience at the Kent Memorial Library on Thursday, Aug. 8.

In an era when young players are often captivated by flashy individual plays, like dribbling or shooting, Calabrese emphasizes the importance of mastering the fundamentals. Through his writing and coaching, Calabrese aims to instill in young athletes a mindset that embraces “the grind.” He believes that the dedication required in sports can be easily applied to real life.

Calabrese’s unique perspective as a player, coach, and parent allows him to address the needs of athletes, coaches, and families alike.

“One of the things I think that I do that brings up a unique perspective is I am not only a former basketball coach, and I’m a former player, I am also a parent of kids who play basketball. So I can come at it from three different perspectives,” Calabrese stated.

Calabrese emphasized the importance of fostering a relationship between parent, child, and coach that pro-

duces accountability on and off the court. He alluded to a common tension between parents and coaches, where parents become displeased with the amount of playing time their child may be getting.

He puts forth the notion

that these conflicts can be resolved with a conversation surrounding the child’s discipline habits. With this in mind, parents can move forward with a plan that encourages hard work and doesn’t discourage them from playing the sport.

## Bringing home Parisian bling

By Riley Klein

Several Olympians from the State of Connecticut brought home some new hardware from Paris this summer.

Alexis Holmes of Hamden won gold as the anchor of the women’s 4x400-meter relay on Saturday, Aug. 10. Team USA dominated the competition with a national record time of 3:15.27, four seconds ahead of silver medalist Netherlands.

Liam Corrigan of Old Lyme took gold in men’s four rowing finals, marking the United States’ first gold in the event since

1960. Team USA beat out New Zealand and reigning world champ Great Britain for the win on Aug. 1.

Kieran Smith of Ridgefield earned silver with the men’s 4x200-meter freestyle swim relay. Great Britain won gold in the event Aug. 1 and Australia took bronze.

Yale University saw two alumni medal in the games with Sholto Carnegie winning gold in men’s eight rowing and Ian Barrows taking bronze in men’s skiff sailing. Quinnipiac University alum Ilona Maher rose to fame after women’s rugby earned bronze in Paris.

## Special Olympics Swimathon at Hotchkiss

SALISBURY — The Hotchkiss School of Lakeville will hold its annual Swimathon to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut and Special Olympics Slovakia on Saturday, Sept. 7.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the event. In honor of the milestone anniversary, guests at the swimathon will include coaches

and athletes from Special Olympics Slovakia.

The swim will take place at 3 p.m. and, to celebrate 30 years, a barbecue and party will follow, from 4:15 to 6 p.m.

Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer on the swimmers and welcome friends from Special Olympics Slovakia and all

are invited to attend the post-swim celebration and barbecue.

To find out more, RSVP for the barbecue or donate to support the swimmers, visit [give.soct.org/swimathon](http://give.soct.org/swimathon), email [kmooon@hotchkiss.org](mailto:kmooon@hotchkiss.org) or call 860-480-2618. The fundraising goal for this year’s event is \$30,000 for 30 years.

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## HYDRILLA

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since 2016, and continues to do so today, as scientists and environmentalists work furiously to find a way to manage and eradicate the aggressive weed from the state's waterways.

In response to the growing threat, the state environmentalists plan to spend the next several months, the peak hydrilla growth period, surveying 94 state-owned boat launches throughout Connecticut in search of hydrilla, according to Jeremiah Foley, assistant scientist and biological control specialist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station/Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (CAES/OAIS).

Foley, who has paid numerous visits to East Twin, was the guest lecturer at the Aug. 3 annual meeting of the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) at Camp Isola Bella. His presentation focused on the status of hydrilla in Connecticut and specifically on Twin Lakes.

He noted that a novel strain of hydrilla, first found in 2016, infests the Connecticut River from Agawam, Mass., to near Long Island Sound.

"In 2023, molecular identification confirmed the plant was also in six Connecticut lakes and ponds, and in four of the lakes, the hydrilla was found in close proximity to public boat launches. This suggests the plant may be introduced by launch activities particularly by boats entering the lakes that had previously been in the Connecticut River," Foley explained.

The state scientist said early detection and rapid response protocols would be enhanced if hydrilla surveys of areas near boat ramps were performed to quantify how common the Connecticut River variant of hydrilla is found near boat launches, and if so, "provide guidance to help boaters prevent introduction, and prioritize management decisions."

The boat launch survey project, he said, will include all 94 state-owned boat launches, including launches located at lakes and ponds. Seventy-five of the sites accommodate trailers and 20 are only for car top/carry in, he explained.

**East Twin was first lake in state to find hydrilla**

"We have now found the Connecticut River hydrilla in several locations," explained Foley, who, before joining the OAIS, worked on invasive species control and eradication, including hydrilla, in Florida, where his bread and butter, he said, was biological control.

"You guys were the first to get it, or the first to find it. This year alone, we found it at four more sites. I can't even keep my data updated fast enough. We are in the middle of a fight right now with hydrilla, and each punch definitely hurts a little more."

During the nearly two-hour meeting, Foley, TLA officials and Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand fielded concerns and questions from those in attendance, many of whom live or own property on the Twin Lakes. They discussed the importance of halting the spread and eventually eradicating hydrilla through aggressive monitoring and lake management.

TLA president Grant Bogle opened the meeting by

noting that it was no surprise that the 2024 survey revealed hydrilla has spread at East Twin. "We should be expecting this for a few years until we get control of the situation," he noted.

Hydrilla, which is among the most aggressive invasive aquatic species, able to grow in water up to 30 feet deep and double in biomass every two weeks, has taken root in three new locations along East Twin's eastern shore, at the north bed and has formed deep mats around the boat launch.

"If you go down to the marina, look to the right and look to the left, it's hydrilla. It's everywhere down there. That's ground zero," said Bogle.

On a positive note, the TLA president explained that the state is allowing the expanded use of the herbicide Sonar, widely regarded as one of the most effective treatments, around O'Hara's Landing Marina and further into the north cove, where the plant is rapidly growing.

The treatment area around the marina will expand to include 17 acres, according to Russ Conklin, vice president of lake management for the TLA. Treatments were expected to start Aug. 7.

**Coventry Lake: a model of success**

Looking ahead to next year, TLA officials said they plan to start sonar treatment earlier in the season and for the entire growing period,

**"We are in the middle of a fight right now with hydrilla, and each punch definitely hurts a little more."**

*Jeremiah Foley, Assistant Scientist and Biological Control Specialist, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station/Office of Aquatic Invasive Species*

and treatment will cover the entire littoral zone of East Twin, rather than spot-treatment, a strategy that was met with success at Coventry Lake, in Tolland County, where hydrilla was discovered in 2015.

East Twin officials are looking to Coventry Lake's success in eradicating hydrilla after a seven-year effort as a case study for East Twin, even though that lake's strain of hydrilla is slightly different than the Connecticut River variant.

"There is a lot of ignorance surrounding the use of herbicides...that you can put the product in the water and see it go downstream. That's not the case. You can be selective," Foley explained.

**'Everyone is scared to death about expenses'**

As hydrilla grows, lake management costs soar, too. Bogle said the TLA expects to spend \$300,000 battling hydrilla this year, and \$350,000 in 2025.

"Maintaining Twin Lakes for future generations," he said, "requires us to commit to sustained investments of upwards of \$350,000 per year." For the 2025 season, Bogle said the TLA needs to raise upwards of \$225,000 per year. The bulk of responsibility for funding lake management will fall to the TLA membership, he noted, as annual membership dues account for less than 10 percent of the budget.

"Everyone is scared to death about these expenses. And here is the unfortunate news," said Bogle. "It doesn't go down next year or the year after that."

The town of Salisbury is poised to contribute \$100,000 for lake management in 2025 which includes the cost of launch monitors at the marina, he said, and the TLA will continue to explore other funding sources, including grants through DEEP.

## STREET FAIR

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da Lucas of Lakeville as her mother looked on.

A couple of earlier face-painting clients shyly eyed the table of brownies and cookies next to the Journal tent, edging ever closer, until they were informed that it was indeed acceptable to help themselves. They did.

Shoppers wasted no time investigating Honeychurch Homes' tent sale. A straw hat was an early favorite. Elyse Harney Morris tried one on for about 15 seconds and then said, "Sold."

Mark Alexander's Mortal Beasts and Deities stilt walking group dominated the upper atmosphere, especially Abigail Elwood Veiovis of Pittsfield, who was maneuvering on what Alexander said were 12-foot stilts.

She corrected him, "Elevated feet eight inches."

Veiovis made her way carefully along Academy Street to the Academy Building.

The Salisbury Association's Lou Bucceri couldn't resist asking if she'd mind changing a light bulb while she was up there.

Curious how Veiovis was going to get off the extra tall stilts, a reporter followed her back to base, where she sat on a plank between two ladders.

She said she trained in Venezuela, where the stilt walkers got on and off without such aids. They used much shorter stilts, however.

Music was provided by Danny Tieger and Northwest Passage.

There was a lobster truck and a crepe truck and hot dogs and hamburgers and a lot of laughter as the afternoon progressed.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

**Stiltwalkers from Mortal Beasts & Deities promenaded along Academy Street; Amanda Lucas of Lakeville had her face painted; Northwest Passage played at The Lakeville Journal/Millerton News Street Fair.**



## VOTING

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the Presidential preference primary. The polls were open again the week of Aug. 5 through 11 for early voting ahead of the Connecticut District Primaries on Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Though early voting allows voters more time to cast their ballot, it also increases the time town registrars are in office and strains town budgets. After polling registrars throughout the region, the consensus seemed to be the same: the amount of time allotted is disproportionate to the number of voters.

When a Lakeville Journal reporter entered the voting room at Sharon Town Hall, the registrars were ecstatic at the possibility that a voter might be coming in. "It's been slow for us, we've only had three people so far," Republican Registrar Barbara Coords said on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

"The shifts are either eight or 12 hours, and three officials must be present – a Democrat and Republican representative and a moderator," explained Marel Rogers, the Democratic registrar in Sharon. By Thursday, the number of early voters grew to a total of seven.

In Cornwall, the rate of early voters was even slower. On Wednesday, Aug. 7, Town Hall saw its first voter and on Thursday, Aug. 8, a second came in. Jayne Ridgway, the Democrat registrar, reflected, "We've finished more puzzles than the number of voters that have come in." Ginni Block, the moderator in Cornwall, added, "The extra time is helpful, but being open just to have two votes in four days seems like not the best use of state money."

The "state money" that Block referenced is the Election Grant of \$10,500 each town was given for early voting. In practice, the granted amount is not enough to cover the wages of election workers and the cost of supplies. Ridgway recounted, "It got us through April and to now, but for the November election we've had to increase the budget by 47%."

This increase in budget is

not just an issue Cornwall is facing. Joe Cleaveland, the accountant in Salisbury stated, "The budget for wages went from \$32,000 to \$62,000 this year." He suggested one solution to this doubling in budget money would be to cut down on the hours of registrars, in turn reducing the number of early voting days.

Registrars were receptive to this idea, emphasizing the small number of voters in each town. In Falls Village, Republican Registrar Susan Kelsey pointed out, "We've had six voters out of the 129 registered Republicans in the town."

While Kent had the highest turnout rate by midweek – nine voters across three days – the registrars there also backed the idea of cutting down the number of early voting days.

In an effort to keep themselves busy, registrars across the state are in communication. "We have a Facebook page for the state registrars," Kelsey said. "The general consensus is that the amount of early voting days offered should be based on city population." This would mean smaller towns, like those of the Northwest Corner, would hold a few days or a weekend of early voting while larger cities would be open for the entire week.

The August primary offered some early voting practice for town halls, but staffers remain worried about November. It is not the bigger election they are worried about, it's the 14 days of early voting that is required.

Cornwall, which in 2022 had about 1,150 active voters, is expecting "to get some" early votes cast in November, "but those some will be spread out across the days," said Ridgway.

The consensus is that early voting is a thoughtful principle for those who are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day. But at the moment, the benefits are running a hard race against the downsides.

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## BURR

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for Burr, who has two kids aged 11 and seven. "My kids love to help me," said Burr. "I have a feeling my daughter, if not both of my kids, will become officers." When there space is tight in the kennel or the babies are too fragile, Burr opens up her home.

"I'm on all of the time," she emphasized. Whether she is bottle feeding kittens or responding to a lost dog at midnight, the work day never quite ends. To keep her going, she has an animal loving community behind her.

Similar to Lee Sohl, the ACO for Cornwall, Kent, Salisbury and Sharon, Burr relies heavily on social media. Facebook in particular aids in the speedy spotting and returning of animals. "Sometimes I have dogs found and in my care before the owner even knows it is missing" stated Burr. The platform not only allows owners to recognize their pet's image, but extends to family and neighbors as well.

Though the majority of her work is with cats and dogs, Burr has received calls for wildlife ranging from

baby skunks and racoons to fawns and owls. In addition to wildlife, she gets calls for roaming livestock. "One time I chased piglets down the road," recounted Burr. "That was funny."

Aside from the usual calls of roaming or injured animals, Burr has had to deal with the extreme. In February of 2023, Burr was called in for a hoarding case in Falls Village. Inside the home were over 60 cats. After two months of assessing and treating, almost all of them were rehomed.

Burr recently gained national attention in May after saving Rippy, a mutt who had fallen about 50 feet down a quarry in North Canaan. After at least 24 hours of being stuck, a team of volunteer responders rappelled down and pulled him up for a safe return home.

When big challenges arise in the job, Burr focuses on the positives, which for her include the returning and rehoming process. She stated, "It feels good to know you are doing the best you can for the animal."

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LIFESTYLE: SAVA MARINKOVIC

## Cornwall Days highlights creativity, culture and community

From Aug. 9 to 11, residents and visitors of “Connecticut’s Greenest Town” gathered to celebrate Cornwall Days — a weekend-long festival dedicated to “Cornwall and all its eccentricities.”

The townwide occasion, staged at a scatter of Cornwall institutions and green spaces across the town’s wooded sprawl, featured live music, theater, film, art, food, shopping, and more.

Spanning all three days and providing the weekend’s structural and cultural backbone was the enduring Rose Algrant Art Show, now in its 65th year and hosted at the Cornwall Consolidated School.

Born in Constantinople (present-day Istanbul), Algrant emigrated to New York in 1940, shortly afterwards settling in Cornwall and fomenting a local artistic scene of writers, painters, illustrators, and printmakers.

“Rose was quite the character,” said exhibit organizer and artist Ellen Moon. “She was



PHOTOS BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Above, Cornwall Park and Recreation volunteers serve locally sourced meals at Taste of Cornwall. Top right, Grain Thief plays the Village Green, Aug. 10. Below, the Rose Algrant Show filled Cornwall Consolidated School with art all weekend.

small, but fierce,” — a fitting patron for the tiny but energetic town of Cornwall, which produced 51 artists for the show out of a population of less than 2,000.

“This year, we have even greater variety than usual,” continued Moon. Paneled display boards hung paintings, drawings, and photographs

from around the Northwest Corner, rendered in a slew of styles and media, forming a thematic throughline that bound together many of the works. Also on display were sculptures, ceramics, furniture, puppets, shoes and jewelry creating an eclectic array of forms and disciplines very much in the spirit of Algrant’s ecumenical vision.

As the art show continued to draw out, other events around town were getting underway.

Although Friday’s family movie night, to have screened Disney-Pixar’s Toy Story outdoors at the Trinity Retreat Center, was postponed to Thursday, Aug. 15 due to inclement weather, live music continued at The Union in West Cornwall. As wind and rain rattled shops and residences in the neighborhood of Corn-



wall’s iconic covered bridge, patrons cozied up to weather the storm with guitarist Ava McCoy and pianist Maddie Rubin.

On Saturday, skies opened and cleared the way for a Taste of Cornwall on the Village Green, which Parks and Recreation Chair Michelle Shipp called

a “highlight of the best things Cornwall has to offer.”


The main event, a farm-to-table tasting buffet, sourced ingredients from local growers, ranches, and dairies. Upon being outfitted with a glittering purple bracelet and handed an introductory slice of bruschetta, tasters were

free to meander between colorfully-tented tasting tables at their leisure—so long as they followed the injunction to wait for seconds until after time was called.

And seconds certainly tempted from among the local fare: saucy ground beef tacos with meat and vegetables from Birdseye and Tanner Brooks Farm, Coltsfoot Farm, and Ridgway Farm; hot, sweet pigs in a blanket from Maple Hill Farm; macaroni gooeey with cheese made from Calf & Clover Farm dairy; sweet and sour meatballs assembled with meat, jelly, eggs, and produce from Hurlburt Farm & Forestry, Coltsfoot, and Ridgway; and various salads courtesy of the aforementioned, as well as Buck Mountain Herbs.


Between tastings (or perhaps to wait out the service lines that began to curl across the green), visitors enjoyed placing bets in the quintessentially country cow chip raffle, playing lawn games, and browsing local vendors from among the event’s 36 sponsors—all Cornwall businesses. Drifting over the festivities was music performed by Americana string band Grain Thief, whose repertoire includes bluegrass, fiddle tunes, and old-timey interpretations of country classics. Redoubling the fair’s rustic ambiance, a small contingent of line dancers formed, broke, and reformed as tunes coursed from lively to somber and back again.

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HISTORY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# The Dreyfus Affair at Congregation Beth David

On the evening of July 30, Congregation Beth David in Amenia became the epicenter of a deep dive into one of history's most profound and politically charged scandals. Maurice Samuels, a distinguished professor at Yale University and the director of its Program for the Study of Antisemitism, captivated a full house with his insights on the Dreyfus Affair, drawn from his latest book, "Alfred Dreyfus: The Man at the Center of the Affair." The event, skillfully moderated by culture writer Laura van Straaten, opened a deep and complicated discussion into how historical events like the Dreyfus Affair continue to offer valuable lessons, illumi-

nating the challenges and stakes of our own times. After a brief welcome by Rabbi Jon Haddon, spiritual director of Congregation Beth David, the event opened with an introduction by Ilene Smith, editorial director of the Jewish Lives biography series and a member of the congregation. Smith described the series of biographies, for which Samuels was commissioned, as a "remarkable opportunity to curate deep and interesting biographies about influential figures with a real legacy." There are now 70 books in the collection all of which "ask the question: What does it mean to be Jewish?" Smith explained. Samuels and Van



PHOTO BY GREGG OSOFSKY

Maurice Samuels speaks at Congregation Beth David, July 30.

Straaten met in Kindergarten in Chicago and have been lifelong friends, so the conversation flowed easily and seamlessly throughout the evening. To provide context, Samuels began with a succinct summary of the Dreyfus Affair.

In 1894, Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish officer in the French army, was falsely accused of spying for Germany. With scant evidence, Dreyfus was publicly humiliated, stripped of his rank in a degrading ceremony, and exiled to the brutal penal colony of Devil's Island. For five years, he endured inhumane conditions, while back in France, his family, particularly his wife, Lucie, fought tirelessly to prove his innocence. The affair divided France into Dreyfusards (supporters of Dreyfus) and anti-Dreyfusards, leading to widespread riots and political turmoil. Dreyfus was eventually exonerated in 1906 and restored to his military rank.

Samuels highlighted the complex socio-polit-

ical landscape of France during the Dreyfus Affair, noting that despite France being the first European country to grant Jews full civil rights during the French Revolution, antisemitism was rampant by the late 19th century. Dreyfus, a patriotic and wealthy officer, became a scapegoat amid rising antisemitic sentiments. "Half of France committed to believing a lie," said Samuels. "Even after it was proven that Dreyfus was innocent, people still opposed justice for Dreyfus." He went on to explain that "France is a paradox in some ways, a kind of conundrum for scholars of antisemitism because it was the country where Jews had achieved the most, where Jews were the most integrated in the world by the 1890s." But Jews, Samuels explained, were associated with all the changes brought on by modernity, "And by modernity, I mean, the rise of modern industrial capitalism, liberal democracy, and then all the social changes that go along with that. The people left behind by these changes became antisemitic."

Also deeply examined was the significant role

played by intellectuals like Emile Zola whose famous open letter "J'Accuse" accused the French military of a cover-up during the Dreyfus affair, igniting public outrage and prompting a re-examination of the case. In fact, said Samuels, "people say that the modern use of the term intellectual to designate someone who has a cultural position but who takes a stand on political issues, dates to the Dreyfus affair. The most famous one we can talk about is Emile Zola, the novelist. But many writers were anti-Dreyfusard including Jules Verne, for example, the science fiction writer." The case also caused a divide amongst Impressionist painters with Monet and Pissaro, who was Jewish, being pro-Dreyfus and others such as Degas, Renoir, Rodin and Cezanne who were anti-Dreyfus. This polarization also filtered into the media landscape of the time, which Van Straaten noted bears striking similarities to today's media environment. "I found myself thinking about how divided our country is culturally and socially again and again," said

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## ...Cornwall Days

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater performed at The Wish House Lawn on Sunday, Aug. 11, to a receptive audience.

Come Sunday, the weekend concluded with rounds of live music and family theater. Up first, the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater performed a colorful adaptation of West African folktale Anansi, the Trickster Spider at the Wish House in West Cornwall.

Calling on the tale's African roots, Director Leslie Elias welcomed the crowd with a hearty Swahili "jambo, to this village and our global village!" Invited to "sing nice and loud and enjoy the show" by performer Daniel Saed, audience members roared, signed, buzzed, and mimed their way through the whim-

sical fable of a conniving spider-turned-folk hero. After the show, Arieh and the Lions animated the Wish House lawn with their danceable pop and rock covers before DIY indie outfit Ruby Leftstep took the stage at Cornwall Market to close out the evening, the sun finally setting on Cornwall Days.



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# COMPASS

## Tarantula rain calls for Tenkara rods

We are in unequivocal bass mode at the moment, although the recent tarantula rain has brought up the flow of the little blue lines to the extent it might be worth a go.

What is tarantula rain, you ask?

Years ago, the check-out clerk at the old Grand Union in Miller-ton was performing a soliloquy while ringing up purchases. There was no other employee so all of us in line had no choice but to listen.

The gist was the clerk had attended some kind of motor sports event and a thunderstorm blew up suddenly, forcing a stampede. The woman was indignant that the management had not foreseen this and provided cover for the spectators to get out of what she called "the tarantula rain."

I am 99% sure this was a malaprop and she meant "torrential." But I retain a nagging suspicion that she was describing a supernatural spider event.

Skipping lightly over this incident of yore, the first couple of spins around the warm water lake where I am spend-



Enough theory, time to get wet. Anglers took a shot at smallmouth bass in the Housatonic River during a Trout Unlimited event Saturday, Aug. 3



**TANGLED LINES**  
PATRICK SULLIVAN

ing August yielded a pickerel, a couple of juvenile smallies, some juvenile largemouth, and one Mongo-type lunker.

I am pleased to say that the lunker was landed using a Tenkara rod, which means no reel and

a great deal of uncertainty.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Northwest Connecticut and Naugatuck-Pomperaug Trout Unlimited chapters, plus the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Association, held a "Burgers and Bass" event at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

It was hard to get a head count as people kept drifting off to wet a

line, but I'd say about 25 anglers turned up.

Jerry Jahn and Peter Chuang were on hand to teach us about casting two-handed rods. This was simultaneously enlightening and bewildering.

The enlightenment



Tom Carter practiced his two-handed casting at the Trout Unlimited picnic Saturday, Aug. 3.

came from actually seeing it done, and realizing it's not as difficult as one might imagine (or fear).

The bewilderment came when Jahn, in response to a simple question about the material used to link one piece of fly line to another, gave this reporter the fishing data equivalent of tarantula rain.

After a solid half hour of Knowledge I slithered away and ran a few streamers and poppers through the choppy water upstream

of where the picnic was held. A couple of dinker smallmouth were willing to play a little, but it was one of those overcast, baking summer days when I can just feel the harmful UV rays bypassing the sunscreen and going to work on my cells.

So I cheesed it and headed back up to the bass lake, where everyone was settling in for another bout of thunderstorms, with a 1% chance of furry arachnids.

## ...Dreyfus

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Van Straaten "and how one of the most fascinating arguments that you make is about the way in which the trials, the imprisonment, and the fight, the affair itself, which endured 12 years, 130 years ago, became and remains a dog whistle, a cultural moment like today in terms of our divisions."

Samuels added, "I think that you could argue that the Dreyfus affair was a battle in a kind of ongoing war between left and right which is still playing out."

Samuels also took care to emphasize Dreyfus's resilience and heroism and the ways in which he emerges as the true hero of his own sto-

ry. Surviving the harsh conditions of Devil's Island required immense personal fortitude. Dreyfus's determination to clear his name, despite being unjustly convicted twice, played a crucial role in eventually bringing the truth to light.

Before opening to questions from the audience, the conversation shifted to the complex process of national healing after deep political divisions with an emphasis on the resilience required to confront and heal from deep-seated injustice. Samuels, reflecting on France post-Dreyfus, emphasized the ongoing struggle to reconcile differing visions of society and

how historical events like the Dreyfus Affair offer crucial insights into the modern parallels and challenges we face today. The evening wasn't just a history lesson; it was a mirror reflecting many of our current societal fractures, leaving the audience pondering the enduring relevance of the Dreyfus Affair, the vital lessons it holds for our times and, indeed, what it means to be Jewish.

Last week's Word of the Week.

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### Word of the Week

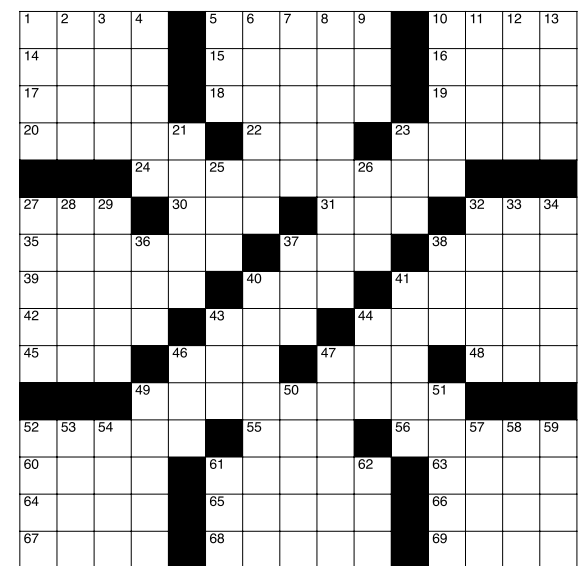
Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the Word of the Week.


1. Tightened, rigid muscle.
2. Flower, rhymes with POTUS.
3. Main stem of a plant.
4. Motionless.
5. Street Fair \_\_\_\_ walkers.

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian city — Bator
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part



10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. \_\_\_ fide: legit
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. CNN's founder

### August 1 Solution

F	M	C	P	S	I	T	E	O
L	A	O	A	B	N	A	N	A
S	T	I	L	L	R	A	D	C
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P	E	S	E	T	A	S	C	O
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### Sudoku

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		9			3	4		
3			4				6	
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### August 1 Solution

8	5	4	9	7	1	2	6	3
9	6	2	4	3	8	7	1	5
3	7	1	2	6	5	9	8	4
4	2	8	7	5	6	1	3	9
5	3	7	8	1	9	4	2	6
6	1	9	3	2	4	8	5	7
2	4	3	6	8	7	5	9	1
7	8	5	1	9	3	6	4	2
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### AUGUST 15

#### Business after Hours Networking Event

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m., as the Scoville Library hosts the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, an informal networking event for area businesses.

Meet up, make connections, eat, drink, talk, and enjoy a cool indoor evening with music by Dave Paton and his bluegrass/folk band, Bog Hollow. Please register by sending an email to scovilleadultprograms@biblio.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12631993

### AUGUST 16

#### Book Group Discussion

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Karen Vrotsos on Friday, Aug. 16, 4 to 5 p.m., for a discussion of *Offshore*, by Penelope Fitzgerald, a wryly funny, luminous novel set among houseboat dwellers on London's Thames River in the 1960s. A limited number of copies are available for loan at the library. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12577049

#### Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Aug. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Galway Kinnell's poetry collection *Mortal Acts, Mortal Words*. No poetry training is needed – just read the poems and be ready to discuss. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12343568

### AUGUST 17

#### Wildlife Outside Our Windows & Salisbury Band

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 17, 3 to 5:30 p.m., as our 8-week-long summer reading program ends with a grand finale! We'll start with a Wildlife Outside Our Windows biodiversity tour by the White Memorial Conservation Center. You'll learn about our area's marvelous mammals, resplendent reptiles, and beautiful birds and meet critters up close. Then stay for ice cream, a Salisbury Band performance, and awards for all who have finished their summer reading.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12559120

#### Music with Josh Driver

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Join a family jam session with musician Josh Driver (aka Mr. Josh) at Cornwall Library on Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Move, groove, and roll with the beat for a kid-focused 45-minute musical enrichment. All ages welcome. Feel free to bring your own instrument.

#### Film Screening

Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass. thetriplex.org

Triplex Cinema will host a special screening on Saturday, Aug. 17, of "Dory Previn: On My Way to Where," which celebrates the life of the late Berkshires singer/songwriter, followed by a talkback with co-director Julia Greenberg, and animator Emily Hubley. The film, which recently premiered at the SXSW Film and TV Festival, uses vibrant archival footage together with artful animation to illustrate the complicated and creative life and work of Dory Previn. Tickets are available at the Triplex website.

### AUGUST 21

#### Open Studio: Drawing & Watercolor

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, to practice techniques in pencil and watercolor sketching in the collegial calm of our open studio. We'll provide exercises and all the materials you need to relax, focus, and immerse yourself in up to two hours of artwork. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12779848

#### Community Social Hour

Footo Field, Furnace Brook Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Drop by Footo Field from 3 to 4 p.m. for snacks and drinks with friends. Hosted by Cornwall Park and Recreation.

### AUGUST 24

#### Story Time with Local Author Audra Salazar

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join Sharon children's author Audra Salazar on Saturday, Aug. 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for a reading of her book *Yellowisla*, an inspirational story about how inclusivity and acceptance can help during the first days of kindergarten. Then enjoy a book-inspired snack!

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12787914

#### Community Talent Show and Open Mic

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

The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a community talent show/open mic night on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

### AUGUST 27

#### Ice Cream Social: Welcoming Neighbors New and Old

Dewey Memorial Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.

Dewey Hall invites South Berkshire neighbors new and old to join us on Aug. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a free ice cream social with live music, lawn games, and crafts. The event is free and open to all; a chance to celebrate community and meet new friends. Modern Milk Bar ice cream will be available for free as long as supplies last. Rain will move this event inside the hall. Live music by the Michael Junkins Duo.

### AUGUST 28

#### Watercolor on Location with Artist Peter Cusack

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Join artist Peter Cusack on Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, for instruction in drawing and watercolor. All supplies will be provided, and refreshments will be on hand. To learn more and to register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12713696

### AUGUST 30

#### Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

The legendary Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale returns to The Cornwall Library for its sixth anniversary. The sale runs from Friday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 2, at 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. The event kicks off with a Cocktail Reception on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Proceeds support the library's programs and services. Donations of art are welcome until mid-August and are tax-deductible. For more information, contact (860) 672-6874.



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Bridget Starr Taylor is surrounded in the Norfolk Library basement.

### BOOKS: CHLOE KOLAKOWSKI

## Norfolk's annual book sale Aug. 24-26

From Saturday, Aug. 24, through Monday, Aug. 26, Norfolk Library will host its annual book sale featuring over 16,000 books in 30 different categories. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Library's guild.

The sale will feature rare books and incredible deals, including paperbacks for as low as \$2 for those purchasing more than 10 items. Annual book sale organizer Bridget Starr Taylor was proud to share that the sale is "an incredible opportunity for any literature enthusiasts on a tight budget." The sale usually lists all unsold books as free on Sunday by 3 p.m.

This year, with an even greater focus on sustainability and giving back to the community, the sale will continue with free titles on Monday from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Taylor

and her colleagues hope that organizations like daycares, veterans facilities and nonprofit organizations will take advantage of the extra sale day, especially if they weren't able to find the time on the weekend. Taylor shared, "The hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so working people can come too, before or after their work."

Novels that do not find a home by Sunday at 7 p.m. will be donated, with many going to incarcerated individuals.

Jane Lilly, a book sale volunteer, Norfolk resident and college student, is excited to be a part of the event for the second year in a row. "As a classics major, I am so impressed by the range of titles the sale has to offer," said Lilly. "I'm hoping that our hard work pays off and people take advantage of the budget-friendly opportunity to learn that the sale provides."

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# Our Towns



Eric Sloane Museum in Kent hosted a day-long course Aug. 10 to teach attendees the art of carving wooden spoons by hand.

## Carving wooden spoons from scratch at Sloane

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Eric Sloane Museum hosted a hands-on workshop devoted to custom carved wooden spoons. Master Craftsman Rick Liegl of South Windsor led the class.

A group of six attended the workshop and learned not just spoon carving but the enormous variety and importance of early American woodcrafts.

As Liegl said, “There’s a universe in this green wood-working world.”

In the early days, he explained, if you had a job and needed a tool, you made the tool out of the most available material: wood.

The Eric Sloane Museum



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Rick Liegl shows axe carving techniques.

has a vast and fascinating collection of wooden tools and Liegl provided a brief tour of the displays. As the six-hour workshop progressed, participants learned volumes about wood variety, axe car-

ving, knife carving methods, and safety as well.

Not just historically significant, this workshop sent happy participants home with their own hand carved wooden spoon.

## Housatonic FFA introduces new officers at annual picnic

By Kayla Jacquier

NORTH CANAAN — Housatonic Valley Regional High School FFA held the annual alumni summer picnic at the former Lindell’s Lumber building July 25.

The change of scenery gave the picnic a new touch to stay out of the weather. Community members, past and present FFA members, family, friends, and alumni who show continuous support and provide the ability for events such as the picnic were in attendance.

The picnic began with a potluck meal as the newly inducted officers read off the activity reports from the previous year. They provided information and incredible accomplishments to all who attended, sharing essential updates to the coming year’s program, such as the generosity of the late Katherine Gannett, who included the FFA chapter in her will.

The funds donated to the FFA program were acknowledged to the audience and will be set forth to the program. Cricket Jacquier spoke about the current agricultural issues and the incredible worth the FFA program provides its students.

The prior school years FFA officers: President Kara

Franks (Kent), Vice President Kayla Jacquier (East Canaan), Secretary Riley Mahaffey (Amenia), Treasurer Brandt Bosio (Canaan), Reporter Lauren Sorrell (Canaan); Parliamentarian Tyler Anderson (Sharon), and Historian Taylor Christen (Kent), passed down their responsibilities to the incoming 2024-25 HVRHS FFA officers.

The new officers were

then officially introduced: President Chris Crane, junior (Canaan), Vice President Riley Mahaffey, junior (Amenia); Secretary Hayden Bachman, sophomore (Falls Village), Treasurer Tyler Anderson, senior (Sharon), Reporter Hannah Johnson, junior (Canaan), Parliamentarian Lauren Sorrell, junior (Canaan), and Historian Alanna Tatro, sophomore (Canaan).

## Pizza-making party success at Scoville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Julia Hobart of the Scoville Memorial Library took a group of teenagers through the basics of making pizza on Saturday, Aug. 10.

The dough was ready, but it still needed to be manipulated into a personal pizza size and shape, suitable for a propane-fired tabletop pizza oven outside.

The youngsters produced their blobs of dough

and added sauce, provolone and mozzarella cheese, and a choice of meatballs and peppers, basil, and shallots.

After an intense bout of rock-paper-scissors, Jillian Murphy was the first to have her creation stuck in the oven. She had rolled cheese into the edges of the dough, and everyone was curious as to how this would work out.

It worked out pretty well.

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