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

## Norfolk installs 13-acre solar array at landfill

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — Driving into the Norfolk Transfer Station, their vehicles filled with a week's worth of garbage and recycling, folks in Norfolk have watched the extraordinary transformation of the surrounding fields into a massive solar array.

Norfolk is one of the first towns in the state to install a 5-megawatt solar array covering more than 13 acres. The new panels are located on a capped landfill, which First Selectman Matt Riiska said is "land that cannot be used for anything else."

Jeff Macel, managing director at Lodestar Energy, stated, "The project offers significant carbon debt reduction of 4,249 metric tons removed from the environment annually, with a lifetime reduction of 148,715 metric tons. The carbon offset is the equivalent of removing 32,095 gas-powered cars from the road over the life of the project or powering 18,760 houses over the life of the project. Located on



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

This crew worked long hard hours all summer long installing the landfill solar array in Norfolk.

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## Regional solid waste plan still in limbo

By Riley Klein

Plans for Northwest Corner towns to join the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority (HRRRA) have fallen through due to uncertainty surrounding the cost of the merger.

Leaders from across the region discussed the situation at a meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (COG) Sept. 12.

Contracts with the state for refuse hauling are due to expire in 2027, by which time municipalities must have alternate solutions in place. Some COG towns have signed contracts with USA Waste & Recycling, but as of the September meeting, eleven COG towns have yet to identify a new hauler (Barkhamsted, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Winsted).

HRRRA represents 14 municipalities spanning from Kent to Ridgefield. Its model allows for local transfer stations to maintain standard operating procedure at no additional cost.

COG heard a presentation from HRRRA in July and discussed the possibility of the 11 outlying towns joining the coalition. At a follow-up

meeting, HRRRA informed the COG that uncertainty regarding the municipal solid waste tonnage totals, along with the lack of a centralized collection center, prevented the group from extending an invitation to the northern towns.

COG is looking into purchasing the Torrington Transfer Sta-

tion to use as a collection hub for the Northwest Corner towns. The idea is to short-haul refuse to Torrington, which can then be taken to recycling centers, incinerators, or out-of-state landfills.

COG was hopeful that by join-

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## Sharon sailor competes in America's Cup

By Robin Roraback

SHARON — To the list of titles Sharon resident Martin Nweeia can claim, among which are dentist and dental surgeon, Arctic marine mammal scientist, (including leading expert on narwhal tusk and tooth organ systems), an explorer who has lead over twenty high arctic expeditions, dental anthropologist, educator at Harvard and Case Western Reserve Universities Schools of Dental Medicine, and researcher at the Smithsonian and the Canadian Museum of Nature, he can now add America's Cup competitor.

Nweeia just returned from Barcelona, Spain where he competed in the America's Cup Sailboat races in the Smeralda 888 class boats from Sept. 6 to 8. He was a helmsman. Nweeia said the Smeralda 888 is "a design masterpiece from the Ger-

mán Frers boat-maker that was developed in 1995 as a training boat."

Nweeia has a love of sailing that goes back forty years to when he first learned in Hawaii. Besides sailing, he has also done windsurfing



PHOTO BY MONIQUE INHA

Martin Nweeia and team, with members from Norway, Sweden, Monaco and the US, at the America's Cup in Barcelona Spain.

and kite surfing. He now sails and trains "Wherever there is opportunity, an available boat and good wind." He has a small Hunter 18

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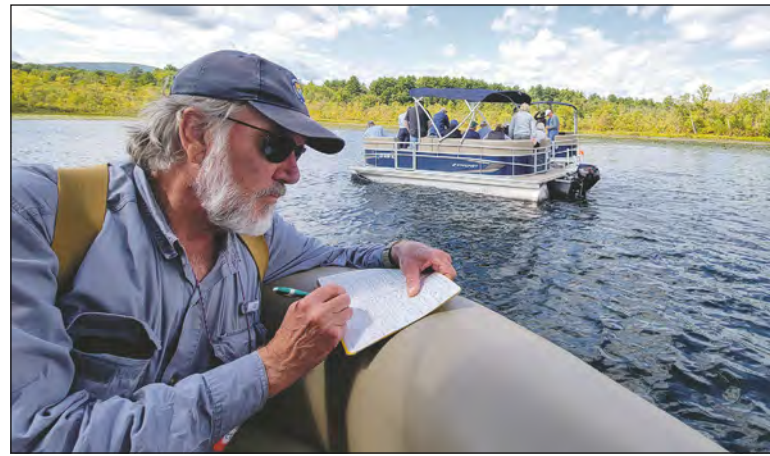


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Bill Moorhead, senior botanist with CT DEEP's Natural Diversity Database, took notes during a boat tour of East Twin Lake where new colonies of hydrilla had taken root. The Connecticut River variant's genetic makeup is still a mystery to scientists.

### The Hydrilla Menace

## Scientific coalition aids Salisbury's lakes amid invasive threat

This is the third of a series on invasive aquatic hydrilla and its growing threat to waterbodies and communities in Northwest Connecticut.

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Three pontoon boats loaded with passengers headed out into the open waters of East Twin Lake. This was no joy ride.

The boats' occupants included members of a coalition of state and federal scientific and environmental advisers organized by the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) with urgency last summer after East Twin's marina became ground zero for hydrilla.

On this day, scientists inspected thriving new colonies of the invasive weed which had taken root in areas of the lake up to 30 feet deep, a worrisome sign that despite efforts to control its spread with herbicidal dousing, the noxious weed is on the move.

"Here's hydrilla! It's huge!" announced Summer Stebbins, a research technician with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), pointing to a floating bed in deep waters. TLA member Rich Haupt slowed the boat so those aboard could get a

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## Falls Village Fire Dept. 100th birthday parade

The Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department will continue its 100th anniversary celebrations with the Emergency Apparatus Parade and Show on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 22.

The parade will take place down Main Street and end at Housatonic Valley Regional High School where the apparatus will be on display for up close viewing. Trophies will be awarded including a People's Choice Trophy. There will be food vendors, live music by Tailgate, and fireworks at dusk.



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## Online This Week

### Cornwall Ag Fair

The Agricultural Fair came to the Cornwall Village Green for the 31st time Saturday, Sept. 14. See 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.

### Assault arrest

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, Tamara Curtis, 39, of Salisbury, was arrested for a domestic violence case and was processed and charged with breach of peace, 2nd degree, and assault, 3rd degree, related to an incident in North Canaan. Curtis was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond.

### Closed eyes end in crash

On Friday, Sept. 13, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Patience Lindholm, 74, of West Cornwall, was traveling west on Sharon Goshen Turnpike in Goshen in a 2014 Subaru Outback when she closed her eyes while operating the Subaru. The vehicle struck a metal guard-rail then hit a tree and overturned. Wendy Anderson,

85, of Salisbury, a passenger, was transported to Sharon Hospital with suspected minor injuries. The Subaru was towed from the scene and Lindholm was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

### Swerve to avoid deer

On Sunday, Sept. 15, at approximately 5:15 p.m., Tri Le, 32, of West Hartford, was westbound on Route 44 in Norfolk in a 2020 Toyota Supra when he swerved to avoid hitting a deer in the roadway. The Toyota struck a guard rail and sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Le was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

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

## Energy assistance available

Fuel assistance applications are currently being taken for fuel deliveries made between November 1, 2024 and April 1, 2025. Households heating with electric and households with heat included in rent are also eligible to apply.

You may qualify for fuel assistance if your income

is under (household size/annual income): 2/\$59,507, 3/\$73,509, 4/\$87,751.

Contact: Patrice McGrath at (860) 435-5187 or your local Social Service Agent.

Those who participate in one or more of the following benefit programs will automatically be considered income eligible for energy assistance: Temporary Family Assistance (TFA); State supplement to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Refugee cash assistance program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

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• A+ Detailing

# State exempts property tax for disabled veterans' homes

By Patrick L. Sullivan

On May 23, Governor Ned Lamont signed legislation creating a state law that exempts from property taxes the primary residence or motor vehicle of military veterans who have a permanent and total disability rating resulting from their active-duty service.

The legislation passed the Connecticut General Assembly with a unanimous vote.

The exemption applies to a home that is owned by an eligible service member and is their primary residence. If an eligible service member does not own a home, the exemption applies to one motor vehicle owned by the service member.

To qualify, the former service member must have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, or Space Force; have a service-connected permanent and total disability rating as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; reside in Connecticut; and file for the exemption

with the town assessor.

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) said in a phone interview Sunday, Sept. 8 that the bill not only enjoyed wide support in the legislature but among advocates for municipalities, who might in other circumstances object to the legislature setting tax policy for cities and towns.

However, Horn said the legislature is going to revisit the law in the next session because it has been narrowly interpreted by some municipalities. As an example, she said because the bill specifies "domicile," structures such as garages were not included.

Horn said the intent was to exempt the entire property, so the law will be amended to make that clear.

State Senator Stephen Harding (R-30) agreed. He said he'd be "100%" in favor of adding clarifying language to the law, and "I'd make it retroactive if possible."

Harding said he has heard from constituents who have taken advantage of the law. "The impact is not minimal."

Kirk Harrington, commander of the Couch-Pipa Veterans of Foreign Wars post in North Canaan, said in a phone interview Sunday, Sept. 15 that he welcomed the news that the legislature would clarify the law in the upcoming session.

He added that he thinks the initial estimate of 1200 veterans qualifying for the exemption is low, and it will end up being closer to 2500.

The law will take effect Oct. 1.



PHOTO PROVIDED

## NBT donates to SWSA campaign

Salisbury Winter Sports Association's capital campaign to build a new 30 meter tower received a big boost recently with NBT Bank's donation of \$15,000 which pushed the drive over the \$250,000 mark. SWSA is looking to raise over \$425,000. Pictured from left is SWSA director Billy Sheil, NBT Bank CT Regional President Andreas Kapetanopoulos, NBT Bank Vice president and Senior Banking Relationship Manager Adam Higgins, and Peter Gilbert, head of the capital campaign. The 30 meter hill, or "middle jump" is a necessary step in a junior jumper's transition from the 20 meter beginner's hill to the big 70 meter hill, but the 75 year old structure has outlived its lifetime and needs to be replaced. When completed, the new 30 meter tower, along with additional improvements, will allow year round jumping for both the 20 and 30 meter hills. To help support the fundraising effort, visit [jumpfest.org](http://jumpfest.org) and click the donate button.

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# Our Towns

## Salisbury August real estate sales

By Christine Bates

The month of July's recorded real estate sales volume in Salisbury was three and half times greater than the \$3.7 million recorded in August. Although the number of recorded transfers was similar this total dollar result reflects the timing unpredictability of the sale of high-end properties. Similarly, the median price of a single-family home in Salisbury in August fell to \$875,000 from \$1,663,000 in July according to Smart MLS. Looking on an annual basis, the rolling 12 month median price of Salisbury homes remains in the vicinity of \$900,000.

In August there were no recorded transfers above one million dollars while in July there were six. As of Sept. 12, there were 23 single family houses listed for sale in Salisbury with only one under \$500,000 and 17 over

\$1 million. All 15 available rentals in Salisbury are furnished with the least expensive at \$3,500.

### Transactions

564 Undermountain Road — 15.45 residential acres and three buildings in Connecticut associated with the Omni Institute sold by Woodland Sanctuary Limited Partnership to Olifi Properties LLC for \$931,960.

46 Library Street — a renovated mixed use 4,156 square foot building on .46 acres plus two other parcels including .5 acres on Library Street and .62 acres on Indian Cave Road were sold by Dona Bainbridge Trustee Harry M. Bainbridge Jr. to Bear Mountain Realty LLC for \$975,000 in total.

39 Reservoir Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath ranch on 2.56 acres sold by Philip Mosser to Lemon Properties LLC for \$350,000 in a private transaction.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**This 1,008 square foot ranch on Reservoir Road built in 1972 sited on 2.56 acres was sold for \$350,000 to Lemon Properties LLC. It was previously sold for \$250,000 in 2020.**

28 Prospect Street — 3 bedroom/3 bath house sold by Anne C Kremer Estate to Brendan T. Demon for \$775,000.

87 Canaan Road, Unit 3C — 3 bedroom/3 bath coop at Lion's Head sold by Lucie E. Curtiss to Charles C. and Margaret C. Vail for \$695,000.

\* Town of Salisbury real

estate transfers recorded as sold between Aug. 1, 2024, and 31, 2024, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market data courtesy of SmartMLS and InfoSparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

## Four 'Cease and Correct' orders issued to Salisbury properties

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — On Aug. 12, four Cease and Correct orders were upheld by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission in regards to the removal of material, the alteration of wetland or watercourse, and earth moving/excavating within 75 feet of a wetland or watercourse without a permit.

One property abuts the south shore of Lake Wononscopomuc, where phragmites (otherwise known as the common reed) were removed along the lakeshore. While there is a native species of phragmites in Connecticut, a non-native, invasive species is far more prolific. Even though the species is invasive, a permit is still required to remove the plants in proximity to watercourses and wetlands. As of the Sept. 9 meeting of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission, the property owners have been cooperative and have developed a planting plan to include no-mow zones on the property, as well as a monitoring program with the Commission over the next three years.

Two other properties which received the Orders contain shoreline on East Twin Lake. In one instance, a sand pile was deposited near the shore in the aim of adding to a beach on the property. The Commission noted that sandy beaches are not a natural feature of East Twin Lake, and would not allow more sand to be added as it would impact the shoreline beyond the property in question. As of the Sept. 9 meeting, the sand pile has been removed and the violation — also including an order regarding the removal of phragmites — has been remedied.

The other property on East Twin Lake to receive an Order had dredged material from the lake bottom around a dock to allow boat access, and then had deposited this material at a location away from the shoreline on the property. The property owner has reseeded the area where the material was deposited, and agreed to an order from the Commission to continue to monitor the area and reseed as necessary. This violation was also remedied with the condition that the property owner submit

applications for future work.

Another property on Salmon Kill Road had not provided a management plan for site work to the Commission in response to the Order by the Sept. 9 meeting. The property owners are expected to supply complete work plan including a list of contractors by Oct. 15.

The Commission was careful to point out that permits are required to perform work near wetlands and watercourses because even minor alterations could have significant impacts to shoreline structure and ecosystem.

## CTDOT denies Falls Village request to reduce Rt. 7 speeds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The state Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has turned down a request to reduce the 40 mile per hour speed limit on Route 7 between Page Road and Beebe Hill Road, including the intersection with Route 126.

First Selectman Dave Barger shared the report from CTDOT at the regular selectmen's meeting Monday, Sept. 9. The agency did recommend changing the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Route 126 from a quarter mile south of Kellogg Road to Route 7.

There will be no change to the existing 25 mph limit on Route 126 in the village area, no change to the 35 mph limit on Route 126 (Point of Rocks Road/Belden Street) from Railroad Street, and to the 45 mph limit on Route 126 (Belden Street) from Sand Road to the Falls Village/North Canaan town line and Route 44.

The report states that "U.S. Route 7 is classified as a minor arterial roadway, which is designed to carry higher vehicular volumes and have higher speed limits than collectors and local roadways. The existing speed limit of 40 mph on U.S. Route 7 is appropriate for the roadway characteristics, pedestrian amenities, and roadside development."

The report noted that speed limit signs are missing on Route 126, and CTDOT will replace them (to reflect the new speed limit on one stretch) as the work schedule permits. The report suggested considering portable "Your

## Salisbury Forum to host AI education talk

SALISBURY—The Salisbury Forum will host a panel discussion on "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Transforming Education" on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Salisbury School.

The event features representatives from The Hotchkiss School, Salisbury School, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Executive Director of EdAdvance Jonathan Costa is moderating a discussion between school administration experts and an artificial intelligence specialist to pro-

vide a brief overview of AI. The discussion will explore the recent history, current trends, and future of AI and examine its potential impact on our schools.

The panelists are Ian Strever, principal of Housatonic Valley Regional High School; Sarah Mulrooney, dean of academic life at Salisbury School; Richard Davis, dean of academic life at The Hotchkiss School; and Matt Mervis, director of AI Strategy at EdAdvance.

More information and a registration link can be found at [www.salisburyforum.org](http://www.salisburyforum.org).

## Salisbury P&Z seeks comments for new town plan

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) will be holding a public engagement meeting on the draft of its ten-year Town Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) on Sept. 30. The meeting will be held at Town Hall and on Zoom from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

P&Z encourages residents to review the draft and submit written comments prior to meeting time, where suggestions will be discussed with the general public.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens stated, "The POCD charts the course of our Town for the next decade and beyond. It is vitally important that citizens participate by attending this workshop or writing to us to provide their input."

The POCD, which state law requires is updated at least once every decade, "inventories and assesses the status of: affordable housing, villages, comprehensive planning and governance, infrastructure, agriculture, and natural resources" in Salisbury, according to the town's webpage.

The Sept. 30 meeting will inform P&Z's amendments to the draft, which must be formally submitted to the

Board of Selectmen and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments by Oct. 11. Following a 65-day review period, the P&Z will hold a second public hearing for adoption of the finalized POCD, which is scheduled for Dec. 16.

P&Z emphasizes that this plan is inherently cross-organizational, updating the 2012's POCD with regard to statewide and regional management plans and drawing from sources such as Town of Salisbury Affordable Housing Plan (2018 and 2023) and Salisbury Connecticut Natural Resource Inventory (2009, updated 2024), as well as the results of the 2021 Salisbury community survey.

The plan explains that the worsening impacts of climate change, as well as the dramatic changes brought about by the pandemic, make this 2024 update crucial as it outlines a resilient future that protects the well-being of residents and the landscape alike.

Written comments must be based on the updated draft available on the town's website, dated Sept. 3, and should be emailed to the Land Use Office at [landuse@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.us), or may be mailed directly to the office. The P&Z will accept comments until Sept. 30.

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Sharon Selectman Lynn Kearcher (left) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) with Ben Sperry, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, examining a piece of hydrilla.

## Sharon keeps watchful eye on water weeds

By Alec Linden

SHARON — While Hydrilla has yet to establish itself in Mudge Pond, it remains an imminent threat, Selectwoman Lynn Kearcher reported to the Board of Selectmen at the Sept. 10 meeting. “If it ever made its way to Mudge,” she warned, it would be “deadly.”

Kearcher detailed a recent meeting with the town’s lake scientist, George Knoecklein, who is preparing a report on the lake’s ecological health. The report is expected to be completed in December.

Kearcher related that while Knoecklein had found no traces of hydrilla in the lake, the lake is “deeply impacted” with other invasive species such as fanwort, Eurasian water milfoil, and curly-leaf pondweed. A new stand of water chestnut has also cropped up near the dam.

The presence of these invasives would make the management of a hydrilla infestation even more difficult, Kearcher explained. Before removing hydrilla, the lake’s rampant growth of milfoil and other vegetation would have to be addressed.

Paradoxically, the presence of threatened and endangered species further complicates plans to address any future hydrilla invasion. Knoecklein has identified in Mudge Pond populations of hard-stemmed bulrush, which is threatened in Con-

necticut, as well as the presence of the tiny turret snail (*valvata tricarinata*), which is listed as a species of special concern in the state. It’s difficult to employ invasive plant control measures, such as herbicide use, without impacting the protected species who share the lake.

Herbicides have shown the most promise so far in the battle with hydrilla. Kearcher was recently invited by the Twin Lakes Association on an outing on East Twin Lake to demonstrate the progress of test trials with the herbicide Sonar by SePRO, and the results were promising.

Mudge Pond, however, is not East Twin Lake — “they do not have milfoil like we do,” Kearcher said, “because they treated the lake five years ago.” The lake also has the attention of DEEP, which Mudge Pond frustratingly lacks, Kearcher maintained, because DEEP will not assist in prevention, but only in management once hydrilla is established. This is a problem, because “we have to move fast,” Kearcher emphasized. Selectman John Brett put it more bluntly at the Sept. 10 meeting: “DEEP needs to be pressed.”

For now, though, the hydrilla is at bay, and the lake remains unclogged by thick green weeds. Brett was eager point out the positives: “it was a great summer at the beach.”

## Housing grant request incomplete, denied by Sharon selectmen

By Alec Linden

SHARON — The Sharon Board of Selectmen voted against approving two applications for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds from the Sharon Housing Authority due to incomplete information.

At the Sept. 10 meeting, the Board of Selectmen reviewed two applications for ARPA funding from the Sharon Housing Authority intended to gather funds to perform maintenance on the Sharon Ridge moderate income affordable housing complex. The total funds re-

quested in these two applications amount to \$79,500.

Specifically, the applications state the funds would be used to pay contractors who had done work on the development to prepare for the winter months, as well as pay off a loan from NBT Bank. The applications are careful to note that all contractors under the Sharon Housing Authority’s employment are local small businesses, and that the Housing Authority requires outside funding to adequately maintain the property since rent increases are limited.

The Board of Selectmen

had previously requested further information from the Housing Authority, but at the time of the Sept. 10 meeting had not gotten a response, and so could not approve the applications. “We asked for follow up,” said First Selectman Casey Flanagan. “Which was not received.”

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law by President Biden in 2021 to provide pandemic relief funding to all states, cities, and towns in the United States. These funds are allocated by municipalities based on applications that

demonstrate the need for assistance due to pandemic-inflicted stress.

The Sharon Housing Authority was previously awarded \$50,000 in 2022 to rebuild sidewalks and update its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems.

### Flu clinic

A flu shot clinic will be held at Town Hall on Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to noon, as announced at the Sept. 10 Board of Selectmen meeting. As the weather cools, the risk of flu sharply rises, so early fall is a great time to get ahead of the virus.

## North Canaan Fire Company remembers 9/11

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — The North Canaan Fire Company observed the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

An enormous American flag was displayed outside the firehouse at the intersection of Routes 44 and 7.

A loudspeaker was set up outside and “Taps” was played at appropriate times to remember the fallen.

The names of all the victims, including first responders and service members killed up to the Abbey Gate bombing in Afghanistan on Aug. 26, 2021, were read by a succession of volunteers and broadcast over the speaker.

North Canaan First Selectman (and three-tour veteran of the United States Army) Brian Ohler was present Wednesday morning, playing the recording of “Taps” as a handful of visitors browsed the indoor exhibits, which included a timeline of Sept. 11, a history of the World Trade Center, and numerous artifacts.

Ohler said for the 25th anniversary of the attacks, in 2026, there will be a parade, an artillery unit, and a full contingent of bagpipers.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler, veteran of the armed forces, reads from the list of names as part of the town’s September 11 memorial observance.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE TAX COLLECTOR TOWN OF SALISBURY CT

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2023 is due and payable on October 1, 2024. Payments must be received or postmarked by November 1, 2024. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 1, 2024 interest at the rate of 1 (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or at the Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall which is available 9am-4pm, Monday - Friday. Tax Office is open Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am-4pm, closed 12:30pm-1:30pm. The Town is urging taxpayers to mail checks or use the option of paying by credit card or e-check. Please check the Town website [salisburyct.us](http://salisburyct.us) for additional information. Dated at Salisbury CT this 16th day of September, 2024.

Jean F. Bell, CCMC  
Tax Collector  
09-19-24  
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### Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 9, 2024:

Approved with Conditions - Application #2024-IW-035 by owner Mary August Taylor to extend an existing drainage pipe. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 19 as lot 26 and is known as 191 Taconic Road, Salisbury.

Denied without Prejudice - Application #2024-IW-019 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of invasive plans and decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 58 as lot 3 and is known as 204 Between the Lakes Road. The owners of the property are Richard and Linda Cantele.

Denied without Prejudice - Application #2024-IW-020 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of invasive plans and decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 58 as lot 4 and is known as 210 Between the Lakes Road. The owners of the property are Page and Bryan Seyfried.

Denied without Prejudice - Application #2024-IW-021 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of invasive plans and decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 58 as lot 5 and is known as 218 Between the Lakes Road. The owner of the property is Lea Paine Clark.

Denied without Prejudice - Application #2024-IW-022 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of invasive plans and decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 66 as lot 34 and is known as 73 Rocky Lane. The owners of the property are Stephanie Field Martin and William Todd Spoor.

Denied without Prejudice - Application #2024-IW-033 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 58 as lot 6 and is known as 226 Between the Lakes Road. The owner of the property is Lisa Wohl.

Denied without Prejudice

- Application #2024-IW-034 by Jeffery Cordisco for removal of decaying biomass. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map 58 as lot 2 and is known as 198 Between the Lakes Road. The owners of the property are Scott and Diane Nash.

Any aggrieved person may appeal this decision to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §22a-43(a) & §8-8.

09-19-24

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JAMES E. MOREHOUSE Late of Sharon (24-00341)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 5, 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.

The fiduciary is:  
Kathleen A. Visconti  
c/o Neal Dennis White  
Cramer & Anderson, LLP  
46 West Street, PO Box 278

Litchfield, CT 06759  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
09-19-24

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# OUR TOWNS

## Livingston Taylor to play St. Andrews in Kent Sept. 28

By Kathryn Boughton  
Kent Good Times Dispatch

KENT — Sometimes an older brother can be good for something. In the case of Livingston Taylor, who will perform Sept. 28 at St. Andrew's Music in the Nave series, it was when older brother, James, taught him how to play guitar.

"James was a wonderful guitar player, and he taught me how to play," Livingston Taylor recalled this week during a telephone interview. But his brother was not the only musical influence for the teenager. He grew up in a family filled with music by his mother, a trained operatic singer who gave up a career to marry, and his music-loving physician father.

"The environment we were raised in included a lot of musical theater and folk music," he said.

But even outside the family fold, North Carolina—where the five Taylor children were raised—was a bastion of creativity. "As I got older and I thought about how James, Kate and I came to this place, it's really in the water of North Carolina that being a creator is a reasonable career path," he said.

"Creative arts are seen differently in the South than the North," he continued. "The South suffered an inherent isolation for having participated in the Civil War and having lost it. It really limits your traditional options as a Southerner to become a doctor or a lawyer. That sensibility meant—and means—an expectation that you could be potter, a musician, a singer, a dancer—these are reasonable career paths in Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, but less so in Boston."

While there are echoes of James Taylor in some of Livingston Taylor's work, he has carved out his own niche as a popular singer/songwriter, performer and teacher, talents that will be on full display when he returns to Kent Sept. 28 at 8 p.m. Taylor, who has charted Top 40 hits and collaborated with brother James, Carly Simon and, lately, the BBC Orchestra, "is more of an entertainer," said Matthew Harris, chairman of the Music Commission at St. Andrew's. "He likes to tell stories, some with a lot of humor. It's a very different experience to see him."

It is this innate desire to perform that molded Livingston Taylor's career as a teacher at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he taught for more than three decades. He now teaches part-time at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. "Those schools are full of people who can teach guitar or singing, so he teaches performance technique," said Harris.

Engaging an audience is largely a matter of observation, Taylor asserts. "You have

to see the audience," he said. "To give it little offerings, like you give a toddler a taste of applesauce. You watch their faces like a hawk to see how they react to what you are doing. You deliver your vision and watch. They don't need you; you need them. Your life without them is an ongoing horror show. The audience has to feel better about you when they leave than when they came in. If they don't, they won't come back to see you."

Taylor has not decided on a playlist for the Kent show. "I have a general idea of what I will perform," he said. "I metaphorically set up a table beside me. I take all these perfectly crafted songs that I can play perfectly and decide which I feel like playing at the moment. I'm tending to Broadway and tuneful. There are melodies that interest me, that combine with the stories I want to tell."

Matt Cusson, one of his former students, will perform with him. "Matt is an excellent pianist and singer. It makes a nice show and I'm happy to have him back," Taylor said.

He said St. Andrew's "is a lovely place to play, but what's crucial is that Kent found me a good fit for them."

Taylor's program will be the first in Music in the Nave's new four-concert series. Harris said it will be followed Dec. 6 by the annual Handel's Messiah Sing-in. "The audience is always invited to join in the chorus," Harris said. "It's always done well, and people are excited to start off the holiday season. We encourage people to have a nice dinner and come on over and sing. It's a nice little tradition."

Another concert is usually slated for late February or early March, but this year there will be a little longer break before the Chorus Angelicus children's group performs March 29 at 3 p.m. "We've been trying to establish a children's concert, either for children or by children," said Harris. "Chorus Angelicus has been doing some very good stuff and we hope to get a lot of families. We're keeping it short and sweet because kids can get fidgety."

The series will end May 17 with the second annual Mozart in May concert with a soprano, mezzo and baritone singing selections from his operas.

Tickets for the Livingston Taylor concert are \$35 and can be obtained here: [www.eventbrite.com/e/livingston-taylor-tickets-984126838867](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/livingston-taylor-tickets-984126838867)

SHEKOMEKO — Russell Samuel Flinn, Sr., 88, a lifelong area resident, died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at his home in Shekomeko. Mr. Flinn retired from the Webutuck Central School District in Amenia, where he worked for over thirty years. He began his career at Webutuck as a school bus driver and was also a general mechanic, he retired as their Transportation Supervisor. Prior to his time at Webutuck, he worked for Stillman's Farm now known as Wethersfield Farm and he was also a machine operator at K&E in Millerton.

Born May 30, 1936, in Sharon, Conn., he was the

son of the late Russell and Mary (Cox) Flinn. He attended Webutuck High School in Amenia. On Nov. 21, 1954, at the Pine Plains Presbyterian Church, he married Shirley M. Meissner. Their marriage lasted nearly seventy years. Mrs. Flinn survives at home in Shekomeko. Mr. Flinn was a life member of the Millerton Gun Club and an avid antique car enthusiast; he owned several over the years. He currently owns a 1924 Model T Depot Hack and a 1987 Mercury Grand

Marquis. In his spare time, he thoroughly enjoyed caretaking and doing odd jobs for his neighbors and friends.

Mr. Flinn is survived by his loving wife Shirley, his daughter, Denise Lamont and her husband Kenneth of Ancram; his son, Russell Flinn, Jr. and his wife Donna of Millerton; five grandchildren, Kelly Roger, Kenneth Lamont, Jr., Alicia Bishop and her husband Jason, Allison Flinn and Nicholas Gyasi-Tum; five great grandchildren, Nathan Roger, Clayton Roger, Adalynn Lamont, Benjamin Bishop and Tyler Bishop; his son-in-law Kwab Gyasi-Tum of Norwalk, and his brother, Keith Flinn of Fayetteville,



## Mary Michelle Moore

MILLERTON — Mary Michelle Moore, 75, a long-time area resident died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at Pine Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Philmont, New York. Ms. Moore was retired from the Office of Children and Family Services where she worked as a manager for the Division for Youth on the Harlem Valley Campus in Wingdale, New York. Her career with New York State spanned more than thirty-five years, during which time she served as Union Representative for the Public Employees Federation (PEF). She retired in December of 2004.

Born June 18, 1949, in Mount Olive, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late James and Clyde (Bennett) Moore. She was a graduate of Webutuck High School and Dutchess Community College. Ms. Moore was a former longtime member of Greenwood's Community Church in Ashley Falls, Massachusetts, she also did missionary work in Africa and Haiti. She was an avid cook in her spare time and was very supportive and

loving to her family members and her many dear friends. She was well traveled and was always willing to help. A beloved mother, sister and grandmother who will be dearly missed by all.

Ms. Moore is survived by her three children; Michael Moore of Sharon, Scott Moore of Poughkeepsie, and Brandon Davis of Arizona; her grandson, Javon Moore of Millerton; four sisters, Penny Jarrett, Geraldine Lawrence, Angeline Morgan and Wendell Farrar; two brothers, James Moore and Kenneth Moore and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by five siblings.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at 1:30 at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Legion Post # 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).



## John W. Robertson

SALISBURY — John W. Robertson, age 77, died Sept. 5, 2024, at home. He was the loving husband of Linda Robertson.

John was born May 6, 1947, in Rutherford, New Jersey, the son of the late John and Kathleen (Colquhoun) Robertson. John graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey.

His life passion was devoted to his art work.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Robertson,

his daughter, Sarah Whittaker (Marc), his son Ian Robertson (Lauren), his sister, Karen Brown (Neal) and his sister, Marily Scheifele. He is also survived by two grandchildren, William and Lily Whitaker.

A Mass was held at Saint Mary's Church in Lakeville, on Sept. 17, 2024, at 11 a.m. All other services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or CT Hospice.

The Kenny Funeral Home is in care of arrangements.

**The deadline for obituaries is Monday at 4 p.m. Send obituaries to [johnc@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:johnc@lakevillejournal.com)**

# OBITUARIES

## Russell Samuel Flinn

North Carolina, and two nieces. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Gyasi-Tum and his sister, Winifred Flinn.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, Sept/28, 2024, at the Millerton Fire House on Century Boulevard in Millerton, from 1 – 4 p.m. Pastor William Mayhew will conduct a service at 1:30 p.m. at the fire house. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546 or The Millerton Gun Club, P.O. Box 720, Millerton, NY 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)



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Week of September 22, 2024

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[info@congbethdavid.org](mailto:info@congbethdavid.org)

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EDITORIAL

Hydrilla menace

Our treasured lakes and rivers have come under attack by an invasive plant — hydrilla — that threatens not only those environmental resources but also poses a threat to local economies, to real estate values and to recreational opportunities.

The Journal has dedicated front-page coverage to this menacing invasive in a series of articles by Debra Aleksinas that concludes in this issue. In fact, Aleksinas has been writing about this fast-growing aquatic weed since it was discovered in East Twin Lake early last summer during a water quality visit near the public boat launch at O'Hara's Landing Marina. By September last year the plant was identified as the Connecticut River variant of hydrilla vericillata. One rapid response was an immediate moratorium on boating at Lakeville Lake. The boat launch remained closed for the 2024 season.

As summer arrived, more preventative measures were taken at Twin Lakes to stop the spread of hydrilla. Others joined the fight with cautionary decisions. The Ostrander Guest Beach at Mount Riga and all campsites were closed for the 2024 season, and is expected to remain closed throughout the 2025 season. Besides the threat to the environments of Mount Riga's Riga Lake and South Pond, the namesake organization, Mount Riga, Inc., noted that it lacks the financial resources to monitor and/or combat hydrilla. The Twin Lakes Association has said it anticipates spending as much as \$300,000 on the problem in the 2024 season, a tenfold leap in spending.

Just as the Twin Lakes Association and the host of local, state and federal officials have stepped up to recognize the hydrilla threat and to combat it with a joint effort, The Journal remains dedicated to maintaining a focus on this invasive threat to our environment, and in turn to explain how an ecological disaster can become a threat to a community's economic well being.

In recent years, The Journal has focused on a core mission to focus on our community's needs for housing, education, healthcare, government, sports and the arts — and add to that a healthy environment. We believe that a community's health depends on all of the above.

We congratulate Debra Aleksinas for being the first to report on the hydrilla outbreak at East Twin Lake, the first known lake in the state to become infested with the Connecticut River strain. Our readers can thank her as well for her watchful eye on this problem. We salute the coalition of local, state and federal officials who have brought an urgent focus to the problem, and especially the Twin Lakes Association and its leadership for jumping into action when the threat first surfaced.

Our lakes and rivers, our wildlife, our recreational opportunities that provide not only outdoor fun but also promote a healthy state of mind, and our local business economy is ultimately at stake when our natural resources are attacked.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farm support is important

Both Donald Trump and the Republican plan Project 2025 want to boost fossil fuel drilling in the future and to negate all progress toward fighting climate change. Project 2025 wants to downsize the EPA, the Environmental Protection Agency. Their plan means nullifying Biden's executive orders to mitigate climate change and reducing the Inflation Reduction Act which is the biggest investment in clean energy in history.

If elected, George Logan, running for Congress, would join his Republican colleagues to push this Republican agenda. He says he would vote independently but after accepting support from the Republican National Committee, like so many other colleagues in Congress, he would have to follow his Party's line. The Republican plan, Project 2025, lists ending the "safety nets" like the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) for farms, and ending the Price Lost Coverage (PLC), and reducing farm crop insurance.

As a child, Highfield Farm delivered milk and cream every day to my house in the woods. As an adult, I watched the dairy farm across the street decide to sell their prize herd of cows and stop production. Jahana Hayes, our Congresswoman, is a ranking member on the House Agricultural Committee, she backs farms and farmers in the 5th District. She supports ARC and PLC. Crop insurance protects farmers from the dramatic weather fluctuations, including floods and droughts we see from climate change. Price supports are important for dairy farms. Farm products are a huge part of the U.S. export market, and Americans need to feed ourselves.

Re-electing Jahana Hayes is so important for she will continue to work to create laws to mitigate climate change and to protect American agriculture no matter what the climate throws at us.

Lizabeth Piel Sharon



LETTERS

Reward results: Harding

Steve Harding became a Connecticut State Senator two years ago and quickly became the Minority Leader. He has come to Salisbury many times and is an avid supporter of open space preservation and local lakes. His focus in Hartford has been to insist on fiscal responsibility by opposing the historic tax-and-spend agenda. Steve's opponent, former dairy farmer Justin Potter, seems to be an honorable person, but we must vote for the candidate better able to help our community—Senator Steve Harding.

Peter Becket Lakeville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your vote in November matters

I am voting for Congresswoman Jahana Hayes because:

She believes in the Constitution, democracy and the Rule of Law.

She believes in a woman's right to choose, contraception, IVF.

She believes in working across the aisle.

She believes in moving the goal posts to help our small farms in the NW Corner, protecting SNAP benefits, protecting OBAMA Care, all while bringing home almost \$9 million dollars to her district.

She will protect Social Security and Medicare...not try to destroy it.

She believes that millionaires and billionaires should pay their fair share — not less

than the middle class.

She does not believe that our veterans are losers and suckers — she fights for our veterans and proposed a bill to expand healthcare for veterans' families.

She will always tell you the truth — she will never tell her staff to "deny, deny, deny."

She believes in helping all the people in her district—not just Democrats.

You may not agree with all of Congresswoman Hayes' policies, but know that she is highly moral, dedicated, hardworking and most importantly true to her oath. She will always listen to your view points. Rep. Hayes is like you — she struggled to get to where she is today. She will defend the rights that are important to all of us — the

right to peaceful protest, a women's right to choose, voting rights, and more.

It's up to you. Don't sit on the sidelines and say I could never vote for someone not in my party. Put country over party. Be assured, you will wake up one day to find that your rights are slowly diminishing, and you will then ask yourself why didn't I become more informed? Why didn't I vote?

This election will determine what happens to you, your children, your grandchildren, your friends, and your family. We need to move forward, not back. You still have time to get informed about the issues important to all of us.

Marlene Woodman Sharon

Equus Effect thanks community

'Man Plans...' and so it was on Saturday, Sept. 7, for our annual event at The Equus Effect. We could not believe that the skies would open up like that, just in time. And then, we could not believe that folks actually came out to be with us in spite of the torrent of rain and wind. Thank you. What an incredible community this is. We are so honored to be a part of it, and so very grateful for your support — rain or shine!

Jane Strong The Equus Effect Sharon

Issues that led to 'Save the Rail Trail' still present

Like Shasta daisies, yard signs sprouted last May in Salisbury and Lakeville. They carried a "Save the Rail Trail" message. The issues that led to the signs have not disappeared.

Those who display the yard signs, in harmony with many neighbors around our community, are ardent supporters of the Rail Trail. Thus, we were stunned to read a recommendation in a February 2024 study prepared for local government by the consulting company Collins Engineering and Design. The company advised paving over the northern tier of the Trail to allow "vehicular" access to the Pope property. That property is on Salmon Kill Road near its intersection with Highway 41/44 and is a possible location for affordable housing.

Collins recommended two-way automobile traffic across the current pedestrian bridge over the Wachocastinook Brook. Bicycle and pedestrian passage would be reduced to a narrow ribbon of land, cheek-by-jowl with cars.

Subsequently, officials have said this trail-paving project will never occur; that this notion is the product of gossip, rumor, and horseback speculation offered at a gallop. Yet a recent Plan of Conservation and Development report, entitled Sustainable Salisbury, has raised anew the prospect of a paved road across the Brook (p. 24).

It is precisely this notion of a paved road on the Trail that gave birth to the yard sign movement. Further concerns grew out of a government committee on the proposed housing development at the Pope site. In its "Schema No. 6" design, the panel recommended the construction of 64 housing units on the property. More than half of these structures extend into the Salisbury Historic District that runs adjacent to the Rail Trail and is one of the few green spaces left in the village.

Such high-density housing would concentrate units together in a confined area. One of the results: each day, scores of cars and trucks would spill onto narrow Salmon Kill Road and the proposed paved road over the Wachocastinook. The current pedestrian bridge would have to be widened and strengthened, at the cost of well over a million dollars. Unacceptable traffic congestion would occur at the intersection of Salmon Kill and Highway 41/44, without even the benefit of a stop light (prohibited on this State highway).

In contrast, if the housing units—which are much needed in our community, no question about that—were dispersed not only on the Pope land but to additional parcels of land in our area, we could retain our rural setting and provide less packed, more humane living

conditions for new residents. This "scattering" of affordable housing in communities is the approach preferred by planners throughout the United States, rather than an "urban" design that groups new housing closely together into one overloaded site.

Let us forge a community consensus on a better local approach to affordable housing. We can achieve the worthy goals of new low-

er-cost homes, while at the same time protect the Rail Trail and the green Historic District, as well as maintain traffic and pedestrian safety.

Loch Johnson Salisbury

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## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

## 100 years ago – September 1924

For the second time in its history, the business block of the A.F. Roberts Co. was badly damaged by fire which broke out about 11:45 on Thursday night of last week. About the first intimation of anything wrong was discovered by Charles Benjamin, who smelled smoke. He called his neighbor, H.T. Miller, on the phone and asked him if he could see any signs of a bonfire in the neighborhood. Mr. Miller looked out of his window and saw the roof on the annex at Roberts Store ablaze and rushed to sound the fire siren. At about the same time Mrs. W.A. Blissard and the Misses Alice Mahar and Elizabeth Smith saw the fire and also gave the alarm. The firemen soon had two streams of water on the blaze and were rapidly getting the best of it when two lengths of old hose burst near the hydrant at Myron Holley's and the water poured out in the form of a large fountain. The water had to be shut off till the hose could be changed and this proved a costly delay. Fortunately there was no wind, a condition that aided the firemen greatly and that a metal roof on the building helped to prevent the fire from spreading to a considerable extent.

The gas pumps of A.S. Martin and Dufour's garages have been moved back from the curb. At Dufour's garage some alterations to the front of the building are being made to permit the installation of the pump in a new location.

Mrs. Blissard has moved her beauty shoppe from Roberts Store, and is now doing business in her new quarters in H.T. Miller's building.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. is opening a new office in the Dufour building. The Western Union business which has for years been carried on at the Railway station will in the future be done in the new quarters. It is not announced as to whom will be the operator.

The sale and transfer of the dry goods and furniture business of C.F. Hawley Estate to a new company recently incorporated to operate the business was announced on Saturday. Mr. J.J. Killeen, President of the company, who will be the business manager of the company, came here to take title and possession, and begin his duties as manager.

Mr. Ralph Bartoni and family of New York have arrived here and are overseeing the preparations for opening a restaurant and home made bakery in H.T. Miller's building within a few days. They will occupy living rooms in the telephone building.

Edward McCue is giving the "Porter" place a coat of paint.

Dr. B.M. Belcher and family of Yonkers were over Sunday guests at Miss Carrie C. White's.

LIME ROCK – Frank Ostrom is putting in a cement tub at Mr. Loverage's place.

## 50 years ago – September 1974

Crimped by state air pollution policy restricting open burning at landfills, many Northwest Connecticut towns are contemplating "fire training exercises" to rid themselves of accumulations of brush. Such an exercise in Cornwall last weekend disposed of a substantial pile. Salisbury, Sharon, Kent and North Canaan have discussed similar efforts. Only Falls Village and Norfolk in the northwest area reported no brush disposal problems.

A fiery crash on Sharon's quiet Mitchelltown Road early Monday morning took the life of Robert J. Suter, 23, of Route 7, Cornwall Bridge. Suter, a news delivery man for the Waterbury Republican, was apparently on the last leg of a three-town route when the accident took place about 6:20 a.m., a half mile south of the Peterson Brothers bus garage. Apparently the gas tank ruptured on his Vega station wagon after the vehicle left the road and

struck a tree stump, and Suter was unable to escape from the car. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in Cornwall Bridge.

The first of three houses to be moved in Salisbury by the Village Improvement Society was in transit Tuesday morning to a field adjacent to East Railroad Street, its new location. Relocation of the three houses will clear the way for construction of the VIS-sponsored off-street shopping area in Salisbury village.

George Wheeler, who was last year named Connecticut Vocational Agriculture Teacher of the Year, has been designated as an Outstanding Young Man of America. The Outstanding Young Man program is designed to bring recognition to young men between 21 and 35 years of age who have shown outstanding abilities in their work and in their civic accomplishments. Mr. Wheeler came to Canaan almost five years ago to join the teaching staff at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Prior to coming to Connecticut he taught vocational agriculture in New Hampshire.

Mike Hamzy, proprietor of Collins Diner in Canaan, was "on top of the world" this week after his establishment was one of 10 New England diners listed in the New York Sunday Times Travel and Resorts section. The diner was listed in an article entitled "A Way Out Guide to Dining Out" which offered examples of diners that "believe in the greasy spoon image."

Danahurst Stables Inc. will open in Lakeville the first week of October. Diane Dodge, a Lakeville native, has made arrangements with Longgreen Farm on Wells Hill to lease premises for the purpose of establishing her own stable. Although only 28 years old, Miss Dodge has been involved with horses for nearly 20 years, starting with the Lakeville Pony Club at the age of 10. During that time she went through the various rating stages of Pony Club and eventually head-

ed the organization for two years during which time she gave much of the instruction without pay for the benefit of local youngsters.

## 25 years ago – September 1999

A mother of five and grandmother of three, Salisbury Town Clerk Sue Spring, 61, who had never hiked before her election two years ago, became friends with a group of hikers when they searched for information as to where to lodge for the night. She couldn't find a room anywhere since it was a racing weekend in the area, so she invited them to camp in her back yard. They kept in touch afterward by phone. One of the group called last fall and exhorted her to come try the Appalachian Trail herself.

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut's latest house arrived in the form of a modular structure Monday. The second floor and roof were to be put on in two days at the site on Sand Road in Falls Village.

The Seth MacFarlane – "Family Guy" – Father Richardson Schell – controversy has once again given The Lakeville Journal national prominence. Back in August, TV Guide used a portion of our front page to illustrate the story, which revolved around Father Schell's campaign to get advertisers to withdraw from the Fox television show "Family Guy." The show was created by former Kent resident Seth MacFarlane, a graduate of Kent School, of which Father Schell is headmaster. The school leader feels the show is in poor taste, but he is also upset with the name Griffin being given to the family on the animated show. That is also the surname of his secretary. This week Vanity Fair hit the newsstands and the story is retold in depth – six pages deep. And once again, The Lakeville Journal article written by Jennifer Cooper is clearly displayed. This may just be that 15 minutes of fame so often talked about, and we're enjoying every minute.

## The First Continental Congress, Part I

On September 5, 1774, fifty delegates from eleven colonies crowded into the long room of Philadelphia's City Tavern to commence a Continental Congress, to address what the colonies might do to fight the British Intolerable Acts. Those Acts had been wreaking havoc since the spring, exacerbating the harm done by the earlier Navigation Acts that crippled American commerce.

The delegates chose the crowded room to have less chance of being overheard by those already calling them traitors just for meeting together, but soon moved to the larger Carpenter's Hall and were joined by delegates from a twelfth colony. Georgia chose not to attend, because it did not want to challenge Great Britain, a stance replicated by the colonies of North and South Florida, Nova Scotia, and two other Canadian areas.

## Most delegates were rich men who had inherited their wealth.

Most delegates were rich men who had inherited their wealth. Only Ben Franklin of Pennsylvania and Roger Sherman of Connecticut could be called self-made. They were almost all veterans of colonial legislatures, used to the ways of politics and power, and fairly conservative. Some had attended the Stamp Act Congress of 1765, which had succeeded in getting that hated act rescinded.

Of the more radical delegates – Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and Christopher Gadsden of South Carolina – only Henry proposed independence, and the idea was quickly voted down and he was relegated to a secondary committee where he couldn't do much damage.

The delegates were determined to be fair to one another, and to not impose the tyranny of the majority, which occurs when a narrow majority forces its will on a considerable fraction that is in the minority. When they disagreed over whether to accept the legitimacy of the earlier British Navigation Acts and reject the later ones, and the sentiment was five colonies for and five against – the vote was not held at all. Rather, the delegates sought another, less divisive way of dealing with the problem.

What rights did the colonists have? Thomas Jefferson, who was ill and had returned to Monticello, sent along his "A Summary View of the Rights of British America," in which he claimed the rights as those enjoyed by the British, including free trade, which

## THE LONG VIEW

TOM SHACHTMAN

he described as a "natural" right. One malicious result of British regulation, he added, was slavery, and so "the abolition of domestic slavery is the great object of desire in those colonies where it was unhappily introduced." His anti-slavery notion was shunted aside in Philadelphia but the delegates liked a lot of what Jefferson wrote about their having the same rights as their overlords.

The question of what, precisely, to do about that was answered by Paul Revere, in a long-distance ride bringing the "Suffolk Resolves," which the Massachusetts colonial legislature had just approved, to the anger of British General Gage and other British-appointed officials. First adopted by the county of Suffolk a year earlier, it mirrored material from Committees of Correspondence of Middlesex, Essex, and Worcester counties, it had urged all counties to close their courts and refuse to prosecute people for violations of the Intolerable and Navigation Acts.

The Resolves were quietly radical: boycott British imports and refuse to use British products; ignore and not obey the hated acts; demand resignations from colonists appointed under the acts; refuse to pay taxes unless the Massachusetts Government Act (over-riding the colonial legislature) was rescinded; and to raise a militia to defend the colonists from the British, should that become necessary.

Would the Continental Congress endorse the Suffolk Resolves? Delegate John Adams wrote in his diary, "This is one of the happiest days of my life. In Congress we had generous, noble sentiments, and manly eloquence. This day convinced me that America will support Massachusetts or perish with her."

Early in October the Congress adopted the Suffolk Resolves and lay the groundwork for a more formal boycott and non-importation act, and the sending of a last-ditch olive branch letter directly to King George III. They put off the most important votes for the last week of the meeting.

Next: What the First Continental Congress finally agreed upon in October 1774, and its revolutionary consequences.

Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written many books, including three about the Revolutionary Era.

## Status Report

NORTH CANAAN — The baseball diamond at Segalla Field has been re-mastered with freshly laid infield clay courtesy of Jim Pollard. The improvement comes just in time for North Canaan's fall youth softball program.

LIME ROCK — A wooden guardrail on Route 112 was on the receiving end of a car that seemingly veered off the road last weekend. The beam was snapped in two and landed on a neighbor's yard. No injuries, mailbox or otherwise, were reported.

NORFOLK — Openings remain in the preschool program at Norfolk Early Learning Center for children aged 2.9 and up for full-day and part-day nursery school. Call (860) 542-6016 for more information.

SHARON — Bird seed is available at Sharon Audobon for the fall season.

SALISBURY — Noble Horizons has completed the purchase of a new transit van with a rear-access lift to accommodate wheelchair-bound residents.



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## Goshen Fair fun

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# Our Towns



Ishaan Tantri, Sam Waterston and Logan Miller.

## HVRHS students raise funds for class trips

Under a tent on the Green at the White Hart in Salisbury, students, parents, teachers and community members gathered last Friday for the sixth annual Wine Dinner and Auction. Money was raised to benefit the HVRHS International Travel Club's 2025 trips to Italy/Germany and to Thailand. While students waited tables and sold tickets for door prizes, about 130 guests dined on roasted duck and various wines and bid on auction items donated by local businesses, artisans and organizations. Actor Sam Waterston spoke in support of the program, applauding the students for serving the meal and calling them the stars of the show. While final tallies are still being totaled, an estimated \$50,000 was raised by the end of the night.



HVRHS students Chloe Hill and Katie Crane.

## Housatonic Heritage Hike visits American Chestnut orchard

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ellery "Woods" Sinclair led a Housatonic Heritage hike at the American chestnut grove on Undermountain Road in Falls Village on Sunday, Sept. 15. About 15 people attended, most of whom Sinclair greeted by name.

Sinclair gave some necessary background. At the turn of the 20th century, about 4 billion American chestnut trees stood within the eastern forests.

But a different chestnut tree from China and Japan was introduced in the U.S. in the late 19th century, and it brought a disease with it.

A fungus (*Chryphonectria parasitica*) was first identified at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens in 1904. The disease, known as the "chestnut blight," spread rapidly and by 1950 the American chestnut was almost extinct.

In the 1930s, scientists began to crossbreed American chestnuts with Chinese chestnuts that had developed immunity to the fungus. After four generations of the crossbreeding, a seed was produced that has 15/16ths American chestnut genetics and is resistant to the blight.

In 2007, these hybrid seeds were planted at the orchard in Falls Village by a group including Sinclair, Star Childs of Great Mountain Forest, and HVRHS teacher Mark Burdick and his students.

There are about 300 chestnut trees in the orchard. As they mature, they are intentionally inoculated with the fungus to test for resistance. Samples of trees that demonstrate survivability are sent to The American Chestnut Foundation for further testing.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

### Sprouting buds on the hybrid chestnut trees in Falls Village's orchard.

Trees that do not demonstrate resistance are removed. Sinclair said the American chestnut was a very useful tree. It was used for timber and furniture. The nutritious and delicious nuts, which covered the forest floor, were eaten by everything — deer, bears, birds, squirrels and people.

He also noted that poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was wrong when he wrote of "a spreading chestnut tree" in "The Village Blacksmith."

"That was a horse chestnut!"

Jack Swatt, president of the Connecticut chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, was on hand. He said with recent advances in genetic science, researchers can be even more particular about which hybrids they keep.

"We feel that we're a decade or two away" from having mostly American, blight-resistant chestnut trees in the forest, not just in controlled environments.



PHOTO PROVIDED

## Raising awareness in zero Gs

Pamela Peeters of Sharon experienced weightlessness in a zero gravity airplane last month to call attention to the needs of the environment. Peeters educates young people on climate change and stresses the importance of preserving the planet's water supply, which is even more precious from a galactic perspective. The plane took off from Santa Maria airport in California and simulated zero gravity by dropping altitude rapidly.

## Salisbury considers road safety audit

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — In response to a petition from townspeople about speeding in town and other road safety issues, First Selectman Curtis Rand told the Board of Selectmen that he will be asking the state Department of Transportation to perform a road safety audit.

Rand made the remarks at the regular selectmen's meeting Monday, Sept. 9.

Rand said the last audit was done eight years ago, and concentrated on sidewalks and pedestrian safety.

He threw out some ideas for consideration, including median islands on Main Street (Route 44) in Lakeville west of the Route 41/44 intersection and at the other end of town, by the Lion's Head housing complex.

He also floated the possibility of extending sidewalks around Lake Wononscopomuc on Routes 41 and 44.

On trucks and noisy brakes, Rand said "No one

is against trucks." He said the majority of trucks go through town quietly and lawfully, but "then there are these cowboys."

Selectman Kitty Kiefer said she was about "ready to stand out there with a hair dryer and a piece of paper" to get drivers to slow down.

Rand announced that Jada Wilson has joined the Town Hall team, training to be the assistant town clerk to replace the current assistant, Kristine Simmons, who will be taking over as Town Clerk when Patty Williams retires later this year.

Rand said the elm tree in front of the Salisbury post office suddenly lost its leaves.

He said he sent samples in for testing and the tree does not have Dutch elm disease.

"So we'll leave it until next spring and see if it leafs out."

The Grove Street affordable housing proposal is not ready for town meeting yet,

Rand said.

Another item for a future town meeting is an encroachment issue on Housatonic River Road, where a stone wall built by property owners Jane and James Cohan is sticking into the town's right of way.

Rand said the town crew said "that's a nice wall, it's not in our way at all" and the solution will likely be for the Cohans to pay \$10,000 for an irrevocable easement.

But the matter has to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission before town meeting.

The selectmen appointed Howard Sobel as a regular member of the Historic Dis-

trict Commission, and Arek Feredjian as an alternate, at the commission's request.

Kiefer said she attended a recent meeting with local and state officials and experts on hydrilla. She said she was "horrified" at how easily the invasive plant spreads.

Rand, who also attended, said he had recently kayaked around Long Pond and saw no hydrilla.

He did see a lot of dog droppings by the car-top boat launch and tennis balls floating in the vegetation.

He asked the public to clean up after their dogs and to refrain from chucking tennis balls where dogs won't go to retrieve them.

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# Sports

## GNH clashes with Ansonia in season opener

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic Yellowjackets football team lost the season opener on home turf to the Ansonia Chargers 42-7 on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Ansonia relied on its powerful run game to pile up the points and drain down the clock. The Chargers amassed more than 450 rushing yards in the game.

GNH strung together several promising drives with long passes from quarterback Ty Devita. Despite the lopsided score, big plays energized the crowd even late in the game and gave a sense of optimism for the coming season.

Last season, GNH ended with a record of 7-5 and departed the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Class SS playoff tournament in the semifinal game with a loss to Watertown. This year, GNH has just seven seniors on the roster.

Ansonia finished with a 10-2 record last year and ended on a loss to Cromwell/Portland in the semifinals of the CIAC Class S tournament.

The 2024 season-opening match was well attended with approximately 250 fans paying admission to enter Van Why Field in Winsted. It was



Above, the GNH Yellowjackets run out of the tunnel for the first game of the 2024 season against Ansonia High School Saturday, Sept. 14. Right, Ansonia running back Quintez Whittle rushed for 207 yards and scored three touchdowns in Winsted.

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about 77 degrees at kick off with a light breeze and strong sun.

Ansonia set out on the ground from the start. QB Matteo Sorrentino and RB Quintez Whittle created a powerful one-two punch in the backfield. The Chargers marched into the end zone on the opening drive and led throughout.

GNH found a scoring chance in its first possession when Owen Riemer reeled in a 35-yard reception at the five-yard line. Ansonia locked down the goal line and prevented a touchdown and prevented a touchdown to maintain a 7-0 lead.

GNH wide receiver Wes Allyn leapt for a high pass in the end zone late in the second quarter, but Ansonia

corner back Jahzari Lawson snatched it out of his hands for a mid-air interception. Ansonia took a 28-0 lead by halftime.

Ansonia proceeded to run down the clock and add two more scores in the second half. In the fourth quarter, GNH got on the board when QB Ty Devita snuck out of the pocket and dove into the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown. The game ended 42-7.

Ansonia was led offensively by Quintez Whittle with three TDs and 207 rushing yards. QB Matteo Sorrentino rushed for two TDs and totaled 157 rushing yards. Chrishon Fogle rushed

for 76 yards and a touchdown and Jayden Jackson rushed for 25 yards.

GNH's QB Ty Devita passed for 140 yards and scored a rushing touchdown for the Yellowjackets. RB Mason Sobol ran for 42 yards and WR Everett Rigby ended with 68 receiving yards. Owen Riemer finished with 35 reception yards and 15 rushing yards in the first

half. He did play the second half after taking a hard hit to the head late in the second quarter.

GNH will travel to Municipal Stadium in Waterbury Thursday, Sept. 19, to play Kennedy High School. The Yellowjackets return to Van Why Field Friday, Sept. 27 to host Torrington High School under the lights at 7 p.m.

## Charity tennis match raises \$4K

By Matthew Kreta

SHARON — The Sharon Country Club (SCC) hosted an exhibition doubles tennis match on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024. The event was held as a charity for the Little Guild Animal Shelter and raised approximately \$4,000.

The match featured players Dustin Parente and Jeff Kivitz against John Lippert and Guillermo Garcia Rincon. All four players have an extensive history with the game.

Parente is a three-time Connecticut State Champion and former Division One NCAA player at the University of Rhode Island, who currently leads the tennis program at SCC.

Kivitz is a former nationally ranked junior and All-American captain at Williams College and the eight-time defending SCC club champion.

Lippert played Division One NCAA tennis at the University of San Francisco.

Rincon has a top-25 national U16 ranking in Spain and is currently a coach and player, recently leading his team to a championship in the Greater Hartford Tennis League.

The talent on display was clear for the crowd in



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

Jeff Kivitz played in the Little Guild's charity match.

attendance, who frequently applauded the players' impressive feats. The four players had a frequent banter that paved the way for a light-hearted and enjoyable match.

The closest game of the entire match occurred at the start, as team Lippert-Rincon served to team Parente-Kivitz. After a few volleys the pairs found themselves in deuce, which they would re-enter a total of six times before team Lippert-Rincon got the first win. This was in direct contrast to the game that immediately followed, in which Parente-Kivitz smashed through without their opponents scoring at

all. Lippert-Rincon found their footing in game five, winning three in a row and ultimately taking the first set 6-3.

The second set opened with two decisive games from Lippert-Rincon, with Parente-Kivitz only scoring once. Parente-Kivitz won the third game, but Lippert-Rincon hit a stride starting in game four that ultimately led to their victory 6-1 in the second set, winning them the match. Throughout every game, both teams treated on-lookers to plenty of intense volleys, a handful of powerful and quick serves and plenty of jovial quips on both mistakes and dexterous plays.

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closer look.

The pontoon excursions were part of a three-hour scientific meeting on Monday, Sept. 9 at O'Hara's Landing Marina to help the affected lake chart a course for treating, controlling and managing the aggressive, non-native plant in 2025 and beyond. And it is not just the Twin Lakes in hydrilla's crosshairs.

One stray fragment, or whorl, of the long, stringy plant can infect a waterbody. Once it arrives, it is there for good. Control and management are the only recourse.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District, is testing herbicidal cocktails at five sites along the ravaged Connecticut River Watershed, where this novel strain originated, the results of which may not be released until next year, according to Ben Sperry, research biologist with USACE.

In addressing the coalition, TLA President Grant Bogle was frank in his update on the battle to date. "We're not ahead of this by any means. We're getting beat up pretty bad."

### Salisbury's six lakes

With six lakes within its borders, along with several ponds and a portion of the Housatonic River, Salisbury has a lot at stake.

"We've been pretty clear about how concerned we are," said First Selectman Curtis Rand. "We spend about \$50,000 on East Twin, but lately it's been more because of hydrilla, plus \$50,000 on Lakeville Lake and Long Pond," for lake surveys and preventative measures, he said. He noted that costs are likely to rise as hydrilla spreads.

"They've done a lot of work in the management of Twin Lakes, and I'm there to support that," added Rand, a coalition member.

The coalition roster includes, in addition to the TLA, the town of Salisbury, Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR), CAES, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), O'Hara's Landing Marina, Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), University of Wisconsin Whitewater, The Pond & Lakes Connection, SePRO, USACE, Salisbury School, The American School for the Deaf (ASD),

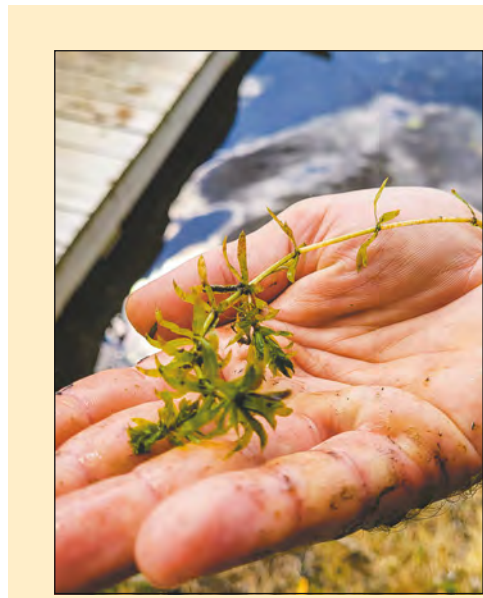


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A strand of hydrilla from East Twin's marina.

### How to identify hydrilla

Hydrilla is a submersed, multi-branched perennial herb, usually rooted but frequently with fragments seen drifting in the water. Leaves are vivid green and pointed with serrated edges.

Each plant grows in whorls of three to 10 along the stem, most often five whorls. Stems can be more than 35 feet long. The plant is often mistaken for native elodea (waterweed), although hydrilla presents as much more robust, stiffer and greener. While hydrilla generally grows from fleshy roots called tubers, the Connecticut River variant produces reproductive buds at the base of stems, called turions, which can remain dormant in undisturbed sediment for more than four years and require very little light to thrive.

and local government officials.

### Building relationships, sharing information

The group is sharing research with stakeholders, including representatives of Lake Wononscopomuc, which swiftly closed its boat launch once hydrilla was found in East Twin. In addition, Mount Riga Inc. closed its Ostrander beach and campsites as a precaution, but plans to reopen in 2025 with preventative measures in place and heightened public awareness.

Other Northwest Corner towns are also looking to Salisbury for guidance. Sharon selectman Lynn Kearcher attended the Sept. 9 forum to gather information.

"I have been doing research on hydrilla and we are very concerned it might invade Mudge," the town official said of the 300-plus-acre natural pond in her town within the Housatonic

enced sailors including an Olympic medalist and those on the world racing circuit."

Nweeia shared that "Sailing conditions at this year's America's cup were challenging with high seas and strong winds at twenty-five knots, thunderstorms and one ideal sailing day. The experience was as much about team building and cooperation, as it was about focus and being continually in the moment."

Over the years, Nweeia's sailing, wind and kitesurfing teachers have commented that he is "connected to the wind and understands how to invite her to the sport of sailing." "The wind whispers, and it can shriek, and in all my experiences in harnessing its power and gifts, one must listen to her voice and be fluid in one's reactions to the sailboat," he said.

Nweeia said of the America's Cup experience, "It was unbelievable! It's one of those 'pinch me' moments when you realize you are in an incredible circumstance."

"It was a gift to have this opportunity," he said. "And I am grateful to so many who made it possible."

### Clean, Drain, Dry

After every boat outing, every time, clean off visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from boats, trailers and all equipment before leaving water access.

Drain motor, bilge, livewell and other containing devices and dry everything for at least five days or wipe with a towel before reuse.

For anglers, dispose of unwanted bait, worms and fish parts in the trash. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.

### Hydrilla Resources

#### Twin Lakes Association

For information on hydrilla visit [twinlakes.org](http://twinlakes.org)

Please email [president@twinlakes.org](mailto:president@twinlakes.org) to submit a photo of suspected hydrilla. Include name, date and location where photo was taken.

#### Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

For information on Aquatic Invasive Species visit [portal.ct.gov/caes](http://portal.ct.gov/caes)

Email: [OAIS@CT.gov](mailto:OAIS@CT.gov) with photos of suspected hydrilla, with details on location.

#### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District

[www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Protections-Topics/Connecticut-River-Hydrilla/](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Protections-Topics/Connecticut-River-Hydrilla/)

CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

[portal.ct.gov/deep/fishing/general-information/aquatic-invasive-species](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/fishing/general-information/aquatic-invasive-species)

River Drainage Basin. "We've got to be guardian angels of the lakes."

Mudge Pond, Kearcher explained, "is so impacted with milfoil and curly-leaf pond weed that one more invasive plant would kill everything," including the endangered wetland plant, bulrush, which thrives there.

During the three hour-forum, the TLA's scientific partners offered support and guidance as the lake association grappled to find solutions that work to control hydrilla yet spare the rare native plants.

### "Prop-grabbing risk"

George Knoecklein of NEAR, whose company performs lake surveys, pointed to the concerning "prop-grabbing risk" created by hydrilla beds that are being chopped up by boat propellers, leaving small fragments to drift away and repopulate.

New hydrilla beds, identified by a diver hired by NEAR, followed a path leading from the marina into the channel and beyond.

Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at CAES, Office of Aquatic Invasive Species, noted that the Connecticut River variant is capable of growing an inch per day, and when water temperatures rise to about 80 degrees or higher, it can grow a foot per day.

Because East Twin is such a clear lake, hydrilla is able to thrive at maximum depths.

The group also discussed potential ways to protect West Twin, which flows into the ecologically sensitive Schenob Brook, including a possible lake draw-down of three feet and leaving benthic barriers in place as long as possible until the lake freezes.

"It's critically important to keep it from getting over there," said Peter Aarrestad, director of DEEP's Inland Fisheries Division.

Solutions discussed included submitting permit applications to DEEP earlier, by year-end if possible, so approvals arrive in time to allow herbicidal treatment to start earlier in the growing season.

And while SonarOne remains the herbicide of

choice, "we have to broaden that to be a systemic treatment" rather than a spot treatment, said Bogle.

"We don't know what else to do at this point, frankly, so that's what we are going to do," said Russ Conklin, TLA's vice president of lake management.

### Stakeholders join in the battle

The American School for the Deaf (ASD), which operates a summer camp on Twin Lakes where campers enjoy the swimming and other aquatic activities, is "monitoring the situation closely," ASD Executive Director Jeffrey Bravin said.

Bravin, who serves on the TLA Board, reported that while there have been no signs of hydrilla growth near the camp or beaches, "we will continue to monitor our beach, inspect our boats and communicate with the proper authorities should we notice any weeds resembling hydrilla."

In the meantime, the school is educating its ASD community in West Hartford, he said, "to ensure that our staff and students who travel to Isola Bella are aware of the issue and can assist in proactive measures."

At Lakeville Lake, the decision has been made that the "Launch Closed" sign will remain in place for the 2025 boating season, according to Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association.

Mount Riga Inc. president Ana Maria Chrysler said while there was disappointment among town residents about this year's beach closure, there was also "overwhelming support of our goal to protect Mount Riga lakes."

Looking to next year, Chrysler said, "As of right now our intention is to reopen the Ostrander Beach," with set hours of operation and monitoring, and heightened public awareness.

The coalition plans to regroup on Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Town Grove on Lakeville Lake.

Bogle concluded the meeting by noting that the TLA is in the battle for the long run. "It's going to be a game of cat and mouse for some time."

## SOLAR

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a capped landfill, this array demonstrates adaptive reuse by utilizing real estate that has no other viable uses."

The multi-year project began when Riiska established the Norfolk Energy Advisory Committee (NEAC) in 2018 to investigate energy sources and make the most of the energy resources for the town. Members of NEAC include Susannah Wood, Paul Madore, and Hartley Mead. The committee head, Norfolk resident Tom Strumolo, contacted his friend Kirt Mayland, a University of Connecticut professor and an expert on solar projects.

Mayland, an Energy Fellow at the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation, (CIRCA) recalled, "Matt and I, and the town energy committee, started thinking about this project years ago when I noticed Eversource was constructing and upgrading lines servicing the wind farm in Colebrook. That upgrade in service opened new solar capacity on the lines that was not there before, so we were quick to jump on that, and lock it in before another solar developer scooped it up on, most likely, a less desirable site such as farmland. Locking in the interconnection rights to the grid was key to moving the project forward."

First Selectman Riiska continued, "Working with Kirt we developed our plan and worked with Eversource to establish the interconnect agreement so the power produced could be sent to the grid. Kirt also established a relationship between Norfolk and Lodestar Energy. After reviewing several possible solar energy companies to partner with, we chose Lodestar in Avon. We then worked with an attorney to draft a contract with Lodestar."

The solar project has now

been sold to New Jersey Resources (NJR) "The benefit to the Town is that we receive \$42,000 per year in revenue from NJR," added Riiska, "This increases each year by 1.5%. This is needed revenue for the Town."

Norfolk has spent very little town money on this project. All application fees, legal contracts, and installation costs have been absorbed by Lodestar and NJR. Plus, the array will be maintained by NJR. This includes maintenance of the equipment, mowing, and maintaining the area around the array.

NEAC chair Strumolo explained, "The technology up there is called 'ballasted arrays' which means the poles are held in place by piles of stones instead of being driven into the earth. The former landfill is covered with a membrane which must remain intact, no holes."

Mayland, currently an assistant visiting professor at the Institute for Energy and the Environment at the Vermont Law and Graduate School, noted, "This is the first [array] to go up on a capped landfill. Under SCEF (aka community solar) low-income customers of Eversource will receive a monthly credit on their electric bills from this facility to help reduce their electricity expenses."

According to Macel, "Norfolk Solar was awarded a fixed 20-year contract for all energy and environmental attributes in Year Two of the SCEF program, a statewide project which will help the state achieve its renewable portfolio standard. This project represents a significant savings to CT ratepayers with a power purchase price of approximately 5.99 cents per kilowatt hour. The price is fixed for 20 years and will not escalate."

## WASTE

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ing HRRAs, the waste could be collected in Torrington, sorted by type, and hauled to HRRAs network of processors. COG Chair Dan Jeram, first selectman of New Hartford, said the increased workload on HRRAs small team would have been too much to take on.

"It seemed like a lot of work, and what was the benefit?" Jeram shared. He stressed the importance of COG moving forward with the Torrington Transfer Station purchase and finding a long-term partner for waste

management.

Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand said Casella Waste Systems, a large interstate resource management provider in New England, is in the process of acquiring Royal Carting and Welsh Sanitation (an Amenia, New York-based waste company that operates in Western Connecticut).

The sale is expected to be finalized before the end of 2024. Rand said there may be opportunities to work with Casella as it enters the Northwest Corner.

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# COMPASS

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LIFESTYLE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

## Fresh finds at Ivy's Collective

Tucked into the woods at the southeastern edge of Sharon for many years was an abandoned property, the former site of a beloved garden center called Nora's.

Ivy and Daniel Kramp often drove by the old Nora's, after moving part-time to Sharon in 2015 (both are successful realtors in New York City). It ignited a dream for Ivy, who had always loved interior design.

"One of our favorite things to do up here is go to estate sales," she said.

"But everything is always so expensive," Daniel said. "We go, we see the prices, we walk out."

In September 2023, the couple decided to buy the former Nora's and open it under a new name: Ivy's Collective.

"It was a passion project," Ivy said. "We wanted to create curated, approachable estate sales that went on all year long"

But because they are in the city all week, they needed to find just the right person to execute that dream. Through a mutual friend they were connected to Liz Macaire, who had recently launched an estate clearance business.

"I was starting to run out of space for all the things I was selling on commission for my clients," she said. She met Daniel and Ivy at the perfect time — and not long after, made another important connection, with Simon Kristoph, a former visual director for a high-end fashion store. He'd just moved to Litchfield County, and immediately teamed



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The scent of baked goods by Blue Gate draws one into Ivy's Collective, and the inviting interior imbues a sense of home.

up with Macaire, creating the new Macaire + Kristoph Studio (they recently opened a second location in West Cornwall).

When the foursome are together at Ivy's Collective, the energy in the shop is electric.

"It's always a party in this place," Macaire said.

Adding to the party atmosphere are the croissants and hot breakfasts served at the popular bakery at Ivy's Collective, called Blue Gate Bakery. The space is zoned for only three uses: an antique store, a bakery, and a garden center. The Collective now has all three.

Because Blue Gate is a bakery and not a cafe, there is no dedicated seating. Customers often come in and sit on the pieces that are for sale. It ignites their imagina-

tions.

"People come in for a croissant, and leave with a table or a lamp," Macaire said.

As Realtors, the Kramps are familiar with the important part that imagination plays in the sale of furniture or property. They always recommend "staging," which involves clearing out many of the seller's more personal items, and adding attractive and appropriate furnishings that enhance the space.

"It's non-negotiable," Daniel said of staging. "You're selling the vision of living in a space — versus showing buyers empty rooms and dusty shelves. It helps people see past the clutter or the emptiness."

Both Daniel and Ivy Kramp are already expert stagers, but they

can also now work with Macaire and Kristoph, who are experienced stylists and also have a bounty of consignment furnishings available to fit every space.

"Other people do staging, or interior design, or moving, or estate sales," Macaire said. "We provide all those services in one place."

Stop by Ivy's Collective to meet the team between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday through Sunday at 2 Route 7 in Sharon, just before the bridge (and get a delicious treat at the Blue Gate Farm Bakery). The new West Cornwall Macaire + Kristoph Studio is at 406 Sharon/Goshen Turnpike, and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find Macaire and Kristoph at [www.macairekristoph.com](http://www.macairekristoph.com).



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

The cast included Charles Busch (left), June Gable (center) and Richard Kind (right), as well as Joanna Gleason and Rodd Cyrus (not pictured).

THEATER: MATTHEW KRETA

## Stellar cast draws full house for one-night show

The Sharon Playhouse hosted a one-night stage reading of "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" on their main stage on Sept. 13. The reading featured an absolutely star-studded cast including the playwright, Charles Busch, and was sold out.

"The Tale of the Allergist's Wife" follows the midlife crisis of the main character, Marjorie Taub, and takes place entirely within the two-bedroom apartment of her and her husband Ira. The play was first produced in 2000.

From the very beginning it is clear that Marjorie is in full distress but can't quite place a finger on why, other than the death of her therapist.

Only able to be "assisted" so much by her constantly working husband and nagging mother who lives just down the hall, Marjorie begins to find some solace and joy again due to a chance meeting with her old childhood friend, Lee. Lee has lived an absolutely extraordinary life, and her openness and stories begin to revitalize Marjorie. From there, the play explores Marjorie and her family trying to navigate these changes.

The five-person comedy featured Charles Busch as the titular allergist's wife, Marjorie, as well as Tony winner Joanna Gleason, Tony nominee June Gable,

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# Roadsides as runways: trend spotting invasive plants

I can't help but notice the roadside plants while I am driving. This spring, after an otherwise violent brush cutting along Route 7, I spotted a large and glorious patch of trillium; the other day I noticed that the super-spreader Japanese stiltgrass has taken over the sides of a local thoroughfare that shall not be name-shamed. Roadside plants are both a seasonal timestamp and a leading indicator of what invasives we will soon be grappling with inside the boundaries of our own properties. A kind of drive-by trend spotting.

A new-ish umbellifer dotting the roadsides this summer, Wild parsnip, *Pastinaca sativa*, is a tall, fennel-shaped invasive that has, thankfully, now withered to a brown skeleton. For cyclists this summer it was a surprise, then a worry. Skin contact with the plant can cause burns and blistering welts. If it gets into the eye it can even cause blindness.

The plant that is currently engaging my peripheral vision from the road is purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*. By the time you read this it will be winding down its blossom and going to seed. One is forgiven for not taking this one seriously; with its skinny stems and distractingly vibrant flowers it is arm candy to the native goldenrod it often accompanies. I saw it in a bouquet at a dinner last week and thought that we should all be making purple loose strife bouquets in an effort to stop its spread. True to its name, this loosestrife is a troublesome invasive that bullies out



native neighbors with a combination of its dense perennial rootstock and prolific seeder. According to the Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group, a mature plant can produce more than 2.5 million seeds annually.

Purple loosestrife is most often seen in wetland areas; its seeds can germinate even after a couple of years spent underwater. Cut it down to prevent the seeds from spreading; it is hard to pull out by the root. If you only have a few, consider using a shovel to dig out the roots, which you will need to do consistently over a few years. It does get better. Chemical control, especially in wetlands, is best left to a professional.

There have been attempts at biological control against purple loosestrife; four types of insects were approved for release in Connecticut years ago to slow down the plant's spread including a leaf eating beetle and a root eating weevil. My sense was, over the last few years, populations of the invasive plant were declining. This year, perhaps due to the mild winter or the heavy rainfall, it seemed to be everywhere.

There are both native and invasive loosestrifes co-existing in our area so a quick lesson to help you distinguish between them. There is a smaller, paler purple-flowered native called Winged loosestrife, *Lythrum alatum*, that I have never



Purple loosestrife as a roadside attraction.

PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

seen here and would like to know if any readers have encountered the species nearby. If you have, please send me an email at [dee@theungardener.com](mailto:dee@theungardener.com)

The other three are all yellow-flowered. Yellow loosestrife, *Lysimachia vulgaris*, is the invasive type. Like its purple relative, it grows in full sun and prefers wetlands. The yellow flower has more of a golden hue than that of its native relatives, Fringed loosestrife, *Lysimachia ciliata*, and Whorled loosestrife *Lysimachia quadrifolia*. Both of these native

plants have distinctly paler yellow flowers that are less abundant on the stem than they are with the invasive type. Fringed loosestrife is abundant on the banks of the Housatonic where we live but so is the invasive version which I admit to not identifying it in time to keep it from establishing a robust stand in an area where I cannot shovel out the roots without causing erosion to the area. I will keep cutting it and see how it responds.

Back to the earlier-mentioned Japanese stiltgrass. If you intend

to eradicate this prolific plant now is your last opportunity before it spreads its seeds, which are emerging from its slender stems. Consider first the area where it resides. In meadows and lawns you will do well to pull it out rather

than weed whack so that there is no chance of seeding. Be sure to get your fingers down near the ground before you tug as the stem is as thin as a thread and will easily break with the root still in the ground. Not a disaster but it does risk re-growth this fall. For large and dense swaths, a weed torch will work wonders so long as you use with caution and safety measures. Remember to use this method only after a rain or early in the morning when the dew is thick and fallen leaves are not easily flammable. Always have a fire blanket or other fire eradication system by you. Perhaps most importantly, to avoid stiltgrass infestation, ask your lawn care company to hose down their mowers before starting to mow your lawn. This time of year stiltgrass seed will travel on mowers from other people's lawns to new spots.

The shrub and small tree called Burning bush, *Euonymus alatus*, is the next invasive plant to put on a show for us on the roadside runway with its brilliant bluish-red and then pink leaves trying to distract driving eyes. Don't succumb – eyes on the road!

Dee Salomon 'ungardens' in Litchfield County.

## ...Playhouse

television and movie actor Richard Kind and Juilliard School graduate Rodd Cyrus. Director Carl Andress read the stage directions for the audience's benefit. The sheer talent of these five actors and actresses was clear from the moment they began, and their proficiency made this reading nearly feel like a complete production, despite the static and simplistic nature of stage readings.

Throughout the night, the cast fully embodied each character over the course of the hour and forty minutes that the audience had the pleasure to watch, delivering punchline after punchline with absolutely perfect timing and conviction. The audience, in turn, was absolutely roaring with laughter and applause. It was very

rare for the hall to be silent, as the writing and cast delivered a night of non-stop hits that

left patrons more than satisfied.

The Sharon Playhouse will open on Friday, Sept.

20 with the final production of its main season, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".


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# COMPASS



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Francine Prose will be in conversation at Cornwall Library Sept. 21.

## BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

### Francine Prose in author talk

The Cornwall Library (30 Pine St., Cornwall, CT) will host Francine Prose, the award-winning American novelist and critic, for an in-person author talk on "1974," her newest memoir, on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. Prose will be in conversation with eminent writer Roxana Robinson, offering an engaging discussion about the book and the turbulent cultural landscape it explores.

"1974" takes readers back to a formative period in Prose's life, as she reflects on her youth and experiences in San Francisco during the countercultural 1970s. A captivating memoir, it intertwines personal narrative with the political and social upheaval of the time, particularly focusing on her relationship with Tony Russo, a figure central to the Pentagon Papers leak. Through the memoir, Prose paints a vivid picture of a changing America, using her wit and insight to draw connections between the past and the present.

In addition to discussing her memoir, Prose will explore her distinguished career as the author of twenty novels, several collections of nonfiction, and essays, and share her thoughts on becoming a writer during an era of radical change.

Acclaimed novelist and biographer, Roxana Robinson will lead the conversation. Known for her biography of Georgia O'Keeffe and her seven novels, Robinson brings her own literary expertise to the event, promising a thoughtful and engaging dialogue.

This is an in-person event, and registration is required. Please sign up at [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org).

Copies of "1974" will be available for purchase and signing.

ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Hillsdale watercolorist wins first prize in Trinity Church art show

Sue Arnholter's watercolor painting, "Race Day," took first prize in the Trinity Episcopal Church juried art show.

The awards were announced at a reception at the church Friday, Sept. 13.

Arnholter, of Hillsdale, said she doesn't regularly follow horse racing but "I was struck by the movement" during a horse race.

Second prize was an oil painting of three cows in a field by Michael Spross of Millbrook. A retired art teacher, Spross said he started painting the sky at the top of the composition with brushes.

"This is going to take forever," he thought to himself, so he switched to palette knives and completed the painting that way.

Third prize went to Pamela Berkeley's oil



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First prize winner Sue Arnholter with her blue ribbon painting titled "Race Day."

painting "Bidet and Pussy Willows," and the People's Choice award to Gary Finelli's "Jesus and

Me" (pencil and chalk dust).

The judges were Jason Losh and Karin Wexler.

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## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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

### SEPTEMBER 20

#### Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

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

Join Sally Van Doren on Friday, Sept. 20, 4 to 5 p.m. for an immersive experience of reading, listening to, and writing poetry a supportive environment. Well-chosen prompts unlock the imagination to help you write. Registration is required.

#### Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Sept. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Mark Doty's 2015 poetry collection, *Deep Lane*. No poetry training is needed – just read the poems and be ready to discuss. Please register online.

#### Susan Seidelman Celebration

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

On Sept. 20, director Susan Seidelman will visit the Triplex and discuss her career and her new memoir, which she will also be signing copies of. We will screen Seidelman's critically acclaimed "Desperately Seeking Susan," which starts Madonna and Rosanna Arquette.

### SEPTEMBER 21

#### Art at Trinity Fall Juried Show

Trinity Episcopal Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn. 06039, 860-435-2627 trinitylimerock.org

The Art at Trinity Juried Show will continue from Sept. 21 to 22 from noon to 4 p.m. The show will include fine art, small works and unframed art.

#### Native Meadow Talk & Tour With Michael Nadeau

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

On Saturday, Sept. 21, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., join the Salisbury Association Land Trust and sustainable land-care expert Michael Nadeau for a talk on the importance of planting native species and a visit to the Vincent Preserve, which was planted with a native species seed mix in 2022. Registration is requested. Please visit scovillelibrary.org.

#### Griffin Dunne Celebration

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

On Sept. 21 Triplex Cinema will begin with a screening of Griffin Dunne's documentary about his aunt, Joan Didion. Following that, Dunne will speak about his life and career and sign copies of his new critically-acclaimed memoir. Then he will introduce "An American Werewolf in London," which he starred in.

#### The Voice of Art's Fine Art Festival on the Sharon Green

Sharon Town Green, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

From Sept. 21 to 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Voice of Art's Fine Art Festival on the Sharon Green (formerly known as "Litchfield Art Festival") will run. This event is free and open to the public.

### SEPTEMBER 22

#### Fall Market

Railroad St. North Canaan, Conn.

Games, food and fall products come to North Canaan for the Canaan Colonial Fall Market Sunday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local food and music will fill the air for the day of fall fun on Railroad Street.

#### Moments Frozen in Time: Photography Adventures

Parish House of the United Church of Christ, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.

"Moments Frozen in Time: Photography Adventures," an exhibit of photographs by the award-winning Housatonic Camera Club (HCC), will take place at the Parish House of the United Church of Christ in Cornwall from Sept. 22 through Oct. 3.

#### Last week's WoTW

R	E	A	D	Y
C	R	U	S	T
S	K	I	R	T
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S	P	O	R	T

### 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 WoTW.


- Maintain eye contact
- Trick or \_\_\_\_\_
- Competitive, ranked
- Slang for "bye"
- Hydrilla's habitat

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#### Jessie Sheehan, *Salty, Cheesy, Herby, Crispy, Snackable Bakes*

Rhinebeck Farmers Market, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Join Jessie Sheehan at the Rhinebeck Farmers Market for a book signing of her latest savory recipes.

### SEPTEMBER 24

#### Knitting with Expert Bruce Weinstein

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

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., join us for all or part of this three-session workshop series. Learn three advanced stitches with local expert Bruce Weinstein, author of *Knits Men Want* and *Boyfriend Sweaters*, and 37 published cookbooks. Registration is required.

#### Julia Dahl, *I Dreamed of Falling: A Novel*

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Julia Dahl discusses her new thriller novel with Alison Gaylin.

### SEPTEMBER 25

#### Business Lunch & Learn: Can AI Improve Your Business Communications?

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

Join Columbia Business School Professor David Rogers from noon to

12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, to learn about the pros and cons of ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, or Anthropic's Claude, and whether AI can help you streamline your work writing.

### SEPTEMBER 26

#### Franz Nicolay, *Band People: Life and Work in Popular Music*

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, N.Y.

Franz Nicolay talks with Joe Hagan about the lives of working musicians.

FREE. Registration Required.

### SEPTEMBER 27

#### Sharon Historical Society Talk

Sharon Historical Society Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn. sharonhist.org

Join us Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society Museum for a talk by Jeff Lynch, Head Gardener at Wethersfield Estate, and Hillary Henderson, COO, on "Challenges of Preserving and Maintaining Wethersfield Gardens." The event complements our "Mrs. Poehler and Mr. Stillman" exhibition. Refreshments and free garden passes included. Limited seating; sign up early. sharonhist.org

### CAMA Fall Festival

Connecticut Antique Machinery, 318 Route 7, Kent, Conn. camamuseum.org

Connecticut Antique Machinery Association will host the 40th anniversary Fall Festival Sept. 27 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Described as "tons of fun for kids 3 to 103," the weekend includes steam engines, antique equipment, working sawmill, tractor parade, mining/geode exhibits, food and a swap meet.

### Nora Lange, *Us Fools: A Novel*

Oblong Rhinebeck, 6422 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, N.Y. oblongbooks.com

Nora Lange discusses her debut novel with Ryan Chapman.

Details: [www.oblongbooks.com/event/nora-lange-us-fools](http://www.oblongbooks.com/event/nora-lange-us-fools)

FREE. Registration Requested.

### SEPTEMBER 28

#### Car Show

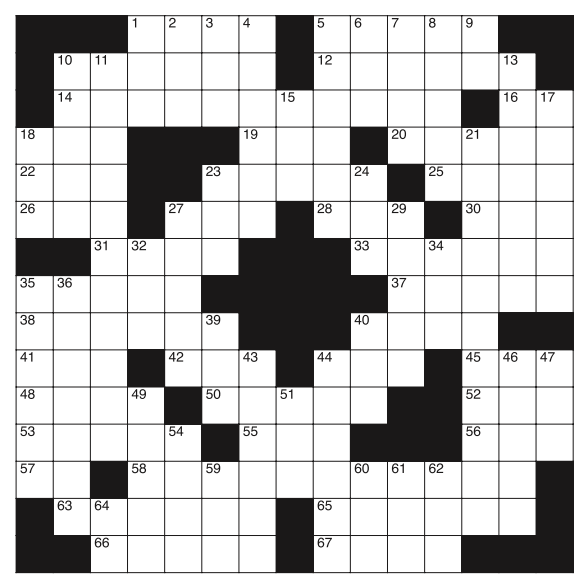
Lone Oak Campsites, 360 Norfolk Rd. East Canaan, Conn.

The 10th annual Lone Oak Campsites Car Show returns Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the massive car display, there will be a DJ, food trucks, prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit the Canaan Fire Company. [tinyclub.com/LOCCARSHOW](http://tinyclub.com/LOCCARSHOW)

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Wrest
- Russian river
- Grupo Montparnasse founder
- One who quits prematurely
- Related to the nature of being
- Early multimedia
- Indigenous Tibetan religion
- Tease
- J.M. \_\_, Irish dramatist
- Pounds per square inch
- Surrendered
- Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- Dash
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- British Air Aces
- Data executive
- Spiritual leader
- Flower cluster
- Of the cheek
- Tears down
- Uncoordinated
- Touches lightly
- Soak
- Founder of Babism
- Not good
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Type of casino game
- Skills assessments for adults
- Check
- Gives a job
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Small, faint constellation
- Thou
- Reduce
- Another recording
- Removes for good
- Jill and Catherine are two
- Cruise



- Days (Spanish)
- Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- Tributary of the Alabama River
- One who eliminates
- Ballroom music
- Officer in the Book of Mormon
- Denies
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Make vital
- Former NFLer Newton
- Kashmiri tribe
- Indigenous S. American person
- Capacitance unit
- MLB great Scherzer
- Taxi
- Boggy
- Artist's workroom
- Feline
- Prosecutors
- Freshwater perches
- Young ladies
- Whittles
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Type of gene
- Express displeasure
- Fly high
- Norwegian krone
- Investment account
- Chinese surname
- Language
- By the way (abbr.)

### Sept. 12 Solution

S	T	P				B	E	T	A
C	U	R	B			H	O	N	A
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### Sudoku

		3	2					7
		4			3	8		
6								1
					7			
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		5	1	7		9		
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### Sept. 12 Solution

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9	5	3	7	1	4	6	8	2
2	4	6	5	3	8	7	9	1
1	9	4	3	8	5	2	6	7
5	8	2	6	9	7	1	3	4
6	3	7	4	2	1	8	5	9
3	6	1	9	5	2	4	7	8
8	7	9	1	4	6	3	2	5
4	2	5	8	7	3	9	1	6

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# Our Towns



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## Harvest season

As summer gives way to autumn, Laurelbrook Farm on Route 44 in East Canaan harvests its corn supply.



## Kent establishes cannabis regulation subcommittee

By Alec Linden

KENT — At the Sept. 12 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, members voted to establish a new subcommittee within the commission dedicated to regulating retail cannabis in Kent.

Recreational cannabis use has been legal in Connecticut since 2021 (medical use has been approved since 2012). While the sale of cannabis is permitted by state legislature, for businesses to sell it legally they must be locally licensed, meaning towns may

decide how they regulate the product.

The formation of this regulatory subcommittee follows the July 10 meeting of P&Z where Land Use Administrator Tai Kern noted that Kent lacked sufficient regulating retail cannabis in Kent.

Kern drafted a letter to establish a new moratorium on cannabis licensing, which the commission approved, and a tentative date for a public hearing has been set for Nov. 14. More information will follow at next month's P&Z meeting.

## WEDC Job Fair Sept. 26

WINSTED — Members of the public are invited to a free job fair in Winsted Thursday, Sept. 26.

Winsted Economic Development Commission is hosting the job fair at the American Mural Project at

90 Whiting St. in Winsted. Employers will be available to talk to from 3 to 6 p.m.

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