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



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Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), where he heads the Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (OAIS), was a guest speaker at the Aug. 2 annual meeting of the Twin Lakes Association.

The Hydrilla Menace

East Twin Lake finds new hope as hydrilla fades

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY— A fierce and costly battle to halt the spread of hydrilla in East Twin Lake may have finally paid off.

All but three remaining small patches, one near the shoreline at O'Hara's Landing Marina and two others in deeper water as boats exit the marina and head out, have been destroyed by this summer's treatment with the aquatic herbicide fluridone, which began on May 20. None of the remaining plants are thriving.

"We hit 90 days in mid-August, and most of the hydrilla is dead," reported Dominic Meringolo, an environmental engineer

with SOLitude Lake Management, whose company was retained by the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) to apply the lake's 2025 herbicide treatments.

The announcement was met with relief and applause from the approximately 100 members of the Twin Lakes Association who attended the group's annual meeting Aug. 2 at Isola Bella.

This is the first good news we've had in three years with hydrilla, but we're far from being able to say that the coast is clear," said TLA President Grant Bogle.

He stressed that vigilance is required and Northeast Aquatic

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Phonetics meets folklore in the Ice Box of Connecticut

By David Carley

NORFOLK — Where names twist, curiosity roots.

There are several ways to pronounce the Town of Norfolk's name: Nor-folk, Nor-fuk, Nor-fork and others.

There does not seem to be a consensus among residents on the correct pronunciation.

The origin of the name is British, from Norfolk County in England, pronounced Nor-fik, similar to Suffolk County pronounced Suf-fik. The origin, though, has



no influence on how it is said in Connecticut.

At this year's Weekend in Norfolk summer festival, opinions on the matter were shared with The Lakeville Journal. At one tent was Norfolk resident Eliza Little who explained that she is "a bit of a chameleon, it depends who you talk to." As a volunteer EMT, when she is radioing in, she admitted she says, "something like 'Nor-fork."

Little also shared a short poem about the town, a part of Norfolk's folklore that could give some insight into the correct pronunciation, it goes: "We don't drink, we

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Northwest Corner remembers Wesley Mittman LePatner

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — The tragedy on New York's Park Avenue Tuesday, July 29, has been felt deeply in the Northwest Corner.

One of the victims, Wesley Mittman LePatner, was shot and killed along with three others by a gunman who then took his own life. At 43, she was a senior executive at Blackstone, which is housed in the same building at the National Football League. Early reports surmise the shooter, who traveled from Las Vegas, was aiming at those connected to the NFL because of injuries he sustained playing the game in high school. Sources said LePatner, an innocent bystander, was struck down in the building's lobby.

LePatner had strong ties to the area from an early age and she and her family had a weekend home on Spruce Lane. Accolades have poured in over social media about the woman who was extremely bright, passionate about many causes and active in a variety of



PHOTO POSTED BY BLACKSTONE Wesley Mittman LePatner

organizations.

Those who worked at The Lakeville Journal remember the spirited teenager who served as the paper's first summer intern in 1997. A self-motivator, she would enthusiastically seek out stories, ready to take on any challenge. Janet Manko, who was then the publisher, said, "Her work spoke for her talent and motivation. I did see her representing the enthusiasm of a young person, as only high school

students can bring to the table. That was my first year at the Journal, so I did think, 'Wow! This is great! The Journal has such talented and connected interns!"

Le Patner set the standard and the program has gone on to host numerous interns, including eight in this summer's program.

She went to Yale University after studying at the Horace Mann School in New York City. On her first day at college, she met Evan LePatner, who later became her husband. Majoring in history, she graduated summa cum laude and was very active in many aspects of campus life. Her first position after college was in the real estate division of Goldman Sachs. Currently, she was a senior executive at Blackstone.

A statement from Blackstone read, "Words cannot express the devastation we feel. Wesley was a beloved member of the Blackstone family and will be sorely missed.

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Voters approve wakesurfing ban

By Alec Linden

The sport of wakesurfing is now banned on Lake Waramaug as the result of a decisive tri-town vote held on Thursday, July 31.

Voters in Kent, Warren and Washington, the three towns that border Lake Waramaug, approved the ordinance with 1452 residents ultimately voting in favor of banning the sport against 421 opposed

Kent had the steepest margin in favor of the ordinance, which had to be voted through by all three towns to take effect. About 83% of Kent residents voted for the ban, totaling 468 yeses. Only 96 voted no.

In Washington, 649 voted in favor and 186 voted in opposition. Warren, the closest vote, saw 335 yes votes and 139 no.

The ordinance, which was drafted over the course of several years by the Lake Waramaug Authority, holds that any boats which operate in "surf mode," meaning they draw water into the ballasts to create larger wakes, will be fined \$250

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Street Fair celebration echoes spirit of service

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Lakeville Journal Street Fair took place on a blocked-off Academy Street Saturday, as families brought children to get their faces painted, receive a custom-tied balloon, a toy duck and/or octopus, and sing along with Danny Tieger.

Meandering down Academy Street attendees encountered the sibling team of Izzy and Charlie Wolff, who were selling bracelets they made themselves for \$10 apiece to benefit Camp Jabberwocky, a camp for persons with disabilities in Martha's Vineyard.

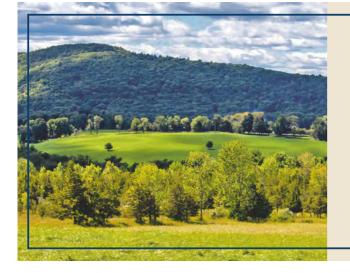
Missy Wolff, their mother, said that this was the third summer the children had been selling the bracelets. They had raised some \$6,000 over that period, which is impres-

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State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) talks with Anne Childs in the nonprofit organization tent at The Lakeville Journal Street Fair Saturday, Aug. 2. Childs was representing Great Mountain Forest at the event on Academy Street in Salisbury.

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Online This Week

Taste of Cornwall

This weekend, watch the video report for Taste of Cornwall on Instagram @lakevillejournal

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

The following information was provided by the Connecticut State Police at Troop B. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Near head-on ends in minor sideswipe

David Wright, 55, of West Stockbridge, Massachusetts was traveling east on Lower Road in North Canaan on the afternoon of July 26 when, rounding a curve, he saw another car, a Honda CRV EX driven by Deborah Mark, 82, of Lakeville, encroaching in his lane. Wright swerved to avoid a head-on collision, but Mark's CRV sideswiped his Ram 1500. Neither driver was injured, and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene. Mark was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

Damage to covered bridge

Sometime before 10 a.m on July 29, an unknown vehicle struck and damaged the overhead timbers on the West Cornwall covered bridge. There were no witnesses and no physical evidence was left behind to identify the vehicle. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Trooper Coretto No. 1275 at Troop B, 860-626-1820.

Driver runs off road

On the evening of July 29, William Crispin, 27, of West Hartford was traveling south on Route 63 near the intersection with North Goshen Road when he veered off the road, crashing in a ditch. He was not injured, but the Ford F350 Super Duty he was

driving was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. Crispin was issued verbal warning for failure to maintain lane.

Protective order violation arrest

On July 30 at about 3 a.m., troopers arrested Joshua Duplessis, 53, with no stated address, at a location in North Canaan for criminal violation of a protective order. Duplessis was issued a \$5,000 cash bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on July 30.

Accident yields illegal weapon arrest

On the evening of July 31, Matthew Darling, 26, of Millerton, New York, was driving south on Route 361 in Sharon during wet weather when he lost control of his vehicle, a Ram 150, and swerved across the northbound lane and off the road. Darling was uninjured, but the vehicle was disabled. Upon investigating the accident, troopers observed a large, unconcealed knife in the driver's side door compartment, and arrested him for illegal possession of a weapon in a motor vehicle. Darling was issued a \$500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 13.

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 subject, to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Man goes missing in North Canaan

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN Searchers were out on Lower Road in North Canaan Monday morning, Aug. 4, looking for an elderly man last seen Saturday morning, Aug. 2.

Two of the men looking for Rafael Perez, age 71, were his son, also named Rafael Perez, and grandson, Sebastian Arango.

The missing man is described as a Hispanic male, white hair, brown eyes, 5'8" inches tall, 150 pounds. He was wearing a black shirt, blue shorts and black shoes. He has scars on his forehead and both knees.

Arango said his grandfather was last seen around 11:30 a.m. Saturday heading east on Route 44 and then south on Deely Road toward a cornfield and the north bank of the Blackberry River.

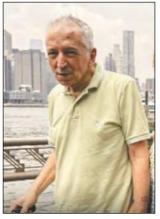


PHOTO PROVIDED Rafael Perez

Arango said that area was searched yesterday and they were expanding the search along Lower Road.

Perez Jr. said his father has Parkinson's disease and dementia.

State police and a search team of about 40 people were out looking down near Deely Road on Monday, Aug. 4.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The search party Monday, Aug. 4, focused its efforts in the area around Deely Road and the Blackberry River. For updates, check lakevillejournal.com.

July real estate transactions in Salisbury

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Fifteen properties were sold in July in Salisbury — more than double in a typical month, across a broad price range. Seven properties were sold below \$500,000, another five between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and just three over a million. The median price of a single-family residence over the 12-month period ending on July 31 fell to \$950,000 after reaching an all-time high in May of \$1,145,000.

Transactions

188 Undermountain Road - 3 bedroom/2 bath antique home on 1.15 acres sold for \$575,000.

54 Rocky Lane — 5 bedroom/3 full bath and 2 half bath home on 1.32 acres with deeded lakefront access sold for \$1,300,000.

9 Porter Street — 3 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1880 house sold for \$155,000.

41A Fowler Street — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.07 acres sold for \$420,000.

68B East Main Street — 5



Sale of the ranch home at 375 Salmon Kill Road reflect the trajectory of Salisbury real estate prices. The house sold for \$287,000 in 2017, then \$449,000 in 2023 and in July for \$595,000.

bedroom/3.5 bath home on leased land sold for \$250,000.

37 Bostwick Street — 6 bedroom/3.5 bath house sold to the Salisbury Housing Committee for \$250,000.

5 Red Bird Lane — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath ranch built in 1962 sold for \$1,475,000.

15 Indian Cave Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on .5 acres sold for \$435,000.

77 Beaver Dam Road — 4 acres of land sold for \$225,000.

31 Porter Street — 3,018 square foot commercial building sold for \$610,000.

40 East Main Street — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.3 acres sold for \$725,000. 13 Seneca Lane — 3 bed-

room/2.5 bath home on 4.1 acres sold for \$625,500.

375 Salmon Kill Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home sold for \$595,000.

126 Millerton Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath home built in 2008 sold for \$1,800,000.

140 Lime Rock Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home built in 1830 on 6.8 acres sold for \$610,000

* Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded as sold between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

State awards Canaan Fire Company \$25K

NORTH CANAAN — The Town of North Canaan received notification that its request for infrastructure funding assistance for the all-volunteer Canaan Fire Company, a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, was granted on Friday, Aug. 1, during Governor Lamont's recent Bond Commission meeting.

The \$25,000 is intended to rehabilitate the surrounding parking lot and the lot in front of the apparatus bays, along with some other ancillary facility repairs.

First Selectman Brian Ohler approached the concept of the state bond funding with the state delegation earlier this year. In a press release he stated, "With future ideas and concepts now in the pipeline, we can't wait to see what the future has in store for the Canaan Fire Company."

State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30) and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) were quoted in the press release.

Horn, who sits on the Bond Commission, stated, "I am so pleased that, at Friday's Bond Commission meeting, we provided a grant to fund infrastructure repairs at the Canaan Fire Company. These repairs will help keep our first responders and their equipment safe, and better enable them to continue to do their heroic work keeping the community safe as well."

Harding stated, "Good news for North Canaan! I thank First Selectman Ohler for being such a strong advocate for the town. We continue to work as a strong team to make sure first responders' needs are met."

The scheduling of the repairs and the full scope of work will now be determined by the fire company's leader-

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Authors abound at Sharon Summer Book Signing

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — The town became a literary mecca this weekend as the Hotch-kiss Library hosted its annual Summer Book Signing event. Twenty-eight authors from a variety of genres gathered under the large white tent next to the library Friday evening, Aug. 1, to showcase their books and meet with enthusiastic bibliophiles.

Following the event, eight residents opened their homes to allow guests to dine with a particular author. And on Saturday, there was a "Page to Plate" event billed as "Where Books and Bites Meet: An All-Day Culinary-Literary Experience." Chefs who have written books demonstrated how to make some treats while talking about their experiences.

Among the authors present on Friday was Chris Whipple, whose timely book is titled "Uncharted: How Trump Beat Biden, Harris and the Odds in the Wildest Campaign in History." Asked about its premise, Whipple replied, "The political scandal of the 21st century." He said he felt compelled to write it because he had unique access to the key players. He wrote it in just 107 days.

While working on his first book, "The Gatekeep-



Above, Jessie Sheehan and Chris Moroccoareatthe Aug. 2 'Page to Plate' event sponsored by the Hotchkiss Library. Amity Gage shows her latest book, a suspense novel set in Maine.

ers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency," he got to know many of those in the inner circle, including Ron Klain (Biden's chief of staff), "so I was able to do a fly-on-the-wall account." In his other work titled "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House," Whipple focused on how President Biden and his team battled to achieve their

agenda.

Whipple, who lives in Essex, was at the book signing two years ago and called it "one of the great events. It opened many doors for me."

Seated a few tables down from Whipple was Gary Shteyngart of Red Hook, New York, who was there to promote his children's book "Vera of Faith." He pointed out the story was about a 10-year-old girl living in a dystopian American town trying to hold her family together. "I've written some dystopian memoirs that are all hopeful at the end," he said.

His range of subjects is wide, as witnessed by another of his works called "Our Country Friends," which was a New York Times best-seller, and talks about people coming to the Hudson Valley. Shteyngart, showing a dry sense of humor with a straight face, explained in this book "there are a lot of affairs. It's spicy."

His next book, which will be called "Capy Bora" will have a 150-pound rodent as its protagonist. He was quick to show a photo on his phone of the creature.

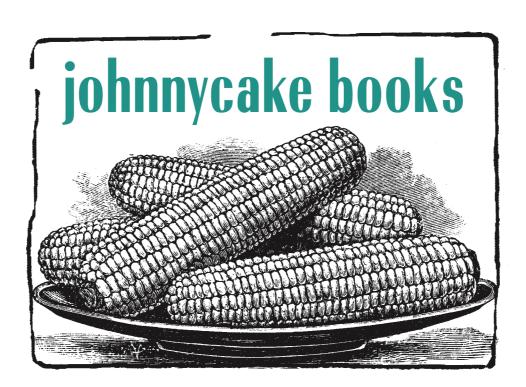
Amanda Gage of West Hartford was there to talk about her fifth book, "Heartwood," a suspense novel set in the deep dark woods of Maine. "I like atmospheric books," she said. "I like settings. The tension and mystery come from settings." The story follows a game warden.

Gretchen Hachmeister, the library's executive director, was very pleased with the way the event was going. As she circled the tent, stopping to visit with the authors, she noted how grateful she was the sun was shining and it wasn't 95 degrees. She had high praise for the team that organized the event, including staff, board members and volunteers. "They make it all happen."

She was there bright and early the next morning as audience members gathered

throughout the day for "Page to Plate." Among those featured was Chris Morocco, food director of Bon Appetit and Epicurious. He and local author/chef Jessie Sheehan gave a demonstration on how to make everyone's favorite — the chocolate chip cookie.





JOHNNYCAKE BOOKS Celebrating 25 Years

Salisbury has had a rare book shop for around 100 years. In the 1920s, there was an antiquarian bookshop called Mt. Riga Books, about which little is known. In 1930, Salisbury began to become a destination for book collectors from around the world with the arrival of Maurice Firuiski, who opened the Housatonuc Bookshop, which he operated until his death in 1978.

Firuski remains a legend in the history of the rare book trade in America. An idiosyncratic and sophisticated man of letters, he was friends with writers like Robert Frost and Lewis Mumford. His bookstore was where Elyse Harney Real Estate now is, across from the White Hart. The lead-painted oak sign that hung outside his establishment now hangs inside Johnnycake Books.

Apprenticing for Firuski at Housatonuc Bookshop in the late 1960s was Salisbury native Mike McCabe. When the Marketplace Association redeveloped the area behind Main Street in Salisbury in the 1970s where LaBonne's now sits, Curtis Rand's father, Jake Rand, moved one of the old cottages to a new location. Mike left Firuski's employ and opened up his own bookshop called Lion's Head Books in the relocated structure. When McCabe decided to close in the early spring of 2000, I took over the premises. Johnnycake Book's opening day was August 5, 2000.

In these times, it is remarkable that Salisbury—with a population of just 4,100—has had a rare book shop for 100 years. It has been a privilege not only to be part of that legacy of booksellers who have come before and to continue the tradition, but also to be part of the daily rhythm of the village.

Mostly, the 25th anniversary is an occasion to thank all the individuals over the years who have supported Johnnycake—as customers, sources of books, browsers, sharers of knowledge or drop-bys just to say hi and chat.

Salisbury has been good to Johnnycake. Thank you. Dan Dwyer, proprietor

PS The name Johnnycake Books is both a personal and literary allusion. I grew up in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the historic district of which is Johnnycake Hill, atop which sits the Whaling Museum, where my parents sent me every rainy Saturday of my youth. ("It's gonna be good for you one day" they claimed; I guess they were right.) Johnnycake Hill is also the setting for the opening chapter of Herman Melville's Moby Dick—arguably the greatest American novel—where Ishmael finds overnight lodging before sailing to Nantucket to go a-whalin' on the *Pequod*.

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Political parties nominate candidates for 2025

By Jules Williams

In July, Republican and Democrat town committees in Cornwall, Falls Village, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury and Sharon endorsed candidates to run in the 2025 election.

Each party's nominees are listed below by town and by

Cornwall

First Selectman

Selectmen

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer

Board of Finance

R: Carl Zejke Hermann

D: Kate Sandmeyer Ward

Board of Finance

(Alternate)

D: Richard Wolkowitz

Board of Education

R: Katherine Scoville

R: Kathleen Bodwell

Board of Assessment

Appeals

D: Richard Wolkowitz

Planning and Zoning

Zoning Board of Appeals

R: Christi Bodwell

R: Lynn Scoville

D: Anna Kallman

D: Martha Bruehl

R: David Cavalier

R: Steve Saccardi

D: Phillip West

D: Richard Bramley

D: Gary Steinkohl

R: Cody Giolotti

D: Gordon Ridgway

R: John Brown

D: Rocco Botto

(full-term)

R/D: Kathryn Lee

office. Democrat candidates are indicated with the letter D. Republican candidates are indicated with the letter R. Candidates that received cross endorsement are indicated with the letters R/D.

Nominees for partial terms are noted with the number of years remaining for the vacant seat.

Salisbury First Selectman D: Curtis Rand

Selectmen

D: Barrett Prinz R: Don Mayland

U: Katherine Kiefer **Board of Finance** D: Emily Vail

Board of Education D: Elizabeth Dittmer D: Lauren Brown

Board of Assessment Appeals

D: William Tedder R: Peter Becket

Planning and Zoning D: Allen Cockerline D: Cathy Shyer

D: Danella Schiffer **Planning and Zoning** (Alternate)

D: Beth Wells D: Jennifer Ventimilia **Zoning Board of Appeals**

D: M.E. Freeman D: Roxanne Belter **Zoning Board of Appeals**

(Alternate) D: Cori Daggett Region One Board of **Education**

D: Flora Lazar R: Marie Barnum

Unaffiliated candidates may also run for office. The last day to submit nominating petitions was Aug. 6, which was after deadline for this issue of The Lakeville Journal. Candidates that filed ahead of deadline are

Kent First Selectman D: Eric Epstein Selectmen

indicated with the letter U.

D: Lynn Worthington R: Lynn Harrington

Town Tax Collector D: Deborah Devaux

Board of Finance D: Glenn Sanchez R: Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick

Board of Education D: Heather Brand

D: Cinda Clark R: Tony DiPentima

Board of Assessment Appeals

D: Gary Ford R: David Yewer Planning and Zoning

D: Darrell Cherniske

R: Karen Casey R: Donna Hayes

Zoning Board of Appeals D: Steve Pener

D: John Johnson D: Justin Potter

R: Mark Cowan

R: Nick Downes **Zoning Board of Appeals**

(Alternate) D: Justin Potter

D: Adam Manes **Sewer Commission**

D: Elissa Potts

D: Catherine Mazza

R: Carmel O'Meara

North Canaan First Selectman

D: Jesse Bunce

R: Brian Ohler

Selectmen R: Melissa Pinardi Brown **Town Clerk**

D: Jean A. Jacquier R: Krystian Segalla

Town Treasurer D: Melanie Neely

R: Emily Minacci **Town Tax Collector**

R: Becky Mochack

Board of Finance D: Emily Bottum

D: Carol Overby R: Jean Jacquier

Board of Education

D: Amy Helminiak

D: Gina Terwilliger D: Chris Jacques

R: Amy Menin Dodge R: Caitlin Deloy Tomko **Board of Assessment**

R: David Jacquier Planning and Zoning

Appeals

D: Cooper Brown R: Dalton Jacquier R: Walt Scneider

Planning and Zoning (Alternate)

R: Tucker Whiting **Zoning Board of Appeals**

D: Brian Allyn D: Matt Freund

R: Scott Zinke **Zoning Board of Appeals**

(Alternate) D: Joe Cieslowski

R: Brian Allyn Jr. Region One Board of **Education**

R: Craig Whiting Registrar of Voters R: Rosemary Keilty

Falls Village First Selectman

R/D: Dave Barger Selectmen

D: Christopher Kinsella R: Judy Jacobs

Board of Finance

D: Ginger Betti

D: Richard Berzine D: Martin Deeg (Two year vacancy)

R: Karl Munson

R: Andrea Downs R: Missy Ohler (Two year vacancy)

Board of Finance (Alternate)

D: Vanessa Pereira

R: Henry Todd, Hazel McGuire (Two year vacancy)

Board of Education

D: Pat Mechare R: Scott Miller

R/D: Adam Sher

Board of Assessment Appeals

R/D: Tami Reid R/D: Hazel McGuire

Zoning Board of Appeals R: Lou Timolat R: Steve Dean

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Alternate) D: Vance Cannon

R: Lee Baldwin Constables

D: Thomas Wilson

D: Donna Heinz

D: Liz Pierce R: Lou Timolat

R: Tim Downs

R: Matt Hansen

R: Denny Jacobs

Region One Board of

Education R/D: Pat Mechare Sharon

First Selectman D: Casey Flanagan

Selectmen D: Lynn Kearcher

Town Clerk D: Bianca Deltufo

Town Treasurer R/D: Tiana Pitcher

Town Tax Collector

D: Donna Christiensen **Board of Finance**

D: John Hecht

R: Mary Robertson R: Michelle Pastre (Two

year vacancy) R: Mary Ann Toppan

(Four year vacancy) **Board of Education**

D: Terry Vance

D: Pamela Jarvis

D: Peter Birnbaum (Two year vacancy)

R: Cathy Winburn

R: Chip Kruger

Board of Assessment

Appeals

D: Debbie Hanlon

Planning and Zoning D: Susan Lynn

R/D: Stanley MacMillan Planning and Zoning

(Alternate) D: Andrus Nichols

Zoning Board of Appeals D: Iim Wexler

D: Theo Coloumbe (Two year vacancy)

R: Scott Pastre **Zoning Board of Appeals**

(Alternate) D: Pauline Moore Region One Board of

Education D: Susan Cousins

Tensions rise as black bear population boom continues

By Mia DiRocco

CORNWALL — Bear sightings, encounters and even home break-ins have been on the rise in Connecti-

cut this summer. According to Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the number of reported home break-ins over the last year has nearly tripled since 2019. It has caused some in the Northwest Corner to call for a bear hunting season and other measures as a matter

of public safety. Roxanna Robinson of Cornwall encountered this issue first-hand. After multiple home invasions and a car break in from the same bear, she called DEEP to see

what to do. 'They trapped him, and then released him on the same site," said Robinson. "They don't relocate bears. What they try to do is to teach the bear never to come back, and hopefully to educate him to stay away from

humans." This particular bear has not been euthanized, but if

trapped again it likely will be. Robinson's ecperience is not unique. Many other car and home break ins have been reported around the Northwest Corner.

In North Canaan, Troop B's response to a June home entry resulted in the killing of a bear. Later that month, a North Canaan man out walking his dog was clawed in the chest by a bear on his property. DEEP set traps and advised the man to remove

bird feeders from his land. "It's a problem," said Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway this sum-

Cornwall submitted 45 pages of bear incident reports to the state last year, but "the environment committee did not send a bear bill out," said Ridgway. "It seems to be a western Connecticut problem... they're not paying attention to what's happening

Ridgway heard from residents who have grown fearful to leave their homes. "I think it really is a public safety is-

sue," he said. DEEP has tended to focus on public education when it comes to safety. In 2024, it began the "Be Bear Aware" campaign, which can be ac-

cessed on portal.ct.gov. The primary goal of this was to use education over action. Instead of a hunting season, residents could learn both lethal and nonlethal options tor defense, such as scare tactics, electric fencing and increase documentation of bear sightings. Euthanizing bears is only permissible for those with a history of

behavioral issues. "Education is essential and I think part of it is making ourselves invisible," said Robinson. "What happens when we leave trash out or put bird feed out is we are making ourselves attractive

to the bears." Town officials have been struggling with finding ways to keep communities safe, especially considering the complicated nature of the problem. The lack of bear safety regulations in such a

has caused public frustration.

problem bears." Following bear protocols and reporting issues has been the most effective safety mea-

sure so far. Yet the issue begs the question — are we bear

highly bear populated area

According to a July article on CTMirror.org by Susan Masino, a Trinity College professor, "There is a relentless push for a bear hunt — most recently under the guise of public safety. But the public pays hundreds of professionals across the state to protect public safety and the public trust, and all these professionals can remove



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Bears with multiple cubs have been a common sight this summer.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ELIZABETH NICHOLAS GEER

Late of Lakeville (25-00300)The Hon. Jordon M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate

Court, by decree dated, July 23, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may

result in the loss of rights to

The fiduciaries are:

recover on such claim.

Julia Geer Hobro, 101 Behrens Road, New Hartford, CT 06057 Laura Allyn Geer, 40 Valley Road, PO Box 1922, Lakeville, CT 06039

Megan M. Foley, Clerk

08-07-25

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut

on July 28, 2025: Exempt - Application IWWC-25-64 by Christian Allyn for "effective management of invasive plants with a 2% Garlon 3A solution." The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 40 and lot 16 and is known as 49 Canterbury Lane, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Jonathan Bender & Julia

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

Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Sally Spillane, Secretary 08-07-25

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0295 by owner 235 Belgo Road LLC for vertical expansion of a nonconforming structure at 235 Belgo Road, Lakeville, Map 9, Lot 9 per Section 503.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical

location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/ agendas/. The application materials will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/ planning-zoning-meetingdocuments/. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT.

Salisbury Planning & **Zoning Commission** Martin Whalen, Secretary 08-07-25

08-14-25

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OBITUARIES

John Richard Krupinski

Richard (Jr.) Krupinski, of

Winsted, Connecticut passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Hartford Hospital.

Born on Jan. 13, 1948, in Torrington, Connecticut he was the son of John Joseph Krupinski and Eleanor (Kavesky)

Krupinski. John grew up in Litchfield, Connecticut and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1967. While still in high school, John was a member of the Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department.

John joined the Air Force in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1972 as a Sargent. John went on to work for the State of Alaska with the Department of Fish and Game as well as being an Alaska State Trooper. Upon returning to Connecticut John worked for the State of Connecticut as a Deputy Warden for the Forestry De-

John loved the outdoors, was an avid fly fisherman and from a young age enjoyed tying his own flies. John was known as the best fly tier in

LITCHFIELD — John Northwest Connecticut. John also competed in Archery, receiving numerous trophies.

> John is survived by his daughter, Cheryl L. Bentley, sister, Karen J. Krupinski, and brother, Thomas J. Krupinski. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and El-

eanor Krupinski, his wife, Margery Hull Krupinski, and their beloved pets.

Calling hours will be held at Thurston Rowe Funeral Home, 283 Torrington Road, in Litchfield, on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A funeral service with Military Honors will be held at Hillside Cemetery, 76 Walnut Street, in Torrington, on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Farmington River Anglers Association, Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association or Trout Unlimited, Northwest Connecticut Chapter.

To send the family online condolences kindly visit www. thurstonrowefuneralhome.

Send obituaries to obituaries@lakevillejournal.com

REGIONAL

Deputies respond to political dispute at Fountain Square

By Nathan Miller The Millerton News

AMENIA — Dutchess County Sheriff's Deputies broke up a political dispute between two Amenia residents at Fountain Square in downtown Amenia on Tues-

day, July 15. Kimberly Travis of Amenia was conducting her daily "No Kings" anti-Trump administration protest at Fountain Square at 1:15 p.m. when Jamie Deines, of Amenia and candidate for Town Board in the Nov. 4 election, approached her.

Travis told responding deputies on the scene and The News she felt threatened by Deines. "She was very intimidating," Travis said. "And I have not felt fear in the whole time I've been doing this."

A man who asked to be identified only by his first name, Tom, stopped by the square on his lunch break to chat with Travis just before Deines's arrival. He said he too was alarmed by Deines's demeanor and called 911 shortly after the interaction began.

In an effort to de-escalate, Travis said, she turned away and started walking down the sidewalk along Route 343 away from Fountain Square. Deines followed close behind, Travis said, who then called 911 too.

The Millerton News received a letter to the editor from Travis on Monday, July 28, detailing the interaction and condemning Deines for her conduct. She sat down in The News's office in Millerton for an interview on Wednesday, July 30; just over two weeks after the interac-

Deines paints a different picture of the interaction. "I just countered some of her arguments about Trump," Deines said. "And she apparently didn't like that so she called the cops."

Deines wouldn't go into specifics about the conversation, but she denied being threatening or physically intimidating to Travis during the interaction. Deines said during a brief interview in the Freshtown parking lot in Amenia that responding deputies told her she wasn't

doing anything wrong. "We were standing there, talking," Deines said. "I was just walking and saying my piece and talking to her and asking her questions, that's all. It's loud. Cars are going by, so it's loud."

Police arrived and took statements from Deines and Travis, recorded in a redacted police report obtained by the Millerton News on July 25. According to the report, deputies told both parties they had a right to be in the square and participate in peaceful protest.

Deputies left the scene and Deines left shortly after. Travis packed up her signs and left as well, as she usually does at that time in the afternoon. There were no fines, charges or other enforcement action taken as a result of the dispute.

The Millerton News obtained a police report from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office with redacted names. A Freedom of Information Law appeal for the unredacted report was filed with the **Dutchess County Attorney on** Thursday, July 31, and is still pending.

Lisa Mae Keller

LIME ROCK — Lisa Mae is still undetermined in the Keller of Lime Rock, Con- Keller house whether the

necticut, passed away peacefully at her home on July 26, 2025, following a yearlong battle with cancer. Lisa remained at home between lengthy stays at Smilow Cancer Hospital -Yale New Haven. Throughout Lisa's

ordeal, the family home was a constant hub of love and support, with friends and relatives regularly dropping by. Their presence lifted Lisa's spirits and helped her stay positive during even the toughest moments. The family remains deeply grateful to the community for their unwavering kindness and encouragement.

Born on June 2, 1958, in

Bridgeport to Mae and Robert Schmidle, Lisa graduated from Newtown High School in 1976. Lisa first attended Ithica College to pursue a degree in fine arts concentrating on opera. Drawn to a more robust and challenging curriculum, Lisa transferred to Whittier College, Whittier, California earning a Bachelor of Science degree. It was in 1988 that Lisa met and married Robert (Rob) Keller in Newtown, Connecticut. Together, they embarked on a remarkable journey. The couple started small businesses, developed land in Litchfield County and welcomed in quick succession their sons Baxter and Clayton. The growing family discovered the long-abandoned historic Lime Rock Casino in 1993, while attending a race at Lime Rock Park. The couple found it difficult to commute for work while raising a family and restoring a vintage home. Lisa persuaded her husband that chimney sweeping was a noble profession, leading them to purchase the established business, Sultans of Soot Chimney Sweeps. She later leveraged her role into ownership of the largest U.S. importer of vintage Italian reproduction gun parts. Even as her entrepreneurial ventures expanded, Lisa continued managing the pick, pack, and ship operation for Kirst Konverter, though she sold the remainder of the business prior to her illness. Lisa will be remembered for her business acumen, community service, and being a trained vocalist with the Crescendo Coral Group of Lime Rock. Lisa tended the extensive gardens around the home and curated an art collection that adorns the walls within. Baking cookies was a passion. Countless cookie packages were sent world wide to each son and their military friends while deployed. It

Army or Marines leave less crumbs. At Christmas, the Lakeville Post Office staff would post over 80 packages of cookies to lucky recipients, while receiving a tray for their effort. Unable to bake cookies in her last

year, Lisa selflessly compiled and self-published "Pot Luck at The Casino", a 160 page book of all of her favorite recipes, sent to everyone on her cookie list. It was a true labor of love.

A love of pearls and turquoise inspired Lisa to design and commission heirloom quality jewelry to be passed down thru the generations. Visitors were often gifted Tahitian pearl jewelry and knowledge gleaned from years of research. Travel plans for further pearl and gem study were cancelled when Lisa received her cancer diagnosis.

One of her most enduring passions—and a decades-long devotionwas embracing the role of American mother to the young German football players on scholarship at Salisbury School. Unable to return home during holidays and school breaks, the boys found a second family with the Kellers. Lisa did what any mother would do: baked endless batches of her legendary cookies, cooked countless home-made meals, and often counseled the young men through the trials and tribulations of young love. Years later, and with families of their own, they still make it a point to 'swing by' and visit 'Momma Lisa' whenever

they're back in the States. Lisa is predeceased by her parents and is survived by husband, Rob, and two sons, Baxter (Elizabeth) and Clayton (Brette), two grandchildren, Isabel and Ezra, two brothers Robert, Jr. (Pam) Schmidle, Paul (Wendy) Schmidle, and multiple nieces and nephews. Grandson Ezra was born and met Mama Lisa just days before

A graveside ceremony will be held on Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Lime Rock cemetery, with a reception at the Lime Rock Episcopal Church. A celebration of life will be held at the family home, The Historic Lime Rock Casino, on

Oct.11, 2025 at 4 p.m. All are welcome to both events. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SalvageUSA.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the special operations active duty and veterans community.



PHOTO BY SIMON MARKOW

Twin Lakes Day

The 125th annual Twin Lakes Day was held at Camp Isola Bella Saturday, Aug. 2. Attendees took part in canoe races, swim relays and water bottle filling contests. Watch the video report on Instagram @lakevillejournal

Gilbert Kenneth Schoonmaker

Monroe, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025, at the age of 77. Born on Jan. 18, 1948, in Winsted, Connecticut to Gilbert and Alta (Bierce) Schoonmaker, Gil spent four decades enjoying life on

Highland Lake before settling in Monroe.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally (Gustafson) Schoonmaker, and his two daughters, Lynn Sindland and her husband Lee of Lead Hill, Arkansas, and Deb Pikiell and her husband Tim of Bristol, Connecticut. Gil was a proud grandfather to Ozzie, Tommy, Betsy, Katie, George, Lucy, Maddie, Joey, and Julia, and he cherished his time with his eight great-grandchildren. Gilbert leaves behind his siblings Ann, Gary, Gail, Jan, and Tim.

Gil met Sally, the love of his life, while attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He went on to

WINSTED - Gilbert attend Northwest Commu-Kenneth Schoonmaker, of nity College before serving

in the United States Air Force. Professionally, he was the longtime owner of Universal Business Equipment in Bridgeport, a role he held with pride for more than 20

Gil had a lifelong passion for

the outdoors and was an avid golfer and fly fisherman. He also enjoyed birdwatching and gardening. Perhaps more than anything, Gil will be remembered for his love of cooking. He took great joy in preparing meals for family and friends. Right up until his final days, he was finding joy in discovering new ways to cook the vegetables he grew in his garden.

Friends and family attended a funeral service at Stepney Baptist Church, 423 Main Street in Monroe on Tuesday, July 29 at 11 a.m.

To leave an online message of condolence, please visit Gilbert's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.



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The Lakeville Lournal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

EDITORIAL Ready for a change

The Lakeville Journal has been a trusted source of news and information for our community for more than one and a quarter century. That's at least five generations of readers who have turned to the paper for a weekly report on life in our towns. Its reputation as a reliable go-to for news and information has spread well beyond the Northwest Corner. And we're still here, thanks to our readers, advertisers and donors.

It's reassuring to realize that through all those decades — and all the necessary change that came over time — the many generations of reporters and editors have stayed the course, fulfilling our mission of providing in-depth news and arts coverage of the communities we serve.

Today, the paper once again is ready for a change - to hand over the reins to the next generation. John Coston, Editor-at-Large, who has spent a career in newsrooms — including The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News since 2022 — will step back from the top editorial role in September. This week, we will launch the search for an Executive Editor who will work with Managing Editors Riley Klein and Nathan Miller, Arts & Lifestyle Editor Natalia Zukerman and the rest of the newsroom staff to lead the newsroom into the next era.

You, our readers, can be assured that through this transition, one thing that won't change is our commitment to community-centered journalism. But it is an opportunity to build on the progress we've made — to expand our coverage, grow our digital presence, and continue finding new ways to serve and connect with our communities.

Our newsroom is stronger, even as we continue to tackle the challenges facing local journalism. Because of community support from our readers, advertisers, and donors, we have been able to bring on additional staff, making it possible to expand our coverage to give you a solid weekly report on what's happening in your towns and across the region.

That continued support has also put The Journal on stronger footing, allowing us to plan for a change like this without missing a beat. As it has for generations, the paper will continue to evolve — not only to keep pace with the times, but to serve our communities with deeper, more meaningful coverage in the years ahead.



The Lakeville Journal Street Fair on Aug. 2 was an occasion to celebrate some of the many nonprofits that contribute to the vibrancy of life in the Northwest Corner. Thank you to all who made this event possible, including nonprofits, musicians, food vendors, leaders of children's activities and the many people who came out to celebrate. For a full list, go to lakevillejournal.com/ street-fair. For coverage, see Page A1.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mudge Pond group issues call for support

On Aug. 2 the Twin Lakes Association held their annual meeting at Camp Isola Bella.

The focus of the meeting was to inform members and residents of the progress of eradicating hydrilla which was found in East Twin Lake in 2023, mostly likely brought from the Connecticut River to Twin Lakes via boat traffic. I attended the meeting with Andrew Cahill, president of the newly formed Mudge Pond Asso-

Grant Bogle, President of the Twin Lakes Association and scientist Russ Conklin Vice President of Lake Management, have been an invaluable resource welcoming members of other Lake Associations and residents of neighboring towns to attend their meetings. They openly share the knowledge they have gained combating invasives and provide strategies for lake management. They have shown that taking action makes a significant difference, and that cumulative action, with the support of a dedicated community, is the key for restoring the health of a lake.

For the last two years studies conducted by the Town on Mudge Pond, by a noted limnologist, have provided a foundation for establishing a management plan. The top priorities are to prevent hydrilla from entering the lake, eradicate certain invasives and target nonpoint source pollution. The Mudge Pond Association is willing to tackle these objectives with the support of our residents. Please consider offering your support either financially or through volunteerism.

You may contact Mudge Pond Association at Mudgepond.org The health of our lake can only be improved if we all work together.

Lynn Kearcher

Let's end Gaza 'horror'

Confining and starving millions of Gazans while laying waste their entire country was bad enough.

Killing and maiming tens, if not hundreds of thousands of men, women, children, doctors, nurses, and aid workers in the process is obscene and unjustifiable.

But luring the desperate, malnourished survivors into food lines for daily mass murder earns you a special place in hell.

This is not self-defense and it's not warfare. It is clearly genocide.

Shame on the United States for aiding and abetting the Israeli government in this horror.

We are all war criminals unless we put a stop to it. Al Ginouves

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Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to publisher@ lakevillejournal.com Include name, town and phone number. Please keep letters to 500 words or less.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another instance of Project 2025

I am responding to a May 1, 2025, Occasional Observer piece by Mac Gordon on "Trump's Mandate on 'Classical Architecture'.

In his piece, Mr. Gordon mentioned Federal design guidelines drawn up in 1962 by Senator Patrick Moynihan, which were intended to steer clear of partisan sentiments.

This reminded me of a story about the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C., designed by Gordon Bunshaft in 1974.

Days Aug. 7 to 10

My father, Abram Lerner, was to become the museum's founding director, and I recall the discussions around the design of the museum, and its cylindrical, circular shape, largely free of windows. It was later referred to as "the Brutalist donut."

Senator Moynihan was one of the few champions of the design and the gift of the collection to the nation. There was considerable opposition to the design, which many in Con-

Project 2025's plan to stifle creativity and turn us backwards. Join Canaan's Railroad Falls Village

Who doesn't love trains? Come to North Canaan, this weekend and take a walk back in time as the town comes together and proudly celebrates its rich railroad history with a myriad of family fun events. Old Railroad Days 2025 will take place August 7-10 at various locations throughout the town. The festivities kick off on August 7 with a Community Picnic at the Canaan Union Station from 5:30 to 7 pm. Meet your neighbors, visit the museums, and browse vendor tents. Many events follow on Friday with the highlight being the Night Market (vendor market) from 6-9 pm at the Canaan Union Station and the museums will be open as well.

Saturday will certainly satisfy any train buff as the Housatonic Railroad Company rolls in their newly actorical Association Museum

Salisbury

quired locomotives alongside some classic rolling stock. Visit their booth at the depot before, during, and after your visits to the CT Railroad Hisand the New England Accordion Museum. The walk back in time continues on Saturday with a car show hosted by the CT Model A Restoration Club and (literally) a walking tour of the town hosted by the History Center on Main St. There will be live music, crazy bed races and more on Saturday and even more to follow on Sunday; so please go to: northcanaaneventscommittee.org for further informa-

Marcia Ramunni

Thanks for LJ street fair

A short thank you to The Lakeville Journal for organizing a community street fair on Saturday, August 2 in Salisbury to salute our area nonprofits. The weather gods must appreciate independent community journalism because Saturday was bright, dry and comfortably tem-

Shout out to the Band Northwest Passage which I hadn't heard before, but I made a point of making a monetary donation and learning the name of the

As a subscriber to The Lakeville for almost 40 years and a recent donor since the media company became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, I share the joy of the NWCT corner in not only helping it to survive, and be a vibrant outlet for local news but also an incubator for nascent jour-

It was so pleasant to meet and greet established community service organizations such as the Salisbury Ambulance Service, the Salisbury Forum and the Salisbury Housing Committee and the Salisbury Housing Trust. I know who you are Volunteers! It was also lovely to learn about other neighbors like the Community Health and Wellness Center in Canaan (What a resource), the Women & Girls Fund, an affiliate of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation, and the newly established East Mountain House, an end-of-life supportive residence in Lakev-

We are so fortunate to live in a community of commit-**Publisher Emeritus** ted and talented volunteers. Political affiliation not a pre-

Eileen Fox

requisite for participation.

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Thank you to all who sponsored, donated to and attended the Let's Dance for Housing event at the White Hart on July 23. The evening was filled with joy. Your generosity and support for The Salisbury Housing Trust makes it possible for us to help local families buy homes. I look forward to seeing you at future events.

With gratitude and much appreciation.

Judy Gafney Chair of Fundraising, Salisbury Housing Trust



Volunteers needed

The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service displayed new banners on Friday, Aug. 1, seeking volunteers.

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Norma Bosworth

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Elisha Gillette recently killed a rattlesnake on Canaan mountain that measured three feet and six inches long.

Connecticut has 46 daily newspapers, 12 semi-weeklies, 95 weeklies and 7 Sunday journals.

Information received from Cornwall says Secretary T.S. Gold of the state board of agriculture, who has been confined to his bed for the past six weeks with sciatic rheumatism, has recovered sufficiently to be about the house for a short time each day. He is still very feeble.

A children's picnic was held at Sages' Ravine on Thursday at which about twenty enjoyed themselves as only children can.

William Joyce and son of Iowa are visiting Mr. Joyce's aunt Miss Joyce at Chapinville. Years ago Mr. Joyce kept the store (now long since given up) at Joyceville. Some forty years ago he went west, where he has amassed a fortune of several millions, in the lumber business and other enterprises.

A lawn party will be given Wednesday, Aug. 8, on William M. Bartle's lawn at Ore Hill, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M.E. Church. Ice cream, cake and coffee. Mr. Martin's bus will leave Heaton & Co.'s store at 7:30. 10 cents round trip.

There are still more bear stories: David Doty saw the bear while at work near Dr. Knight's golf links. He said the bear sat up on his haunches, and he had a good square look at him. He started for his gun and the bear started for the woods. Doty returned with Porter Snyder and Grove Miller and a hunt was instituted. Plenty of signs were found such as tracks and places where the animal had laid down, but no bear could be found. Charles Ball says he has seen bear tracks in "Dark Hollow," and Mrs. Jerome's servant girls claim to have seen bruin near the rear door on Tuesday night.

Conductor Beckwith, says the Winsted Citizen, who was in charge of the 1:57 west bound C.N.E. train, Thursday, discovered a package that had been left on a seat in the smoker, soon after the train pulled out of New Hartford, and to his surprise the broken cover revealed that it contained a large roll of Uncle Sam's greenbacks, as the bills were plainly exposed to view. Conductor Beckwith counted the roll and found \$302. The money belonged to Clarence Jones of New Hartford, who, when he missed it, rushed to the station and set the telegraph vigorously to work. He had gone to the bank to deposit his money, and found that it was missing and soon guessed that he must have left the roll on the train. Norfolk wired back that the bills had been found as stated, and the roll was returned on the 4:24 train.

100 years ago — August 1925

Daniel Ashman's horse was quite badly injured last Sunday, when it was run into by an automobile coming down the Mt. Riga road. The car was caused to swerve when it hit a large stone and crowded the horse up against

a bank, the shaft entering the animal's neck, and causing a bad wound. However it is thought the horse will recover from the injury.

Harry R. Patterson of Poughkeepsie drove through Salisbury last Monday to show his mother the Berkshires. On his return Officer Meade picked him up going at better than sixty miles per hour. He pleaded guilty to the charge of exceeding the limit and paid a fine of ten dollars and costs of nine dollars and eighty-one cents.

The hay crop in most sections is a light one, but corn is doing nicely and bids fair to be a big crop.

The new Hotchkiss Golf Course is proving a strong attraction to the fans. A great deal of time, labor and money have been involved in the work of improvement. Already nearly \$25,000 has been expended. Difficulties have been the only available land has been that which surrounds the school. Because of its sloping character heavy grading has been necessary for the building of some of the greens. Large quantities of rock had to be removed. It is found that Hotchkiss hill is full of large boulders and rock ledges.

V.D. Leverty's dog "Luff" is becoming a retriever. "Doc" says Luff is also some speeder, being able to make at least 40 miles an hour in "high." Proof? Yes, here it is. On Tuesday night he ran down a cottontail rabbit, causing bunny to go so fast that it broke its neck when it struck the front door at the drug store. Luff left the rabbit there for Doc to find the next morning.

Mr. Henry Miller the well known actor and Miss Laura Hope Crewes the actress have been among the recent guests at The Gateway.

50 years ago — August 1975

The U.S. Senate last Friday, Aug. 1, passed by voice vote a bill that would include the Housatonic River for study for possible inclusion among the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Passage of a similar bill in the House would not establish federal control over lands along the Housatonic. It would authorize a Department of the Interior task force to study the river valley, in cooperation with residents and local officials. Aim of the study would be to make recommendations as to how best the natural state and scenic quality of the river might be preserved. The portion of the river in line for study runs from the Massachusetts border south to the point of Newtown where the Shepaug River joins the Housatonic.

A boat ride on Lake Wononscopomuc and a gift of a drawing of the Congregational Church will form part of Salisbury's greeting to the 715th mayor of Salisbury, England, when Councillor Anthony Stocken and Mrs. Stocken pay a visit to Northwest Connecticut this weekend. First Selectman Charlotte Reid said Tuesday that A. Mitchell Finlay will conduct the Stockens and guests around the lake on his barge starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and that afterward the group will go to the Ragamont Inn for lunch.

With the new Market

Place of Salisbury building almost finished, George Ernst of Shagroy Market is looking forward to a late-September opening of his new much-enlarged store. The date will depend on completion of the building and installation of the necessary specialized equipment. Mr. Ernst plans enlarged produce and cheese displays, and will have display cases for the meat, dairy, produce and frozen items around three sides of the store. He is proud of the fact that the frozen food cases will have doors "to help conserve energy."

A new paint store and decorating center has opened in Canaan. Besse's Paint Store has opened its operations in the building adjacent to the Snack Shack on Ashley Falls Road. The new store is a branch of Besse's main store in Torrington. Although the Canaan site offers less floor space than the larger outlet, any order for material held in Torrington will be quickly filled.

25 years ago – August 2000

CANAAN — The goahead has been given to Becton Dickinson and Company to expand its Canaan plant to allow for the production of federally-mandated medical supplies termed "safety products." Plans that have been on the drawing board for several months have been given approval by officials at the company's Franklin Lake, N.J., headquarters. Canaan's zoning enforcement officer has issued a building permit for an addition to the Grace Way plant.

LAKEVILLE — Singer Michael Brown of Salisbury will present a concert of showtunes, gospel and blues as well as the pop songs of artists such as James Taylor and Carly Simon Sunday at the Lakeville Methodist Church on Main Street. Mr. Brown is a former Sony recording artist who has toured extensively in Europe and Australia. His wam stage presence and uplifting song style are embraced by audiences of all ages wherever he appears. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door.

Farewell public broadcasting

Editor's Note: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting announced on Friday, Aug. 1, that it would shut down next year.

n July 15 the Senate voted to rescind \$1.1 billion in funding that they had voted to spend under the Biden administration for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the organization that funds National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

For more than fifty years, Republicans have been trying to to cut off funding for public broadcasting. President Trump's longstanding dislike of public broadcasting together with his threat to support primary challenges against any Republican who voted against the rescission all but guaranteed the 51 to 49 vote for the rescission with only the Republican senators of Maine and of Alaska voting no (all the Democrats voted no). According to Sen. Edward Markey (D; Mass.) who has led the effort to protect public media, Republicans who had supported PBS and NPR for decades this time voted to kill it solely because of pressure from President

Trump.

Back in the mid 1960's the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission Newton Minow gave a speech in which he castigated commercial television for being 'a vast wasteland' of game shows, formula comedies about totally unbelieveable families, blood and thunder. He beseeched broadcasters to "make a conscientious effort to serve the public interest with higher quality fare".

A study shortly after by the Carnegie Corporation concluded that the federal government should finance a system of stations to produce programming that was "of human interest and importance" without regard for the free-market incentives of ratings or ad revenue.

Although detested by President Richard Nixon who tried unsuccessfully to defund it, public radio and television were a success despite their small budgets.

In 1972 veteran newscasters Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil were assigned by the station to cover the Senate

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER MAC GORDON

Watergate hearings. What at first appeared to be a boring event turned out to become a captivating spectacle as PBS covered it hour after hour. Their Emmy award winning gavel-to-gavel coverage led to a new half hour news program, a first for PBS, named in early 1976 The MacNeil/ Lehrer Report. In 1983 the program expanded from one half to a full hour. Public television's longest lasting and most notable news program continues today as its early evening newscast, The PBS NewsHour.

Throughout its 55year history PBS has produced a remarkable array of memorable programs and long running series.

Many years ago while being interviewed for another public affairs program, Mac-Neil was asked about what made his program special, what set it apart from other news programs. "We have a motto here," he said, "we dare to be dull!" In contrast, the most popular network news show these days is one that features excitement: killings, spectacular rescues, screaming fights, etc. The PBS NewsHour, at a slower pace, tries to leave its viewers more knowledgeable.

The day after Congress rescinded all federal funding for NPR and PBS, Edith Chapin, the top Editor and acting Chief of Content Officer of NPR announced that she was resigning at the end of the fiscal year. Although she said her resignation was totally independent of Congress' decision, both events promise a serious blow to NPR's situation as Ms. Chapin has been a guiding force at NPR for nearly a quarter century.

PBS and its member stations get about 15% of its funds from the federal gov-

ernment, NPR only 2%. For some isolated tribal and rural stations federal funding represents nearly half of their overall budgets. The recent federal rescissions will hit all public broadcasting stations hard but for many rural stations, they may be a death knell as these stations have no access to big donors or corporations. For them the federal grants really matter, they're a lifeline not a luxury.

Throughout its 55-year history PBS has produced a remarkable array of memorable programs and long running series. For many years the wonderfully avuncular Alastair Cooke introduced us to modern English drama and after his retirement, the extraordinary program Masterpiece Theater continued to flourish with its biggest hit Downton Abbey charming audiences for a decade. Julia Child's The French Chef and This Old House each introduced these popular activities to the home screen. Characters from children's shows such as Sesame Street were even called to testify before Congress and Mr. Rodgers became the de facto pedagogue for thousands of schoolchildren. Originally known as "educational television," NPR continued educating its audience with The American Experience, Finding Your Roots and Nature.

The annual budget for President Trump's ICE force is \$28 billion and for continuing construction of his border wall: \$46.5 billion. The total amount of federal funding for NPR and PBS that had been budgeted and then rescinded last week by Congress was \$1.1 billion, little more than what budget analysts would call a rounding error. The \$1.1 billion that the federal government has rescinded from the CPB represents approximately 1/100 of one percent of the federal budget.

This act has nothing to do with saving public money but was instead a shortsighted, vituperative move by President Trump and the Republican party to stifle independent expression not subservient to the President and the Executive branch.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

Some worrying news on the armed-services front

n June each year there is a gathering in Paris at Le Bourget Airport for all the major aircraft manufacturers. It is a big deal. How big? Airbus contracted for 148 new plane orders to be delivered in 2026 and another 81 on option (basically for orders to be confirmed for 2027 and beyond). Embraer got 75 orders and 5 options. And Boeing this year (2024 = 155 orders)? Not One. Reason? No one is confident Boeing can deliver planes because of the Administration's tariff nonsense since 50% of Boeing's planes' parts are manufactured across the

At \$100 million to \$150 million per Airbus plane, that's \$14.8 billion to \$22.2 billion lost to Boeing and American industry as a whole...seen another way 170,000 workers at Boeing are going to be twiddling their thumbs over this non-

On a separate topic, the United States owns, controls, the radio frequencies used for all broadcasting, cell phones, military use, and the like. Just as the government allocates oil drill leases on A VIEW
FROM THE
EDGE
PETER RIVA

public land by a bidding process (bid war), so too the use of public frequencies are allocated by sealed bid process by the FCC and then ratified by Congress. But in the recent so-called Big Beautiful Bill, Congress is now changing that fair process and simply wants to allocate frequencies. Of course, if there is no transparent bidding process, you can expect friends of the Administration to be favored (we're getting used to that slight-of-hand to fair trade).

Of particular worry are the "Low 3" band allocations, previously allocated to the military and nicknamed the "Goldilocks Zone" for their signal clarity, suddenly being up for grabs. The excuse is to combat China and allow U.S.-based companies to control the 6G spectrum for portable devices and build that commercial sector. Value here for the Low 3 bands? Estimates

by the CBO is \$100 billion. Money rules, currently, and while the military is aghast that the Low 3 may be taken away from them, it seems that there is little they can do. U.S. Air Force Gen. Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, worries that operating side by side with commercial interests may "adversely" impact the joint forces. And he added that such a safe side-by-side capability does not exist "today."

Other Senators on the Arms Services Committee are on record too, "If the [Defense Department] is technically unable to operate alongside wireless carriers using these bands domestically, how on Earth could we expect to prevail in a Pacific conflict? It is simply not credible."

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.

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Once I understood that bats will eat up to 1,200 insects an hour, including osquitoes, they now have my attention To find basic information on the different bat species in CT, please visit the CTDEEP website at: portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/ fact-sheets/bats. Apparently there are 7 different species of bats that reside in $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CT}}$ and they can be separated into two groups: the bats at roost in trees and the great majority that will roost in caves. Unfortunately for bats in the caves. The the other thing that prefers caves is the fungus that has caused the White Nose Syndrome which has decimated the bat populations. This fact sheet will also help in suggesting ways to promote and support a healthy bat population, like putting up bat houses as safe roost sites. In addition this fact sheet goes over the methods of bat-proofing one's house or what to do if one already has bats in the attic. The one item that this fact sheet does not address is what to do if there are bats in the belfry.



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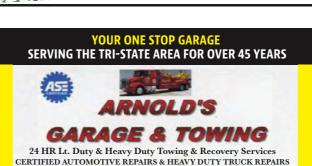


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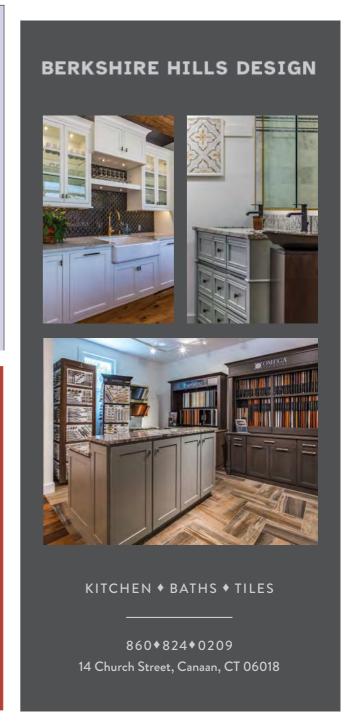


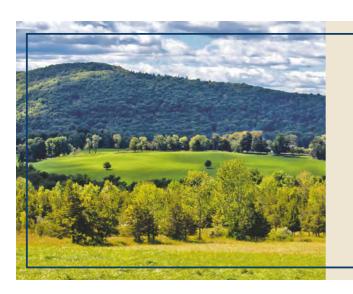
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Sports



The Salisbury summer softball team of years past took a group photo near the Yankee Stadium dugout. Softball on Sundays has been a summertime tradition at Community Field since 1983.

Summer softball squad keeps on swinging at Community Field

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — On summer Sunday mornings, around 10 a.m., a group of softball players gathers at Community Field in Lakeville for a game.

The players are a mixed bag in terms of age and physical condition.

What they all have in common is the desire to get out, play ball and have fun.

And to wrap it up before the transfer station closes at 1 p.m., according to Dr. Andrew Schwartz, aka "Doc" and "The Commissioner."

"It's good to have someone in charge," mused Bill Riiska of Lakeville.

On Sunday, Aug. 3 at about 9:30 a.m. Jeff Bauman of Salisbury was attending to the groundskeeping at home plate. He referred to the ongoing game as being part of the Everybody Get Together

'We've got doctors, lawyers, kids. We've got all the decades covered. One guy

Jim Saunders of Sharon was around at the beginning in 1983.

He said there were a lot of New York people with second homes in the area involved, including media types such as Tom Brokaw of NBC News.

Other names that came up in conversations with players were CNN's Jeff Greenfield, author Jim Bouton and one of the Baldwin group of actors and brothers. They weren't sure which one it was.

Saunders said back in the Gotham-centric days, the group was able to play a charity game at Yankee Stadium.

Over the decades the game became more of a local affair, and prior to the Covid-19 pandemic attendance started to drop. But the game continued

even during the pandemic, albeit with as few as six players. Saunders credited The

Commissioner, Schwartz, with keeping the game going. Now the game attracts 18-

24 people on average, plus spectators and dogs. A newcomer came to the

plate, a young woman in bare feet, batting right-handed. Someone said she had

never played before, and it showed during her first couple of swings.

Then she pulled a solid line drive into left field and wound up on third, having driven in two runs

Nobody found this unusual. Instead they said things like "nice hit" to the young woman and focused on the next batter.

Deron Bayer of Lakeville was in right field. He divulged his fielding secret.

"I wear my cap backwards to keep the sun off my neck. When I wear it backwards, it repels the ball."

Housy Hoops upsets Torrington 62-57 in summer league thriller

By Theo Maniatis

TORRINGTON — As the summer league season winds down, the Housatonic Valley Regional High School boys summer basketball team notched its first win of the season Wednesday, July 30, against Torrington PAL, the best team in the league.

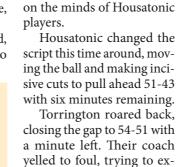
The back-and-forth contest saw Housatonic pull ahead in the final seconds to earn a 62-57 win. After falling to Torrington by 18 points in their first matchup this season, the team showed marked improvement.

"When they start to listen, pass and cut and share the ball, it's a better game," said Housatonic Coach Dino Labbadia. "You can't win a game by yourself."

The game tipped off at 8:30 p.m., with the thermostat in the Torrington Armory reading 90 degrees.

Housatonic took an early lead, but a powerful breakway dunk by Torrington's Owen Fenn shifted momentum. By the halftime whistle, Torrington led 30-26.

While the teams huddled, spectators left the arena to



and dug in on defense. By this time, the teams for the next game on the schedule had arrived, packing the sweltering arena and heightening the tension.

tend the game, but Housa-

tonic hit their free throws

inside Torrington Armory.

cool down. The last time

these teams played, Tor-

rington ran away after half-

time — something certainly

With 24 seconds left,

Torrington was fouled on a three-point attempt, much to Labbadia's frustration. The shooter made two of three free throws, grabbed the rebound and attacked the rim for two more points. One-possession game.

Above, Anthony Foley met the contact in mid-air when Housy Hoops faced Tor-

rington PAL Wednesday, July 30. Below, Nick Crodelle lines up a three-pointer

Housatonic went down court to score and held on for the victory.

Owen Reimer and Anthony Foley led Housatonic's stat sheet with 18 points each.

For Torrington, Owen Fenn scored a game-high 19 points and Chris Delacruz added 17.

After the game, Shepaug Valley defeated Lakeview, statistically eliminating Housatonic from qualifying for the Torrington Summer Basketball League playoffs.



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Boston College names Segalla soccer captain

Sydney Segalla, Housatonic Valley Regional High School Class of 2022 alumnus and current Boston College dual sport athlete, was named captain of the Eagles' womens soccer team for the 2025 season.

Segalla, of Salisbury, plays forward for the team and is entering her senior year.

In the spring, Segalla runs track for BC.

The Eagles begin the 2025 soccer regular season Aug. 14 with a non-conference game against Fairleigh Dickinson University.



Teams faced off in aqua volleyball at the Falls Village pool Wednesday, July 30.

Weekly aqua volleyball comes to Falls Village pool

By Jules Williams

FALLS VILLAGE — Last Wednesday, July 30, the Falls Village Pool hosted its first adult aqua volleyball club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Organized by Emily Pe-

terson, the club welcomes participants of all ability and experience levels to splash around with friends and practice their spikes.

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Hydrilla

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Research (NEAR), the TLA's limnologist, will continue to do detailed plant surveys throughout the lakes. "In East Twin, we supplement these with diver-assisted surveys in the deeper water, which are expected to take place in late August or September."

Russ Conklin, vice president of lake management for the TLA concurred. "We are going to have to do this two, three more years, or maybe longer."

According to TLA officials, experience from past eradication and control efforts is that this is a multiyear endeavor. Left untreated, hydrilla has returned in lakes like Coventry Lake, which took a year "off" from treatment.

"The fact is," said Bogle, "We don't know how long we will need to continue treating the East Bay, but by keeping it in control in this section of the lake, we are attempting to keep it from spreading further both within Twin Lakes and as boats exit Twin Lakes."

Possibly spread by fishing boats The battle to stop the spread of the robust Connecticut River variant of hydrilla in East Twin began in the fall of 2023, when it was discovered near the marina, and had since ventured further out into the lake.

At the time of its discovery, East Twin was the first lake in the state outside of the Connecticut River, where it had been wreaking havoc, to have identified the virulent strain in its waters.

Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), where he heads the Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (OAIS), was the first environmental expert to visit East Twin after the TLA's limnologist, George Knocklein, found the stringy, dark green plant, which looks similar to the native waterweed, elodea.

"We got out there within a week, got our boat out on the lake and sent out DNA analysis confirming the Connecticut River strain," recalled Bugbee who, along with Meringolo, were guest speakers at the TLA meeting.

"How did it get from the river into East Twin? Fishing tournaments were in the river and some people went to O'Hara's for a tournament here," the CAES scientist not-

He said the Connecticut River strain had likely been around for "many, many years" before hydrilla was detected and was thought to have been contained to the

"But that all changed with East Twin Lake in 2023, when George Knocklein found it floating around O'Hara's Landing Marina," said Bugbee.

Since then, he noted, nine additional lakes have been invaded by the rapidly growing water weed. To date, they have been met with limited success in knocking back hydrilla.

Among a few of the lakes' attempted remedies to rid hydrilla include the introduction of sterile grass carp, hand-pulling or raking them.

"Pulling it is not effective," said Bugbee, a certified diver, who tried the method. "We went back a month or so later and the hydrilla had all regrown."

Another lake group sponsored a "Take a Rake to the

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Lake Day," where a \$500 prize

was offered to the person

who raked the largest haul

of hydrilla out of the water.

so I went out in my boat,"

said Bugbee, who recounted

with humor the vision of a

woman raking hydrilla into

a wagon. The winner, he re-

called, removed 750 pounds

successful in eradicating the

invasive weed, he said it did

bring the problem to the

forefront of people's attention

and eventually was tackled

the herbicide on native plants

is being assessed by NEAR.

treatment area, the plants are

doing fine," said Bogle. "We

will have more definitive in-

formation on the native, rare

and invasive plants at our sci-

entific coalition meeting in

Corps of Engineers (USACE)

has been working for 7 years

now doing trials with herbi-

search then turns it over

to the states. We are doing

boat launch surveys on all

the boat launches in the state

looking for hydrilla. If we can

find it by the boat ramps, we

can suggest management,

The good news is, it works

than the few surviving hy-

drilla, "there are no other

plants that George has found

in that bay" where herbicide

was applied. "We were able

to get there, and it only took

were calculated based on the entire volume of the east ba-

sin of East Twin and slow-re-

lease pellets were applied to

the littoral zone. The pellets

release over a period of six

to eight weeks, with peak re-

lease at two to three weeks

used during the first three

applications to boost initial

concentration, followed by

slow-release pellets, accord-

ing to Meringolo. The goal,

he explained, was to use the

herbicide at between three

and five parts per billion for

Because by the 90-day

mark most of the hydrilla

had died, Meringolo said

there are no plans to contin-

ue the last two treatments, as

the slow-release pellets will

remain in the water close to

the 120-day target.

approximately 120 days.

Liquid fluridone was

after application.

Fluridone treatments

Conklin noted that other

"USACE does the re-

cides, said Bugbee.

potentially."

us three years."

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army

the fall."

The immediate impact of

"We know that outside the

with herbicide treatments.

While the event was un-

of plant and muck.

"I said, I've got to see this,

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She was brilliant, passionate, warm, generous, and deeply respected within our firm and beyond. She embodied the best of Blackstone. Our prayers are with her husband, children and family. We are also saddened by the loss of the other innocent victims as well, including brave security personnel and NYPD."

She served on the board of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Yale University Library Council and Advisory Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. She was actively involved in the Jewish community, serving on the board of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, a pluralistic Jewish school, the UJA-Federation of New York, a Jewish organization, and was a member of Hevreh of Southern Berkshire in Great Barrington, Mass.

Rabbi Jodie Gordon of Hevreh posted, "Wesley and her family have been a beloved part of our religious school community since 2020. She was wise-hearted, generous, and deeply committed to the Jewish people. Whenever she was here with us at Hevreh, her warmth and love for her family shone through, especially last spring when we celebrated together with the LePatner family at the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Emerson.

Perhaps her deep commitment to Judaism was fostered by her grandparents, the late Barbara and Frank Roth. Barbara Roth, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 90, was a well-known real estate agent. She and her husband were noted for founding the Connecticut Northwest Corner

Jewish Community Group which helped develop a sense of Jewish pride and community among their neighbors. She very often represented the Jewish population in ecumenical events in town.

The LePatners have had a home on Spruce Lane for seven years and are part of the Burton Road Association. President James Sok sent out a notice to members relaying the devastating news in which he said, "They were truly wonderful neighbors and cherished friends. Our connection to Wesley runs deep, as Debbie and I were close with her grandparents, Barbara and Frank Roth. Through their stories, we followed Wesley's journey from her childhood in Lakeville, through her college years, and into her early career. We were overjoyed when she and Evan became our neighbors, bringing their warmth and kindness to our community."

He continued, "Wesley was an exceptional person whose presence touched so many lives. Her loss is profoundly felt, and it's difficult to comprehend how such a tragedy could befall someone so full of light and goodness. Debbie and I, along with many of you who knew her, are grappling with the immense sadness of her absence...Wesley's memory will live on in the countless ways she made our community and the world a better place. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her."

In addition to her husband and daughter, LePatner is survived by her son Jonathan and parents, Ellyn and Lawrence Mittman.

STREET FAIR

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sive at \$10 a pop, and even more so at \$5, which was the original price.

Audrey Cole, whose business card refers to her as being with the "Senior Medicare Patrol" for the Western CT Area Agency on Aging in Waterbury, was securing her signs and pamphlets from a persistent breeze.

She said her specialty is Medicare fraud as committed against unwary senior citizens.

In a nutshell, her advice to anyone who gets a dodgy phone call about their Medicare status is "Don't engage."

What makes a call dodgy? "If you didn't initiate the call." In other words, this isn't someone calling the senior back with an answer to a question.

Other signs of skullduggery are calls that raise fear in some way. (Sometimes it's as crude as a threat to cancel a person's Medicare unless they give up bank account information.)

Or calls that come during holidays.

Cole said that when banks and government offices are closed, it gives the crooks more time to empty a victim's bank accounts.

On a more bucolic note, Danny Tieger (with his guitar) was singing to an ever-shifting group of children, most of whom seemed to know him.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Danny Tieger played guitar and sang for a group of children during The Lakeville Journal Street Fair Saturday, Aug. 2.

As parents held up phones to record the doings for posterity, Tieger a number called "Penelope High School. Poppins."

Over in the non-profit organization tent, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64) chatted with Lakeville Journal Editor John Coston as well as Anne Childs and Caroline Collins

from Great Mountain Forest. Christine Gevert was urging visitors to sign up for season tickets for Crescendo, and Craig Davis and Lynn Martorell were spreading the word about East Mountain House, a new hospice facility opening soon in Lakeville.

Vance Cannon from the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS had a special treat for the younger set: little octopi that were made

with a 3D printer at the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center at got a group to pitch in on Housatonic Valley Regional

> The octopi made an excellent set when paired with the toy ducks available at The Lakeville Journal tent.

At the balloon and face painting tent, the youngsters who weren't having their faces adorned were choosing from a balloon menu that included a sword, dog, flower, snake and magic wand.

Northwest Passage, with Ed Thorney, Scott Camara, Greg Riess and Dave Mallison started their set at about 1 p.m., opening with "Drift Away."

Those with an appetite could try a lobster roll, tacos, specialty candy and vegan wraps and burgers.

WAKESURFING

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per infraction. Wakesurfing differs from wakeboarding in that the boats move slowly, with ballast weight, to create a larger wave for participants to surf on behind the boat.

Wakesurfing is the only activity regulated by the ban.

The ordinance has been the subject of contentious public discourse for months, with sparring road signs lining streets in the three towns. Proponents of the ban have cited potential ecological damage and public safety as reasons to end the sport on the lake, while opponents have decried the action as an unnecessary and drastic infringement on resident's

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right to recreate.

Kent First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer stated, "I'm glad that the people from all three towns had a chance to review the issues, absorb information from both sides and have exercised their constitutional duty and right to make this decision for this public lake."

He noted that usually an ordinance such as this one has a 14-day waiting period before taking effect, though the state Department of Energy and Environmental Conservation will need to review the ordinance before it can be enforced, which may delay its formal adoption.

Norfolk

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don't smoke, nor-f**k."

Passing by the tent was Kim Thorne-Kaunelis, a Norfolkian for 30 years, who said, "If you don't say 'Nor-fuk,' you're uptight. Think about Norfolk, Virginia. They all say it the same way."

At the Berkshire Country Store in the center of town at 6 Station Place, merchandise from t-shirts to baseball caps declares the pronunciation to be Nor-fork, indicated by the large fork design.

Ryan Craig, the owner of the store and designer of the merch, said he has sold more than 1,000 of those hats. Craig, from Goshen, pronounces it Nor-folk but says most people born and raised in town pronounce it Nor-fork.

The store's website



Berkshire Country Store sells shirts with an image of a fork to indicate the most popular pronunciation.

give some answers. Craig is conducting a survey on the pronunciation with seven different options: Nor-folk, Nor-fawk, Nor-fork, Norfoke, Nor-F**K, Nor-fik and "I avoid saying it at all costs! Better not to make a fool of

berkshirecountry.com can myself and tarnish the family name."

With almost 350 respondents as of Aug. 3, 142 replied "Nor-fork," the easy majority with 41% of the vote. The runner up was "Nor-folk" with 66 votes, just 19% of the vote.



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Interns



Grace DeMarco

I grew up in New Fairfield, Connecticut, and will be entering my junior year at Marist University majoring in communications with a journalism concentration, and minoring in studio art. On campus, I am on the board of the Society for Professional Journalists, manage the Ice Hockey team, and have written for the newspaper, The Circle.

My passion for learning and writing has really directed me towards the dream of pursuing journalism from a young age. I love hearing people's stories, what is important to them and the community, and being able to learn about a wide variety of issues. Having the privilege of this, along with the responsibility of conveying and delivering the stories in an accurate and concise way, is something I have been able to do through my internship with The

Millerton News.

I have learned that local news is such a powerful thing to be a part of. Not only am I able to learn and report on the community, but I am also able to engage with and immerse myself into it. My most valuable takeaway is my growth in confidence for conducting interviews, along with the amazing people I have met through reporting on the community. Reporting on small towns as an outsider has also given me a new perspective to look at the small town that I come from as well.

This upcoming semester, I hope to further participate in the Marist Circle as a "foreign correspondent" columnist when I study abroad in Florence, Italy, in the fall. My long-term goals are to work for a big publication or magazine, and be able to incorporate my love of art, music and culture into my work.

Meet the next generation of community journalists. Eight interns contributed to The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News this summer. Below, each wrote a brief bio.



Mia DiRocco

I'm Mia DiRocco, and I'm a rising senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. I began working for The Lakeville Journal this spring with the new student paper HVRHS Today. Writing about anything from tennis teams to school lunches, I loved learning more about the journalistic process, and thanks to the paper I learned about The Lakeville Journal's summer internship.

Growing up in New York, the headlines of the city's iconic papers were always a part of my daily life, and I think that's what first began my interest in writing. I hope to continue pursuing journalism both as a major in college and a future career, and interning for The Lakeville Journal has been such a fun and fascinating way to experience what working in media is like.

I was also able to attend the School of The New York Times this summer, which would never have been possible without the knowledge and experience I gained learning from The Lakeville Journal reporters and editors. Working here this summer has been an incredible experience, and I'm so grateful to Riley Klein, Nathan Miller and the rest of The Lakeville Journal's staff for providing this opportunity.



Simon Markow

My name is Simon Markow, I am a rising senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. This is my second year being an intern for The Lakeville Journal.

Since I began, I have made almost 50 video reports for the Journal, some of which exceeded three thousand views on Instagram. Many of my photos have been put in the paper and have even made it to the front cover. I have been learning how to write articles, which I have never done before. I have enjoyed being a part of page layout for the newspaper, organizing how the articles are arranged on the page.

What I am most proud of during my time at The Lakeville Journal are the experiences I have had covering stories big and small in my hometown of Cornwall and across the Northwest Corner.

My best memory has been the NASCAR truck

race at Lime Rock Park. I was excited to go and with press credentials I was able to get behind the scenes and even on the track. I got to go into the paddocks and see the racecars and drivers up close. I would never have been able to do this if it wasn't for this internship. I was able to get experience with what it's like to be a media person at a big event, which is a career path that I am considering. I was even able to go to the postrace press conference and ask the winner of the NASCAR truck race, "What's your favorite food on a hot day?" He answered with PB&J sandwiches. Covering the race is a story I will share for the rest of my

This internship has provided me with a range of skills that will open new opportunities and possible career paths in my future, along with being the best summer job I have ever had.



Theo Maniatis

Hello. I live in Washington, Connecticut, and New York City. I'm a rising sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont.

I spent my fall semester playing soccer in Valencia, Spain. Once I arrived at Middlebury, I started writing sports for the campus newspaper, working my way up to Sports Editor — a surprising turn because I had never enjoyed writing in high school.

I spent weeks in April writing emails to newspapers across the region, looking for a summer opportunity. The New York Times did not respond to me, but I got one email back from Nathan Miller at The Lakeville Journal. After an interview process, I started at the Journal this June.

The Journal's program seems unique in the country. From week one, I was writing real stories and carrying a Canon T7 to photograph sporting events. I shadowed reporters and attended classes led by industry experts the Journal brought in for the interns.

I have gotten better at writing, learned how to interview people and picked up photography basics. I still have no idea what I want to major in or do with my life, but I'm really glad this program happened.



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Behind the scenes

Simon Markow asks a question to Corey Heim, winner of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series LIUNA 150 at Lime Rock Park, in the post-race press conference Saturday, June 28.



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Courtside experience

During halftime of a Torrington Summer Basketball League game, Theo Maniatis chats with the referees about pay rates, handling the roughly 90-degree heat inside Torrington Armory, making touch calls during games and how to deal with angry parents on the sidelines.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Interns



Jules Williams

My name is Jules, and I'm currently a rising senior at the University of Virginia, though I grew up in Redding, Connecticut. When I first applied to college three years ago, I, like many other high schoolers, had a general idea of what I was interested in, but no real plan; I just knew I couldn't handle another semester of physics. Exploring every discipline my school had to offer allowed me to settle on a dual major in both English and media studies. Through my studies, I've delved deep into the art of writing, learning about both the technique and styles that define good literature and the ramifications of the media and what it says about different cultures and their ideologies.

Interning at The Lakeville Journal this summer has been a continuation of my prior exploration, taking my learnings from the academic scene outside of the classroom. While I am confident in my writing ability, journalism requires many skills beyond it, some of which I had a background in and others that were new and occasionally uncomfortable. In particular, this internship challenged me to familiarize myself with the process of reaching out to and conversing with total strangers, and taught me that people are much more willing to help than one might anticipate. The collaborative environment at the Journal allowed me to both show off my strengths and tackle my weaknesses and I'm excited to take that new growth into the next chapter of my life.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Newsroom knowledge

Each Thursday, Lakeville Journal and Millerton News interns took part in journalism classes led by professionals in the Northwest Corner. Each class focused on a specific aspect of the field including interviewing, AP style, reporter's toolkit, libel and legal matters, how to write an op-ed and a lesson on photography. Above, photographer and former Compass Editor Anne Day teaches the group how to best utilize the camera that's always in their pocket: a cellphone.



David Carley

My name is David Carley, and I am a rising sophomore and studio art major at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Considering that Kenyon is a known as writer's school, writing is a passion of mine, yet I had never done it in a journalistic setting until this summer internship. Journalism has always been important to my family and me. My father has worked in journalism since before I was born, so it was about time I got involved with it myself.

I've had a passion for photography since middle school, so this program has proven to be a perfect mixture of something new and something I already have experience with. Furthermore, my interest in design led me to get involved with the page layout process of the newspaper, and learning the puzzle that is putting together a page has been one of

my favorite parts of the whole experience.

I've truly learned a lot in my time at The Lakeville Journal. For starters, I've gotten a lot better at going up and talking to strangers and honing my interviewing skills, learning what questions are important to glean information to write a story. I've also had many experiences I wouldn't have had if it weren't for an assignment, like going to a magic lesson at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village or visiting the Accordion Museum in North Canaan. It is experiences like those that make me extremely grateful for the internship, along with the many skills picked up along the way.

I'm from New York City, but I have been coming up to Norfolk, Connecticut, for my whole life. It has been great to have even more memories and reasons to love the towns of the Northwest Corner.



Charlie Greenberg

My name is Charlie Greenberg and I live in Millbrook, New York. I will be a junior at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx this September. I am an editor of Riverdale's school newspaper, The Riverdale Review.

This summer, I was excited to intern at The Millerton News as the program allowed me to engage in the work of journalism myself rather than to simply observe other people and hope to pick up knowledge along the way. It has been an extremely rewarding experience to learn in real time, pursuing assignments from the first day.

I've enjoyed speaking

with people I wouldn't ordinarily have any reason to. In the relatively short span of six weeks, I've met farmers, tattoo artists and even a local scion. I've particularly appreciated the flexibility of this program that has allowed me to pursue what I find interesting.

As the environment for all careers, particularly those that involve writing, continues to change so rapidly - and will no doubt look very different by the time I enter it — I am glad to have engaged in journalism firsthand, against a local backdrop. It will certainly be an experience on which I reflect going forward.



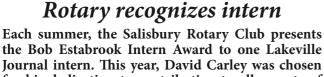
Copey Rollins

live in Sharon and will be starting my senior year at The Hotchkiss School this fall. Before attending Hotchkiss, I was a student at the Indian Mountain School in Lakeville. I got interested in journalism by doing sports writing for Hotchkiss over the winter of my sophomore year.

This is my second summer with The Lakeville Journal, and I feel as though I have learned so much throughout my time at the paper. These past summers I have gotten to go to a wide

I'm Copey Rollins. I variety of sporting events to cover and photograph them with the community. I have loved getting the chance to interview people, take pictures and overall, just become more invested in my local community.

> When not working for The Lakeville Journal, I also spend my summers running outdoors and working with the Sharon Land Trust. The Lakeville Journal has been such a great experience and I am so thankful for how much it has taught me about the Northwest Corner.



the Bob Estabrook Intern Award to one Lakeville Journal intern. This year, David Carley was chosen for his dedication to contributing to all aspects of the newspaper. He conducted research, interviewed community members, wrote articles, photographed events and people and helped with page layout in the newsroom each week. Above, Rotary President Bill Pond presents the award to Carley Tuesday, July 29.

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Water chestnut removal plan to be reconsidered

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Invasive management efforts on Mudge Pond began in earnest last week, though the removal team quickly realized that more intensive methods may be required to deal with what is a growing problem on the lake.

The Mudge Pond Association, a community lake protection and management organization formed earlier this year, received approval from Sharon's Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission on July 14 to hand pull invasive water chestnut from the lake. The approach was notable in that it omits the need for herbicide use, a contentious topic in aquatic invasive species management but a route that many other lake protection groups have taken to combat their own infestations.

On July 31 and Aug. 1, a team led by Matt Vogt of New England Aquatic Services floated out on a pontoon, a paddle board and a kayak to begin the process. The team found far more of the invasive waterweed than anticipated, and in a complex environment where plentiful lily pads shielded many floating tendrils of water chestnut.

Vogt said that after two days on the water, the team realized that the issue had progressed to the point it "needs a different sort of attention."

Water chestnut was identified as a first target by the Association because it is less established in Mudge Pond than the other invasive plants, and as such is primed to be dealt with before it becomes a more pervasive issue.

A study published earlier this year on the lake's ecological health and water quality identified five colonies of water chestnut in the pond, and while New England Aquatic said they don't have reason to believe it has extended beyond those colonies, the density of the plant where it is growing in complex environments will require more than hand-pulling to be dealt with effectively. Vogt recommended a mechanical



PHOTO BY ANDREW CAHIL

The New England Aquatic Services team searches for water chestnut embedded in extensive lily pad growth.

harvester, which is a powerful but less precise removal method, to Mudge Pond Association Chair Andrew Cahill as a means to eliminate the plant without resorting to herbicides.

"Trying to pick around the other plants is going to be beyond hassle — it's going to be detrimental," said Vogt, explaining that attempting to locate each plant by eye will inevitably lead to missed

A mechanical harvester clears all the floating biomass from an area, which would include native lily pads, but Vogt affirmed that lily pad roots grow back. Crucially, the water chestnut reproduc-

es from its floating leaves, so clearing those from the pond will prevent future growth since it does not grow back from its roots.

Cahill said that he's been in conversation with the Land Use Office about amending the approval to include mechanical harvesting, but may have to return before the IWWC with a new application before the work can begin.

Water chestnut is just one of five invasive species identified in the report, which was conducted between April and

December of 2024. The report recommends that the more established populations — the most pervasive of which are Eurasian milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed and fanwort — be treated with herbicides.

Cahill said that he recognizes the community's reluctance to use herbicides in Mudge Pond, and feels ambivalent about the prospect himself. "I was paddle boarding on the lake yesterday and, like, do I want to be paddle boarding in some kind of herbicide? I don't know," he said in a recent phone call.

He recognizes, however, that the topic is becoming unavoidable. "Yesterday's meeting was eye-opening for me," he said, referring to the Saturday meeting of Salisbury's Twin Lakes Association, where invasive management professionals advocated for herbicide as the only effective path to an invasive plant free lake.

Cahill said he hopes to organize a meeting in Sharon where experts and residents may discuss the topic in a constructive public format, and let the community decide how best to address the problem.

"This is what the experts are saying, and this is what the other lakes are doing," he said. "What do we think?"

Shanghai Quartet performs in Norfolk

By David Carley

NORFOLK — On Friday evening, Aug. 1, the Shanghai Quartet came to Norfolk's Yale School of Art to perform at the Music Shed, drawing a large crowd of all ages of Norfolk residents and visitors.

The performance was a part of Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, which occurs for six weeks every summer.

The Shanghai Quartet was formed in 1983 in China, featuring only string instruments, and in those 40 years it has toured internationally as one of the world's foremost chamber ensembles. The current group members are violinists Weigang Li and Angelo Xiang Yu, violist Honggang Li, and cellist Sihao He.

Before the performance began, Festival Director Melvin Chen introduced the quartet. He explained, unfortunately, that Angelo Xiang Yu would not be appearing due to a medical issue. This meant the program had to be changed last minute, but



PHOTO BY DAVID CARLEY

The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival featured the Shanghai Quartet Aug. 1.

Chen assured the audience that it would still be "an exciting and fun program."

Exciting it was when W. Li, H. Li, He and guest pianist Matan Porat, who also performed the next day for the festival's Night at the Cinema show, took the stage to play Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Piano Quartet K. 478 in G

minor.

The second part of the program was a duet between violinist W. Li and Festival Director Chen himself on the piano. They played Johannes Brahms' Violin Sonata No. 3 in D minor, Op. 108.

After the brief intermission was the last piece of the program, Brahms' String Sextet No. 1 in B-flat major, Op. 18, performed by the three members of the quartet and three guests: violinist Lingyu Dong, violist Davin

Mar, and cellist Lila Holyoke.

The strength and passion with which these musicians play is like witnessing a professional athlete. Their ability to change direction and intensity within a moment certainly echos the program's explanation that the group "weaves together an emotional journey through the human experience using the medium of string quartet, by composers whose personal and cultural experiences shaped the music."

Salisbury Family Services offers help with school supplies

SALISBURY — Ahead of the upcoming 2025-26 school year, Salisbury Family Services has launched a program to provide support to families in need.

The group's back-toschool program offers gift cards to school-age children in the Town of Salisbury.

Contact Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.

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The lawn of Scoville Memorial Library was filled with color and kids Friday, July 25.

Tie dye takeover at Scoville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A new generation of Salisbury children will be sporting tie-dyed t-shirts thanks to the Scoville Memorial Library.

The library's Kyla DeRisi and Julia Hobart were out on the lawn behind the library Friday afternoon, July 25, with long tables set up with tie-dying supplies.

In case that activity lost its appeal, there were lawn games set up as well, including a lifesize version of "Sorry."

And for sustenance on a sultry afternoon, there was a table with watermelon slices and lemonade.

Eight or 10 children plus parents manipulated the t-shirts with rubber bands and strategically stuck different areas of the shirts into different containers of dye, or used squirt bottles for a more localized effect.

When the dying was done, the shirts went into small plastic garbage bags, with instructions to leave them along for 24 hours to let the dye set.



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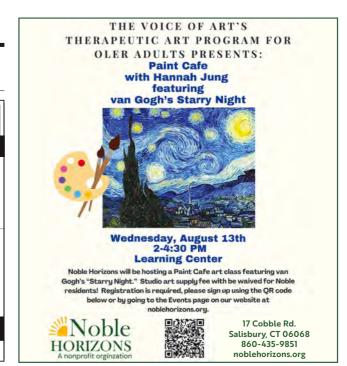
'In and With Nature'

A new exhibit featuring works by photographer Sarah Blodgett and master weaver Tina Puckett opened in West Cornwall at the Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House with a reception Saturday, Aug. 2. The show, titled "In and With Nature," will be on display through Sept. 28.



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AUGUST 7

Aug. 7 North Canaan **Railroad Days Events**

North Canaan, Conn. Community Picnic at the Canaan Union Station, 5:30 to 7 p.m., small bites grilled and provided by C. A. Lindell & Sons, local vendor tents. New **England Accordion** Connection, Canaan

Union Station, tours and

music 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8

Aug. 8 North Canaan **Railroad Days Events**

North Canaan, Conn.

New England Accordion Connection tours and music, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Canaan Union Station. Story hour and free children's concert, 10:30 11:30 a.m. at the Douglas Library. CRHA Train Museum at the Canaan Union Station, 6 to 9 p.m. Night Market at Canaan Union Station, 6 to 9 p.m., music and vendor

Summer Concert Series: Community Open Mic

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

The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. On Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. we'll host a Community Open Mic. Community members are invited to bring songs, stories, music, poetry, jokes or talents to share. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

AUGUST 9

Fill A Bag at Douglas Library

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold a FILL A BAG for \$5 book sale on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bags will be provided, upstairs books only. Call the library at 860-824-7863 for further info.

Aug. 9 North Canaan **Railroad Days Events**

North Canaan, Conn. CRHA Train Museum 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tag Sale hosted by the Cranford Club, at Canaan Union Station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trains and More, hosted by The Housatonic Railroad Co.: explore the latest locomotive and rolling stock, kids booth, activities and balloons.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Canaan

Union Station.

Bunco Fundraiser

Sharon Fire House, 36 West Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Play Bunco at the Fire House at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9 to raise cash for the Sharon Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary. Entry is \$20, half of which will go towards prizes while the other half will contribute to the fundraiser. Doors open at 6:30. For questions, call Tina at 860-364-0486 or Helen at 860-364-0292.

Oblong Books Block Party

Oblong Books, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Oblong Books celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Millerton's Main Street Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be live music, food trucks, raffles and entertainment for all ages and everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. Guests are encouraged to park in the new parking lot off Route 22 at Eddie Collins Memorial Park and stroll down to Main Street.

Walking Not Talking (Nature as Muse)

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

Exhibition Dates: Aug. 2 through Sept. 7, 2025 Reception: Saturday, Aug. 9, 4 to 6 p.m., public invited. Kenise Barnes Fine Art is thrilled to announce our midsummer exhibition focused on three artists whose keen observation and connection to the natural world invites us to pause and appreciate. Featuring artists Margot Glass, Richard Klein, and Francis Sills. For inquiries or to schedule a preview, contact Lani Holloway at Lani@kbfa. com or 860-560-3085.

AUGUST 10

Special Film Screening of Skategoat

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Sunday Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.Leandre "Skategoat" Sanders grew up in gangridden Venice Beach, LA, but found his escape in skateboarding. While his brothers turned to crime, Leandre spent his days skating with his younger brother. Discovered at 11 by filmmaker Van Alpert, his journey was documented over a decade as he honed his craft and battled homelessness. Despite hardship, Leandre developed a unique "no stance" style and rose to global respect. Skategoat is a raw, street-level story of resilience, survival, and chasing dreams against all odds.

'Let's Make Art' classes for Kids, Adults

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Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, offers Let's Make Art classes for children (ages 7 to 18) on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.: Aug. 10, Tie-Dying.

Three Let's Make Art classes for adults take place Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.: Aug. 24, Bookmaking and Sept. 7, Marbling Paper.

The cost is \$5/session for children; \$10/session for adults

Tickets may be purchased at the door. To get more information contact cleo42002@ vahoo.com or 917-539-2009.

A Conversation with Skip **Barber**

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

Join us at 4 p.m. for a special community event featuring Skip Barber, founder of Lime Rock Park. In a live Q&A moderated by David Moore, Barber will share personal stories and insights into Lime Rock's history and impact. A vintage car will also be on display. Free and open to the public.

More info and registration: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.

com/event/14806387 Phone: 860-364-5041

AUGUST 14

Indigo Workshop

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

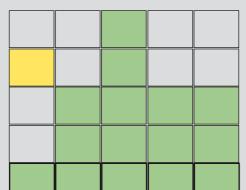
Artist Gail O'Donnell will lead an indigo and clay resist workshop at the David M. Hunt Library on Thursday, Aug. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Come Join us as we explore the exciting world of indigo! People have used and been fascinated by indigo for thousands of years. It has influenced art and artists throughout the ages and has been used to color everything from crayons, paint, cosmetics and fabrics. Everyone will leave with two or three flour sack dish cloths they have painted themselves with a special clay paste and then dipped in indigo.

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

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



- 1. Two-person row boat
- 2. Baseball's final inning
- 3. Bugs's last name
- 4. A good joke
- 5. Clear skies

No experience necessary, all materials provided. Registration is required for this program as it is limited to twelve participants.

Registration link: forms.gle/ iVC3dC4gUvRjzsbX7

10th Anniversary Concert

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle Street, Great Barrington, Mass

Thursday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Berkshire Opera Festival celebrates 10 years with a special concert featuring highlights from past and future seasons. Performances by cast members of La Traviata, guest artists, and the **BOF** Orchestra and Chorus, led by Artistic Director Brian Garman.

Premium tickets (with post-concert party): \$125

Concert-only tickets from \$20

Run time: approx. 1 hour 30 minutes

AUGUST 16

101 Dalmatians, Kids

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.

Saturday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Musical adaptation of the Disney classic, performed by local youth ages 8 to 11.

AUGUST 17

Columbia County Jewish Festival

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, 1 Water St., Hudson, N.Y.

Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday, Aug. 24 Admission: Free (registration required)

Columbia County's first Jewish cultural festival features live klezmer music, kosher food, wine tasting, family activities, and art demonstrations. Open to all.

More Info: columbiacountyjewish festival.com | 518-441-9528

AUGUST 21

Westerly Canteen Summer Series at Hammertown Pine Plains - Night 2

3201 NY-199, Pine Plains, N.Y.

For night 2 at Hammertown, we'll be serving a tradional night of canteen summer fare. We'll be doing a la carte service out of the airstream, creating the latest version of our *sort of * restaurant assembled by our friends at Hammertown. Reservations are highly recommended, and can be booked via email at hello@westerlycanteen. com

Taste of Cornwall Aug. 9

Join Cornwall Park and Recreation Saturday, Aug. 9, on the Green from 4 to 7 p.m. for Taste of Cornwall. Music by The Catnip Junkies. Farm to table buffet prepared by Freund's featuring meats, produce and foods from Cornwall. \$5 per person for the buffet. Artisan craft vendors, games, activities and The Roving Clover Book Bus.

Bingo night in Falls Village

The Falls Village Ladies Auxiliary hosts Bingo Night at the Emergency Services Center on Route 7 Saturday, Aug. 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and play starts at 7 p.m. The entrance fee is \$10 plus 25 cents per card. Snacks available for purchase.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS 1. Spiritual leaders

- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare 19. State lawyer
- 20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- _ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies 28. Mountain in New
- Zealand 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck
- model 31. Dekagram 33. Naturally occurring
- solid 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of
- modern psychology 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock
- ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT
- sportscaster 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account 6. Colorado Heisman
- Trophy winner 7. Dipped down 8. Head injury category
- (abbr.) 9. Lay about 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes

- 12. Caused to be loved 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere
- conviction 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch 27. Ancient language in
- India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen 37. Visual way to interact
- with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing
- the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts 42. Touch lightly 43. "Boardwalk Empire"

actress Gretchen

46. Violent seizure of property 47. One who supports the

- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from 63. Automobile

66. The man

68. Top government lawyer



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Grumbling Gryphons celebrates 45 years

The Grumbling Gryphons summer theater camp concluded with a final performance Friday, Aug. 1. The show was held at Housatonic Valley Regional High School with more than 60 people in attendance. The Grumbling Gryphons children's theater, based in Cornwall, marked its 45th year.

Starting August with music

Jennifer Marshall-Baranowski, at left, and Emily Landa Levin, accompanied by David Baranowski at the piano, performed "Stabat Mater Dolorosa" by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi at the start of a "First Friday Music" concert at the Congregational Church of Salisbury Friday, Aug. 1.



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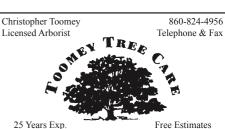
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