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

## Geer Village announces 'strategic partnership' with Integritus Healthcare

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — For the first time in its more than 95-year history, the nonprofit Geer Village Senior Community will soon operate under a new management contract, although it will remain an independent organization.

A joint announcement of a "strategic partnership" between Geer Village and Integritus Healthcare, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization and post-acute healthcare industry leader based out of Pittsfield, Mass., was made on Aug. 7.

According to Bill Jones, president and CEO of Integritus Healthcare, his organization will become the management company for the Geer Village campus of services and Geer will remain the owner/operator of the programs and services, with Integritus Healthcare providing oversight.

**"This is the best possible scenario for the future of Geer."**  
— *Shaun Powell, CEO/CFO Geer Village Senior Community*

and employment for consumers and the communities it has been serving for almost 100 years."

In a joint statement, Powell and Jones noted that the "overarching goal of the partnership is to ensure and protect Geer's longstanding legacy and commitment to high-quality care in northwestern Connecticut."

Over the next several months, they noted, Integritus will work alongside the Geer leadership team to "support the goal of a seamless transition for residents, families and staff."

Both nonprofits' Board of Directors have unanimously approved a

management agreement whereby Integritus Healthcare will become the management company for the Geer Village campus of services, according to a joint announcement to residents, families, friends and community members by Powell and Geer board chair Lance Leifert.

The Covid-19 pandemic, said Geer officials, changed the senior living industry "in ways no one could ever have imagined. As a result, Geer Village and Integritus Healthcare have been talking for a few years to determine how best to navigate these changes ad po-

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Jennifer Kronholm Clark (with scissors) cut the ribbon at one of the two affordable homes on Perry Street along with (from left) John Harney, State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) and housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno.

## Two new affordable homes open doors in Lakeville

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — After at least 10 years of planning and maneuvering, two units of affordable housing are ready for occupants.

The commissioner of the state Department of Housing, Seila Mosquera-Bruno, was among the interested parties at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the building site on Perry Street in Lakeville, along with State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Salisbury First Selectman

Curtis Rand, Jocelyn Ayer from the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity and Jennifer Kronholm Clark of the Salisbury Housing Trust and the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission.

Rand recalled the town eventually foreclosing on the property, the site of a long-shuttered dry-cleaning establishment.

He said things came to a head when the roof caved in.

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## Bagging groceries by day and opponents by night

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The courteous and competent young man grocery shoppers know from Labonne's Market in Salisbury has a secret identity.

Perhaps it's not as dramatic as the Clark Kent/Superman situation, but Josh Schwartz is a mixed martial arts fighter.

Schwartz, 24, grew up in Salisbury. He is the son of Andrew and Jennifer Schwartz.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Josh Schwartz

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Suko Lugito prepares the first sushi order of the day.

## Sushi and sandwiches draw large crowds to Kent Kitchen

By Alec Linden

KENT — Two chefs have opened up shop on Main Street, both working under the same roof.

"Two different kitchens, one restaurant," said co-founder and co-executive chef Alberto Schenck of Kent Kitchen's business model. The eatery opened its doors this summer and has been busy sling-

ing burgers and sushi alike to hungry downtown wanderers, all for reasonable pricing.

Suko Lugito, the other executive chef and co-founder, agrees that the restaurant's strengths lie in its wide array of regional offerings.

Lugito, who is Indonesian, has

more than 20 years of experience as a sushi chef and brings a slew of Japanese offerings to the restaurant including a variety of rolls, nigiri, sashimi and ramen served with a choice of miso or bone broth, which was taken off the menu in the restaurant's early days, but soon after reinstated due to popular demand.

A snack cabinet below the register showcases bagged crispy bites with East Asian options that would be hard to find elsewhere in the Northwest Corner.

Lugito cut his teeth at globally-renowned New York City Jap-

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## Region One schools welcome new teachers

This year a number of new faces will be joining the educational faculty at schools in the Region One district. A compilation of short biographies for each new teacher appears on Page A9.

The first day of school is Tuesday, Aug. 26.

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Online This Week

**Couple unearths charcoal’s forgotten footprints**  
Barbara and Peter Rzasz were guests speakers of the “First Tuesday at 7” history talk at South Canaan Meetinghouse on Aug. 5. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

**Single cyclist crash**  
On the evening of Aug. 5, Selvin Ottoniel Alonzo-Roque, 27, of North Canaan was biking south on North Elm Street in North Canaan, just south of the intersection with Route 7. While rounding a right curve, he swerved off the road, striking an embankment, and then falling back into the roadway, sustaining a serious head injury. He was transported to Waterbury Hospital by North Canaan EMS, and the bike was taken to Troop B as evidence.

**Slumped driver**  
At about 11 p.m. on Aug. 5, troopers arrived on River Road in Cornwall on the report of a driver slumped over the wheel, where they found Corey Martin, 33, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Martin agreed to and failed a field sobriety test, and was subsequently arrested and brought to Troop B, where he was processed for illegal operation of a motor vehicle

under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and improper parking. Martin was released on a \$1,000 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 20.

**Emergency vehicle struck**  
At around 10 p.m. on Aug. 8, Jean Colon Carattini, 27, of North Canaan was driving a Ford Taurus owned by the Department of Public Safety west on Route 44 in Salisbury with the emergency lights on. Carattini attempted to pass a Subaru Crosstrek ahead on the roadway by moving into the eastbound lane, but at that moment, the Crosstrek, driven by Louise Brown, 81, of Salisbury, veered left to try and get out of the emergency vehicle’s way. The cars collided, but neither was disabled and no injuries were reported in the accident. Brown was issued a written warning for failing to grant the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

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

Falls Village real estate transfers

By Christine Bates

FALLS VILLAGE — From February through the end of July in Falls Village, there were seven real estate transfers — about one a month. This is not unusual for small towns, even as prices continue to rise.

For the last two-and-a-half years the median price in Falls Village has remained above \$600,000 and at the end of July hit a historical high of \$794,500 on a rolling 12-month basis.

**Transactions**  
5 Prospect Street — 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.14 acres sold by Richard Allen Cockerline to Shelby Girard for \$650,000 in March.

147 Canaan Mountain Road — 3 bedroom/2.5



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**In the center of Falls Village 5 Prospect Street built in 1920 has 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms on a hamlet sized lot of 0.14 acres. Its transfer for \$650,000 was recorded on March 11, 2025.**

bath home on 3.4 acres sold by Richard David McDonough to Peter Sanders

for \$1,225,000 in April.

137-141 Belden Street — 2 bedroom/3 bath home on 23.7 acres sold by Dale McDonald to 137-141 Belden St. LLC for \$2,040,000 in April.

137-141 Belden Street – 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.77 acres sold by Dale McDonald to 137-141 Belden St. LLC for \$360,000 in April.

18 Route 63 — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 0.83 acres sold by Congress & John LLC to Christian Allyn for \$230,000 in May.

200 Johnson Road — 4 bedrooms/3.5 bath home on 64 acres sold by Steven J. Pressley Estate c/o Jean McClung Executor to Andrew W. Richard Honn Chan for \$1,245,000 in July.

300 Route 7 North — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home with 18 acres and a pool sold by Patrick Hafner to John Duca for \$650,000 in July.

\* Town of Canaan real estate transfers recorded as sold between February 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, provided by the Canaan Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Details on property taken from Assessor’s field cards. Current market listings and median prices from CT Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Creative economy summit coming to Torrington Sept. 11

TORRINGTON — The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council is partnering with the Northwest Hills Council of Governments to put on a half-day convention highlighting how culture, community strength and economic vitality go hand-in-hand.

“Creative Economy Summit: Art at Work” will bring a slew of leaders across government, business and creative sectors for a networking breakfast followed by presentations and panel discussions by delegates from the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Connecticut Main Street Center and other creative economy leaders.

Polymakers, creatives in

all fields, cultural nonprofits, economic development leaders and those with stake in the union between culture, community strength and fiscal security are invited to attend.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. and runs until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Five Points Art Center, located at 855 University Drive in Torrington.

Tickets, which include breakfast and all programming, are \$25, and may be purchased at www.givebutter.com/VY3qUE until Friday, Sept. 5.

For questions or special requests, contact Steph Burr at steph@artsnwct.org or (860) 618-0075.

Salisbury’s CROP Hunger Walk planning session Aug. 27

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, invites the community to a CROP Hunger Walk planning meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 30 Main Street.

All are welcome to learn about the area walk scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28, and how to support hunger relief locally and globally.

A portion of proceeds from the walk stays in the local area to support food pantries and meal programs, while the remainder supports

global hunger relief through Church World Service.

For more information, please contact Pastor John Nelson at jnelson@salisburyucc.org or (860)435-2442.

Correction

Regarding the candidate list printed Aug. 7, North Canaan Republican Town Committee’s nominee for Board of Finance is John Jacquier, not Jean Jacquier.

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Our Towns

# Residents unwavering in opposition to revised Wake Robin expansion as lawsuit hangs overhead

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — The public hearing for the revised and resubmitted application to expand the Wake Robin Inn on Wells Hill Road kicked off on Tuesday, Aug. 5, in familiarly contentious style.

The applicant, Aradev LLC, faces more than just neighborly outcries during this cycle.

A pending lawsuit against the Planning and Zoning Commission, filed by Wells Hill Road residents Angela and William Cruger, seeks to inhibit the Commission's ability to review applications pertaining to a May 2024 zoning regulation change that allows for hotel development in the Rural Residential 1 zone. The Wake Robin Inn is positioned within this zone, meaning the fate of the proposed redevelopment hangs in the balance as the court reviews the litigation.

P&Z Chair Michael Klemens reported that Superior



PHOTO PROVIDED

A bird's eye view rendering of the redeveloped Inn, created by Marcello Pozzi Architects.

Court's schedule for the case, which is available for public viewing along with the other application-related materials on the P&Z webpage, antic-

ipates a possible decision by the end of the year, though there is no guarantee.

Klemens opened the evening's proceedings with a lengthy speech explaining the precarious state of affairs that surrounds Aradev's resubmitted proposal. He stressed that the Aradev "proceeds at their own risk; that if the Crugers are successful in their appeal, any approval rendered by the Planning and Zoning Commission will be vacated."

Klemens directly asked Aradev's attorney, Josh Mackey, whether the appli-

cant understood the risk. "There's a disagreement, I think, on that proposition," he said, but didn't elaborate further.

Legal uncertainties aside, Aradev adopted a decidedly open approach in presenting its revised application. Steven Cohen, half of Aradev alongside partner Jonathan Marrale, introduced the presentation with "About the Applicant" and "Development Team" slides introducing the LLC and its project partners, and explained the firm's interest in the Inn stems from and appreciation

of Lakeville's rural character.

The application details were outlined largely by landscape architect Mark Arigoni of SLR Consulting who similarly steered most of Aradev's hearing appearances in 2024.

The plans call for a reduction in auxiliary cabins from 12 to four, though the new cabins have been scaled up to 2,000 square feet each.

The previously proposed "event barn," which was the subject of many complaints from residents and P&Z alike, has been moved to be contiguous with the main

Inn building as opposed to its previous position as a free-standing structure. A sit-down restaurant and fast-casual counter are still included in the plans, set to be housed in the central Inn structure.

These amenities, as well as a library and lounge space, are planned to be open to the public, while a gym and seasonal pool are not. The spa will be publicly open on a reservation basis but will be limited capacity and guests will get priority.

Arigoni said that a new architectural firm had been sought to help the redevelopment blend in with both the natural environment and the "white siding, metal roofs" aesthetic of the area.

Cohen said that the changes were made to reduce the "scale and impact" of development, responding to complaints from the Commission and residents during the 2024 hearing process. He also recalled the Inn's historic status as a community hub and said that a primary motivation of the project is to "bring it back to what it used to be."

Residents expressed opposition during public comment.

Greg Wilmore countered that he saw "no material change in the application's intensity."

Elyse Harney, Salisbury resident since 1963, argued that the development would be "too large for the infrastructure of the town of Salisbury."



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Fire companies operated handtubs at the Firefighter's Muster in Kent Aug. 9, and competed to see which team could spray the farthest. Above, Tiger No. 1 from Newmarket, Massachusetts, operates the hose.

## Kent embraces first Firefighter's Muster

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Saturday, Aug. 9, Kent welcomed a unique, totally fascinating first-time event.

Held on the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association grounds, the Firefighter's Muster brought together first responders from all of New England.

Neighboring fire companies participated, and the true highlight of the muster was the collection of historic fire engines known as handtubs.

These were beautifully restored not just for appearance, but more importantly for their purpose.

Eight handtubs, all part of the New England States Veteran Fireman's League, came from Mas-

sachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire. They were filled with water and then pumped by able hands.

Lengthy fire hoses were attached and a contest to find the handtub that could spray the farthest took place. All willing pumpers were welcome to participate — not only members of the handtub's company.

The Rescue handtub from Bath, Maine, had a large group of enthusiastic spectators join in the work and the spray reached over 150 feet.

A spectator commented, "I can't believe it...150 years old and still working".

Musters take place with modest frequency throughout New England. The debut in Kent was well-received and likely won't be the last.



Handtubs involve hand pumping water from a tub to spray water out of a hose.

## Hundreds of acres of Sharon woodland to remain 'forever wild'

SHARON — 710 acres of Sharon's forests, fields, streams and wetlands will be protected in perpetuity under a "forever-wild" conservation easement, the first of its kind in town, announced the Sharon Land Trust on Aug. 5.

The Jackson Peck properties comprise seven parcels of varied woodland on and around Sharon Mountain that were managed and stewarded by the Jackson Peck Land Company from 1927 until December 2024, when the company gifted them to the Sharon Land Trust. Partnering with Northeast Wilderness Trust, a Montpelier, Vermont based regional land trust that focuses on wildland preservation, the SLT secured a forever-wild easement on the parcels that ensures the land will remain permanently immune to development, logging, and motorized vehicle use.

The Northeast Wilderness Trust describes a forever-wild easement as the "highest available protection for land in the United States."

The group helps manage several other properties under forever-wild easements in the Northwest Corner, including six in Salisbury, five in Cornwall and one in Falls Village. The Jackson Peck properties now join that roster as the only forever-wild protected lands in Connecticut.

Along with the 710 acres now held under easement, the Jackson Peck Land Company's donation also included 23 acres of fields that will remain in agricultural use.

In a press release issued by the SLT, the Northeast Wilderness Trust's Land Conservation Director Caitlin Mather is quoted affirming the need to protect more of southern New England's threatened wildlands: "Very little of Connecticut is protected as forever-wild, making every acre preserved as such a victory for human and non-human communities alike... this ecologically vibrant property now has the freedom to become an old-growth forest."

The release states that the mountainous landscape

is home to upland forests, beaver ponds, wetlands and streams, and provides habitat to six rare, threatened or endangered species, according to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Conservation. It also abuts several other conserved lands and forests, and is part of a wildlife corridor that links the Green Mountains of Vermont to Downstate New York, providing essential connectivity for terrestrial animals — a core tenet of wildlife conservation.

The SLT's release states that it is proud to make "an investment in long-term ecological health that will benefit both wildlife and the community."

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Two of Sharon Audubon’s summer interns, Denali and Leah, worked with the rescue center to rehabilitate avian wildlife in the Northwest Corner.

# Audubon internship welcomes young adults as wildlife conservationists

By Jules Williams

SHARON — The Audubon Center of Sharon has been on a mission to connect people with the nature surrounding them for more than fifty years. Recently, it has continued that goal by introducing a new avenue for young adults to experience the wilderness by implementing an internship program.

Spanning eight weeks across the summer, Audubon interns focus on conservation projects that center around the four main bird species that the center monitors: the purple martin, American kestrel, wood thrush and chimney swift.

Volunteer Coordinator Bethany Sheffer explained that the program is headed by Center Director Eileen Fielding, and was originally part of a partnership with Yale University, but has since become specific to the Sharon Audubon.

Participants come to Connecticut from across the country, housed either at the center or at the local Miles Wildlife Sanctuary a short drive away.

Interns take on a variety of responsibilities, from manual labor in the rehab center to tracking populations in the local nesting grounds.

Sharon Audubon is one of the few sanctuaries in the region that can treat the

chimney swift, a bird famous for only thriving in groups. One responsibility the interns have, Sheffer said, was to keep the swifts fed mealworms consistently over a 14 hour time period.

The center also monitors a colony of purple martins, and interns help provide and maintain nesting space, as well as apply tracking devices to the birds.

Hannah, a conservation intern this summer, said, “Watching the chicks grow through the summer has been a bittersweet experience, but one that is pretty unforgettable, especially when it becomes time to color band and feeling a delicate bird in the hand.”

Other species like the wood thrush are monitored because they act as a “forest species indicator,” meaning their population is heavily tied to the fragmentation, elimination, and lack of management of forests.

“As our center is really kind of a flagship for forest conservation and healthy forest management, the wood thrush is sort of like the poster child for that kind of work,” Sheffer said.

The program aims to offer its interns a leg up in the world of conservation and inspires them to pursue more roles in the field, along with making a difference for the local and global wildlife that inhabits our planet.

# Turtle study suggests extensive conservation of Pope property

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — As the Pope Land Design Committee continues talks around a three-pronged housing, recreation and conservation proposal on a large downtown-adjacent property, a Thursday, Aug. 7, presentation advocated for the consideration of a particular long-term resident: the wood turtle.

“Conservation is the dominant use of this property,” said herpetologist Michael Klemens, who has spent decades studying the wood turtle’s Connecticut population and helmed the Pope study, which has been considered a vital early step in the planning process for the project. Klemens also chairs the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission, though affirmed he conducted this work purely as a “consultant” and would recuse himself from applications to P&Z regarding the project to ensure there is no conflict of interest.

In reporting his findings to the Zoom audience, which included members of the Committee, First Selectman Curtis Rand, Selectman Katherine Kiefer, Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity Director Jocelyn Ayer and town Recreation Director Lisa McAuliffe, among others, Klemens suggested the 72.3 acres of the Pope Property and Trotta Field be restructured into three parcels: 6.6 acres for housing, 13.5 acres for recreation and 50.4 easement-protected acres dedicated to wood turtle conservation.

Klemens said his motivation in the recommendations was “approaching this as a conservation issue, not a development issue.” Klemens holds a doctorate degree in ecology and conservation biology and has led research on reptile and amphibian conservation for over forty years, most recently co-authoring a 2021 book on the conservation status of many species in Connecticut.

He noted that experts from the Natural Diversity Data Base section of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection have endorsed the study

and findings, agreeing the site is of special ecological value. “The state considers the wood turtle to be the principal and primary conservation concern of the site,” said Klemens.

The wood turtle, a smallish turtle endemic to the Northeast U.S., Great Lakes and southeastern Canada, is listed as a species of special concern in Connecticut and is protected by the Connecticut Endangered Species Act. They spend their lives in and around streams, roaming riparian (river-adjacent) forests and grasslands for meals and mating and nesting opportunities. Their primary threats in the Northwest Corner are depredation, being hit by cars and, notably with broad fields on the Trotta and Pope parcels, strikes from mowing equipment.

Klemens reported the landscape of much of the proposed project area is prime wood turtle habitat: a network of braided stream channels surrounded by extensive wetlands and native forests, with all the watercourses ultimately feeding Salmon Kill which also supports the species. He said the land is part of a broader ecosystem which extends to some abutting private property and land owned by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association.

Four turtles have been found in the area comprising the current Pope and Trotta parcels, including one spotted during the study which Klemens described as a “very healthy female, quite young, very large.” He said there are

likely many more, but surveying the area is difficult due to complex and varied terrain.

Klemens produced a map from the study’s findings, which he shared with the Committee and assembled local leadership. The map showcases the boundaries of the various parcels and management zones he proposed, along with a low-profile turtle exclusion fence between the conservation areas and recreation and housing parcels. He said since the map had received positive feedback from the state, he was not open to altering it — “this map has buy-in.”

He reported he will be working with experts both from DEEP and the private sector over the next month to develop a wood turtle-specific management plan for the proposed conservation area.

Klemens explained that while it will be a conversation further along in the planning process, he does not foresee the conservation parcel to be open to passive recreation, like hiking or dog-walking. “So-called passive recreation is not always so passive” when it comes to protecting sensitive species, he said.

McAuliffe said recreation

plans will not be substantially altered by the new layout, despite losing a few acres of land to turtle conservation. Elizabeth Slotnick, member of the Pope Land Design Committee and vice chair of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission, said while the proposed housing development will need to be moved from its previously planned location, she didn’t think it would lose units. The most recent development plan showed a maximum of 64 residential units on the property.

Klemens countered, stating he felt the proposed residential component will need to be downsized. “I personally believe 64 units is unrealistic given everything we know,” he said.

The project has several more steppingstones to overcome before development planning and applications can begin in earnest, including an 8-24 review by P&Z which screens whether the proposal is compliant with Salisbury’s Plan of Conservation and Development. That process is expected to begin later this year.

A color-coded map from the study is available online at lakevillejournal.com

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF FREDERICK L. BALDWIN Late of Canaan (25-00286)**

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated July 31, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:  
Barbara A. Commerford  
c/o Linda M Patz  
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP  
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101  
Canaan, CT 06018  
Megan M. Foley Clerk  
08-14-25

**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/](https://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application materials will be listed

at [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/](https://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/). 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](mailto: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

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

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 4, 2025:

Approved subject to the Town Consulting Engineer’s recommended conditions and a bond approved by the Town Consulting Engineer - Site Plan Application 2025-0294 for by owner A Slice of LLC Modifications of Approved Site Plan #2023-0235 to demolish an existing and build new single-family residence in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 40 as Lot 29 and is located at 79 Old CNE Road, Lakeville.

Approved subject to conditions to limit light

spillage and noise mitigation - Special Permit Application #2025-0291 by Tim Sneller, for a detached accessory apartment on a single-family residential lot in accordance with Section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 02 as Lot 12 and is located at 136 Long Pond Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is David Pachter.

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

Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
08-14-25

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# Sidewalk Festival transforms Kent into shoppers’ paradise

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Beautiful weather blessed the Kent Sidewalk Festival Aug. 7 to 10 and welcomed crowds of happy shoppers.

All along Main Street, the walkways were lined with goods and bargains of every variety. Shops had set up tents, tables and covered booths displaying bundles of treasures.

The festival kicked off Thursday, with a concert on the Town Hall lawn by the ever-popular Joint Chiefs.

Friday began with one of the festival’s premier highlights, the St. Andrew’s Parish Tag Sale. Shoppers, eager to get the first shot at the offerings, could get “early bird” entry for a small fee. The free entry began at ten, and the crowd packed in.

Tag sale coordinator, Mar-el Rogers, said the church had extended the donation period to two weeks and the volume of goods on the ta-



Shoppers flocked to Kent Town Center and Main Street for the Sidewalk Festival Aug. 7 to 10.



bles was staggering. Furniture, toys, baskets, jewelry, fine china and glass to name a fraction of the available bargains.

Other shops included Terston, Tarot in Thyme, The Heron Shop and Foreign Cargo, kept the sidewalks full of eager bargain hunters.



# OBITUARIES

## Peggy Ann McEnroe

AMENIA — Peggy Ann McEnroe, 60, a lifelong area resident, passed away surrounded by her family on Aug. 4, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York. Peggy Ann was the owner and operator of Peggy's Sweet & Savory café in Amenia, New York (formerly known as Back in the Kitchen).



Peggy had a passion for food and travel and her creativity and generosity knew no bounds. Born on Dec. 10, 1964, in Sharon, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late William Thomas McEnroe and Caroline Ann McEnroe. She was a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Purchase.

Peggy is survived by her sister, Colleen McEnroe (Philip (Pete) Evans) of Bethesda, Maryland; her brothers, W. Patrick McEnroe (Lisa Roberts-McEnroe) of Rhinebeck, New York, and Kieran McEnroe of Amenia, New York. She is also survived by nieces, Sarah (Sally) Evans, Ryan McEnroe, Chris-

ty McEnroe, Kerry McEnroe, Katerin McEnroe, and nephews, Philip Evans (fiancé Rebecca Krysiak) and Carlin McEnroe, and her maternal aunt, Agnes Redmond of Smithtown, New York, as well as many cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a nephew, Gavin McEnroe.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, New York, with Rev. Andrew O'Connor officiating. Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia, New York. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Little Guild (animal shelter), 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796 (or online at <https://www.littleguild.org>) or Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY 12501.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

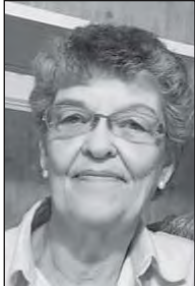
## Evelyn Ann Moody Lamberti

WASSAIC — Evelyn Ann Moody Lamberti, 87, passed away July 13, 2025, in Barre, Vermont.

Born on Dec. 13, 1937, in Hartford, Connecticut to Hazen and Helen Moody, she spent her early years in Wassaic, New York and graduated from the first graduating class of Webutuck Central High School in 1955. She attended New Paltz College and then worked for the Dutchess County Supervisors Office in Poughkeepsie, New York. She married David Lamberti on Oct. 10, 1959, in Wassaic and moved to Vermont.

She began her career at the Vermont State Liquor Board and remained with them loyally for eleven years. In addition to her job, she also contributed to the success of her husband's monument drafting studio. Her most important role in life was being a mother to her three children.

She was a woman with humble tastes and found contentment doing everyday tasks and providing a welcoming home for friends and family. With a love of the English language, her passions included word puzzles and learning on the computer. Her selfless and kind demeanor made the Lamberti house in Williamstown, Vermont, a center for family.



Her memory lives on in the heart and minds of everyone who was fortunate enough to cross paths with her.

She is survived by her husband, David, and three children; Lisa Hard of Enfield, New Hampshire, David Lamberti and his wife, Joy, of St. George, Vermont, and Rhonda Warren and her husband, Don, of Clifton Park, New York. In addition to her husband and children, she is also survived by her granddaughter, Brittany Hard, sister Susan Metcalfe and husband John T. Metcalfe, and sister-in-law Caroline Tucker-Stook, as well as her nieces and nephews.

On Sunday, July 27, 2025, there was a gathering of close friends and family at the Barre Elks Club in Barre. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the Central Vermont Humane Society, 1589 VT-14S, East Montpelier, VT 05651.

## Caroline (Lynn) P. Chase

SOUTHFIELD, Mass — Lynn Chase of Southfield, Massachusetts, passed away on July 30, 2025, at Berkshire Medical Center after a courageous seven-month battle with an aggressive cancer. Despite the challenges, Lynn continued to inspire those around her with her strength and determination.



How do you begin to talk about the extraordinary life of Lynn Chase?

A native New Yorker, Lynn Chase graduated from Bennett College and completed her studies at the New York School of Interior Design. Lynn was a lover of animals from birth, and had a habit of rescuing any animal in need, from birds to squirrels, sneaking them into her room and nursing them back to health. This deep connection with nature was a driving force in her life and work.

In the 1970s, Lynn traveled extensively through Africa and South America, and it was there she found the inspiration that shaped the rest of her life. Those travels led to her spectacular body of work — paintings and sketches, porcelain dinnerware collections and giftware, and home furnishing designs unlike anything else, which she brought to the world first for Lenox china, and then under the name Lynn Chase Designs LCD, which she launched in 1988.

Lynn's collections celebrated jaguars, monkeys, tigers, parrots, sea life, and many more, becoming not just beautiful objects, but statements of her deep fascination with wildlife. Lynn Chase's Jaguar Jungle design won Best Pattern and the Impact Award at the International Tabletop Association in 1991 despite being told that no one would "eat off animals, or black plates." Her stunning Harmony Bowl paid homage to wildlife species of the land, sea, and air from the seven continents, and was one of her favorite designs.

Her following was large and loyal. People from all over the world collected her work. Her friends often shared stories of being at a dinner party and finding her designs on the table. It was striking that people hadn't just bought her tableware because it was beautiful; they

bought it because it spoke to them personally.

Lynn's love of wildlife went far beyond her art. She founded the Lynn Chase Wildlife Foundation, an independent non-profit dedicated to preserving endangered animals around the globe. The fund has contributed much-needed funds to the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia and the Amboseli Trust for Elephants in Kenya (where she also served on its board), among others.

She was a woman of great integrity, of immense talent, and of a generosity that matched her passions. Lynn touched so many lives, and while her loss is felt deeply, her work, her vision, and her compassion will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew her—and in the homes of people around the world who still set their tables with her creations.

Lynn Chase was predeceased by her father, Paul Jerome Chase, and her mother, Mary (Jennings) Chase of New York. On May 2, 1998, Lynn married Richard (Dick) A. Flintoft in New York, and together they enjoyed a full and happy life in New York City and Southfield, Massachusetts, until he died in 2020.

Surviving Lynn are her sister Susan (Edward "Ned") Culver of Wayland, Massachusetts and Charleston, South Carolina, and brother Brewster (Marilyn) Jennings Chase of Ithaca, New York; her nieces Jennings Lee Camerson (Charleston, South Carolina) and Anne (Dawson) Culver Bird (Norfolk, Virginia); her special stepsons Philip Grant (Jennie) Flintoft of Millerton, New York, and Peter (Yuliya) Flintoft of New York, New York.

Lynn leaves countless beloved friends in the Massachusetts Berkshires, Connecticut, New York, throughout the U.S., and around the world, all of whom she loved and who love her. Our lives will never be the same without her.

Finally, Lynn was grateful to her outstanding doctors and medical providers at Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital.

A Celebration of Life for Lynn is being planned for this autumn.

## Kim Roberta Andrews

SHARON — Kim Roberta Andrews, aged 70, of Sharon, Connecticut, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 5, 2025, at her home in Sharon.

Kim was born on Feb. 19, 1955, to Robert and Thelma Andrews in Huntington, New York. She had a loving and happy upbringing alongside her brother, Kevin. Kim loved boating with her father, horseback riding and lived a happy childhood. She met the love of her life in 1982, William Marshall. They relocated to Connecticut in 1986.

Kim and Bill were the caretakers of the Holly House Museum for many years until Bill's passing in 2007. Eventually Kim moved to Sharon where she has resided for over ten years.

Kim loved her garden, feeding the hummingbirds, reading and painting.

She is survived by her brother, Kevin, and sister-in-law, Anne, her nephew,

Christopher and wife, Amanda, niece Amanda and husband, Daniel, and nephew, Justin.

She loved the stars, astrology and sci-fi movies. She loved the holidays, loved the fall season, the Christmas holidays and above all Christmas music.

She loved to laugh. Kim is now at peace with her life partner, Bill. The stars and heavens just became brighter.

She will be missed. This obituary was lovingly composed by her beloved family.

A graveside service and burial took place on Aug. 8, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Salisbury Cemetery, Undermountain Road, Salisbury, CT. Pastor Jan Brooks officiated. Arrangements were entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Kim's memory, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

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Week of August 17, 2025

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

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860-435-9496  
[Lakevillemethodist@snet.net](mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net)

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*We hope you will join us!*

# OUR TOWNS

## Scholarships support students pursuing medicine degrees

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — A group of Northwest Corner college students participated in a brief scholarship award ceremony Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association (SVNA) building in Salisbury.

Nine of the 13 students plus assorted proud parents were on hand: Finn Cousins (Sharon), Muireann Grace Keliher (North Canaan), Helen Sanders (Cornwall), Emma Colley (Sharon), Zoe Gillette (Lakeville), Nash Archimedes Barillaro (Lakeville), Catherine Bushey (Lakeville), Gabriela Titone (Lakeville), Olivia Olsen (Norfolk), Avery Tripp (Falls Village), Myah Baird (Cornwall), Erin Daley (Norfolk) and Madelyn Krasowski

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Front row from left: Finn Cousins, Muireann Grace Keliher, Helen Sanders, Emma Colley, Zoe Gillette, Nash Archimedes Barillaro. Back row from left: Catherine Bushey, Gabriela Titone, Olivia Olsen.

(Warren) were not present.

The students each received a scholarship of \$10,000 from the SVNA. The scholarships are renewable and some of the students had taken advantage of that.

The scholarships are for Northwest Corner students who are going into the med-

ical field, broadly defined.

The fields of study included: physical therapy, business administration, psychology and nutritional science.

Addressing the group, SVNA board member Nancy Toer said, "We were so impressed by all your resumes, ambitions and talent."

## 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-to-school program offers gift cards to school-age children in the Town of Salisbury.

For more information contact Patrice McGrath at 860-435-5187.





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The headquarters of Connecticut Public Broadcasting in Hartford.

## Congress claws back \$1.1 billion from public stations while considering requiring AM radio in cars

Remember when commuting was fun because you could listen to the radio?

Earlier in my career I may have been the guy you heard, both on WHCN/Hartford and later on NBC. When I started in radio in 1967, AM Top 40 was king and FM was just getting started.

But in 1961 the FCC decreed that all radios should have both AM and FM bands...and that FM should broadcast in stereo. And no longer could station owners just simulcast their AM programs on their FM stations: FM programming had to be different.

Thus was born “Progressive Album Rock” on FM, usually programmed by long-haired LP fans. That was me, again. Within years radio listening went from predominantly AM to majority FM thanks to better audio quality and changing musical tastes.

### So why save AM radio in the car when folks aren’t listening? And what will be left on FM to tune into?

Today the AM band is filled with syndicated political talk, foreign language shows and sports. Only a handful of stations have real news departments (think WTIC, WICC here in Connecticut).

Then came the all-electric car. Because of their wiring Teslas and such could not have AM radios due to interference. What to do?

Well, Congress is expected to pass a law requiring AM radios in all cars. The bill has hundreds of co-sponsors, including the entire Connecticut delegation. No wonder: pols love being interviewed on AM stations.

“But AM radio is effectively aging out, with less than a 20% market share. And many news/talk stations have transitioned to FM where there are far more listeners,” (think WINS in New

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York City) says former station consultant Steve Goldstein of Westport.

Goldstein left radio years ten years ago to become a podcasting consultant. He also teaches at NYU and says not one of his students listens to FM, either, preferring streaming services like Pandora and Spotify or on-demand media like podcasts. “AM radio is going the way of the phone booth and fax machine,” he laments.

So why save AM radio in the car when folks aren’t listening? And what will be left on FM to tune into?

If your listening habits tend toward the NPR stations at the lower end of the FM band you’re in for disappointment. Congress has just voted to claw back (“rescind”) \$1.1 billion from funds previously allocated to CPB, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting which funds both PBS television and NPR radio stations.

In the case of Connecticut Public Radio (WNPR) we’re talking about a 10+% budget cut. That will probably mean layoffs and less local programming for shows like “Colin McEnroe.”

At WSHU they say they’ll need to raise an additional \$500,000 to make up for the loss. Elsewhere in the U.S. it’s estimated that as many as 80 NPR stations will just go dark.

Your mail is already crowded with funding appeals, not just from public broadcasters but from other non-profits also losing federal funding. With so many hands outstretched, how will donors prioritize their gifts? Feeding the hungry or keeping the airwaves alive?

So Congress giveth (renewed life to AM radio) and taketh away (cutting PBS and NPR). The media world (and listeners) will adapt.

Now, if only I could find my old eight-track tape player.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Tell Congress not to touch Medicare

They said they would not touch Medicare, the medical insurance for older Americans, but every Republican in Congress voted for the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB), and that means big cuts coming to Medicare starting next year.

Sequestration is a process in which the government imposes automatic withholding of appropriations to all government programs for the purpose of meeting budget goals.

This happens in conjunction with various acts meant to reduce the budget, such

as the statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act, which requires automatic reductions in spending for programs like Medicare when the deficit increases significantly.

If Congress does not act, the One Big Beautiful Bill will potentially cause a \$500 billion cut to Medicare starting in 2026 and continuing to 2034.

Payments to hospitals, physicians and healthcare providers will be reduced. Medicare Advantage plan funding will be decreased.

The Medicare Savings Program, which helps 1.3

million people with Medicare costs, will be impacted.

Stand-alone drug plan payments will decrease as the OB BB removes Medicare’s ability to negotiate and control costs for medications for many diseases.

It could get so much worse for our elderly population if cuts to Medicare are enacted. It will be tragic for the government to cut Medicare simply to give large tax breaks to the rich. This is not acceptable public policy.

Unless Congress acts now to stop the reduction of federal money for Medicare, these cuts imposed by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will negatively affect over 65 million Americans using Medicare by raising their medical costs starting next year.

It is urgent we tell Congress to restore funding for Medicare!

Lizbeth Piel

Sharon

## Thornton family gratitude

We would like to personally thank everyone who came to our son, husband and dad, Scott Thornton’s viewing on July 24 at Hufcut Funeral Home. The outpouring of love, compassion and kindness from friends, family, colleagues, trustees, and the community was truly overwhelming. The amount of support we received was an amazing tribute to Scott and the countless people whose lives he touched during his lifetime. Thank you to all who attended and who sent messages and gifts of condolences.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
**Jeanne Thornton Schwaiger (mom), Becky Thornton (wife) Sawyer Haab and Paxton Thornton (daughters) and family**  
Sharon

## Thanks to Journal editor

Thank you John Coston. We could make this longer with the help of AI or one or your capable summer interns but we will leave it as thank you.

We speak for a community grateful for your leadership.

**Mary and Philip Oppenheimer**  
Lakeville

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# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**125 years ago — August 1900**  
A shoemaker, Mr. Stephen Galfé, has opened a shop in Robert's old store.

Peabody, the well known scientific optician, will be at L.P. Hatch's drug store, Mil-lerton, N.Y., Aug. 22, 23, 24, 25. Examination free.

LOST — July 11th, some-where between the post of-fice, the depot and Bostwick Hill, a black leather pocket book with silver mountings, containing a small sum of money and three keys. Find-er will be liberally rewarded by returning same to Mrs. W.H. Kenyon, Lakeville.

A new iron foot bridge will soon replace the present wooden affair over the brook near the Scoville Library at Salisbury. The bridge is to be furnished by the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., and will be a great improvement to that section.

A small deer was seen one day recently in the rear of William Raynsford's house. Deer have been seen in this vicinity at different times during the last two years, but never quite as near a residence before as in this instance. It is well for hunters to remember that there is a heavy fine and imprisonment for killing any deer or even frightening them till the year 1904.

Mr. Treat Sanford of Wa-terbury spent a few days last week at Ira Traver's returning home Monday. While here Mr. Sanford had excellent luck at fishing and showed our reporter five nice bass that would probably weigh three pounds apiece. Mr. Sanford uses the lightest kind of tackle for the sport of the thing — "Just to give the fish a chance" he says and some days he says he intends to use a piece of linen thread for line. He fishes to see how much science he can use and the more difficult the fish to land the more he enjoys the fun.

Yesterday morning while Patrick McCue was driving up from the depot his horse became frightened and ran away. When rounding the corner near the bank, the wheels struck the stone hitching post, around the tree, and the wagon was quite badly wrecked. Patsy was unharmed and the horse escaped injury. A rig stand-ing in front of the bank had a narrow escape from collision.

**100 years ago — August 1925**  
LIME ROCK — Mrs. Lorch has a home full of city boarders.

SALISBURY — George Parsons and family and Paul Parsons and family motored to Northampton on Satur-day leaving Misses Hazel and Ruth Hendricks there for a two weeks visit with their grandmother.

William B. Rudd, after fif-teen years service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. except for a period of war service in France on July 1st entered the employ of the Union Switch and Signal Co. at Swissdale, Pa., where he is specializing on the develop-ment of car retarders, this be-ing brakes operated from the ground and used in the clas-sification yards on railways. The device is a pneumatic brake which works on the ground alongside the rails to

slow up or stop cars that are being switched around yards to make up trains. It saves the labor of many men who are known in railroad practice as car riders.

ORE HILL — Moxie Rowe from New York is visit-ing his mother Mrs. Victoria Wewatoski.

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**50 years ago — August 1975**  
His Honor Anthony Stocken, 715th mayor of Salisbury, England, paid a visit to his city's namesake in Northwest Connecticut over the weekend and pro-nounced himself charmed by the New England architec-ture as well as the fine sum-mer weather. During several busy days Mr. Stocken and his wife Pauline managed to check in at the White Hart Inn, attend the Sharon Play-house, attend a cocktail party and official luncheon in their honor, tour Salisbury, attend church, inspect the ambulance service and the ski jump and visit several private homes.

The Lakeville Hose Com-pany had an unexpected and unsuspected guest at the firehouse for 10 days or so. When the firemen returned from a call one night in July, Mike Fitting caught a fleet-ing glimpse of a cat in the shadows. He didn't give it much thought until an ad for a lost cat appeared in The Journal the next week. Mike tried calling the pet's name around the building, without success, but when the cat's owner went to the firehouse, a very hungry and scared Si-amese appeared from one of the firetrucks. It's entirely possible, Mike says, that the stowaway rode undetected on the big vehicle all the way over to Falls Village for its firemen's parade, and back.

Northwest Connecticut has long been notorious for its rattlesnake population, but 1975 seems to have been contributed more than its share of sightings of the rep-tiles. In recent weeks at least 7 snakes have been sighted in the Canaan/ Falls Village vic-inity, with 4 of the sightings in the past 2 weeks. Three of the snakes have been sighted in areas where snakes have not been found for years.

Canaan town officials have received a final insur-ance payment on equipment damaged in last November's town garage fire. The check for \$414 covers damage to the town's payload.

Dr. Thomas Livingstone will open an office at Kent Green in Kent on Mon-

day. He is a graduate of Lycoming College and the Fairleigh-Dickinson Uni-versity School of Dentistry. Dr. Livingstone and his wife live in Sharon.

Starting with next week's edition of The Journal, Ruth Epstein will assume the role of Kent correspondent. She replaces Paul Dooley who has been with the paper for 2½ years and has resigned to assume a more active role in local politics.

A group of concerned neighbors in the Macedo-nia section of Kent gathered recently at the home of Eu-genia Evans to discuss ways and means of slowing traffic on the road between the en-trance to Macedonia Brook Park and the village of Kent on Route 341.

**25 years ago — August 2000**  
SHARON — W. Hudson "Hud" Connery Jr. believes the infusion of capital and the expertise of Essent Health-care personnel can save Sharon Hospital. Speaking Monday evening at the first of several community forums scheduled to discuss the im-pending sale of the hospital to Essent, Mr. Connery, the firm's CEO, gave assurance to the standing room only crowd. "We will bring the capital that's needed to grow and reduce operating ex-penses," he said, adding "the operating expenses needed to be reduced are not related to patient care."

KENT — When the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe's petition comes be-fore the Bureau of Indian Affairs later this year, the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation is likely to be left behind. Last week the BIA denied a request by the Schaghticoke that its petition for federal recognition be considered simultaneously with that of the Golden Hill Paugussett. The Schaghticoke contend that simultaneous consid-eration is necessary because the Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe, based in Bridgeport, may have stolen a portion of the Schaghticoke's genealogy and is attempting to use the lineage as its own.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Gratitude for Lakeville Hose and SVAS 'heroes'

A few years back my wife, the accomplished filmmaker Anne Makepeace, produced and directed a short film titled "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The film de-picted the vastly important work of the Lakeville Hose Company and the Salis-bury Voluntary Ambulance Squad. Given the value of what both entities do, Anne at first proposed a title that dubbed them heroes. But out of humility, the groups chose instead the more mod-est title.

Anne, though an Emmy Award winning documen-tary filmmaker, naturally created the film for a frac-tion of her usual fee. But as fate would have it, on the evening of Tuesday July 15, we both were paid beyond measure. Anne was away, at-tending a writing program at Skidmore. Long story short, as I was preparing for bed a suspicious odor prompted me to walk around inside our

## Study focus: treatment of dementia

Of all the diseases that afflict us, dementia is one of the most terrifying because we see it coming and it is inexorable. It takes the mind but leaves the body. We have theories about what causes Alzhei-mer's disease — tangles of a protein called beta-amy-loid and over-expression of another protein called tau. These proteins in altered forms were thought to be a cause but removing them from most of the cells in the brain using monoclonal antibodies, did not improve symptoms by much. Perhaps the intervention was too late. Both proteins are probably involved but neither has been a fertile source of treatments, and most clinical trials have failed.

I worked in a Department of Pathology and Cell Biol-ogy at Columbia University Irving Medical Center where there are basic scientists and pathologists. A pathologist friend lamented the lack of progress for dementia and Parkinsonism as profession-ally embarrassing. Heart dis-ease, inflammatory diseases, diabetes, cancer, and other conditions have fared better; there are new and effective treatments to extend life and restore independence, most stemming from basic research in cell biology.

There are many cures offered on the internet, but most are wishful thinking or fraud. One study bears watching: it suggested that vaccination for shingles, a painful rash caused by lin-gering chickenpox virus (Herpes zoster), reduces the number of cases of demen-tia in older people. Herpes zoster is a neurotropic virus, that selectively infects nerve cells, whose connections, or synapses in the parts of the brain dedicated to memo-ry are the cellular basis of memory. Each nerve cell has 10,000 or more connections with other neurons.

The study in question hangs on a decision made by the UK's National Health Service after the Shingrix vaccine became available in 2013. NHS decided to give the vaccine to people in Wales born after Sept. 1, 1933, but not to those born one week before. The two groups, in Wales, 80 years old in 2013, were otherwise

## THE BODY SCIENTIFIC RICHARD KESSIN

identical. Each part of the study had thousands of pa-tients.

The chickenpox vaccine reduced the number of peo-ple who became demented over the next 7 years by about 20%. The paper is from sci-en-tists at Stanford and several Swiss and German univer-sities. It is tough statistical sledding to read but the data are serious. Twenty percent of patients is too few to be confident, but too many to ignore. See below for the reference.

**There are many cures offered on the internet, but most are wishful thinking or fraud.**

This experiment has been repeated by combining oth-er data from England and Wales. This type of analysis, involving thousands of pa-tient records, has become possible by keeping records in searchable databases. Oth-er versions of the chicken-pox vaccine experiment use a more effective vaccine that became available in 2023. Does the newer vaccine pro-tect better than 20%? Does a vaccine applied when peo-ple are younger, or given repeatedly, slow the onset of dementia even better?

Think of a slow acting vi-rus that destroys or inhibits neurons or the synapses in-volved in memory. It could be Herpes zoster lingering from childhood chickenpox or another virus. The vaccine could induce antibodies and T cells that would stop the progression of the slow vi-rus and stave off dementia. A viral cause of dementia would be extraordinary. And actionable.

A second discovery that may be helpful is the effect of weight loss drugs like Wegovy on dementia. These drugs may also help a num-

ber of problems including drug addiction and alcohol abuse.

There are several ways to study the effect of these re-markable drugs. One takes advantage of the fact that loss of brain volume is a marker of Alzheimer's disease. As the disease progresses damage spreads through the brain and it shrinks, which can be observed by magnetic reso-nance imaging.

One placebo-controlled trial analyzed 204 patients with mild Alzheimer's dis-ease at 24 clinics in the United Kingdom. Before the study began, all patients had magnetic resonance imaging of their brains to evaluate structure and vol-ume. Half were given a daily injection of 1.8 milligrams of liraglutide/day, a drug used in weight loss and diabetes, while an equal number re-ceived a placebo. Those who received liraglutide lost less brain volume (about 50%) than untreated patients. Cognitive testing was done at 0, 24, and 52 weeks and re-searchers found that patients who received liraglutide had a slower decline in cognitive function — half that of un-treated patients. They also said they felt better.

Like the Herpes zoster study the results are not con-clusive but at this stage we are looking for a new approach, not miracles. Liraglutide and other GLP-1 analogues are licensed for obesity and dia-betes, so its path to treatment for Alzheimer's and other dementias could be relative-ly swift.

Two independent and larger phase 3 trials are un-derway, with results due at the end of 2025. If the results are correct, one prediction would be that people who had been on weight loss drugs should not be enter-ing memory care units. That analysis is difficult, and some of the databases are prop-rietary, but we will follow these experiments.

*(References and informa-tion on how to join a clinical trial are available in the on-line version of this column.)*

*Richard Kessin, PhD is Emeritus Professor of Pathol-ogy and Cell Biology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center.*

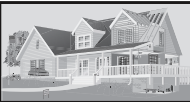
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Our Towns

Old Railroad Days returns to North Canaan

By Riley Klein and John Coston

NORTH CANAAN — Embracing the history of trains in the Northwest Corner, Old Railroad Days rolled into North Canaan Aug. 7 to 10.

The four-day event put railroad heritage on full display with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. Canaan Union Station pulsed with energy during the celebration, anchoring a weekend filled with festivities across town.

The fun began Thursday with a community picnic. Action picked up on Friday with a free concert at the Douglas Library and a night market at the Station.

The railroad museum and the accordion museum inside the Station were packed with guests glimpsing into the past.

Paul Ramunni, owner of New England Accordion Connection and Museum, delved into music history and demonstrated unique devices like a player accordion from 19th century Germany, a working phonograph with wax records and a crank-operated music box made from old Ford Model



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN Above, John Mongeau takes in the size of the trains. Left, Christian Brooks leads the 5-mile race.

A parts that played “Jingle Bells.”

On Saturday, the Station was visited by the Model A Restoration Club, which was touring the Northwest Corner on a weekend outing. The group stopped at Lime Rock Park for some track time before heading up to North Canaan. Ryan Heacox, MARC member, was gifted his 1930

Model A by his grandmother, Bunny McGuire. He said the nearly 100-year-old car still drives great and can reach a top speed of 65 miles per hour.

Running through town Saturday morning was the 5-mile foot race hosted each summer by the YMCA. This year’s winner was Christian Brooks, 19, of Somers, New



Ryan Heacox and “Ms. Lizzie,” a 1930 Model A Ford.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The Royal Flush won the bed race again.

York, who completed the course in 33:04 minutes. It was his third year competing and his best result.

Behind the Station on Saturday were a pair of parked trains, several informational booths and many curious attendees with cameras. Railroad experts shared knowledge with guests and emphasized the importance of track safety.

“Every three hours a person or vehicle is hit by a train in the United States,” said Kevin Burns, Connecticut Department of Transportation’s coordinator for Operation Lifesaver. “Never walk on train tracks, and be careful on crossings.”

Other booths represented the Danbury Railway Museum, Housatonic Railroad Company and the Friends of the Valley Railroad, a volunteer group that supports the scenic train based in Essex, Connecticut.

John Mongeau, of Lakeville, was taking in the sheer scale of the locomotives.

“I’m fascinated with the size of these things,” Mongeau said. “The amount of

maintenance work that must be involved to keep these things running, keep them shiny and beautiful, it’s sort of overwhelming.

Later on Saturday was the 31st annual Bed Race on Pease Street in front of the North Canaan Elementary School.

The Royal Flush, a returning victor of the Bed Race, won again with a team of Will Perotti, Samantha Perotti, Anthony DeMeo, and Joe and Becky Schaefer. The “Flush” was not flush with team members just before the start and recruited from the audience of onlookers.

The Hot Mess Express, a wig-outfitted all-women team, came in second, but it had high spirits and even performed calisthenics before the start of the race to pump up their power. Team members were Jill McKearney, Amy Carol, Jean Schaefer, Chris Schaefer, Andrea Alexander, Laura Marks and Anita Graham.

The festivities concluded Sunday with a buffet breakfast, free movie at Colonial Theatre and a walking tour presented by the Canaan History Center.

“It’s been very well received,” said Jenn Crane, head of the North Canaan Events Committee.

Returning to the tradition of yesteryear, the 2025 summer celebration prioritized railroad heritage. Railroad Days was held in August, as it was when it began 61 years ago, and was separate from the July carnival.

Crane said the committee “really tried to go back to the roots” while expanding the summertime community offerings in North Canaan.



PHOTO BY SIMON MARKOW

Taste of Cornwall shines

The Village Green was filled with music, food and fun Saturday, Aug. 9, when Taste of Cornwall made its annual return. Organized by the Park and Recreation Commission, guests sampled locally sourced dishes and sides. Rhythmic tunes by the Catnip Junkies, a genre-blending brass band, filled the air. Vendors set up booths around the green, including Nathan Young selling local maple syrup through his company, Young Love Maple. More than 40 sponsors supported the event this year. Watch the video report on Instagram @lakevillejournal

Open mic night in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The open mic talent show at the David M. Hunt Library Friday, Aug. 8, featured a guest singer from Sweden and the world premiere of a new musical instrument.

The show started promptly at 6 p.m. on the library lawn.

First up was violinist Rachel Gall with a welcoming song, and singing and playing the instrument, which is not easy.

Master of Ceremonies Adam Sher emphasized the “open” part of open mic.

“I am going to give each one of you the opportunity to tell a story or a joke.”

The first surprise of the evening came from Ruben Ohman, age 11, visiting the area with his mother, Jenny Ohman.

Young Ruben stepped up to the microphone and sang a quick piece solo. He later said the song meant, roughly, “Bring Us Peace.”

He also danced enthusiastically while Gall and Brook Martinez played what sounded like an Irish reel, with Martinez sitting on



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Brook and Leo Martinez perform at Hunt Library.

and playing a Peruvian percussion instrument called (in Spanish) a cajon. It is essentially a modified wooden box but in the right hands it sounds like someone playing a set of drums and cymbals.

The Berkshire Resilience Brass Band, in this case consisting of Dathalinn O’Dea on alto sax, trumpeters Lev and Shamu Sadeh, and Martinez on the cajon, played a couple of their patented group groove improvisations.

Martinez and his son Leo, performing as The Mystery Twins, with dad on acoustic guitar and son on electric

guitar, did a version of Nirvana’s “About a Girl.”

The most intriguing part of the show was the world’s first look at the “guitire,” a portmanteau of “guitar” and “tire.”

This rolling instrument was created by Lev Sadeh and Eli Sher. It has four piano strings strung across one side of an ordinary automobile tire, and a drum skin across the other side.

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Region One schools welcome new teachers

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**Emily Piescki**  
**Kent Center School**  
*Arts Teacher*  
\$55,125/yr

Emily Piescki is the new Elementary and Middle School Art Teacher for Kent Center School. She holds her master's of science in teaching from the State University of New York at Potsdam, and her bachelor's of fine art from the University of Hartford. Originally from Rockland County, New York, Emily has recently moved to North Canaan. Emily is thrilled to join the Region One School District this fall. She takes a blended approach to art education, balancing students' freedom to explore and express themselves with foundational skills and knowledge. Emily believes that all students are capable artists and she is eager to nurture her students' creativity and curiosity. When she's not in the classroom, Emily is painting, gardening, or bird-watching.

**Ivelisse Hernandez**  
**Lee H. Kellogg and Sharon Center School**  
*Elementary/Middle Spanish Teacher*  
\$94,137/yr

Ivelisse Hernandez is a

certified Spanish teacher with over a decade of experience in language education. She holds a master's in education and is completing a second master's in TESOL/bilingual education from Southern Connecticut State University. Originally from Puerto Rico, she has lived in Connecticut since 1995 and is passionate about supporting all learners through inclusive, student-centered instruction.

She currently teaches Spanish and has worked with K-12 students using push-in, pull-out, and co-teaching models. Ivelisse believes language learning is a bridge to cultural connection and confidence. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys binge-watching Netflix shows, reading, and spending time with her three-year-old granddaughter. A proud mom to a 26-year-old son, Ivelisse also loves music—and credits 90s song lyrics for sparking her love of English!"

**Skylar Agard**  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
*2nd Grade Teacher*  
\$53,348/yr

Skylar Agard grew up in Kent and attended Kent Center School. She is now proud to call Falls Village home. She earned her master's in elementary education from Grand Canyon University and her bachelor's in elementary education from the University of Arizona. She is engaged to a North Canaan Elementary School alumnus and has a 3-year-old daughter. In her free time, she loves to spend time outdoors with her family and loves baking

sourdough bread. She is currently a respiratory therapist who has decided to become a teacher. She is beyond excited to join NCES as a 2nd grade teacher.

**Stefanie Remillard**  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
*3rd Grade Teacher*  
\$66,589/yr

Stefanie Remillard is excited to begin a new chapter in her teaching journey as she joins the team at North Canaan Elementary School to teach 3rd grade. Her passion for teaching began early when she taught ballet classes to help pay for her own. She earned her elementary education degree from Elon University. After college she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Bulgaria, teaching English and immersing herself in a new culture. She later taught elementary science in New Canaan, then 6th grade and kindergarten in Farmington. After several years of teaching, she stayed home to raise her four children and her Rottweiler dog, Walter. Most recently, she taught 2nd and 5th grade in Naugatuck.

Outside of the classroom, she enjoys reading, dancing, playing outside with her children, and challenging her husband, Jeff, to a game of Scrabble. She is thrilled to join the North Canaan community and can't wait to get started.



**Melanie Mancarella**  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
*2nd Grade Teacher*  
\$64,841/yr

Melanie is excited to be joining Region 1 Schools as a second grade teacher at North Canaan Elementary. She holds a master's in elementary education from University of Hartford and has been a teacher for the Southington School District for the past 6 years.

She just moved to the area this past year from Southington with her husband, two daughters and their two beloved frenchies. Melanie believes in a positive classroom environment where every child is empowered to learn and grow. Her classroom philosophy is to always be kind and try your best. Fostering a warm classroom community is her number one priority.

In her free time she loves to read, snuggle with her two frenchies and spend time outdoors with her family. She is looking forward to this new journey being able to build strong relationships with her students and their families.



**Melissa Youmans**  
**North Canaan Elementary School**  
*1st Grade Teacher*  
\$47,471

Melissa Youmans is a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and mathematics from Western Connecticut State University. She comes from Regional School District 20 in Litchfield, where she worked as an Educational Assistant. Melissa is especially passionate about working with young children and creating a classroom where every student feels included, valued, and safe. She is excited to work with the staff and students at Region One. Melissa grew up in Bantam, where she still lives and enjoys spending time with her family—riding bikes, swimming, and hanging out with friends. She also loves to cook and curl up with a good book.

ry School in Ridgefield. Guardino has a strong passion for augmentative and alternative communication, including American Sign Language and speech-generating devices. She believes that every individual deserves the opportunity to communicate and connect with the world around them. Guardino is excited to bring her skills and enthusiasm to the students and staff in Region One. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling and has visited London, Paris, and Bermuda. With graduate school behind her, she looks forward to more adventures ahead.



**Andrew Deacon**  
**Sharon Center School**  
*Reading Interventionist/Instructional Coach*  
\$ 110,768

Andrew D. Deacon, Ed.D., is excited to join Sharon Center School as Literacy Interventionist and Instructional Coach. A native of the Northwest Corner, Andrew has taught and led schools across Connecticut. He holds a bachelor's degree in art history from Manhattanville College, a master's in elementary education, a sixth-year degree in reading and language arts, and a doctorate in educational leadership, all from the University of Bridgeport. Andrew is an adjunct professor in educational leadership and literacy education, and has been recognized with several honors, including Semifinalist for Connecticut Teacher of the Year and the Connecticut Reading Association's Outstanding Literacy Administrator award. He is passionate about fostering curiosity, maintaining high expectations for all students, and creating an environment where every child feels valued and capable. Outside of school, Andrew enjoys traveling, bowling, learning languages, and attending musical theater productions.



**Samantha Guardino**  
**Pupil Services**  
*Speech and Language Pathologist*  
\$59,822/yr

Samantha Guardino is a licensed speech-language pathology clinical fellow (CF-SLP) and a recent graduate of Southern Connecticut State University, where she earned her master's degree in communication disorders. She also holds a bachelor's degree in speech/language pathology and audiology from Iona University. She joins us from New Milford, where she was born and raised. Previously, she worked as a speech-language pathology assistant at Barlow Mountain Elementa-

Income guidelines for nutrition programs in Region One

FALLS VILLAGE — Region One schools released the 2025-26 academic year policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast

Program, or free milk served under the Special Milk Program.

Local school officials have adopted the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Income Eligibility Guidelines for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility. The

following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for determining participant's eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Students residing in households with income at or below the levels shown in the chart above are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals or free milk.

Applications are being sent via email to all homes with a FAQ letter to parents. They are also available on the KCS web page at kent-

centerschol.org.

To apply for free or reduced-price school meals or free milk through SMP, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications are available by emailing office@kentcenter.com or calling (860)927-3537.

Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price school meals cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

FREE MEALS

Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	20,345	1,696	848	783	392
2	27,495	2,292	1,146	1,058	529
3	34,645	2,888	1,444	1,333	667
4	41,795	3,483	1,742	1,608	804
5	48,945	4,079	2,040	1,883	942
6	56,095	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
7	63,245	5,271	2,636	2,433	1,217
8	70,395	5,867	2,934	2,708	1,354
Each additional family member	7,150	596	298	275	138

REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

Household Size	Annual gross income	Monthly gross income	Twice per month	Every two weeks gross income	Weekly gross income
1	28,953	2,413	1,207	1,114	557
2	39,128	3,261	1,631	1,505	753
3	49,303	4,109	2,055	1,897	949
4	59,478	4,957	2,479	2,288	1,144
5	69,653	5,805	2,903	2,679	1,340
6	79,828	6,653	3,327	3,071	1,536
7	90,003	7,501	3,751	3,462	1,731
8	100,178	8,349	4,175	3,853	1,927
Each additional family member	10,175	848	424	392	196

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He tracked down the owner in Arizona, and asked if there was any chance of receiving the \$60,000 or so in back taxes. “He said ‘no way,’ so we foreclosed.”

Rand said it had been so long since the business closed that clothing was found, packaged and still ready for pickup. “I delivered them.”

Things got complicated because of worries about contamination from the chemicals used in the dry-cleaning process. Grants were obtained. Environmental testing was done.

And finally the site’s new owners, the Salisbury Housing Trust, was able to put up the two three-bedroom, two-bathroom homes, which marked the end of an effort that began in earnest in 2013.

Clark said they’re not quite done. Carports with solar panels will be put up shortly.

Clark thanked everyone for their efforts. “This is perseverance in brick and mortar form.”

She said affordable housing groups in other towns often ask how Salisbury has made progress in creating a variety of affordable housing options.

“The only difference between our town and theirs is we started earlier, 25 years ago.”



The two homes are Perry Street have three bedrooms, two full bathrooms and unfinished basements.

Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosequera-Bruno accepted a traditional Northwest Corner gift of a large zucchini from Jocelyn Ayer.



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Ayer said the two Lakeville units are part of a group of 10 affordable housing units in Litchfield County.

She praised the builders, Signature Building Systems, for their quick and efficient work in putting up the modular units.

Ayer had a gift for the housing commissioner, Mosquera-Bruno.

“If you come to Litchfield County in July or August, you get a large zucchini from someone’s garden, in a Tractor Supply bag.”

Amid laughter she handed the vegetable over.

Mosquera-Bruno said, “It’s wonderful to see how the community comes together.”

SCHWARTZ

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Josh Schwartz won this 2022 fight, sponsored by the Ammo Fight League, in 1:26 of the first round by technical knockout.

He attended Salisbury Central School and then Northwestern Regional High School (Region 7), where he was a star wrestler.

Wrestling runs in the family. Andrew Schwartz coached wrestling and Josh started at age 4.

Josh Schwartz said jiu jitsu, which involves grappling, has enough similarities to wrestling that it was a natural progression.

He then decided he wanted to learn boxing and kick-boxing.

From there he went into full MMA.

Schwartz said the difference between full MMA and other disciplines is “MMA has the fewest rules.”

“Grappling, punching, kicking — all the disciplines combined.”

The only things fighters can’t do are groin punches or kicks, eye-gouging and head butts, he said.

Schwartz said he has never lost an MMA fight but

noted that he has only had three or four fights.

“It was more for the experience. I realized it wasn’t lucrative... Jiu jitsu requires less time, which allows me to work more.”

Schwartz said he was not interested in attending college for a four-year degree, largely to avoid running up debt.

But he is pondering options, such as studying nutrition science and coaching jiu jitsu and/or wrestling.

He was asked about his nutritional regimen.

“It’s not complicated,” he said.

He uses a supplement, creatine, which he said has been extensively studied, is safe if used properly, and is nothing like anabolic steroids.

His diet is nothing unusual. Carbohydrates and protein, and he’s careful about the former and indulgent on the latter.

“Lots of chicken.”

KENT KITCHEN

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anese establishment Nobu and legendary institution the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center among others, but he says that he’s as busy now as he ever was in those lauded kitchens.

Schenck is Chilean and has built his career as a chef in restaurants spanning the continent from well-known restaurateur David Burke’s Fort Lee, New Jersey, restaurant Ventanas to the Encore hotel in Las Vegas, with many more in between.

While Lugito’s sushi station — planned for expansion — is customer facing in the restaurant’s dining room, Schenck occupies the spacious downstairs kitchen where his internationally-inspired American culinary sensibilities produce crowd-favorites like the Kent Burger and Kent Falls Corned Beef Sandwich.

His station also offers a number of appetizers such as yuzu-dressed rock shrimp tempura and a chicken quesadilla.

Schenck maintains that the motivation behind the restaurant was to bring a unique eating experience to Kent’s Main Street. The two men worked together for several years cooking at the Silo Ridge Field Club, the recreation arm of the Discovery Land Company’s Amenia, New York community. Schenck admits that the impetus for the idea came from Lugito while the two worked at the club, but he quickly saw the promise of the project.

“We started building a concept no one else has,” he said.

It might be apt to call it anti-fusion fusion cuisine — the meeting of cultures, but keep certain elements pur-



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Alberto Schenck and the 19th century door to one of the restaurant’s several walk-in refrigerators.

posefully distinct. While the two chefs’ deliberated where to bring their culinary talent after Silo Ridge they came to a realization: “Why don’t we combine our talent and do one?” Schenck said.

When the current location at 12 North Main Street came online after previous tenant J.P. Giffords vacated this past spring, the idea crystallized into something tangible. The men allied with Wingdale, New York’s Cousins Pizzeria owner Tony Robustelli to move their business into the storefront, and from there things progressed rapidly.

Schenck described acquiring the location as “just luck” and timing, and said they saw the potential of its downtown positioning immediately. The duo said being situated on the main drag has

kept business booming since first opening, with takeout orders proving to be especially popular.

The community has been welcoming to their novel concept, the two reported. “The people are super friendly,” said Schenck. “Super nice,” agreed Lugito.

Lugito said the town’s extensive boarding school population in particular has taken to the restaurant’s varied offerings, with many coming from far away — including

East Asia — and looking for a meal that reminds them of home.

Sure enough, as The Lakeville Journal’s interview with the two chefs concluded, a group of eight or so students ambled in out of the warm Friday morning at 11 a.m. sharp, just as the restaurant was opening its doors for the day. Lugito jumped behind the counter, deftly sharpened a knife, and started cutting into a slab of rich red tuna.

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THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Sharon Playhouse launches new generation of performers

The Sharon Playhouse’s newest initiative, the Launchpad Company, is part of the organization’s educational mission. Developed under the leadership of Education and Community Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, Launchpad is a pre-professional program designed for emerging theater artists aged 15 to 20. The goal is to provide high-level training, mentorship, and fully staged production experience for young performers from the region. The company’s debut performance “Once Upon a Mattress” opens Aug. 22 and runs through Aug. 24 at Indian Mountain School’s Qianxun Performing Arts Center.

Mary Rodgers’ and Marshall Barer’s “Once Upon a Mattress” is a classic musical comedy that reimagines the fairytale “The Princess and the Pea.” Directed and choreographed by Will Nash Broyles, with music direction by Eric Thomas Johnson



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Mollie Leonard (“Princess Winnifred”) center with the spear, surrounded by the cast of “Once Upon a Mattress” at Sharon Playhouse.

and assistant direction and choreography by Kimberly Wilpon, the production highlights the talent of these young performers in a fast-paced, heart-filled show that balances broad comedy with character-driven storytelling.

Mollie Leonard (Warren, Connecticut) stars as the unconventional

Princess Winnifred, whose arrival upends tradition in a kingdom ruled by strict laws and an even stricter queen. Tyler Rosenblum (Falls Village) plays Prince Dauntless, the shy royal whose marriage prospects drive the plot. The supporting cast includes Emily Burg (Hopewell Junction) as the formidable

Queen Aggravain and Richie Crane (Canaan) as the silent but expressive King Sextimus. Rounding out the court are Kennadi Mitchell (Lakeville) as the Minstrel, Samuel Kent (New Milford) as the Jester, and Alex Wilbur (Lakeville) as the Wizard.

Other featured performers include Callie

Audia and Carlo Desy as Lady Larken and Sir Harry, along with Oscar Samelson as the musical “Nightingale of Samarkand.” The ensemble includes young artists from across Connecticut and New York, each contributing energy and personality to the royal court onstage.

Design and technical

support come from a professional team, ensuring that Launchpad students are learning in a real-world production environment. The creative team includes David Palmieri (scenic design and technical direction), Kathleen DeAngelis (costume design), Timothy Nivison (lighting design), Graham Stone (sound design), and Nicole Damico (props). Karla Woodworth leads scenic artistry, and Bobbie Zlotnik designs wigs. Phoebe Singer serves as Production Stage Manager.

With “Once Upon a Mattress,” Sharon Playhouse isn’t just presenting a show, it’s investing in the future of local theater and offering young performers the tools to take the next step in their artistic journeys.

All performances will take place at the Qianxun Performing Arts Center, 211 Indian Mountain Road in Lakeville, CT. Tickets are available now at [sharonplayhouse.org/mattress](http://sharonplayhouse.org/mattress).

DANCE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Jacob’s Pillow halts festival after tragic death

On Aug. 1, a dolly carrying staging platforms lost control on the sloped grounds of Jacob’s Pillow, the beloved dance festival in Becket, Massachusetts. In its path was production manager Kat Sirico, age 40, who succumbed to injuries sustained in the accident. The Berkshire District Attorney confirmed it was a tragic accident, with no criminal charges to follow. But such announcements don’t soften the edges of loss, they only mark its arrival.

What began as a weekend pause quickly turned into an announcement of a longer hiatus. By Aug. 5, the Festival’s leadership made the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the season. This, they said, was in service to mourning, to remembering, to healing. “Their spirit, generosity, and dedication touched the lives of many,” said Pamela Tatge, executive and artistic director of Sirico. “Kat was not only a leader but a beloved presence. We owe it to

them, and to each other, to take the time to honor that.”

Sirico had returned to Jacob’s Pillow, where they had previously trained, to take on the role of production manager. This year was especially significant, marking the reopening of the newly rebuilt Doris Duke Theatre after it was destroyed by fire in 2020. The theatre, re-envisioned by the Dutch firm Mecanoo and infused with Indigenous design wisdom and sustainable

architecture, had just opened its doors July 6. Sirico played a key role in supporting this next chapter for the organization.

The ripples of this loss will be felt far beyond the Berkshires. Dancers, artists, vendors, audiences are all impacted. But in its statement, the Board spoke not only of grief, but of resolve: to re-emerge with deeper care, with more courage, and with a recommitment to what dance makes possible.



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Exterior of Ted Shawn Theatre.



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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# Popcorn, posters and pride: Queer Cinema Club comes to The Triplex

For many LGBTQ+ people, film has always been more than entertainment — it’s been a mirror, a map and a lifeline. That’s exactly the spirit behind Queer Cinema Club, a brand-new initiative launching this month at the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington with a screening of the 1999 cult classic “But I’m a Cheerleader.”

The Club is the brain-child of West Stockbridge resident Champika Fernando, a longtime film lover, queer community organizer and former software engineer, who’s looking to carve out space for LGBTQ+ folks to come together through the magic of cinema.

“I moved to the Berkshires five years ago with my partner,” Fernando shared. “I was really

surprised by how vibrant the queer community is here, but the ways people gather are so different from the city.”

Fernando hails from Toronto, where they attended queer film clubs that mixed movies with drag performances, director Q&As and poster art with party vibes. That’s the kind of multi-sensory, fully alive experience Fernando is hoping to bring to the Berkshires.

On Aug. 20, the Triplex will screen “But I’m a Cheerleader,” the candy-colored satirical comedy directed by Jamie Babbit that follows a perky high school cheerleader (Natasha Lyonne) sent to a conversion camp, only to discover her queerness — and her first love. It’s a film with a dedicated following, and a fitting first feature



Queer Cinema Club founder Champika Fernando

PHOTO BY ROBIN BANKERT

to kick off a club that’s about self-acceptance, humor, and community connection.

“There’s something about sitting in a theater and laughing, or crying, or just feeling together,” said Fernando. “I think

that matters, especially in rural areas, where queer folks can feel isolated.”

The event will open an hour before showtime for an informal pre-show cocktail hour that encourages people to linger

and connect. Down the line, Fernando hopes to collaborate with local queer artists to create original movie posters, host performances tied to film themes, and even partner with Queer Soup Night, another community-based initiative known for its food, warmth, and mutual aid fundraising based in Western Massachusetts.

— have deeply shaped their storytelling values.

“There’s such a narrow slice of queer film that gets recognized,” said Fernando. “I want to expand that. I want people to see themselves in ways they haven’t before.”

The Triplex, a community-run nonprofit, was eager to support the idea. General Manager Ben Elliott welcomed Fernando’s proposal, and the two have been co-developing the program for several months with a shared belief that the space should reflect and serve the people who use it.

Though the first event is being hosted in Great Barrington, there are hopes to expand the club to other local venues, from Millerton to Rhinebeck and beyond.

“The hope is to do something monthly or every other month,” said Fernando. “And maybe host at other indie theaters in the area — depending on where people are coming from.”

More than a screening, Queer Cinema Club is an invitation. To gather. To remember the first time a film made you feel seen. To watch something weird, or sad, or celebratory — together.

“Community is everything,” Fernando shared. “Especially in rural places, you can really feel the absence of it. I just want to help create one more space where queer people feel like they belong.”

Queer Cinema Club’s first screening of “But I’m a Cheerleader” will take place Wednesday, Aug. 20 at the Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a pre-show gathering. Screening begins at 8 p.m. Tickets and more info at [triplexcinema.com](http://triplexcinema.com).

ART: ROBIN RORABACK

# Rose Algrant Art Show celebrates local talent

The Rose Algrant Art Show has been a yearly tradition at the Cornwall Consolidated School since 1959 and returned this year on Aug. 8, 9 and 10. Cornwall artists of all talents and disciplines — from painting to shoe-making — are welcome to exhibit at the show.

The show is named for Rose Algrant, who came to Cornwall from Europe in 1942 during World War II to be near her son, a student at Rumsey Hall, an independent junior boarding and day school in Washington Depot, Connecticut. She took a temporary teaching job there but ended up staying for 40 years, becoming a beloved French teacher.

Over the years, her home became akin to a French Salon. She entertained writers such as Mark Van Doren and James Thurber, and artists Marc Simont and Ruth Gannett, among others.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

A visitor to the Rose Algrant Art Show, held at the Cornwall Consolidated School, studies paintings by artist Camilla Marie Dahl Busby.

Potter Betts Brown displayed her ceramic pieces and said history inspires her. “I love historical references.” The decoration on some of her pieces was inspired by ancient Greek vases.

Chris Henry of Chris Henry Designs sat behind a display of his jewelry. “I love living in Cornwall,” he said.

“There are a lot of artists in Cornwall — so many potters, painters, photographers.”

Painter April Stewart Klausner agreed. She came to Cornwall a few years ago and never left, delighted to find a community of artists. She takes photos while riding her bike and uses them as references for her

pieces, which combine watercolor with colored pencil. Of two of the paintings, Klausner said, “The bears were photographed in my yard!”

Other works in the show included drawings by renowned kinetic sculptor Tim Prentice. Sculptor David Colbert showed one of his geometric designs. Theresa Pattison and Camilla Marie Dahl Busby had paintings on display. Lauren Kendrick had works made from cloth. Moon Unit Zappa displayed colored drawings. Potter Sanha Peterson included candle holders among her wares.

Many other wonderful works were on display and visitors enjoyed browsing throughout the weekend.

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Tangled research and development

The third week of July was hot and sticky and trout fishing opportunities were limited, so Gary Dodson and I went on a research and development mission in the Catskills.

One spot was a generally cold stream that runs into one of the New York City reservoirs. I'm being coy because this particular cat isn't exactly out of the bag but it has ripped it up some.

On the upstream side of the bridge it's a medium-sized brook with a lot of wild browns and rainbows, plus occasional brookies that are stocked in private water further up.

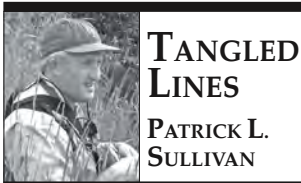
On the downstream side there is a big pool by the bridge which is gin clear most days and has large browns and rainbows that like to ignore flies.

Further down a bit the stream melds with the reservoir, gets a lot warmer, and it's a real crap shoot as to what's on the end of the line.

Could be a perch, a sunfish, a carp...or if all goes well, a smallmouth bass.

Gary concentrated on the bridge pool and I clambered downstream to try and annoy a smallie.

Which I did, after



several false starts with suicidal and tiny bluegills.

The winning combo proved to be a size 12 Surveyor nymph, usually deployed in a tight line rig for trout, but in this case attached on a short dropper (18 inches) to a size 6 Chubby Chernobyl.

The Chubby disappeared, I applied the upward lift, and the best smallie so far in 2025 obliged by jumping a couple of times before coming fairly meekly to the net. It was about 15 inches long, four inches wide, and starting to turn the bronze color of the adult smallmouth.

What made this doubly satisfying was I did it with light trout tackle -- a four weight rod and 4X tippet.

The boys at the fly shop will tell you this can't be done, which I always take as a direct challenge.

Next up was the East Branch of the Delaware near Downsville. Different set of problems here, starting with a water temperature of about 50, a difficult trail, and mud



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The best smallmouth bass of 2025, so far, was taken on light trout tackle for the sole purpose of bragging about it later.

that threatened to suck your boot off your foot.

Neither one of us had thought to bring anything warm to go under the waders, and why would we? It was 90-odd degrees out.

And then there was the fog caused by cold water meeting hot air.

All I got out of this was a good photo of Gary in the mist.

Next week I segue into fishing for largemouth bass (primarily) in a lake from a pontoon boat and/or belly boat.

I am a relative newbie at bass fishing with a fly rod, having only practiced it for 20-odd years.

Because I am unencumbered by conventional wisdom, I have developed or acquired techniques that the above-mentioned boys at the fly shop would scoff at.

Such as the Yo-Yo

Method. When I read about this online I thought the name came from the fact that anyone doing this would feel like a yo-yo. Wrong.

What you do is attach a heavy fly like a conehead Woolly Bugger to a short leader, say five feet.

Then attach two to three feet of stout tippet material to the bend of the hook with a clinch knot, and tie on a hard popper or other buoyant fly.

The heavy fly drags the buoyant fly down after it, but the latter is trying to go upwards.

This is exaggerated by short, abrupt jerks on the line, which causes the popper to go up and down.

This drives bass crazy.

The Crawl 'n' Troll: The lake I fish almost always has a steady west to east wind, so it is entirely practical to go up



Gary Dodson trying to get something going in the frigid, foggy East Branch of the Delaware River in mid-July.

the lake ("up" meaning "west") and float back with the surface current and wind, trolling a fly or two behind.

One problem is the lake isn't that deep, 10-15 feet most of the way, and there's a lot of vegetation on the bottom that will snag your fly if it gets too deep. On sunny and hot days, the bass like to lurk in this vegetation.

This is the only time I have ever found an intermediate line to be of any use. It sinks, but very slowly, and allows me to drift weighted flies like the Conehead Woolly just above the vegetation. If I get snagged, I shorten the leader up. If I'm not getting any hits, I length-

en the leader a bit.

I generally use a nine foot, eight weight rod for this work, although sometimes I fool around with a 10 weight (so I can justify continuing to own it) or something much lighter (so I can brag about it to the boys at the fly shop).

But an eight weight is a good all-around choice.

You want short, stout leaders. The lightest I go is usually 2X. Bass are not leader-shy, and you will be chucking big flies. Using a long leader in these circs is absolutely begging to get a hook in the ear.

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Indigo Workshop

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

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

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AUGUST 16

101 Dalmatians, Kids

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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.

Grumbling Gryphons at Stissing Center

Stissing Center for the Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y..  
Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m., the Grumbling Gryphons traveling theater will perform “Trickster Coyote Shares the Fire” at Stissing Center for the Arts & Culture. Join the cast and become part of the play. A drama workshop will take place at 9 a.m. More info at grumblinggryphons.org

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Luther Barn, 17 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.  
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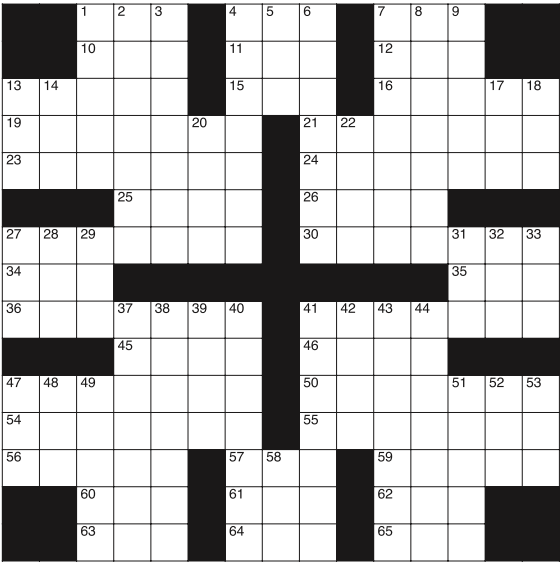
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Get a weight forward line in a bass taper, with the bulk of the weight concentrated in the first 15 feet of a 90 foot line. The poppers catch a lot of wind, and you'll be glad of the extra heft to punch through.  
For flies, you want poppers. I prefer hard poppers to the deer hair or foam variety. A few big hopper and or beetle patterns will also work, as will a big Stimulator.  
For subsurface, which is where the bulk of the action is, you need nothing more complicated than an assortment of big Woolly Buggers in various colors: Sizes 2-8 in olive, black, brown, and white. Get weighted ones, either conehead or beadhead, and save yourself the trouble of adding split shot to the leader. And always get the rubber legs if available.  
If you want to get semi-fancy, the Big Y Fly Company sells an excellent bass streamer called the Bass Vampire. It's purple with yellow dumbbell eyes and comes on a 2/0 hook, which qualifies as a deadly weapon in most states.  
Be prepared for a psychic change. This is very different than prowling a trout stream. It's not just chuck and duck, but it's not especially subtle, either.  
And with several highly unpleasant trips to the dermatologist in my immediate past, I urge you to slather on the sunscreen, and reapply it frequently, while wearing your enormous hat.

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- 4. The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Member of indigenous people in Asia
- 11. Airborne (abbr.)
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Plants of the arum family
- 19. Perceptible by touch
- 21. Rorschach test
- 23. Monetary units
- 24. Art
- 25. Cardinal number
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Hates
- 30. Fixed in one place
- 34. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 35. Moved on foot
- 36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
- 41. A way through
- 45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 46. Leader
- 47. Flowing
- 50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
- 54. Solution for all difficulties
- 55. Soft clothing fabric
- 56. Building material
- 57. Sea bream
- 59. A way to cause to be swollen
- 60. One and only
- 61. Skin color
- 62. Wreath
- 63. Nevertheless
- 64. They \_\_\_
- 65. Sea eagle



- 9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Chemistry solution
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Coming after all others
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. Government lawyers
- 28. Super Bowl winner Manning
- 29. Small amount
- 31. A way to save for your future
- 32. A way to travel behind
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Head pain
- 38. Loud lawn insect
- 39. Actress Hathaway
- 40. Boat race
- 41. About fish

- 42. Nursemaid in India
- 43. Marketable
- 44. Tinier
- 47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
- 48. Paddle
- 49. Oneness
- 51. Bitter compound
- 52. Not around
- 53. Very fast airplane
- 58. Swiss river

August 7 Solution

R	A	B	B	I	S	S	A	L	I	N	E		
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Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

August 7 Solution

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

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- 1. Evidence in a courtroom
- 2. Group of directors
- 3. Panels powered by sunlight
- 4. Colorful reef dweller
- 5. Midsummer majesty

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Sports



Paul, age 4, hands a cold water bottle to Justin Divirgilio after completing the 30-mile cycling course, Aug. 3.

Cyclists take on Litchfield Hills

TORRINGTON — The Tour of the Litchfield Hills returned Sunday, Aug. 3, with athletes hitting the streets, mostly by bike but also by foot, for the annual non-competitive event. Raising money for the Cancer Care Fund of the Litchfield Hills, hundreds of active individuals departed from Coe Memorial Park in Torrington on routes that took them around the Northwest Corner. Cyclist routes included distances ranging from 12 to 100 miles, while runners and walkers trekked 2.4-, 4.2- and

6-mile courses. Justin Divirgilio, of Albany, New York, completed the 30-mile bike route. He said he has been attending the event for four years and enjoys taking part in a positive community outing while supporting a good cause. “My sister-in-law passed away a couple years ago from breast cancer,” Divirgilio said. “It’s nice to contribute to something that’s helping other people.” Since 2004, the Tour of the Litchfield Hills has raised approximately \$2 million for the cause. To learn more or to donate, visit [tourofthelitchfieldhills.com](http://tourofthelitchfieldhills.com).

Housy girls finish second place in summer hoops league

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Housatonic girls basketball finished the Torrington Summer Basketball League as runners up for the 2025 season. The TSBL championship game was played Friday, Aug. 8, at Torrington Armory. Lewis Mills defeated Housatonic 38-10 for the title. The game was well attended with supporters of both sides. Housatonic fell behind early and, plagued by turnovers, struggled to mount a comeback. In the Aug. 5 semifinal game of the TSBL tournament, the Mountaineers won 41-21 against Thomaston. Olivia Brooks caught fire, scoring 23 points with six 3-pointers to help her team advance to the championship. Housatonic ended the summer season with a record of 8-4. Having graduated several seniors this past spring, the Mountaineers started the summer with a new lineup. Rising seniors Olivia Brooks, Victoria Brooks and Maddy Johnson stepped up as new leaders on the team. And high-performing incoming freshmen, such as Aubrey Funk, showed promise. The successful summer campaign was a welcome boost for Housatonic fans, fueling optimism ahead of the varsity season this winter.



Olivia Brooks, left, gets acknowledgments from Carmela Egan while at the free throw line Aug. 8.



Hayden Bachman plays guard for Housatonic.



Aubrey Funk is an incoming freshman at HVRHS.



Victoria Brooks shoots a high-arcing 3-pointer in the championship game Friday, Aug. 8.

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