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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Pumpkin painting was a hit among youngsters at the Salisbury Fall Festival Oct. 11 to 13.

## In awe of autumn's amazement at Salisbury Fall Festival

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There was something for everyone at the Salisbury Fall Festival, which enjoyed two days of excellent weather Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12, before succumbing to a chilly, rainy Sunday, Oct. 13.

Ambling along Main Street

Saturday, from the White Hart to the Scoville Memorial Library, a reporter began by renewing the acquaintance of Jocelyn Krodman, proprietor of PetitFelts and a regular at the Salisbury Handmade artisan shows hosted on the lawn of the White Hart.

Krodman has added ceramics to her repertoire and directed atten-

tion to smallish needle felted animal heads mounted on ceramic dishes.

They come with brief whimsical stories. A rooster head named Glen was accompanied by a brief recap of his career as an internet influencer.

Janine Walsh of Lakeville and Olivia Robson of Salisbury are J&O

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## COVID-19 vax rates concern health officials heading into winter

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — Kitty Kiefer couldn't catch a break last winter. But what the Salisbury selectman did catch was COVID-19, influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and a nasty cold.

"The whole winter I went from one disease to the next," recalled Kiefer, despite being current on her immunizations. Small children, she noted, "are walking Petri dishes."

While she failed to dodge a mélange of misery, she is optimistic that her updated flu and COVID shots, and one-time RSV jab, might have lessened the severity of her illnesses. So Kiefer plans to roll up her sleeve again this fall for her annual flu shot and COVID booster.

Health officials are hoping more people will follow suit, as staying

up to date with recommended vaccines reduces the risk of severe disease, hospitalization and death, and even a syndrome known as Long COVID.

With a summer surge of coronavirus in the rearview mirror, at least temporarily, and the official arrival this month of the 2024/2025 respiratory virus season, state and local health officials expressed concern about lagging immunization rates and COVID fatigue heading into

fall, winter and the holidays.

"We want to make everybody aware that the Respiratory Viral Disease Season is definitely upon us and this is the time to get yourself protected from COVID, flu and RSV," said Dr. Manisha Juthani, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Health (DPH).

She noted that everyone ages six months and older is eligible to

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### Meet the candidates

The 2024 general election is nearly here. Early voting begins Monday, Oct. 21 at polling stations throughout Connecticut. In addition to a referendum on no-excuse absentee ballots, candidates for President, Congress, and the General Assembly are on the ticket.

Here in the Northwest Corner, incumbent State Senator Stephen Harding (R-30) is being challenged by Democrat Justin Potter. Incumbent State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) is being challenged by Republican Barbara Breor. Meet the candidates on Page A4.

## Posey family donates 128 acres to Sharon Land Trust

By Alec Linden

SHARON — On Monday, Sept. 30, the Sharon Land Trust (SLT) announced its acquisition of 128 acres on Dug Road, donated by Samuel Posey Jr., who has owned the property for eight years.

"Our goal is to preserve and conserve the rural heritage of the town of Sharon, and to protect both its agricultural and ecological resources for future generations," said SLT Executive Director Carolyn Klocker said. SLT has named the parcel the Posey Family Preserve in honor of the donors.

This particular donation is an inspiring model for future land protection in the town, Klocker said.

"This is huge," Klocker said. "That the Posey family reached out to us sets an amazing example for landowners who are as invested in the Town of Sharon as we at [SLT] are."

The land will now be a resource "for many future generations to enjoy" while continuing to contribute agricultural value to the region. "it's critical in this day and age that we protect our agricultural lands in the Northeast," she emphasized. Posey leased the land to farmers during his ownership of the property, and SLT will continue those same leases.

The new preserve abuts the Twin Oaks Preserve, already under

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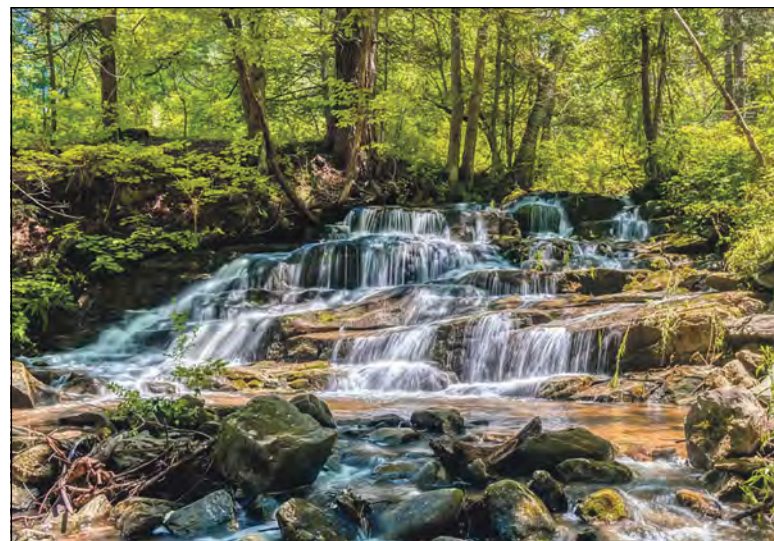


PHOTO BY BROOKE LOENING

A creek on the property recently preserved by Sharon Land Trust cascades over the rocky terrain to form one of several waterfalls.

## Investigation into Town Clerk finds misconduct; no punitive action taken

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The Connecticut Attorney General's investigation into complaints against Town Clerk Jean Jacquier has found evidence of misconduct and neglect of duty.

A letter released Oct. 9 from Deputy Associate Attorney General Maura B. Murphy, chief of the special litigation section, states, "We thoroughly investigated the allegations and found evidence of misconduct and neglect of duty in three areas: (1) improper security of the vault outside of the Town Clerk's hours of operation; (2) im-

proper posting of campaign materials in Town Hall; and (3) untimely stamping of documents received by the Town Clerk's office."

No further action was taken by the AG's office. The letter "strongly recommend" Jacquier implement changes to her practices and review standards governing vault security, political activity by municipal officials, and stamping or endorsing documents.

The letter to Jacquier ends, "We trust you will take these recommendations seriously and, to the extent you have not already done

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### Online This Week

#### BMX in Falls Village

A recently awarded bike safety grant led to big air and soft landings outside of David M. Hunt Library. More at [www.lakevillejournal.com](http://www.lakevillejournal.com).

## 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.

#### Car collides with porch

On the morning of Oct. 8, a vehicle traveling northbound through a rotary on Route 63 in Goshen drove straight through the center of the rotary, then ran off the roadway through a fence, picnic table, and finally the residential porch of 6 North St. The house received damage to the porch as well as structural damage, while the vehicle sustained disabling front end damage. The vehicle's operator was transported to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital by Goshen EMS, where her operator's license was ultimately seized by the hospital. She was given a written warning for failure to maintain proper lane.

#### Car drives off road

On the evening of Oct. 9, a vehicle traveling west on Route 44 just west of Brook Street in Salisbury veered off the road, striking a wood-post guardrail and util-

ity pole. The vehicle's lone occupant was transported to Sharon hospital for suspected minor injuries, and the vehicle was towed from the scene. The reason for the crash is unclear, and the case is still under investigation.

#### Driver falls asleep

On the morning of Oct. 12, a vehicle traveling northward on Route 272 in Norfolk veered off the road due to the driver falling asleep. The vehicle struck a utility pole and was towed from the scene, and the driver issued a verbal warning for failing to maintain proper lane. No injuries were reported.

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)

### Correction

In the Oct. 10 story about Sharon's apple tree, the photo was taken by Tom Zetterstrom.

# Leaders learn from agritourism success

By Riley Klein

COLEBROOK — Situated in the hills near the border of Norfolk and Colebrook, Norbrook Farm Brewery has become a cultural destination in the Northwest Corner.

For the past six years, Norbrook has attracted many regulars from Litchfield and Berkshire Counties. The home-brewed ales are paired with local eats and activities. A disc golf course and miles of wooded trails are utilized by outdoor recreationists and bring in tourists from all over.

Leaders from across the county gathered in Norbrook's tap room Oct. 10 to hold the monthly meeting of the Northwest Hill Council of Governments (COG). The selectmen in attendance aimed to learn of Norbrook's successes, challenges and plans for the future. On this morning, the bar served coffee and tea.

The group heard from owners John and Randy Auclair before receiving a tour of the facility led by Canaan-born brewmaster Colin Coan. The Auclair brothers said the nearly 500-acre property's varying terrain lends itself perfectly to the multiple uses of the brewery.

John Auclair lived next door to the property that is now Norbrook Farm and was looking for something to occupy his time after selling the Auclairs' previous business, Electric Motion Company in Winsted. The plot of land became bank-owned and the Auclairs bought it in 2016.

The front portion, near the Stillman Hill Road frontage, houses the brewery. Nearby, about 600 hops plants grow



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

### Selectmen toured Norbrook Farm Brewery Oct. 10.

next to a goat pen, and cows graze the field.

Further into the property wooded acreage contains 11 miles of mountain biking trails, eight miles of hiking paths and a disc golf course. Near the back of the property mountainous terrain means "you've got to be a billy goat to go up," as Auclair put it.

Combining full time and part time staff, more than 20 individuals are employed at the brewery, which is on track to produce about 1,500 barrels of beer this year. An on-site distillery is in the works to add spirits to Norbrook's menu in the coming years. A new kitchen is also being built.

Norbrook has attracted guests from as far as Cologne, Germany, who reported the Kolsch-style "Cog Ale" (no

relation to COG) is just as good as the brew back home.

COG Chair Dan Jerram, First Selectman of New Hartford, asked if it was a challenge to open the brewery in a rural location with no public water or sewer. The Auclairs said a second well was drilled to adequately supply water for the operation and the septic field may need to double in size to keep up with growth.

The property is situated near the wind turbines in Colebrook, which provide ample electric service for the needs of the brewery. "Ever-source tells me 100% of our power here comes from those turbines," said John Auclair

Norbrook's conversion of (mostly) unimproved land into a popular recreation destination is seen as a template

for modern agritourism success in the Northwest Corner.

A comparable venture is in the works in Cornwall. Earlier this year Ridgway Farm received Planning and Zoning Commission approval to build a cidery, tasting room and farm store on its Town Street property.

Ian Ridgway said progress on the cidery is coming along. Foundation work is underway and the Ridgways have been busy "planting a lot of apple trees."

The preliminary timeline eyes a fall 2025 opening for the farm store. Cider will follow, likely in 2026.

Ridgway found Norbrook's outdoor recreation model intriguing and, though the trail networks aren't available at Ridgway Farm, orchard and cidery tours will be on the menu.

In researching the history of cider in Cornwall, the Ridgways found a record from the year 1800 that showed the town was producing 1,500 barrels of cider per year (about equal to Norbrook's beer yield in 2024). The population of the town was roughly the same at about 1,500 people, and all of the cider produced in town stayed in town.

"They had a barrel for every person," said Ridgway, who is looking forward to continuing Cornwall's cider legacy.

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**David D. Kirkpatrick**

David D. Kirkpatrick is a writer for *The New Yorker* whose work includes coverage of American politics. He spent 22 years as a *New York Times* correspondent, where he reported on presidential elections and led coverage of the 2011 uprisings for democracy across the Middle East.

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# Our Towns

## Town plan under review

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission met Monday, Oct. 7 to revise and incorporate public comments into the draft of the ten-year Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), which is due to update this year.

Over the course of the three-hour meeting, P&Z meticulously combed every page of the 121-page document, addressing stylistic and formatting concerns alongside input gleaned from the public engagement meeting held on Sept. 30. At that meeting, the Commission fielded comments from the public on a draft of the

document, both from a live audience and from written letters submitted prior to the workshop.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens expressed his gratitude to the community for its participation in developing the document: "I'm very pleased with participation both at the public engagement meeting and through the written comments," he said. He emphasized that the public commentary was very helpful in developing the draft to send out for review.

The POCD is "an advisory framework to address long-term community needs consistent with the Growth Management Prin-

ciples of the State of Connecticut's Conservation and Development Plan," as per the Salisbury town website. Salisbury's last POCD was approved in 2012, and Connecticut state law required municipalities to update the plan every decade. Due to Covid-19 related concerns, the town was granted until the end of 2024 to complete document, a deadline the commission must meet in order to ensure discretionary state funding.

P&Z submitted the edited document on schedule to the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the Salisbury Board of Selectman for a statutory 65-day review period.

## Selectmen to discuss POCD

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — There will be a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen Thursday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m. (hybrid) for the selectmen to discuss the Planning and Zoning Commission's draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

The selectmen picked that date and time during the regular monthly selectmen's meeting Monday, Oct. 9.

First Selectman Curtis Rand noted that as of Oct. 9 the selectmen had a first draft of the POCD. He said the board can accept or reject the entire thing, or sections of it. "But we can't do anything until we get the final draft."

Rand said there will be a town meeting "soon" to handle several outstanding matters, including the town's donation of a parcel of land on Undermountain Road and Grove Street to the Salisbury Housing

Trust, combined with an easement giving control of the westernmost section of the parcel back to the town for open space.

The town meeting will also include funding for two new sidewalk tractors, additional remediation at the old transfer station site, and hydrilla-related funding for Twin Lakes.

The town meeting will include amending an existing ordinance to accurately reflect the cost of hooking up to town water and sewer. A separate matter of an encroachment on town property on Housatonic River Road might be on the town meeting agenda.

In the meantime, Rand said to the public: "Stop putting things in the town right-of-way — trees, stone walls, fences."

Rand reported that the site plan for the old railroad station on Ethan Allen Street is finished. The selectmen agreed to refer the site plan to P&Z.

## August recorded real estate transfers in Goshen

By Christine Bates

GOSHEN — Goshen's real estate market in August was lively in part due to six purchases in Woodridge Lake and two lots in the Meadow Crest subdivision. The largest sale this month was \$2,450,000 for three adjacent parcels constituting Sunset Meadows Vineyard while the smallest was \$12,000 for a campsite at Hemlock Camp Resort. There's something for everyone in Goshen with homes selling across a wide range of price points. The current median price for a single-family home in Goshen is \$640,000, the highest in twenty years with the upward trend following the general market in Connecticut.

Inventory is being snapped up in Goshen with only 19 properties on the market — only 8 of them are single family homes while

10 vacant building lots are listed.

### August Transfers

Hyerdale West Drive, lot 87 in Woodridge Lake — 1.11 acres old by Estate of Raymon Shine to Todd Daniel Bell Jr. and Alexis Stauder Bell for \$75,000

434 East Hyerdale Road — 4 bedroom/3 bath house sold by John S. and Kathryn A Bryant to Whitney Anne and Joshua I. Morin for \$1,600,000.

533, 563 and 599 Old Middle Road — Vineyard, residences and buildings sold by Nancy R. Wadhams to Grape Life LLC for a total of \$2,450,000.

58 East Hyerdale Drive, Woodridge Lake — 4 bedroom/4 bathroom waterfront contemporary house on 1.02 acres sold by Lori F. Alpers to Shelley and David Maffucci for \$1,800,000.

55 Jakes Road — 3 bed-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**Vineyards surround single family residences, barns, sheds and a tasting room at Sunset Meadows Vineyards was sold for \$2,450,000.**

room/2 bath home on 1.15 acres sold by Mark Dwyer and Makiko Kawaguchi to Nona Footz and Karsten Beutnagel for \$559,000.

5 Lakeshore Drive — A single-family waterfront home on Tyler Lake sold by Thomas Bazzolo to Edward J. Townsend and Erin T. Conside for \$150,000.

4 Meadowcrest South — A single family ranch on 1.22 acres sold by Henne Development Company LLC to Edward S. Jr. and Frances L.

Caco for \$104,000.

14 Ives Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home at Woodridge Lake sold by Martine and Briana Voss to Gary and Kathleen Vitiello for \$689,000.

18 Dresden Circle — 3

bedroom/2 bath home at Woodridge Lake sold by Sherrin Nolfi to Isabelle and Thomas Pollock Jr. for \$480,000.

153 Torrington Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home of 759 square feet sold by Jason and Ashley Grusauskas to Felicia Nyame for \$272,500.

52 Sandy Beach Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on Tyler Lake sold by Laurie B. Martinek, Ceil S. Kelly, Todd A. Benjamin and Gregg W. Benjamin to Jennifer and Daniel Feeney for \$1,095,000.

Campsite Unit #89, Hemlock Camp Resort — A camp site sold by Hemlock Hill Camp Resort Coop Associ-

ation to Kenneth and Lisa Lesinsky for \$12,000.

618 Beach Street — 4 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Deutsche Bank Trust Company to Osamah Palwala for \$182,700.

*\*Town of Goshen real estate sales recorded as sold between August 1, 2024, and August 31, 2024, provided by the Goshen Town Clerk. Property details from Goshen tax cards and CT MLS where available. Transfers with no consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.*

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 7, 2024: Denied for Incompleteness - Site Plan Application #2024-0??? by Peter Stefanopoulos, for an unknown scope of work at an unknown location.

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

Town of Salisbury  
Planning &  
Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
10-17-24

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF AVIS E. MOREHOUSE Late of Sharon (24-00340)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 26, 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  
10-17-24

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

Notice is hereby given that the following

application was approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 8, 2024:

Application 2024-0262 for a Variance to the front yard setback requirements for a building. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's Map 35, Lot 6, and is known as 16 Woodland Drive, Lakeville, CT. The owners of the property are Aaron and Alycia Zimmerman.

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

Salisbury Zoning  
Board of Appeals  
Lee Greenhouse, Secretary  
10-17-24

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JEREMIAH T. FALLON, JR. AKA Jeremiah Thomas Fallon, Jr., AKA Jerry T. Fallon, AKA Jerry Fallon Late of North Canaan (24-00415)

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARY R. OWEN

### Late of North Canaan (24-00417)

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF JANE MURPHY Late of Sharon (24-00376)

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# Elections

## Meet the candidates 2024

The Lakeville Journal asked candidates for Connecticut's Senate District 30 and House District 64 to respond to the following prompts. CT-30 includes the towns of Brookfield, Canaan (Falls Village), Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Winchester, Warren and part of Torrington. CT-64 includes the towns of Canaan (Falls Village), Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon and Washington.

### DEMOCRAT

#### Justin Potter (D)

##### Challenging CT-30 State Senator

**Profile**

I grew up on a dairy farm in Washington, Conn., and graduated from Shepaug in 1998. After graduating from Cornell University in 2002 with a degree in economics, I moved to New York and started an e-commerce business in 2005, which I still run. I married my junior year prom date from Shepaug, Claire, and we now live in Kent with our two young kids. I serve as the President of Kent Affordable Housing, as an alternate on the Kent ZBA, and volunteer at the Kent Food Bank.

**Why are you the best person for the job?**

Growing up on the farm, I learned at a very young age that if there's a problem, you don't complain about it — you get to work fixing it. I'm eager to start addressing the many challenges we face. I consider myself a "practical Democrat," which means not letting ideological or partisan lines get in the way of solutions, carefully considering the costs and tradeoffs associated with pursuing important goals, and being willing to say no to vocal interest groups, if that's what is needed for the greater good.

My background working on housing in NWCT will be very helpful as the legis-



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lature tackles this key issue. So much housing policy, current and proposed, doesn't address the needs and realities of our rural towns.

As someone who has started and runs a small business, I'm well suited to address the challenges and advocate for the interests of small businesses.

Finally, I'd give the region a voice in the Senate majority to make sure our issues are heard and we get the resources we need.

**If elected, what are your top priorities?**

We need to address our affordability crisis, maintain fiscal discipline, and protect Connecticut from the fallout of what's happening at the federal level. On affordability, housing is a big part of it, and I believe we can address

our needs while working with local control of zoning, and continuing to preserve open space. We also need to address the tax burden, and the cost of utilities, childcare, healthcare and everything else that contributes to the cost of living.

**How will you reflect the values of the Northwest Corner?**

NWCT has always been moderate, as have I. I'm a practical Democrat. I believe in fiscal discipline, as well as common sense gun safety, and reproductive freedom. Growing up, we were represented by moderate, pro-choice elected officials - and many of them were Republicans. We're in a new era now. My opponent praised JD Vance in multiple interviews, and served as a delegate for Trump this summer. He's taken a hard right turn. I'm the one candidate reflecting our region's moderate values.

### Candidate debate Oct. 18

The League of Women Voters of Litchfield County will host a Connecticut Senate Debate for District 30 with candidates Stephen Harding (R) and Justin Potter (D). Join the audience on Friday, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview High School in Litchfield.

### REPUBLICAN

#### Stephen G. Harding (R)

##### Incumbent CT-30 State Senator

**Profile**

I am a near lifelong resident of the 30th District. I am married to my wife, Kelly, a New Milford school teacher. We have two children: Carter, 6, and Piper, 3. I volunteer in many local organizations and a coach locally for both youth baseball and football. I am an Attorney. I previously served on the Brookfield Board of Ed, served as a State Representative from 2015-2023 and was elected to my first term as State Senator, representing the entirety of the Northwest Corner, in 2022.

**Why are you the best person for the job?**

I believe it is imperative that our local community has a voice in Hartford that will always put our neighbors first. Whether it's school funding, protection from over-development, protection of open space or affordability for ourselves and our families, I will always put



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this community first, above anywhere else in our State. I am a near lifelong resident of our district and am now raising my own family here in the same community. I have deep ties to this community, and I have never left and will never leave. Simply, I want what's best for my family and all of my neighbor's families. Thus, I approach every vote I make with that lens. My fellow neighbors deserve that. This has fostered my advocacy on local issues such as maintaining Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery, working with neighbors and local officials on hydrilla treatment at Twin Lakes, and protecting Housatonic Meadows State Park from DEEP's clear cutting of trees. All while advocating for state policy which is best for the Northwest Corner.

**If elected, what are your top priorities?**

Preserving our local communities open space and beauty and protecting local towns from efforts in Hartford to force high density housing development.

Opposing any tax and fee increases. Our state is unaffordable to begin with. I oppose raising taxes and fees which will do nothing but hurt our local economy.

Fighting to reduce our electric bills. We need to find funds to provide immediate relief to rate payers, as well as prevent policies in Hartford, which continue to drive up energy costs.

**How will you reflect the values of the Northwest Corner?**

Local issues have been critically important as State Senator and will continue to be. As mentioned, maintaining Sharon Hospital's labor and delivery, working with neighbors and local officials on hydrilla treatment at Twin Lakes, and protecting Housatonic Meadows State Park are main priorities. Further, I believe strongly in bi-partisanship and breaking through gridlock. Something important to those in the Northwest Corner. Thus, I am cross endorsed by the Independent Party.

#### Maria Horn (D)

##### Incumbent CT-64 State Representative

**Profile**

After growing up in rural Ohio, I worked in finance before becoming an attorney and federal prosecutor. My husband, Tom Quinn, and I moved to Salisbury to raise our three kids and have remained there ever since. Before running for office, I served on and chaired several nonprofit boards focusing on education, domestic violence, and public safety, and on the Salisbury Board of Finance. I am now running for my fourth term serving the 64th House District in the Connecticut General Assembly.

**Why are you the best person for the job?**

I believe in the ability of good, transparent and responsive government to help create a level playing field that gives all citizens the chance to succeed. In my three terms in office, including chairing the Public Safety & Security Committee in my second term and currently chairing the Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee, I have been able to ensure that the voices and perspectives of our small towns are heard loud and clear in Hart-



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ford and are reflected in our budgets. In my career, I have served in both the for-profit and nonprofit sector and have worked in all levels of government (local, state, and federal) in all three branches (executive, judicial, and legislative).

I draw on the skills I learned in each of those jobs, as well as what I continue to learn from the people of the 64th District, every day in representing you in state government, and hope I have the honor of returning.

**If elected, what are your top priorities?**

As Finance Chair, the budget remains my top priority. Every dollar the state

is able to spend on services comes from a taxpayer, and I take seriously the responsibility to ensure that our system is as fair and transparent as possible.

Specific policy priorities include protecting the environment that underpins our economy, health, and way of life; ensuring access to healthcare for rural communities such as ours; and ensuring our children have access to a quality education.

**How will you reflect the values of the Northwest Corner?**

My husband and I raised our three children here and I want other families to be able to do that, too. In my years in this office, I have knocked on thousands of doors in the nine towns I represent, and there is no better way to learn the needs and priorities of the people who call this region home. I am very grateful they have been willing to share that with me, and I hope I can continue to serve.

**Profile**

Connecticut born and bred. I moved to Goshen from Beacon Falls at the age of eight.

Started working in Goshen Town Clerk's office while in high school. I have worked numerous elections in many capacities. Volunteer firefighter/EMT, involved in numerous volunteer organizations in many roles. First elected Town Clerk 28 years ago.

**Why are you the best person for the job?**

As Town Clerk you become a main source of information and looked upon to solve many issues. Listening to all and representing the office and the Town to the best of one's ability is a daily must.

I have learned to set a budget and work to stay in the budget while performing the job. Reading statutes and understanding the language of them to perform the duties of the office.



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I have worked with senators and representatives to protect residents' interests on proposed bills and have worked with many state agencies over the years.

A State Representative should represent the district as a whole and bring the voice of the district to Hartford. A representative that works for the people that elected them in a fair and unbiased way. I believe I can be that individual.

**If elected, what are your top priorities?**

Electric rates, freedom of car choice, local control of schools and zoning, protecting our natural resources, support of state and local law enforcement and first responders, and supporting our small businesses.

**How will you reflect the values of the Northwest Corner?**

I will work to try to keep our elderly/veterans in the homes and area where their family are, keep the rural character and beauty of our towns as they are. Our towns have some of the best volunteers, from the first responders to the volunteers that serve our towns government and community organizations. They need to all be able to afford to stay here to help protect the citizens and the resources. They also need to be able to run or work a local business so they may stay here.

For election results Nov. 5, follow @lakevillejournal on Instagram

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Polls will be open on Election Day, Nov. 5, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Curbside voting is available whenever the polls are open. During the early voting period as well as on Election Day, citizens that are not yet registered will have the opportunity to register to vote, and cast their ballot on the same day, at their appropriate poll. For more information or to check to make sure your registration is active if you have concerns, please contact your local registrar's office.

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# OBITUARIES

## Karen Blakey Fisher

CORNWALL - Karen Blakey Fisher, born on May 26, 1956, in Torrington, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Oct. 9, 2024, at Hartford Hospital, Hartford Connecticut. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend who touched the lives of many with her infectious laughter and unwavering spirit.

Karen dedicated her life to her family and her passions. She and her husband, Gordon, spent countless hours nurturing their garden, sharing their love for flowers, and creating beautiful planters. An avid cook, she delighted in preparing meals for loved ones and cherished moments spent by the water, especially during family trips to Cape Cod. Karen was known for her adventurous spirit, often embarking on exciting outings with her daughter, Melissa, and granddaughter, Devyn. She had a remarkable ability to keep everyone entertained and was always the happiest person in the room.

Karen was a proud graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School and dedicated her professional life to helping others. After working



in home healthcare, she and her sister, Lori, opened an environmentally conscious product store in Torrington. Later, she ran a deli in Cornwall, managing it from start to finish with her characteristic flair.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon Fisher; daughter, Melissa Root; granddaughter, Devyn Root; father, Gerald Blakey; mother, Patricia Benedict Blakey; brother, David Blakey; sister, Lori Blakey-Welles and her husband, David Welles; and cousin, Pamela Blakey-Hart. Karen's legacy of love, laughter, and kindness will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Karen will be remembered by her family at a private burial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the American Cancer Society, honoring Karen's compassionate spirit and her desire to help others. Her favorite quote, "What are they going to do, take away your birthday?" will always remind us to celebrate life, just as she did.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

## Deborah Barlow Merwin

MILLERTON — Deborah Barlow Merwin, 72, a thirty-seven-year resident of Millerton, and formerly a ten-year resident of Amenia, died peacefully on Monday, October 14, 2024 at her home in Millerton, surrounded by her loving family. Debbie had a decades long career as a Medical Secretary for the Sharon Hospital in Sharon, and former Hudson River Community Health Center in Amenia, as well as others.

Born Aug. 19, 1952, in Brockport, New York, she was the daughter of Duane Barlow of Brockport and the late Patricia (Rayburn) Barlow. Following high school she attended Central City Business Institute in Syracuse. On Aug. 25, 1973, in Brockport, she married John M. Merwin, together sharing over 51 years of marriage. Mr. Merwin survives at their home in Millerton. The Merwins were longtime members of the Congregational Church of Salisbury in Salisbury. Debbie's greatest joy was spending time with her beloved family and her adoring grandchildren.

In addition to her husband John, Debbie is survived by two daughters, Melissa A. Merwin of Meriden, Conn., and Sarah M. Thomen and her husband Corey of Falls



Village; two grandchildren, Ian and Gabriel Thomen of Falls Village; her brother, David Barlow and his wife Debra of Holley, New York; two sisters, Rebecca Conrow and her husband Thomas of Brockport and Cynthia Wilson and her husband Robert of Albion, New York; her nieces and nephews, Spencer, Matthew, Joy, Jill, Andrew, Peter, Nicholas and Avery and several additional family members and close friends.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregation Church of Salisbury, 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT 06068. A reception in Debbie's honor will follow in the fellowship hall at the Congregation Church of Salisbury. Burial will be private at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Red Cross. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Debbie's memory, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

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# OUR TOWNS

## SPARK brings pro-grade fun to Kent

By Alec Linden

KENT — On Saturday, Oct. 12, power tool whine and the clang of hammer-on-nail filled the air on the grounds of the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA).

This was not the noise of any regular weekend renovation, though, but the clamor of hundreds of children trying their hands at carpentry, pipefitting, arboriculture, and many other trade industries.

It was the third annual SPARK festival, held by Kent-based nonprofit TradesUp, and children were hewing, cutting, drilling, and sawing as far as the eye could see. TradesUp founder Mason Lord said he created the event to expose kids to the trades when woodshops and other crafts programs are increasingly rare in school curriculums. "There needs to be a way for kids to experience this kind of thing," he said.

Stalls were arranged around an idyllic stretch of land surrounding the Eric Sloane Museum and CAMA's grounds. Demonstrations spanned the industries of upholstery, timber framing, masonry, landscaping, blacksmithing, tiling, precision manufacturing, plumbing, arboriculture and beyond.

"I heard they'd have something for carpentry," said Ella Murphy (11) of Trumbull. She's preparing for a carpentry project for an upcoming school show, and was hoping to get a head start learning the craft. Her grandfather, Vinny Cleary, was there for the machine history — "I'm hoping to see some Baird machines here," he said, referring to longtime Connecticut machinery company US Baird.

It was Darrin Yardley's second visit to a SPARK event, coming from Bristol to show his kids "the old school way of doing stuff." His son was hard at work pounding nails into a stump — "he likes hammering nails," Yardley said — while his daughter enjoyed the blacksmith demonstration where they worked on horseshoes.

Many of these crafts are "intangible heritage," Nevan Carling of Hartford said, which is why it is important to carry these traditions on and showcase them to the public. Unlike a historic building, which is tangible heritage, crafts and trades are passed down orally.

He was demonstrating hewing, which is the whittling down of tree trunks with axes into beams for timber framing — how almost all early American buildings were constructed he said. At 23, he's young in the industry, but no longer the youngest on a site. The younger generation is starting to get into it, he said, "especially since Covid."

While many of the demonstrations focused on



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Above, Nevan Carling poses with his axes at SPARK Oct. 12. Right, Suniya Goodwin flies high on the tree-climbing ropes trial.



antique crafts, such as having kids split wood with a mallet and froe, just any many focused on more modern trades, switching the hammers and axes for leaf blowers and power drills.

"We want to get them interested in using their hands," said Shane Grant of Eastern Water Solutions: "It's important to bring the younger generation into the trades because the trades are falling apart."

Dean Ackerman of Warren, who designed a puzzle with pipe fittings that was very popular with the children at the event, agreed that "we don't have kids getting into the trades." He hopes that that trend changes: "There's stuff they can learn from the trades that makes them self-sufficient," he said.

If the response from the kids is any indication, SPARK has succeeded at least in showing that working with your hands can be fun. All of the demonstrations saw steady attendance, but the most popular of the day was a high-flying arboriculture exhibit from local arborist Daniel Greenbaum who runs CT Greentree out of Kent. Greenbaum and volunteers harnessed the kids into several safety lines and winched them up into the canopy, let them climb a tall maple, and had them swing from a low limb over the cheering crowd.

Suniya Goodwin, whose father Nathan ran a wood-working stall at the event, was delighted after her time amongst the foliage. Her mother Joanna said that after clambering about the trees last year, Suniya said she thought could do it as a job. And what about this year — does she feel the same? Having just descended from the tree tops, she gave a resounding yes.

"We're always the last ones to leave," Greenbaum said as a line of children still waited eagerly well after the event's official closing time of 4 p.m. He runs this demonstration every year at SPARK, and for him, it's all about the kids — "it's when you see that light" that makes it, he said.



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Week of October 20, 2024

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salisbury Fall Festival appreciation & thanks

The 67th Salisbury Fall Festival was a huge success with the town filled with adults, children, and dogs enjoying a hometown celebration. People strolled along Main Street, stopping to visit the many booths, book sales, quilt show, and pocketknife exhibit. Kids flocked to the library lawn for pumpkin painting, crafts, glitter tattoos, games, and popcorn. A magician entertained young and old. The White Hart lawn was filled with the tents of local artisans. Live music was provided by The Joint Chiefs, Salisbury Band, a jazz musician, and a percussion group. People enjoyed dance performances by the Blue Studio and Martha Graham dancers. Over 20 scarecrows decorated the lawns—and people got to vote for their favorites.

churches, schools, businesses, and individuals who sponsored and participated in this year's Fall Festival. Merchants planned a Sip & Stroll for Friday night to start the festivities. Organizations sponsored a variety of events, from a book giveaway to bake sales to a repair-it cafe. Food offerings ranged from hot dogs, chili, and mac 'n cheese to food trucks and Lakeville Hose's prime rib dinner. Booths offered activities to do, information to gather, gifts to purchase, and apples and cider to enjoy. SWSA ended the weekend with their popular Brew-Ski Fest at the ski jumps. And the events were further enhanced by delightful autumn weather!

Jeanette Weber  
Fall Festival Publicity  
Salisbury Association  
President

Tremendous thanks go to our local organizations,

Supporting Potter for affordable housing

During the decades I've lived in Sharon, I've regretted that so many who grew up in town cannot afford to live here anymore.

Since the lack of affordable housing is a huge problem in northwestern Connecticut, we are extremely fortunate that Justin Potter, president of Kent Affordable Housing, is running for the state senate on the Democratic ticket.

What's interesting about his approach is that he doesn't see a conflict between creating affordable housing units and violating our beloved open spaces.

He has proposed a way to create accessory apartments in existing houses and in multi-family homes. His idea is to create a Connecticut Housing Improvement

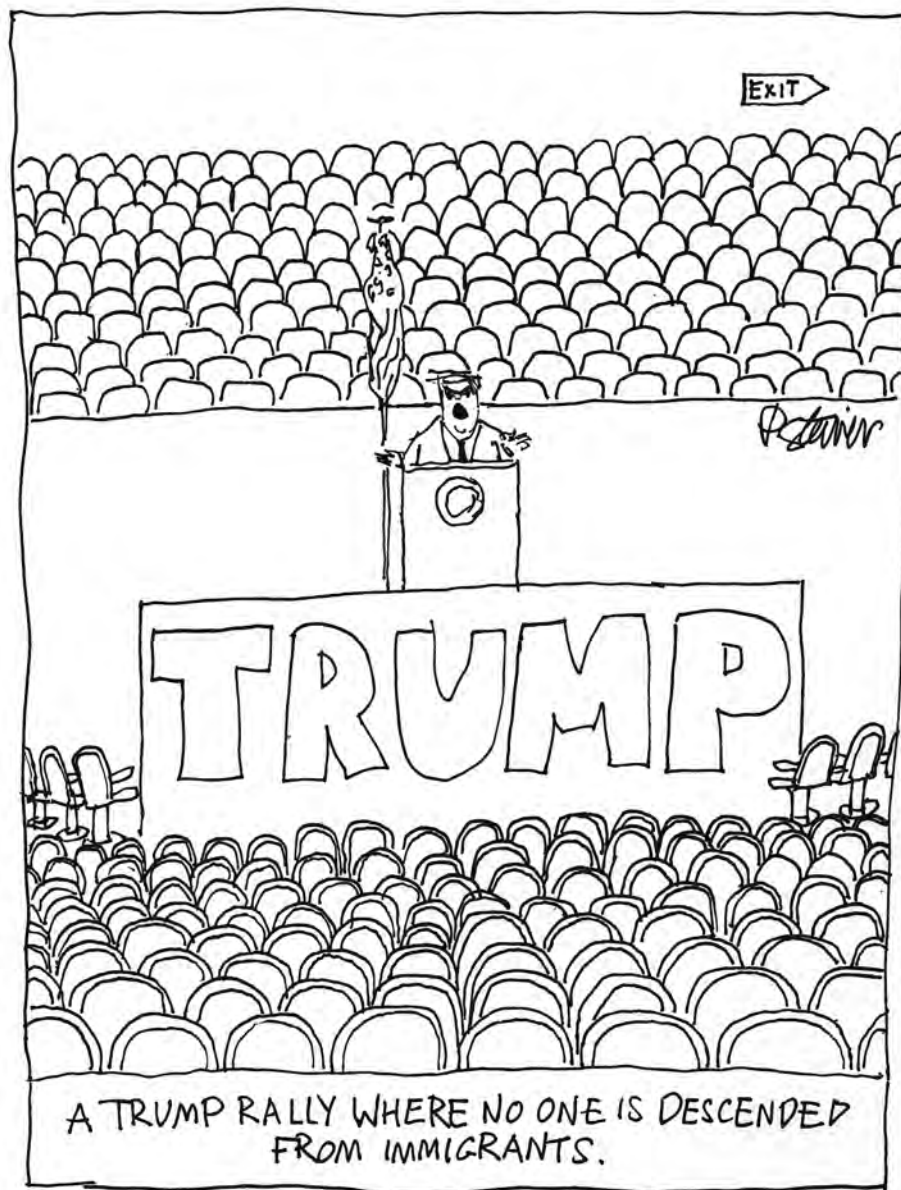
and Production Program (CHIPP) to give owners of larger homes and smaller landlords state grants to create apartments on their properties in exchange for five-or-ten-year affordability commitments.

Such a program would enable property owners to renovate spaces, to offer reasonable rents, and to earn rental income.

And it would be a much quicker and less expensive way to go than creating large affordable apartment buildings under existing state and federal policies, Potter says.

Let's vote for Justin Potter for the state senate from District 30!

Laurie Lisle  
Sharon



Deciding how to vote this November

Voting should be about weighing policies and agendas, not about blind loyalty to parties or hatred of media-twisted personalities.

Ever since the unprepared and unserious Kamala Harris was unexpectedly thrust into the presidential race by her own Democratic party's back-room strong-arming of their primary vote winner Joe Biden, Harris has been pretending, with the help of extensive media grooming, to be a centrist.

But she and Tim Walz are as far left as you can get. They are the Democrats' Junior Varsity edition of Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. They will pursue a far-left agenda on everything from open borders to unlimited genders.

Donald Trump, of course, is endlessly demonized by the press, but most of it is a lie. He did not align himself with neo-Nazis at Charlottesville. He cannot make himself a dictator. He cannot destroy

democracy. If he talks to Putin, that's better than silence. The only "existential threat" he presents is to the left's agenda.

At least with Trump, you know where he stands. He doesn't bother with the professional politician's fake veneer. That's one of the things that appeals to many people.

As for the VP candidates, JD Vance looks like a better leader than Walz. Vance has an excellent grasp of policy, a quick mind, a good memory and a willingness to see other points of view. Like Trump, he's not the demon the liberal press makes him out to be.

The habitually red-faced and bug-eyed Walz always looks like he's about to blow a fuse. He's a "rah rah" cheerleader who laughs off his decades of lying about his military rank, his falsely claimed combat service and his Tiananmen Square appearances by claiming he's just a "knucklehead" who gets caught up in his own

rhetoric. That's called lying, Tim.

Walz may be good at hyping Kamala's newly minted "joy and opportunity" slogan, but the country needs real leaders, not cheerleaders, real policies, not bumper stickers. Vance looks ready. Walz looks as out of his depth as Harris.

With the election just weeks away, it still comes down to policies and agendas:

If you want open borders, vote Democrat.

If you want one party attacking the Supreme Court every time the court doesn't rule its way, vote Democrat.

If you want 100 fake genders with transitioning among teenagers and children being pushed by the left, vote Democrat.

If you want fully intact biological males in female sports and locker rooms, vote Democrat.

If you want to pay the debts of the college-educated while the working class foots its own bills, vote Democrat.

If you want never-ending victimhood with divisive identity politics and authoritarian DEI mandates, vote Democrat.

If not, vote Republican.

Mark Godburn  
Norfolk

LETTERS

A vote for Potter

Can a first-time homeowner buy a home in our area for \$250,000? All but impossible. Senate candidate Justin Potter will work to advance this goal; he knows housing needs and policy as president of non-profit Kent Affordable Housing. Hard working and practical, Justin cares about constituents and solutions, not special interests. He is both a gun owner and passionate about gun safety and has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood and the CT League of Conservation Voters.

Legislative detail is important and Justin digs into detail. When he takes office, the broad needs of our district will get an immediate legislative boost because he is from the majority party while the current office holder is often limited to claiming credit for area improvements the other party has secured or putting forth press statements on behalf of special interests.

We should elect Justin Potter to Senate 30.

Bill Bachrach  
Kent

Affordable Housing

Great to read about public and private groups working together on affordable housing and celebrating successes. ('Affordable housing advocates celebrate wins, share challenges' by Debra A. Aleksinas, The Lakeville Journal, Oct 9, 2024) Challenges in affordable housing are national in scope, with great efforts locally that can be helped with Congressional support. There is a bill in the Senate to help increase housing in America. A renter tax credit is also proposed that would insure that people experiencing poverty would not pay over 30% of their income in rent. Both of these initiatives are more likely to move forward if those who represent us hear our support for these and other housing initiatives. A call, 202-224-3121, or email to our members of Congress encourages them to take action on these critical pieces of legislation, and could increase the successes locally at next years conference.

Willie Dickerson  
Snohomish, WA

Voting to support women's rights

As Election Day approaches, it is crucial for voters to take a hard look at the values and policies of the candidates. Justin Potter is the candidate for Connecticut's State Senate who truly respects the rights of women.

Justin Potter, a consistent supporter of reproductive freedom, has deservedly earned the endorsement of Planned Parenthood Votes! CT. Meanwhile, Stephen Harding voted against Connecticut's Reproductive Freedom Defense Act of 2022, which safeguards

the rights of Connecticut women, individuals traveling to Connecticut for medical care, and Connecticut clinicians providing legal abortions. Stephen Harding is out of touch with the values of our state.

For those who believe in protecting a woman's right to choose and ensuring access to safe, legal reproductive healthcare, Justin Potter is the right choice for the Connecticut State Senate in District 30.

Athenaide Dallett  
Kent

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## Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

100 years ago — October 1924

SALISBURY — Paul Parsons has installed a radio set.

Mr. I.K. Fulton and family are occupying One Acre Cottage and Judge D.T. Warner and family are occupying the Fulton home for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight M. Cowles, Mrs. L.M. Eggleston and Mr. and Mrs. George Andrews of Millerton motored to the Ashokan Dam in the Catskills on Sunday.

A Packard Limousine which was standing on the grade at the Gateway last Saturday suddenly decided to start away when no one was in it. It rolled down the grade, mounted the curb at the Holley Block and came to rest against the front of the building at Benjamin's Store. Fortunately the curbing stopped its force and it touched the building very gently and absolutely no damage resulted to either car or building. It slightly bumped the fender of Joseph Stanton's Hudson which was standing in front of the block, but did no great damage.

Adv. — LITTLE HOUSE can be bought for \$10 a month. J. Cox Howell, Salisbury.

A.S. Martin is filling with cement the space between the sidewalk and his garage.

The case of John McLean, charged by the Railway company with taking coal from a loaded coal car standing on the Salisbury siding, was brought before Justice Angus on Monday morning. It was established that coal had been taken from the cars, but the railway detectives could not furnish enough evidence of the right kind, and [he] was found not guilty and the case dismissed.

LIME ROCK — Joe Cole of West Cornwall spent Sunday with his mother here.

## Status Report

Powerful solar storms produced northern lights of neon pink and green Thursday, Oct. 10. See it on Instagram @lakevillejournal

NORTH CANAAN — Town Hall will collect candy donations for residents of popular trick-or-treating destinations in North Canaan. For Halloween night, Bragg Street and Prospect Street will both be closed to car traffic in favor of costumed pedestrians. Resident Trooper Jeremy Ribadeneyra will be on duty for the night.

NORTH CANAAN — The community Thanksgiving dinner at The Pilgrim House has grown to require more hands on deck. Volunteers are needed to help with the event this year. In addition to a new cook, individuals are needed to manage the dining room, to-go meals, condiments, refreshments, dinnerware and paperwork. Those interested can contact Beverly Becker at beverlybecker4@gmail.com

50 years ago — October 1974

A Lakeville Journal editorial on issues raised by the Peter Reilly murder case has tied for first place in the awards competition sponsored by the Connecticut Civil Liberties Foundation. The editorial appeared in the April 18 issue and was written by Journal Editor-Publisher Robert H. Estabrook. It criticized various court rulings and police practices in the Reilly case.

Susan Fitch of Falls Village is one of seven new members initiated into the Synchronettes at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. The Synchronettes is a group of synchronized swimmers working together in skills and choreography.

George Wheeler, head teacher in the Vocational Agriculture department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, has been named to a national writing team which will develop a "Future Farmer of America Advisor's Handbook." The book will be used in pre-service and in-service teacher preparation. Wheeler was one of three vocational agriculture teachers chosen in the nation to collaborate with teacher educators and FFA staff consultants to prepare the handbook at the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Va., during the week of Nov. 11-15.

The Falls Village Fire Commissioners granted permission Monday night for the firemen to find another storage place for the town's Fox fire truck.

With construction well along and a Dec. 15 completion date in sight, Morgan Motors Inc., the Canaan Ford dealership, was making plans this week for occupancy of its new auto showroom and service center on Route 7 north of the Canaan business district.

25 years ago — October 1999

New York City's Commissioner of Parks Henry J. Stern will act as master of ceremonies at the rededication of the Alexander Lyman Holley Monument Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m. in Washington Square Park. Born in 1832 to Alexander Hamilton Holley of Lakeville and his first wife, Jane Lyman of Goshen, Mr. Holley was best known for importing and improving the Bessemer steel process, thereby boosting the American steel industry to new heights of productivity. The house where he was born is now the Holley House Museum.

The communications tower under construction over recent months is set to go on line in mid-November. That is good news for anyone from emergency service providers to cell phone users. The 195-foot-high tower was contracted by Litchfield County Dispatch to improve communication capabilities in Canaan and surrounding towns, particularly by way of filling in "dead spots," locations where the hilly terrain blocks radio signals.

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

## Run-up to the Revolution, IV

## A brash letter and a boycott

In the minds of the delegates to the first Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia in October 1774, there was a separation between the British Parliament and King George III. While they presumed the king's fairness and benevolence, the legislation of the past few years forced them to conclude that Parliament was wholly against them. So they bravely undertook to write directly to the king, bypassing Parliament, in "a Declaration of Rights and Grievances" from "his majesty's loyal subjects," warning that unless the king effected the repeal of the Intolerable Acts by December 1, 1774, a colonial boycott of British goods would commence.

The second task of the Congress was to arrange that boycott.

Past colonial attempts at boycotts had had middling success, but the failures had also served as instruction. This time, instead of each colony setting its own rules, there would be uniformity of rules among the colonies, and explicit provision made for enforcement of the rules. Further, non-importation would be accompanied by non-exportation — the latter meaning that nothing from the American colonies would go to Great Britain or its other colonies. Delegate radicals

THE LONG VIEW  
TOM SHACHTMAN

Sam Adams and Christopher Gadsden, whose earlier advocacy for revolution had been rebuffed by the Congress, wanted non-export to be really punishing, for lumber, livestock, and grains not to go to the British Caribbean, nor flaxseed to Ireland — they imagined idling 30,000 Irish spinners, and the havoc that would wreak.

But Virginia's delegates argued that tobacco should not be on the list of non-exports because that would wreck Virginia's economy, a New Hampshire delegate asked for an exception for lumber, a New Yorker for fish, and the entire South Carolina delegation walked out in protest over the prospect of losing sales of rice and indigo.

So they compromised. Non-importation would start December 1, 1774 (before they were likely to get word back from George III), but non-exportation would be put off a year, in the hope that Parliament and king would come to their senses.

As historian T.H. Breen puts it, non-importation was

## The vice-presidential contest, 2024

*"The Vice-presidency isn't worth a bucket of warm spit"*

— John Nance Garner, US Vice-President 1932-44.

Every four years political commentators tell us that this election is the most important one ever. This year is no exception but in addition the contest for vice-president is of unusual significance. With just one debate for each position and three of the four candidates not very well known, how we evaluate these debates is more important than ever.

The Democratic nominee, 60-year-old Timothy James (Tim) Walz, has been the Governor of Minnesota for the past six years and before that a six term Congressman (2006-18). Married with 2 children, he served for 24 years in the Army National Guard. For many years he was a high school geography teacher and football coach.

Walz seems straight out of a Sinclair Lewis novel, a regular George Babbitt, updated but still a stolid, likable guy. To many Democrats, Walz seems an ideal complement to San Franciscan Harris, his midwestern normality a balance to her "bi-coastal elitism".

At 39, James David (J.D.) Vance is young for a vice-presidential candidate. He grew up poor in western Ohio, served in the Marines and graduated from Ohio State University and Yale Law School, soon after which he wrote a best-selling, semi-auto-biographical novel, "Hillbilly Elegy" (2016). After several business ventures he was elected to the Senate in 2023.

It is difficult to think of Vance as a counterbalance to Trump; both men are quick to make statements that a more careful individual, on second thought, would likely have suppressed. Both lack diplomacy and often needlessly make enemies and are quick to make offensive remarks. The Democratic presidential ticket has been made more popular with

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER  
MAC GORDON

the American people by the selection of Walz but the Republican ticket probably less so with Vance who amplifies Trump's aggressive "weirdness," as Walz characterizes it.

Should Trump win the election, he would be 83 at the end of his term. The average life expectancy for American males currently is 78 years. Considering Trump's age, 78, if he wins it seems very likely that Vance might be chosen by Republicans as his successor. Harris is 59, Walz, 60 so such speculation on the Democratic side seems premature.

Both Vance and Trump have continued to advance the lie that Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, have kidnapped and subsequently eaten pet dogs and cats of local citizens. This ridiculous claim has been thoroughly debunked—yet both men keep spreading this bizarre rumor knowing it to be completely false. Vance has tried to explain this as creative storytelling on his part. Will this fly with the bulk of the American public?

Vance's denunciation of abortion and same sex marriage together with his negative remarks regarding women who have not had children are unlikely to win him new support from undecided voters.

Walz, on the other hand, has tried to gather support from disaffected Republican and independent, middle-of-the-road voters, while retaining conservative democrats.

The commentators are still arguing over who won the VP debate. As predicted, Vance proved to be an impressive debater speaking swiftly and forcefully, deftly

"a brilliantly original strategy of consumer resistance to political oppression." It proved incredibly effective: over the next year, British imports by the American colonies declined from £2.8 million to £200,000.

Some 7,000 locally elected officials of the boycott were chosen. This was more officials than had ever served in colonial legislatures, and a significant percentage of the 2.5 million Americans, of whom about half were slaves. Also, because the number of boycott officials was so large, they could not come only from the wealthiest class (of the sort of people then attending the Continental Congress) but were mostly men of modest income. Furthermore, the boycott worked especially well because colonial women, in charge of their families' households, eagerly embraced it and policed what their neighbors were buying. Alongside the boycotting officials, militia groups formed and trained. Boycott enforcement and militia training were later judged as being very good ways to have readied the colonists for an impending war — although at the time, very few expected war.

"Imagine 400,000 people [in Massachusetts] without Government or Law," John

Adams wrote to a friend, "forming themselves in Companies for various Purposes, of Justice, Policy, and War! You must allow for a great deal of the Ridiculous ... and Some of the Marvellous." As Benjamin Franklin had once pleaded for Americans to do, they were learning to "hang together" so they would not "hang separately."

British General Thomas Gage, army chief and governor of Massachusetts, had been very active, summoning troops from New York and elsewhere to Boston to have enough on hand to quell any uprising, and ordering the seizure of colonists' gunpowder from a Somerville magazine. That seizure brought out the Sons of Liberty and a mobilization of thousands of militiamen who marched toward Cambridge.

Gage averted the potential clash for the moment, but wrote home to his superiors, "If force is to be used at length, it must be a considerable one ... for to begin with small numbers will encourage resistance ... and will in the end cost more blood and treasure."

*Next time: While awaiting the King's answer.*

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

changing the subject when the moderator's question put him in a difficult position.

Walz, also speaking swiftly, taking a few minutes to find his ease but then proceeded confidently throughout the debate. In general, while his answers to the moderator's questions were less elegant than Vance's, they sounded heartfelt and relevant, born of his experience as governor.

Perhaps the most striking feature of the debate was its civility, unlike any debate featuring former President Trump. Both candidates stayed away from personal attacks against each other. Both refrained from interrupting and only once did Vance keep talking when his opponent's time had begun. And they each made a point of saying something positive about each other and noted points where they were in agreement.

Towards the end Walz spoke about January 6th at the Capitol and asked Vance (who has previously said

had he been Vice-president Pence, he would not have certified the 2020 election) who actually had won the election. For once Vance seemed tongue-tied and didn't answer Walz's question, afraid to contradict his current mentor Trump. It was a triumphal moment for candidate Walz.

A day and a half after the VP debate, Special Counsel Jack Smith filed a 169-page brief which supersedes his earlier brief blocked by the Supreme Court's decision giving Trump total immunity as President. The new brief retains charges of illegal acts when Trump was acting as a private citizen and adds to those. When the expanded charges and extensive documentation against Trump are fully revealed, Vance may wish he had given Walz a better response, not "a damning non-answer."

*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*

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Salisbury has its Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) now available for public review on the town's web site. The State mandates that all towns update their POCD every 10 years. The issues covered are affordable housing, agriculture, natural resources, villages and other issues concerning the town's growth over the next decade. The POCD is now in a 65 day mandatory review period before the Public Hearing on December 16th to formally adopt the POCD. For more information on this issue, please visit [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-commission/plan-of-conservation-and-development/](http://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-commission/plan-of-conservation-and-development/)



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# Sports

## Fall Classic returns with top tier puck

By Lans Christensen and Riley Klein

KENT — Hockey teams from as far as Toronto carved up the ice in Kent for the South Kent Fall Classic Oct. 11 to 13.

Teams featured in the round robin tournament were South Kent School 18U, Northwood School 18U (Lake Placid, New York), New Jersey Rockets 18U (Bridgewater, New Jersey), and Upper Canada College (Toronto, Ontario).

All four teams faced off against one another over the three days of hard-hitting hockey. For tournament scoring, a regulation win awarded three points while an overtime/shootout victory awarded two points. An overtime/shootout loss awarded one point and a regulation loss gave no points.

Northwood returned to the Fall Classic as reigning champs, defeating South Kent in the last game of the tournament in 2023. New Jersey and UCC were newcomers to the Classic this year.

The weekend began with Northwood against New Jersey. The fast-paced offenses matched up well against each other. A 3-3 draw after overtime led to a shootout, which was won 2-1 by Northwood.

South Kent faced UCC on day one in what proved to be a barn burner. Both teams lit up the scoreboard and ultimately South Kent came out on top with a 7-5 victory.

Day two opened with New Jersey against UCC. The Canadians struggled against New Jersey and fell 4-2 in regulation.

South Kent then faced Northwood in a rematch of last year's Fall Classic cham-



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

South Kent School defeated Upper Canada College 7-5 on day one of the Fall Classic, Friday, Oct. 11. After the weekend, South Kent's 18U record moved to 15-3-1.



SOUTH KENT SCHOOL LIVE STREAM

Northwood School poses with the championship banner for the second year in a row.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

South Kent's Brenson Grande, no. 14, attacks the net.

pionship game. The close contest came down to the wire with South Kent finding a chance to tie in the final seconds. But in the end, Northwood won 3-2.

Going into Sunday, reigning champs Northwood led the pool with 5 points. New Jersey had 4 points, South Kent had 3 points, and UCC had 0 points.

Northwood secured its repeat victory in the Fall Classic with a decisive 5-1 win over UCC. The Northwood Huskies posed with their championship banner on center ice for the second year in a row.

In the second-place game, South Kent matched up against New Jersey. The high-scoring game ended 8-5 in favor of New Jersey. New Jersey took second in the 2024 Fall Classic and South Kent placed third.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Willy Yahn, class of '14, speaks at the HVRHS Hall of Fame induction ceremony Sunday, Oct. 13.

## Housatonic honors former Mountaineers

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ten athletes were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in a ceremony Sunday, Oct. 13.

The members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2024 are:

Tim Hawley '71 (cross country, track); Julia Neilson '98 (soccer, basketball, softball); Joseph B. Nilsen '54 (football, track); Tina Paruta '87 (cross country, indoor and outdoor track); Brad Paulsen '79 (soccer, track); Paul Prindle '60 (football, track); Robert Ullram '66 (football, ice hockey, baseball); Maggie Yahn Umana '09 (soccer, basketball, track); Willy Yahn '14 (soccer, baseball); Denise Bergenty '73 (field hockey, basketball, softball).

Hawley recalled being an unathletic youth, wearing orthopedic shoes everywhere except gym class.

Thanks to encouragement from HVRHS coaches and classmates, he was able to become a championship athlete in high school and college.

"Housatonic has meant, for me, opportunity, support, scholarship and history."

Paruta credited longtime track coach David Lindsay for keeping her on her toes. "He was like a motivational poster."

Warren Prindle, accepting the award for his cousin Paul, said Paul became the strongest student at HVRHS by growing up on a farm. Athletics were "far less arduous than throwing bales of hay or shoveling manure."

Yahn joked that the real reason he was chosen for the Hall of Fame was because he served as ball boy for his sister's soccer team.

Yahn, who starred in baseball at HVRHS and the University of Connecticut and played six seasons in the Baltimore Orioles organization, acknowledged he "came up a little short" on his goal of reaching the major leagues.

But, he added, "I wanted to be a part of great teams with great friends."

"I have absolutely no regrets on my athletic journey."

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# Salisbury Fall Festival



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Maggie and Goldie pose with their humans Jaclyn, Lillian and Tillman.

## Paws and flair at yearly Pet Parade

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — The drizzle and chill kept the crowd smaller than usual at this year's pet parade, which went forward despite the weather on Sunday. The hardy dogs — and their human counterparts — were well rewarded for braving the elements, since the lower numbers meant that every participating pooch went away with an award.

Meeting at the Lakeville Community Field at noon, owners wrangled their dressed-up dogs into a sort of managed chaos so the whole entourage could set off across the field, left onto Pettee Street, and then back down Main Street to complete the loop. Upon regrouping at the field, a few dogs performed tricks, after which awards, treats and toys were doled out to a chorus of clapping and woofs.

Maggie and Goldie of the Perusse family won best costumes for their getups as a police officer and a cowgirl, respectively. Lillian and Tillman Perusse complemented their pets' looks with another

cowgirl costume and a firefighter suit.

Ziggy, whose eight-pound stature was made even more menacing by a spiky coyote vest, was awarded most talented trick for her flawless performance of "both paws, down, and twirl." Ziggy's owner Zosia Baroody had come from Brooklyn to visit her dad and his dog, Falafel, who matched Ziggy's accomplishment with the award for cutest trick.

Other dogs didn't have to perform for recognition, but got it just by being themselves. Tucker, of the Brutting family, is 14 and didn't have to lift a paw as his family pushed him in a stroller. He was awarded oldest dog for his efforts, and looked great while doing it in an L.L. Bean vest.

Some pets were just too cool to dress up. Two of the Muzaurieta family's three Cavalier King Charles Spaniels were dutifully adorned in Winnie-the-Pooh getups. Lola, however, sported a stylish Halloween sweater — "too sophisticated for a costume," her mom Annie explained.

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Flowers. The two students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School have developed their flower business as their senior "Capstone" project, and they were busy near the war memorial on the Green.

This was also the venue for a dance show by young dancers from Lakeville's Blue Studio, and for the Joint Chiefs, who started a set around 2 p.m.

The world epicenter of jigsaw puzzles was the entrance to St. John's Episcopal Church, where Mina Wood presided over two tables covered with puzzles.

She said her family is puzzle mad, particularly her husband Greg. "He does one or two puzzles per week!"

Moving along Main Street, the visitor could stop and chat with authors Peter Fitting and Tom Morrison, both selling their latest efforts.

A quick detour toward LaBonne's resulted in a few moments listening to jazz guitarist Eric Loffswold, playing in the courtyard opposite J.T. Murphy's barber shop.

The tents along Main Street housed a variety of organizations and commercial operations. An arbitrary sample: Jewelry and quilts for education of women in Guatemala; the Salisbury Forum sharing space with the Salisbury Dog Park; Peter Sadlon's honey products; Project SAGE; and any number of opportunities to assist the Salisbury Central School eighth grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

Peter James, magician, did a couple of shows along Library Street by the Congregational Church. Inside the church was a tag and bake sale in the parish hall.

In the church proper was the annual quilt show, with some 47 entries this year.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Left, the Salisbury Band Senior Quickstep Hot Shots perform on the lawn of Scoville Memorial Library. Below, elaborate scarecrow entries compete in the annual contest.

Below, the yearly favorite wet sponge toss was a hit once again.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Janet Kaufman said the call for quilts was extended wider this year.

The Scoville Memorial Library lawn was a mass of (mostly) children, who were decorating pumpkins, or making their own sinister potions ("I got an eyeball!" yelled one experimental chemist), or playing the always popular "Heave the Wet Sponge" game.

The Salisbury Band Senior Hotshots played, and there were performances of Martha Graham dances.

And, of course, books for sale, at the library, at St. John's Episcopal Church and at Johnnycake Books.

All this activity whets the appetite. Festivalgoers could get soft ice cream or a lobster roll from the food trucks or drop by the Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary tents for a hot dog or something more adventurous, such as chili-mac.

The latter is just what it sounds like: A bowl of macaroni and cheese with chili on top. (Plus, a side of corn

PHOTO BY KATHY O'FINN



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Will Towbridge forges iron on Main Street.

bread.)

It was the exact right combination for a brisk day that featured a lot of walking. This reporter ate it quite happily, his sense of wellbeing compounded by the fact he didn't get any of it on his shirt.

## Braving the rain for Brew-Ski Fest

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Fall Festival concluded with the Salisbury Winter Sports Association's 15th Annual Brew-Ski Fest on Sunday, Oct. 13, and the atmosphere was festive despite intermittent downpours and frosty temperatures.

Armed with small tasting glasses that were distributed upon entry, attendants made their way around a large central tent which housed nearly 40 breweries, cideries, and canned cocktail makers pouring tastes of over two hundred examples of their craft. The imposing bulk of Sate Hill and the big jump tower loomed overhead as beer-drinkers mingled and chatted happily, undeterred by the wet conditions.

Staline Wine and Spirits Owner Chris Battista, who has organized the event since its inception, said that in 15 years of doing the event, this is the second time it has rained. While that's a great track record, Norbrook Farm Brewery Head Brewer Colin Coan said that the turnout shows the strength of the community: "people show up rain or shine."

Albert Corpus of Torrington, who has poured beer at Brew-Ski for Connecticut craft beer titans Two Roads Brewing "five or six times at least," looks forward to this fest every year for that reason. "It's raining and everybody is still out having a good time," he said.

Battista curates the vendors to have a local focus, but brings in larger and further afield producers be-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Crowds bustle under the bulk of the big jump.

cause "people want to see a wide variety," he said. Bigger brands like Guinness and White Claw shared the big tent with local offerings from beloved producers such as Great Falls Brewing Company, based in North Canaan, and Norbrook Farm Brewery, based in Colebrook.

Coan, pouring a wide selection of Norbrook's beers, was in a celebratory mood. The previous day, Norbrook's Beckley Furnace Brown Ale won a bronze medal in its category at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver — which was also the brewery's sixth anniversary.

Coan expressed his enthusiasm for the event and SWSA, a sentiment shared by seemingly everyone gathered below the grassy slope of the landing hill. Great Falls Brewing Co. Founder Chris Tripler said, "It's a great event; we're huge supporters of SWSA." Salisbury native Maggie Fiertz, whose father Carey is the secretary of SWSA's board, said the event is "a fun way to bring the town together and support the lo-

cal breweries."

Willie Hallihan, who is one of SWSA's 20 directors, emphasized his gratitude to the event's many sponsors, organizers, and vendors for making the festival happen year after year. "It's quite significant in our annual fundraising program," he said, adding that the event helps fund SWSA's junior jumping program and other winter sports-oriented after school programs in area grade schools. This year, funding is especially important due to the imminent construction of a new medium sized jump, as well as other background projects, he said.

Even for those unaffiliated with SWSA, Brew-Ski was a hit. Byron Coughlin and Steph Smith from Long Island said that ChatGPT had brought them to Salisbury and Sate Hill when they were planning their trip. Were they happy with the AI's choice? Absolutely: "Despite the weather, there's a great crowd" Smith said, with Coughlin adding, "Overall, it's a very epic location."

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receive the COVID and flu vaccines.

"I encourage everyone to receive both updated shots this season," including people who were infected with coronavirus this past summer. For those individuals, she recommended holding off on boosters until the end of October or early November.

The immunizations can all be administered at the same time. The RSV vaccine, however, is a one-time shot, she noted.

"For all older adults 75 and older it is now recommended that they get the RSV shot. If you are 60 and older, there are a set of comorbidities that will make you eligible for this vaccine," said Juthani.

**'A bit of COVID fatigue'**  
October marked the start of the typical flu and RSV seasons, although the coronavirus remains a year-round threat.

"Unfortunately for COVID, as much as I have willed and wished for it to become a seasonal virus, it really has not completely done that. But what we can do is still protect ourselves to the best of our ability going through the rest of this respiratory viral disease season," Juthani noted.

Health officials said they are concerned that while people tend to not hesitate when rolling up their sleeves for the seasonal flu vaccine, they nix COVID boosters.

Juthani said it could be due to "a bit of COVID fatigue."

"People are used to getting their flu shot. They may feel they've had a lot of COVID shots over the last couple of years." Others, said Juthani, report that

**"The big problem is that there are no reliable treatments that have much impact on Long COVID."**  
*Dr. James Shepherd,  
Sharon infectious disease specialist*

they feel sick after receiving the booster.

In that scenario, she recommends that people try a different vaccine, as there are three on the market: Moderna, Pfizer and Novavax.

"It is most important to get some sort of protection going into this season so don't let side effects get in your way. Just try something," advised the health commission. "At the end of the day we want you to boost your immunity so you will have the best chance of success."

Some people believe that the flu vaccine causes the flu, which is a common misconception, according to Tamar Melin a nurse practitioner with Nuvance Primary Care. She advises everyone to get vaccinated for flu this season.

"It is a protection and decreases the severity of symptoms if ill with flu. The flu shot does not cause flu."

**COVID boosters lag behind flu shots**

As of mid-October, about 156,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were administered, compared to 289,000 doses of the updated influenza shot, according to DPH.

"We'd like to try to get those numbers as close to each other as possible," said Juthani. "COVID is a much more morbid and has a

much higher mortality than flu does, but more people in our state are getting the flu vaccine."

She also noted that fewer people are testing for COVID or seeking treatment for infections, a concerning trend that became evident last year.

During the 2023/2024 season, 70% of people who were hospitalized for COVID were age 65 and older, DPH statistics show.

"We know that one in 100 people age 75 and older ended up hospitalized for COVID, and 88% of hospitalized adults had not received the most updated COVID vaccine," the state health commissioner explained.

She said statistics reveal that half of the people age 65 and older who became ill with the coronavirus did not seek medical treatment, which might have lessened their symptoms.

"It is our oldest age groups that are impacted the most, but everybody from 40 upward is where we see the burden of our disease," said Juthani. "Age is the biggest risk factor."

In terms of deaths, the highest number are in the 80-plus range, but also in-

cludes those in the 60-69 and 70-79 age groups, she noted. "There were many people who died this summer, and also since August, including one death in a Connecticut nursing home.

Recent spikes in COVID-19 cases have been largely driven by a new class of subvariants nicknamed FLiRT, which according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention accounts for more than 80% of cases.

"For sure, the general interest in the new COVID variant booster shot is pretty low," confirmed Dr. James Shepherd of Sharon, an infectious disease specialist at Yale School of Medicine.

What may people don't realize is that even a mild or asymptomatic infection can lead to long-term health issues, known as Long COVID, which the epidemiologist described as a mixture of different syndromes with various and common symptoms of fatigue, inflammation, brain fog, dizziness, palpitations and other symptoms.

"An episode of COVID seems to trigger many of these, but other infections could probably trigger episodes too and Long COVID does not seem to require a severe infection to trigger the syndrome," said Shepherd.

"The big problem is that there are no reliable treatments that have much impact on Long COVID. The only thing that helps in most people is time. As weeks and months go by they begin to feel better."

**SLT**

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SLT's management, which then connects to the Tory Hill Preserve in Salisbury. This will promote ecological connectivity in the region, increasing mobility and habitat for local wildlife, while also preserving views of Sharon when traveling from Salisbury on Route 41.

"This stunning view of our area will now continue to be

forever protected," Klocker said.

The preserve will remain closed to the public until the completion of a trail, which Klocker said will follow a series of tumbling waterfalls on Long Pond Brook through a "beautiful" forest.

She hopes to have the trail ready "in the next year or two."

**CLERK**

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so, will implement changes immediately. This Office reserves the right to act under General Statutes §7-22 if presented with evidence of future violations." (Statute §7-22 outlines the AG's authority to investigate and charge a town clerk.)

Jacquier has worked in Town Hall since 1993 and was first elected town clerk in 2017. She is currently serving in her fourth term.

Jacquier's attorney Jeffrey J. Mirman called the findings "a victory for Jean." He noted the AG found no evidence of slander, the fourth charge leveled against Jacquier, and said there was "virtually no evidence" for the three areas in which misconduct was found.

"The long and the short of it is that this letter from the Attorney General completely exonerates her," Mirman said, noting that evidence was not sufficient to justify removal of Jacquier from office.

First Selectman Brian Ohler, who initially submit-

ted the complaints to the AG's office in January 2024, commented on the findings in a press release.

Ohler stated, "I want to thank the AG's Office for the time and professionalism they put into this matter and for confirming the need for immediate changes and improvements in the Town Clerk's office."

He went on to announce "an independent advisory commission will soon be created to create a formal Ethics Commission for North Canaan. Accountability and adherence to the highest standards of public trust and professionalism in public service is never an option. It is our obligation as public servants."

Jacquier has filed suit against the Town of North Canaan for legal fees accrued during the investigation in the amount of \$15,000. The case is pending before Torrington Superior Court with a status conference scheduled for Dec. 11.

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# COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

## Finding my footing: adventures in a new home

On a cloudy Wednesday at the start of October, my girlfriend, Taylor, and I decided to enjoy the autumn afternoon by getting off our laptops and into the woods for some much needed movement. Having just moved to Norfolk as a new reporter for the Lakeville Journal, I was on the hunt for panoramic views of the landscape I now call home, accessible with the hour and a half of daylight left to us. Haystack Tower it was.

I'm not entirely unfamiliar with the landscapes of the Northwest Corner: I visited family and friends in the region as a child and would drive up on high school joyrides from my home in Westchester County. But calling somewhere home brings new meaning to a place, and I was eager to see a familiar view with a new sense of belonging.

To extend the walk a bit, we chose the yellow trail loop, starting from the bottom of the road leading up the hill off North Street. Our journey began on a neatly mowed path through a gently sloping meadow, with stands of purple-white New England asters poking out from a mosaic of green and red leaves and grasses on either side of the trail.

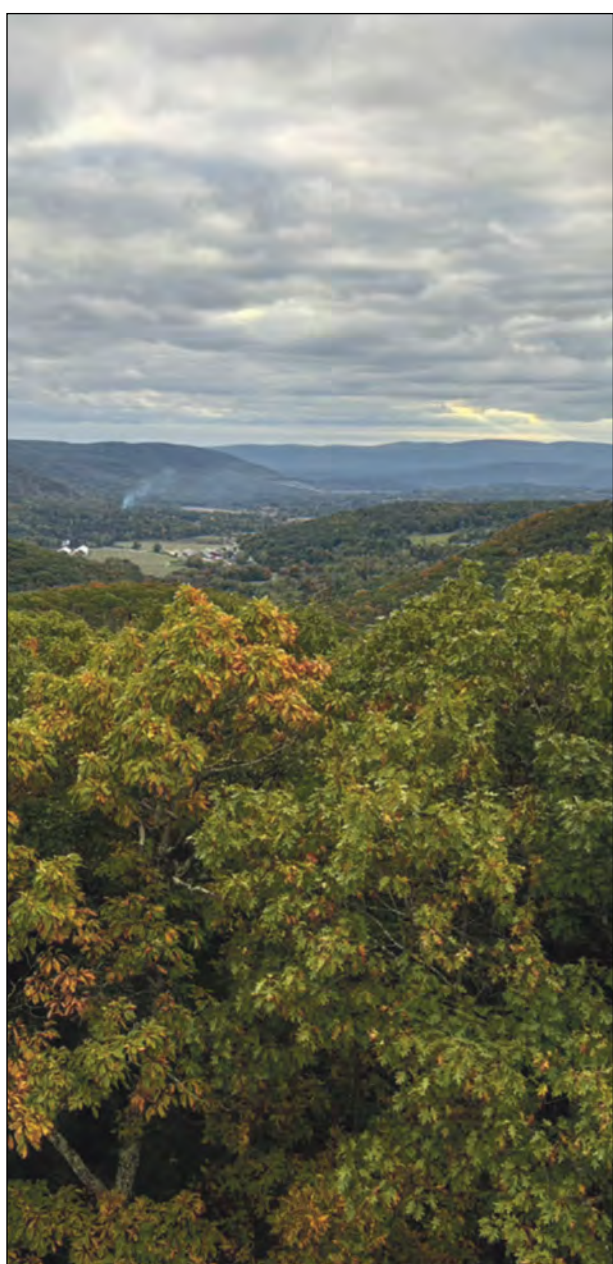
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Our trail took us into a forest sporting half-autumn colors: some maple stands blazed gold and orange while others remained dark green. The occasional fiery swamp maple glowed bright red below the overstory, catching the glints of sunlight that managed to penetrate the cloud layer and canopy.

As we trudged up the forested hillside, my field of vision was so washed in texture — a chaos of rocks, roots, bark, and leaves of every shade — that my eyes almost started to ache.

The trail plateaued after a short climb into a new type of forest: three-story oaks underscored with hickory saplings. With a new composition, the forest assumed a browner and yellower hue than that of the maple-dominated lower hillside.

We eventually reached the imposing stone tower at Haystack Mountain's summit, and we quickly climbed the winding stairs to find what we came for: 360-degree views of forested hills folding over one another as



Scenes from a day of exploration and hydration in the Northwest Corner.

PHOTOS BY ALEC LINDEN

they spread into the distance, interspersed by patches of valley farmland. A cove of orange maples framed Route 44 as it passed through Norfolk below. This was the beautiful patchwork landscape I am lucky to

now call home. A relaxed jaunt down a wide carriage road took us around the mountain's northeastern flank as eastern hemlocks leaned overhead and clung to the steep slope below. Reaching

the car with daylight to spare, we decided to prolong the outing with an evening pint.

At Norbrook Farm Brewery, we were asked if we wanted to join a game of jukebox bingo. It looked like fun, but we couldn't get enough of the October evening air, so we headed outside instead to sit fireside on the patio. Settling into an Adirondack chair, I sipped the brewery's brown ale (the "Beckley Furnace Ale"). It was malty and crisp, and certainly one of the better in the style I've had recent-

ly. Taylor is partial to seasonal beers and opted for their pumpkin ale, joyously titled the "Gourdo." I'm usually not a fan of pumpkin-flavored anything, but I agreed that this was a nicely balanced beer and enjoyed the few sips I took.

As the light faded on the hills, we noted that the foliage across the fields looked to be nearly peaking in the soft glow of the evening. A chill settled in and I huddled closer to the fire, eager to lean into the swiftly changing season in my new home.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

### Kent unveils juried art show

Chilly rain sprinkles did not keep area art lovers away from the opening of the Kent Art Association's Fall Juried Art Show on Sunday, Oct. 13. Judges for the event were association members Liz Maynard and Conrad Levenson. The show will continue until Saturday, Nov. 2, during the association's open hours. Kent artist and long-term resident Carolyn Millstein (at left) paused for a photo next to her piece, "Near Oakdale."

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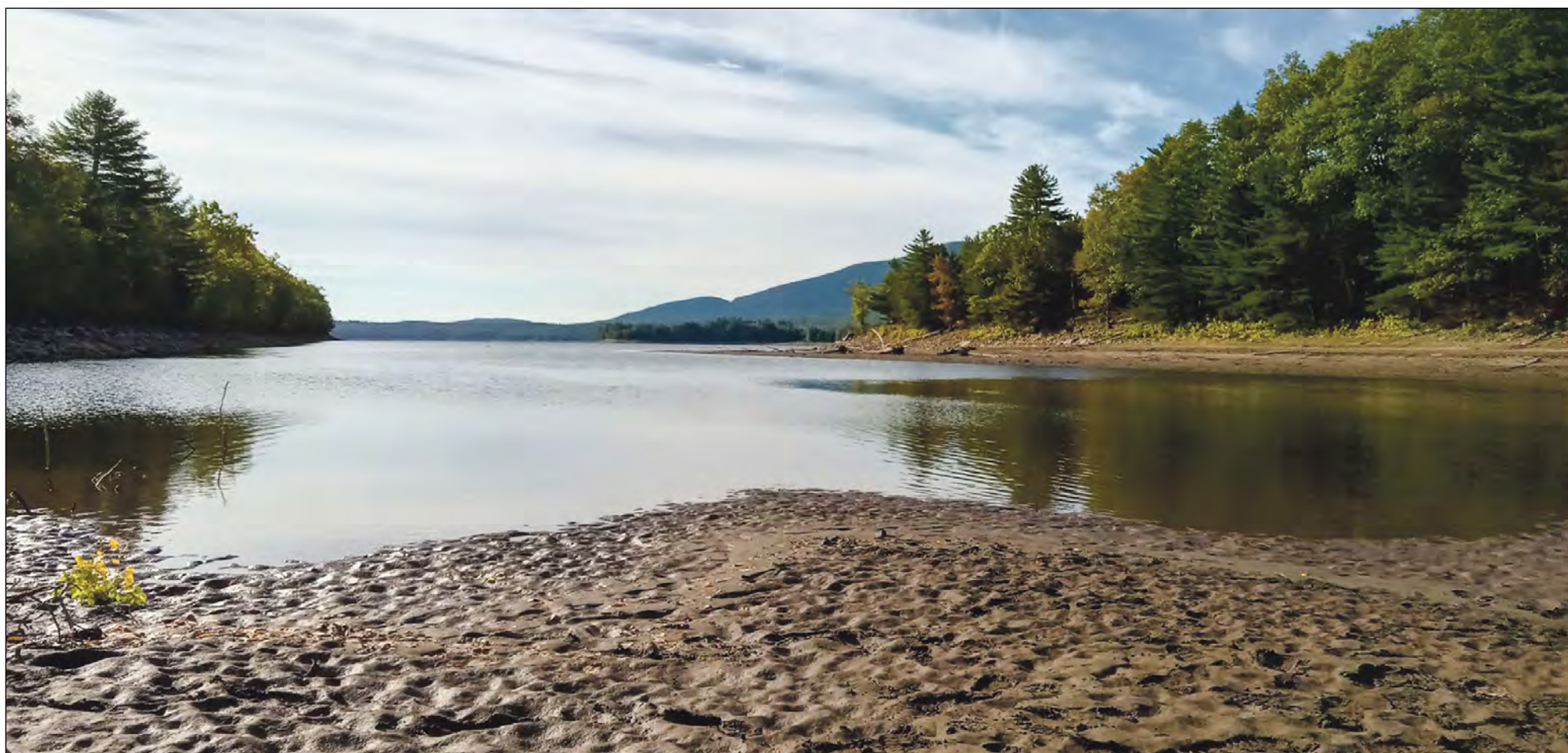
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The lunar mud was thick on the banks of the Esopus in Boiceville, New York, near where the stream enters the Ashokan Reservoir.

## Autumn angling through lunar mud

I spent a couple days two weeks ago in Ulster County, New York, prowling the Esopus, around and below the Rail Trail pedestrian bridge in Boiceville.

The water temps were acceptable but on the sunny days approached the danger zone by mid-afternoon.

Water clarity was decent. Where it was murky, it was green murky, which is good, as opposed to brown murky, which means mud.

The flows were decent but definitely on the low side. We need rain badly, in the Hudson Valley and



**TANGLED LINES**  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

in the Northwest Corner.

And the area where I was had a decidedly lunar feel to the landscape, if the Moon has mud.

What worked: Junk flies.

What didn't: Woolies, Tequilley's, unweighted streamers, Leadwing Coachmen, soft hackle wets in darker colors, orange-y caddis dries.

There were stonefly and isonychia casings on the rocks, but not a lot of them.

I was hoping for fat brown trout moving up into the river from the Ashokan Reservoir to spawn. Failing that, I was hoping for greedy rainbows looking to eat the brown trout eggs. It's a little early for that sort of thing, but hey, I don't make the rules.

No trout were disturbed, by me anyway.

Moment of triumph: Way down by where the stream enters the reservoir proper, and the lunar mud figures into the equation, I latched into three excellent smallies and one junior partner in a boom-boom space of about 45 minutes. What

made this especially pleasant was that I had ventured forth with an 11 foot 4 weight single hand rod intending to either tight line nymphs or play with unweighted streamers such as Mickey Finns and Grey Ghosts.

At the last moment I stuck a small box containing mops and squirmy worms in the pack. This was a very good move and almost made up for the Dr. Boing-Boing moment when I realized I forgot the lanyard with the trout-sized tippet, forceps and clippers.

Reluctant to perform the Walk of Shame the half mile or so back to the car, I improvised. I had heavy tippet material, 0X through 2X, on a separate holder attached to my pack, and I found that with a little juju the cigar cutter worked as a clipper. What I could not approximate was the forceps, for squashing barbs, so I was limited to flies I had used before.

That turned out to be a two-fly rig, with the squirmy worm on a dropper up top and a green mop tied on a jig



Stonefly and isonychia casings on the rocks.

hook and with a bead head on point. Three of the smallies, including the fair-to-middling one, opted for the worm, and one bold soul took a flyer on the mop.

The commotion was such that an angler using spinning gear upstream wandered down to see what was up when I took a break. He then directed me to his companion, who was working a riddle further up with a fly rod.

Not wanting to hog the hot spot, and keenly aware that my wonky shoulder was sending out mild but unmistakable distress signals, I ceded my spot to angler number one and made my way upstream to

angler number two.

He turned out to be from Millerton, N.Y. and had read Tangled Lines in the Millerton News.

He didn't specifically say he was a fan but I assumed he was. If he wasn't then he was after I gave him a squirmy and a mop to try.

Note: As I peck this out on Sunday, Oct. 6, the 10-day forecast doesn't look good for rain. If you take a shot at the very low Housatonic or Farmington rivers, your best bet is dawn to noon, long rods and longer leaders, clothing that blends into the background, and a high tolerance for frustration and agony of spirit.



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

### SHELTER show opens at Royal Arcanum Building in Norfolk

"SHELTER," an art exhibit supporting The Gathering Place opened on Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Royal Arcanum Building in Norfolk, Conn. Featuring works by fourteen area artists, proceeds from sales will benefit The Gathering Place based in Torrington, Conn., which provides essential services to the homeless across 26 towns in Litchfield County. Open week-days, this vital resource offers everything from

hot showers and laundry facilities to housing

assistance. The exhibit runs through Nov. 24.

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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# Election film series comes to Triplex Cinema

The Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington is rolling out a special election season series entitled, "Dying in Darkness: Journalism, Politics & Truth in Film." Curated by The Triplex's creative director, Ben Elliott, the carefully selected series of films confront the fraught relationship between media, politics, and democracy with an evocative lineup that includes "The Parallax View," "All the President's Men," "A Face in the Crowd," "Medium Cool," and "Wag the Dog."

Elliott remarked that the series title was a play on the Washington Post's motto, "Democracy dies in darkness." He noted that this was "the first motto that The Washington Post adopted in their entire history," and added, "It speaks to the ways that democracy can be endangered if truth and

journalism are not part of the political process."

The selection spans eras, providing Elliott with an opportunity to present movies that are eerily prescient today. In one such film, "A Face in the Crowd," from 1957, Andy Griffith plays a drifter-turned-political manipulator. "It lines up exactly with the last ten years," Elliott commented. In his view, films like "A Face in the Crowd" and "Medium Cool," which blends fiction and documentary, offer uncanny echoes of modern populism and media manipulation.

By drawing on a wide array of films, Elliott intended to not just screen thought-provoking cinema, but to foster dialogue among the politically engaged community that frequents The Triplex. He said, "I think bringing people together to talk about all



"All the President's Men" (1976) with Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford will screen at the Triplex Oct. 24.



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the different ways that we're going through this time as a community is important, to make peo-

ple not feel alone in it, and to hopefully still feel up for the fight of staying engaged."

Elliott also emphasized the educational potential of the series, expressing hopes of partnering with local schools to draw in younger viewers. "I think there's a real educational aspect to this," he noted, suggesting that a dive into the narratives of the past could reveal much about contemporary political dynamics.

"These aren't stories that exist in a vacuum," said Elliott. "These are stories that were inspired by real things and that still speak to our current landscape."

"Dying in Darkness" opens Oct. 17 and runs through Nov. 3. Each screening will be accompanied by introductions from guest speakers, each providing additional context on how these films resonate with the current political landscape.

LITERATURE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# Joyce Carol Oates to read at Bard College

Joyce Carol Oates, one of America's most celebrated writers, will give a reading at Bard College on Monday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Innocents. Known for her profound storytelling and literary achievements, Oates has been honored with numerous awards, including the National Humanities Medal and the National Book Award. She has written some of the most enduring fiction of our time, including the national best sellers "We Were the Mulvaney's," "Blonde," and the New York Times best seller "The Falls."

This event, part of Bradford Morrow's course on contemporary fiction, is free and open to the public. Attendees can also look forward to her upcoming work, "Revenants: The Ghost Issue," co-edited with Morrow, featuring works



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by Margaret Atwood, Carmen Maria Machado, and others. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from a literary

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OCTOBER 18

The Memories We Keep

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

On Oct. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum, explore objects from the SHSM collection that preserve personal and national memories. Reflect on the items you use to keep memories alive and share your own! Bring a memory-sparking snack, appetizer, and recipe to share.

OCTOBER 19

"Point of View"

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn.

"Point of View", featuring works by Andrea Kantrowitz, David Konigsberg and Thomas Sarrantonio, will be on view at Kenise Barnes Fine Art from Oct. 19 to Nov. 24. There will be a public reception on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Falls Village Fall Festival

Town Farm Property on Route 63, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Recreation Commission and D.M. Hunt Library are excited to host our second annual Falls Village Fall Festival. Located at the Town Farm property on Route 63 on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. we will host a community event featuring food, live music, hayrides, a pie baking contest and more! Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 20.

North Canaan's Town Wide Scarecrow Contest

Lawrence Field, North Canaan, Conn.

On Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lawrence Field, join us for North Canaan's Town Wide Scarecrow Contest. Make a scarecrow to display at Lawrence Field. There will be four prize categories (most creative, scariest, best use of recycled items, funniest). Judging will take place at 1 p.m. at North Canaan's Pumpkin Fest.

For more info visit northcanaaneventscommittee.org

North Canaan's Pumpkin Fest

Lawrence Field, North Canaan, Conn.

The Pumpkin Fest will be on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lawrence Field.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, Oct. 19, 4 to 5 p.m., for a discussion of Council of Dolls, by Mona Susan Power, a story of three Dakota women. A limited number of books are available for loan at the library. For more information, please visit scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12942463

OCTOBER 20 Film Screening

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

On Oct. 20, "A Face in the Crowd," directed by Elia Kazan and starring Andy Griffith, will screen at Triplex Cinema. Griffith, in his film debut, is supported by Patricia Neal and Walter Matthau, from a screenplay by Budd Schulberg. The film, released in 1957, tells the story of Larry "Lonesome" Rhodes, a drifter who is discovered by the producer of a small-market radio program in rural Arkansas, and who rises to great fame and influence on national television.

Jammin' at the Copake Grange

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

Oct. 20 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. People are invited to bring an instrument, choose a song, and everyone plays along. Free event.

CVFD Open House

West Cornwall Firehouse, 289 Sharon-Goshen Tnpke, Cornwall, Conn.

All ages are invited to a fun-filled open house hosted by Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Services members. Activities will take place on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. in West Cornwall. Tour the fire station, meet the firefighters and ambulance crew and view displays of important safety information. Touch a truck or hop in the ambulance or Zodiac. Children will love the "Kids Zone" of hands-on games, relays and activities. Here's a change to thank your First Responders. Hotdogs, burgers, drinks and cookies will be provided.

OCTOBER 21

Joyce Carol Oates Reading at Bard College

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

On Monday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m., there will be a Joyce Carol Oates Reading at Bard College.

Internationally renowned writer Joyce Carol Oates will give a reading at the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Bard College. Oates, a recipient of numerous literary awards, will present as part of Bradford Morrow's course on contemporary fiction.

Free and open to the Public

OCTOBER 23

Teen D&D Game Night

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

On Wed., Oct. 23 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the David M. Hunt Library, teens (13-18) can join Thom Wilson from ShireCon for a D&D session! Pizza & drinks included. Register at huntlibrary.org or email dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 24

Book Talk

Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

On Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. join the David M. Hunt Library, in partnership with Oblong Books and Project SAGE, for a book talk with Michelle Horton, author of "Dear Sister: A Memoir of Secrets, Survival and Unbreakable Bonds." Horton's book is a breathtaking memoir about two sisters and a high-profile case: Nikki Addimando, incarcerated for killing her longtime abuser; and the author, Michelle Horton, left in the devastating fall-out to raise Nikki's young children and to battle the criminal justice system. After the talk the author and representatives from Project SAGE will be available for a Q&A. October is domestic violence awareness month. This event will take place at the Center on Main, 103 Main Street in Falls Village.

Last week's WotW

Grid with letters C, H, A, L, K, O, T, H, M, U, L, C, H, L, U, R, C, H, L, U, N, C, H

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.

Word search grid with some letters filled in green and yellow.

- 1. Darkest color, void of light
2. Often paired with gin
3. Cost of a purchase
4. Bend, fold, press
5. Autumn air

OCTOBER 25

Salisbury Forum Presents "The News on Trial" with David D. Kirkpatrick

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn.

The Salisbury Forum will present "The News on Trial," a talk with "The New Yorker" writer David D. Kirkpatrick, on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn. Admission is free.

David Kirkpatrick is returning to the Salisbury Forum after hosting popular talks in the past.

CCS Walkathon

Cream Hill Road and Cogswell Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Consolidated School's 20th Walk-A-Thon will be Friday, Oct. 25. The walk will begin at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Cream Hill/Cherry Hill & Cogswell Road. The event raises money for school programming.

OCTOBER 26

Old School: Visions of Local History and Personal Pasts

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

On Oct. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum, come see an exhibition by The Beard Collective (Theo Coulombe & Katro Storm), which explores how personal and local histories blend into a creative dialogue. Join us for the opening reception!

Story Time

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

Visit David M. Hunt Library for a musical story time with local author Gabriele Davis on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. Davis will read from her new book, "Our Joyful Noise," before teaching guests how to make maracas to create a joyful noise.

Community Conversation: Are Heat Pumps Right for Me?

Millerton Library Annex, NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. nemillertonlibrary.org

On Saturday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. Compare systems, learn about \$\$\$ incentives, meet installers and advisors.

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Community Health Day

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Rd., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon Hospital and its staff will play host to a Community Health Day on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will take place in Sharon Hospital's rear parking lot behind the hospital near surgical services. The day is intended to bring together local families and children of all ages to meet and interact with staff and physicians of the hospital while enjoying a few seasonal treats and activities.

Watch the WolfPack Nov. 16

Cornwall Park and Recreation will host a trip the Hartford Wolf Pack hockey game Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. against the Providence Bruins.

Tickets cost \$24 when ordered through Park and Rec before Nov. 1. Transportation is not provided to the event.

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Brain Teasers

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- 1. Tall, upright post on a boat
5. Basics
9. Used to refer to cited works
11. Folds
13. Former UK PM May
15. Cold region of Russia
16. Standard operating procedure
17. Separating
19. Particles
21. A way to map out
22. Referee declares
23. Beginner
25. Water (Spanish)
26. Gov't lawyers
27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
29. Spanish friends
31. A type of tree
33. Walk heavily
34. About a wood
36. Free-swimming marine invertebrate
38. Political action committee
39. SB19 hit song
41. Scorch the surface of
43. Moved quickly on foot
44. Sacred state for a Muslim
46. Growl
48. Pearl Jam frontman
52. Irritating person
53. Something requiring a solution
54. Firing
56. Hazards
57. Taiwan capital
58. Impudence
59. Rock frontman Durst

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-59.

- 7. Latin term for "charity"
8. Doesn't smell good
9. Mental health issue
10. Millisecond
11. Hairstyle
12. Edible starch
14. Middle Eastern military title
15. Protein-rich liquids
18. Indian musical pattern
20. Cancer and Capricorn
24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
26. A bend
28. Fishes of the herring family
30. Antelopes
32. Chaos
34. Popular music app
35. Cooking material
37. Musical instrument

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# Our Towns

## The hydrilla threat

# Lake groups launch unified front against hydrilla

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — As if on cue, the setting sun at Lake Wononscopomuc signaled the end of the day and hope for a new tomorrow, a fitting backdrop to the group of lake representatives that had gathered on Oct. 10 at the Town Grove to pool resources, share information and discuss management plans in the ongoing threat from invasive hydrilla.

During the nearly two-hour forum, Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association, and Grant Bogle, president of the Twin Lakes Association (TLA), addressed an audience of about 50 stakeholders, including property owners, representatives of nearby Mt. Riga, Inc., and town officials.

“Hydrilla, I’m told, was named after Hydra, the nine-headed monster of Greek mythology,” known to regenerate two heads for every one that was cut off, said Littauer. “So that is very germane to this discussion.”

Littauer explained that the hydrilla verticillata which found its way into Florida through the aquarium industry in the 1950’s is not the same strain that has devastated coves and tributaries throughout the Connecticut River since 2016.

“It has morphed and created a much more virulent strain known as the Connecticut River variant, because that’s where all of the problems stem from. You just can’t kill the stuff,” noted Littauer. He said sea planes and fishing boats likely contributed to its inland spread.

### A more aggressive approach in 2025

In June of 2023, East Twin Lake became the first lake outside of the Connecticut River to identify the presence of hydrilla, and the TLA immediately assembled a coalition of scientific and environmental advisers to address the threat.

As a precaution, Lake Wononscopomuc, also known as Lakeville Lake, im-



TLA President Grant Bogle, left, and Bill Littauer, president of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association, addressed stakeholders during an Oct. 10 forum at the Salisbury Town Grove.

mediately closed its launch to outside boaters, and Mt. Riga, Inc. also played it safe by closing its Ostrander beach and campsites this past season until preventative measures were in place.

Despite two summers of herbicide spot treatment mainly around the marina at East Twin, hydrilla has migrated to deeper waters, prompting the TLA to take a more aggressive approach in the spring of 2025 by treating the lake’s entire littoral zone with multiple doses of the herbicide SonarOne.

So far, Littauer said, hydrilla has not been found in Lakeville Lake, and keeping it out is the primary goal, which is why its boat launch will remain closed indefinitely.

“Unfortunately for us on Wononscopomuc, the only alternative should hydrilla find its way into the lake, is herbicides, and we have had such opposition on this lake” to chemical treatment, even for milfoil, he explained. “I shudder to think that is the only solution.”

Bogle explained that at Twin Lakes, in addition to a more aggressive approach to controlling the invasive weed on East Twin, “our goal is to stop hydrilla from getting into West Twin. We’re chasing the plant at this point in time, but we’re not down and out by a long shot. We’ve made real progress this year.”

But the chase comes at a cost. In 2021, lake management costs were about \$50,000 for the Twin Lakes. “We are spending roughly \$300,000 this year and project spending \$350,000 next year,” the TLA president told those assembled.

“In three years, we will have spent over a million dollars to manage this, but if we don’t we lose this lake.”

The TLA has launched a year-end appeal to raise \$250,000 for hydrilla control next year and to eventually eliminate the noxious weed.

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*Grant Bogle, Twin Lakes Association president*

according to TLA officials.

In response to an audience question about why management of hydrilla is so expensive, Bogle noted that while herbicides are relatively low-cost, it takes a crew of trained and licensed professionals to apply the treatments to the tune of about \$2,500 per application.

Discussion also centered around the need for all lakes to have an emergency plan should hydrilla take root, since approvals for treatment from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) could take several months and hydrilla can double in biomass every day during the height of the summer growing season and can quickly outcompete native plant species.

“In the event it was found, we’d go very forcefully to DEEP to ask their permission to use the herbicides,” Rand explained.

Bogle credited DEEP for becoming “a partner with us, and that was not true two years ago. What happened to Twin Lakes is unfortunately going to happen elsewhere and they’re trying to learn, too.”

### Preparing for worst-case scenario

Discussion centered around the importance of lake groups creating a management plan in preparation for a worst-case scenario.

“There are things that can be done to get ready. Active monitoring and having a plan I think will be helpful,” Bogle noted.

Other strategies Twin Lakes will be putting into place next season is to increase hours for the boat monitors at the marina, and possibly adding a boat-washing station.

In closing the meeting, Bogle praised the camaraderie among the lakes’ stakeholders, all of which face unique challenges.

“I think it’s been a positive benefit. We are all in our own little bubbles and I think it has been helpful to have this type of discussion. Each lake is different, and each lake community is different.”

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