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Ready for recess

New playground equipment has been installed at North Canaan Elementary School before classes resume Tuesday, Aug. 26. It was funded through years of PTO fundraising along with generous donations made in memory of Judy Blass following her death in 2012. Ben Wohlfert contributed the remaining funds needed for completion. Selectman Jesse Bunce volunteered his time and labor to clear and level the land. All of the new equipment is already being enjoyed by the AHA summer program and daycare.

Gold Dog housing development gets P&Z approval in Sharon

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Gold Dog LLC, the applicant behind a long-contested housing development in Sharon, was given the Planning and Zoning Commission’s nod to move forward with the project on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

The plans call for a 24-unit condominium complex of 12 duplexes arranged around a central driveway and cul-de-sac, situated on grove-like woodland between Hospital Hill Road and Amenias Road.

While not designated as affordable, the development may help provide some much needed diversification of Sharon’s housing market, several of the project’s supporters have said.

The approval was delayed from the Commission’s last meeting in July in expectation of a third-party review of the application’s stormwater runoff plans among other technical details, which was received in early August. At the July meeting the commission showed preliminary signs of approving the project, which has been hotly contest-

ed since P&Z reviewed a previous application from Gold Dog in 2023 that was denied.

That tone held last Wednesday, when P&Z Secretary and Fire Marshall and Building Official Stanley MacMillan Jr. read a motion to ap-

prove the plans. The motion, which is available in full in the Aug. 13 meeting’s minutes on the town website, stated the project is “consistent with infrastructure capacity

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Holy Power

UCC Church Goes Green

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — It took about three years, but the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, is green.

Not the exterior paint job. By

“green” the church is referring to the upgrades in lighting, heating and cooling, plus an electric vehicle charger that have resulted in the church reducing its emissions by

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An overhead look at the church after the solar panels were installed.

Health advocates across the state brace for fallout from Medicaid cuts

By Debra A. Aleksinas

Between 100,000 and 200,000 Connecticut residents could lose health insurance coverage from HUSKY Health, the state’s Medicaid program, over the coming years, severely impacting seniors, healthcare and eldercare facilities, particularly in rural communities.

That assessment from state Comptroller Sean Scanlon, which would impact an estimated one in five people, came on the heels of the passage of H.R.1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), signed into law on July 4.

On July 22, Scanlon released a “Special Examination” on the piece of legislation to aid businesses, individuals and families with information on how it will impact them and their lives in the months and years to come.

Included in the comptroller’s 36-page report is a section on Medicaid, in which the state comptroller outlined expected negative impact to not only Medicaid recipients, but also to providers who serve large

Medicaid populations, such as hospitals, health care centers and nursing homes.

According to Scanlon, “A significant number of low-income residents in Connecticut are expected to lose eligibility for government benefits under the law and will feel the cuts acutely.”

Rural areas in particular are expected to be hard hit, according to state and local healthcare advocates.

Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health & Wellness Center with operations in North Canaan, Winsted and Torrington, noted that rural health centers already face significant and unique challenges.

“Add to this Medicaid cuts expected to be a trillion dollars over the next 10 years and these challenges become a crisis,” she noted. “When the patient population you care for is approximately 55 to 60 percent, Medicaid cuts can be devastating to both enrolled patients and providers who the program

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Neighbors dissatisfied with Wake Robin study

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — Sound was the focus in the Planning and Zoning Zoom room last week, which aired for nearly five hours across two more sessions of the public hearing on the proposed Wake Robin Inn expansion.

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, and Thursday, Aug. 14, the Planning and Zoning Commission held special meetings to continue the hearing, but with the express purpose of addressing potential noise pollution resulting from the proposed redevelopment. Concerns about sound – music, party sounds, car doors, and construction clamor, among other potentially “nuisance” noise-makers — have been

among the most widespread of the complaints against the project since Aradev LLC submitted its first application to P&Z last fall.

During the Aug. 12 meeting, the Commission brought in acoustics expert Herb Singleton of Springfield, Massachusetts-based sound engineering firm Cross-Spectrum Acoustics to present his third-party review findings of a study commissioned by Aradev as part of their revised application this spring. Singleton was largely approving of the study, conducted by Sudbury, Massachusetts-based outfit Cavanaugh Tocci Associates, lauding the study’s data-collecting methods as “tilting

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Online This Week

Region One bus routes announced

The Region One bus routes for the 2025-26 school year have been announced. Find them 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.

Fox avoidance causes utility pole strike

At approximately 10 p.m. on Aug. 11, Michele DiSimone, 47, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts was traveling east on Hammertown Road in Salisbury when she swerved to avoid a fox. The passenger side of her Ford Bronco struck a utility pole, causing it superficial damage but disabling her car. DiSimone was uninjured in the accident. She was issued a written warning for failing to maintain proper lane.

Curb strike accident ends with DWI arrest

Susan Belcher, 74, of Salisbury was driving east on Route 44 by Deano's Pizza in Lakeville on the evening of Aug. 13 when her Mini Cooper struck the curb, disabling the passenger side tire. Upon responding to the accident, troopers issued Belcher a field sobriety test, which she failed. She was processed on the charge of illegal operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and was released on a \$500 non-surety bond. She is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 21.

Arrest on assault warrant

On the morning of Aug. 14, troopers arrested Robert Pascone, 26, of New Fairfield, Connecticut for an active warrant for an incident from January 2025 on Great Hollow Road in Cornwall. He was processed for second degree breach of peace and second degree assault, and was issued a \$5,000 non-surety bond. He is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 4.

Disorderly conduct arrest

On the afternoon of Aug. 14, troopers were dispatched to a West Main Street address in North Canaan on the report of an active disturbance. An investigation led to the arrest of Samantha McLaughlin, 26, of North Canaan for disorderly conduct. She was issued a misdemeanor summons and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 15.

Rabbit causes rear-end collision

Kenneth Roller, 33, of Torrington was driving his Mazda CX-7 down North Elm Street in North Canaan on the evening of Aug. 14 when he stopped for a rabbit in the roadway. Jackson Carol, 21, of Lakeville was following behind Roller in his Volkswagen GTI, which he was unable to stop in time, colliding with the back of Roller's vehicle. No one was injured, but Carol's vehicle was disabled. Carol was issued an infraction for following too closely resulting in a motor vehicle accident.

Abandoned car found in woods

On the morning of Aug. 16, a 2000 Chevrolet S-10 belonging to Aaron Bartow of Pittsfield, Massachusetts was found in the woods near George's Garage on Route 44 in Norfolk. The vehicle was unoccupied and the driver's identity and whereabouts are unknown. The airbag had not been deployed and there were no signs of injury in the vehicle. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop B at 860-626-1820.

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 plans town meeting on purchases of two trucks, cameras

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the Board of Selectmen's meeting Monday, Aug. 11, the selectmen approved two expenditures that will be on the agenda of an upcoming town meeting.

The first is up to \$9,000 for purchasing closed circuit television cameras for the ballot box (as per state law) plus the front and rear entrances at Town Hall.

The second is up to \$180,000 for two new town trucks.

First Selectman Dave Barger said the town meeting will likely have a couple of additional agenda items

and that the meeting will probably be announced sometime this week.

The selectmen accepted, with appreciation, the resignation of Ruth Skovron from the Planning and Zoning Commission and appointed Tim Metzger to fill the vacancy. Kathy Clark was appointed as a P&Z alternate to take Metzger's place.

The selectmen all signed a letter dated July 28 congratulating Avery Tripp for winning the "2025 Female World Breaking Champion" award (in the "Creative Breaking" category) from the International Sport Karate Association.

Appalachian Trail-themed art work

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — A visitor to the Center on Main will notice some sort of art endeavor underway in the vestibule.

The visitor is welcome to contribute.

The ongoing community artwork, called "Sidewalk Studio," is a collaboration between the Center and the Off the Trail Cafe. It has an appropriate Appalachian Trail theme.

Britta Sallik is the Community Connections Manager at the Center and the art project is indicative of the direction she sees for the organization.

She said the Center is working on partnering with businesses and organizations.

"We're trying to multiply the impact," she said.

In the community art project, "We were looking



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Britta Sallik, ably assisted by her daughter, is the Community Connections Manager at the Center on Main and is partnering with businesses.

for a way to have a presence but have it unstaffed."

Sallik works between six and 10 hours per week.

"So we partnered with the

cafe," which is where the finished work will be displayed.

In collaboration with the Recreation Commission, Saturday, Aug. 23 is Box Fort Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Box Fort Day is free and no registration is required. No need to bring boxes or other supplies, either. Sallik said they are well stocked and ready to go.

Sallik came on board about three months ago. She is also a freelance grant writer specializing in farming and food issues, and was once a livestock manager.

She said a major goal

is for people to realize the Center on Main is more than the home of the Falls Village Children's Theater.

The Center hosts taekwondo Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

There are ongoing drum lessons and a drum circle.

And on the first Saturday the Center presents the Twelve Moons Coffee House, with folk music (broadly defined) with open mic and a featured performer.

"It's Falls Village's living room," said Sallik.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Goshen real estate transfers

By Christine Bates

GOSHEN — In the Town of Goshen the transfer of moderate priced homes continued in July with all five transferred properties recorded below \$800,000.

As of mid-August, the median price of listed homes is \$795,000.

Transactions

53 Canterbury Court – 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on .88 acres in Woodridge Lake transferred by Charles Stuart to Samantha Behm and Jameson Irvine for \$320,000 on July 2.

196 East Street North – 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 3.4 acres transferred by Megan McInerny to Edward Shore and Dana Zichlin for \$673,500 on July 15.

21 Bexley Court – 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 0.97 acres in Woodridge Lake transferred by Martha H Phillips Living Trust to James and Gail R Mann for \$799,00 on July 29.

70 Newcomb Road – 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 53 acres transferred by Patricia A. and Raymond A. Damiani to Hannah M.G. and Darlene M.G. Calbick and Lee H. Calbick for \$575,00 on July 30.

19 Tyler Lake Road – 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 0.19 acres transferred by LW Realty LLC to Linda and Jeffrey A. Segal for \$615,000 on July 30.

* Town of Goshen real estate transfers recorded as sold between July 1, 2025, and July 31, 2025, provided by Goshen Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag closed sales by a number of days. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Situated on 3.4 acres, the Barnabus Beach Homestead at 196 East Street North has a renovated main house built in 1740 with five working fireplaces, three bedrooms, a former milk house and large storage barn. It sold for \$673,500 in July after 108 days on the market

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HISTORIC FESTIVAL PARADE

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

The Sharon Town Hall was packed for the Low Road hearing on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

Low Road Sharon hearing extended

By Alec Linden

SHARON — It was standing room only Wednesday, Aug. 13, for the second round of public hearing for an application by arts nonprofit Low Road Sharon to develop an office space and events facility adjacent to the North Main Street shopping plaza.

Land Surveyor James McTigue of Arthur H. Howland & Associates and Conley Rollins representing the nonprofit presented changes to the proposal since the last hearing. The alterations were made in response to queries from residents and officials alike for more specific plans for the usage of the site and clarification on development specifications such as lighting, parking and landscaping.

McTigue said the new plans remove three of the

tall pedestrian light fixtures to limit any lighting interference with abutters and Lovers Lane, which has no street lighting.

He stated there would be “no lighting on the backside of the property” adjacent to Lovers Lane. He noted that the lighting structures to be used follow “dark sky” principles, focusing their illumination downwards, not outwards, to mitigate spread. The lights will be timed to turn off no later than 9:30 p.m.

It was specified that the north building would be used primarily as an extension of the office space in the south building, but with the added capacity for cultural programming such as readings, exhibitions, and performances, hosted by Low Road Sharon, other local non-profits or the town.

These events, which would be free of charge and open to the public, will be capped at 78 guests and end by 9 p.m., and there would be no external commercial use or rented events in the building.

Public comment yielded several more queries about traffic impact to Lovers Lane, to which McTigue responded that there is “no expected increase of traffic on Lovers Lane” as all parking is in on-site lots accessed from Low Road with overflow behind the NBT Bank on North Main Street.

A letter from Cassandra Hess on behalf of Thomas and Margaret Youngberg, residents on Lovers Lane, asked for several clarifications in the proposal, including a detailed tree removal plan, further lighting alterations and specification of the usage of a proposed

walkway along a stream on the property, among other concerns. The letter states that abutting property owners have “significant concerns over the scale and impact of the current proposal.”

Two other letters read into the record showed support for the project. Stephanie Plunkett of Kirk Road argued that “creative industries... are powerful engines of local prosperity” and “enrich our sense of place and community identity.”

Nick Moore, who’s family farm sits on Low Road, described Jasper Johns, the celebrated painter, and Low Road Sharon as “good neighbors” and that the plans are “a big improvement over the existing structures” currently located at 1 Low Road.

The applicant filed for a 65-day extension of the hearing to formally respond to comments raised at the meeting. The hearing will be continued at the next P&Z meeting, scheduled for Sept. 10.

North Canaan OKs new Dunkin’ location

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — The application for a stand-alone Dunkin’ location at 14 E. Main St. has been approved.

The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously accepted the proposal at its regular meeting Monday, Aug. 11, with no additional discussion.

Plans show an 1,844 square foot building with 15 parking spaces and a drive thru that can fit up to 12 stacking vehicles. A privacy fence will be placed on the East side of the property.

The new location will replace the existing Dunkin’ that currently operates in the gas station across the street.

During the July 14 public hearing for this application, Chairman Mike O’Connor said P&Z approval would be conditional on a traffic study by Connecticut Department of Transportation.

As of Aug. 11, P&Z had not received a traffic study. Acting P&Z Chairman Dalton Jacquier, filling in for O’Connor at the Aug. 11 meeting, said no traffic study was required in order for the commission approval. Borghesi Building-Engineering has been contracted for construction of the site.

Industrial Zoning Application

A public hearing was held prior to the regular P&Z meeting Aug. 11, for

a rezoning application submitted by Ryan Foley.

Foley, owner of R Foley Electric, applied for a 6.4 acre section of his property on W. Main St. to be rezoned as industrial. The remaining 48.19 acres of his property would remain residential/agricultural.

The reasoning for this change, as presented by planning consultant Martin Connor, was to “allow the owners of the property to develop that section of the property for industrial development.”

Connor said this change does not constitute spot zoning because it abuts the North Canaan Transfer Station, which is zoned industrial, and is located across from Triumph Airfield.

A letter from Ian Edwards, neighbor of Foley, suggested granting a variance to allow Foley’s business to operate on the property while maintaining the residential/agricultural zoning.

Robert Sprague spoke against the change, stating he has experienced negative impacts from commercial activity as a result of industrial rezoning in his neighborhood.

“You end up living in a residential area with commercial activity and that’s not quality of life,” said Sprigg.

The topic was tabled until the September meeting.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Max Lins, at left, worked with the Scoville Memorial Library’s Julia Hobart on a fidget cube Saturday, Aug. 16.

Finding fun in making fidget toys

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At about 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, things were looking bleak at the Scoville Memorial Library for Julia Hobart’s children’s program.

Nobody had showed up to make cool stuff like fidget toys.

Hobart was stoic about this. Teenagers can be erratic, and a summer Saturday offers many alternatives.

But then Max Lins and his mother Ari Cruz showed up and saved the day.

Max is 11 years old and heading into 6th grade at Salisbury Central School.

After carefully weighing the options, he decided to make a fidget cube, which

is constructed out of little squares of wood, cunningly taped together so they fold around themselves.

Hobart had a bag full of materials, including an As-tex comic, which Max chose for his initial foray into fidget cube decoration.

Max watched carefully as Hobart demonstrated how to place the tape so the thing folds correctly.

“Ahh,” he said. “I think I get how this is going to work.” And it did.

As it turned out, reinforcements were on the way. As a reporter headed down the stairs to the children’s section and the library’s rear entrance, there was another mother, this time with a young girl, looking puzzled.

“We thought there was a —” started the mother.

“Upstairs, on the right” she was told.

This coming Saturday, Aug. 23, there’s an end-of-summer reading event at the library starting at 1 p.m. and winding up at 4 p.m. with a concert by the Salisbury Band. Readers need to check in between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to qualify for raffle prizes.

Cornwall loosens zoning regs on buildable lot consideration

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The restrictive rectangle is a thing of the past.

Cornwall Planning and Zoning Commission modified the town zoning regulations Aug. 12 in an effort to allow for construction of more homes.

The change removed the requirement that a property’s buildable area must be contained within a 20,000 square foot rectangle with each side no shorter than 100 feet.

The newly adopted regulation allows buildable areas to be any shape that can be drawn with a 100-foot diameter circle. The 20,000 square foot minimum size remained static.

Commissioner James LaPorta clarified, “The buildable area is not the same as lot dimensions. So, if an applicant comes before the Commission and requests to have a subdivision or make a lot, we look at both the lot dimensions and make sure it has specific dimensional requirements. But also we make sure that there’s a buildable area within that lot that would contain the house.”

Buildable lots cannot contain steep slopes or wetlands, among other terrain considerations.

The regulation change was unanimously approved

upon conclusion of a public hearing that saw three residents express support.

“It’s about time,” said Nancy Berry. “I support this. I applaud it.”

Jill Cutler of the Affordable Housing Commission thanked P&Z for the effort to increase housing stock in Cornwall.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway noted, “Housing is a top priority of the Board of Selectmen. I think this is a good step.” He continued, “It’s a small step, but many small steps get you where you need to be.”

The change will take effect Sept. 1.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Zoning Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the following application was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 12, 2025:

Application #2025-0290 request for variance to construct a screened porch within 50 feet of a waterbody/watercourse (section 305.1). The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54 as Lot 4 and is known as 210 Between the Lakes Road, Salisbury, Connecticut. The owners of the property are Bryan & Page Seyfried.

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

Salisbury Zoning Board of Appeals
Lee Greenhouse, Secretary
08-21-25

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Garbage woes at popular North Kent Road swimming hole

By Alec Linden

KENT — Even as afternoon clouds gathered, Sunday was a proper scene down on a bucolic bend in the Housatonic River off North Kent Road No. 2, a longtime swimming hole that has received negative publicity in recent years for misuse, primarily in the form of litter and waste left negligently at the site. Despite the jovial mood and thumping music, some of the riverside revelers were aware that things must change to ensure the summertime oasis stays open.

“We’re in jeopardy of losing this really nice spot to hang out at, to play music and spend time with our families if we don’t clean up” said a Danbury-based taxi driver who wished to remain anonymous.

Sitting on a camping chair in ankle deep water by the riverbank surrounded by the rest of her group, she gestured at the surrounding landscape: a swimming-pool like hole where swimmers of all ages relaxed in the August-warm river, surrounded by gentle rapids.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Riverside-revelers bring many diversions to the banks of the Housatonic on a recent Sunday afternoon.

“It’s a fun area that connects you with nature,” she said. “I can speak for my group — we pick up all our trash.”

Those who don’t respect the area ruin the spot for everybody, the taxi driver said.

Frank, another Danbury resident who said he’d been visiting the spot for 12 years, said that he comes to “enjoy a nice meal with family,” arriving early to secure a prime

spot. He said he knows many of the groups that frequent the location, which remind him of scenes from his home in the Dominican Republic.

His advice to those thinking of littering? “Do the thing you think is better for the world — don’t watch what others do, just do the right thing.”

The outreach of river stewards has made noticeable impacts, the taxi driver

said, pointing at half full-trash bags at each surrounding group’s setup. The stewards are interns from the Housatonic Valley Association who have been distributing garbage bags and stewardship guidance at popular locations along the Wild and Scenic stretch of the Housatonic since June. This was their last weekend on the job, and their efforts did not go unnoticed: the taxi driver from Danbury said she had visited swimming holes across Connecticut and never found such a welcoming community as that in Kent.

Kent Resident Trooper Vicki Donahoe, who had been stationed at the trailhead since 11:30 that Sunday morning, and all day Saturday before that, said that a convivial approach was the best path forward, but that the litter must stop. “I want them to be happy. I just want them to pick up their garbage.”

The only issues Trooper

Donahoe had experienced thus far were illegal parking incidents, which she promptly addressed. Otherwise, river-goers had been receptive to her guidance on how to respect the river and accepted offerings of garbage bags.

Still, the litter remains. Trooper Donahoe pointed at some discolored napkins on the ground just in front of the trailhead kiosk to the preserve, which is owned by the state Department of Energy and the Environment. “Look at that nasty stuff,” she said. “No one wants to pick that up.” She reported that a group of self-volunteered residents had retrieved hundreds of bottle caps at the site the day before. “That’s not right.”

With 51 cars parked on the road and multitudes of that number on the shoreline below, the beach at 4 p.m. on Sunday was relatively clean, largely due to the efforts of those residents who have removed hundreds of pounds

of trash from the beach in recent weeks.

What to do with the spot moving forward is a complicated matter, but some river advocates are determined to find solutions that keep the river open and accessible.

Mike Jastremski, Watershed Conservation Director at the Housatonic Valley Association, advocated at an Aug. 4 selectmen’s meeting, and again in a subsequent interview, for “equitable, safe and sustainable” river access: a recognition that “the river belongs to all of us,” that it is inherently dangerous but with safer zones, and that it be managed in a way that promotes recreation that is both sustainable to the community and the resource itself.

The North Kent Road spot, he argued, satisfies the first two tenets quite well, as a free, publicly accessible and relatively safe swimming hole in comparison with other riskier, but still popular, locations along the river.

A core facet of stewardship and the HVA’s mission is getting people to personally connect with the resource. “You’re not going to care about it unless you’re there,” he said.

Beyond changing the mindsets of river users, he said, is getting the various parties of interest in the area to work together to come up with solutions, which includes the town, DEEP, Eversource Energy, the Kent Land Trust, the Housatonic Valley Association, and, of course, neighbors residents and recreators.

“People want to be on the river,” Jastremski said, “and not only that, they have a right to be on the river.”

MOTORIOT gets P&Z nod

By Alec Linden

KENT – Antique and rare car dealership MOTORIOT returned before the Planning and Zoning Commission last Thursday, Aug. 14, to receive yet another cautious approval — this time a parking plan at its Bridge Street storefront.

“This, of course, is the type of site plan we’ve been asking for a very long time,” said P&Z Chair Wes Wyrick, after MOTORIOT’s environmental consultant Larry Page gave the introductory overview of the revised parking scheme.

Thursday’s conversation, which bordered on argumentative at times, follows a rocky history between the business, which opened in 2023 without town or state permits. In August 2024, MOTORIOT was retroactively granted a permit on the last possible day before an automatic denial due.

Despite several tense moments throughout the meeting, though, the Commission ultimately found the parking layout to be satisfactory. “I applaud this site plan,” said Wyrick, “It’s professionally done.”

The revised plan features some rearrangement of the site’s parking to accommodate for the whole property, which includes an additional auto repair shop and landscaping business alongside the classic car dealership. The plan illustrates 52 total on-site spaces, 20 more than the required 20 for the building’s use. As MOTORIOT now owns the building, it is incumbent upon the business to account for all the parking on the property.

The crux of the latest disagreement focused on a proposed “storage area” outside the building in front of the interior showroom. The proposal calls for 20 inventory vehicles — including motorcycles — to be staged in the area, a number which Wyrick and several other commissioners were concerned would be too many for the 75 by 30 foot space.

“We’re trying to avoid the nuisance factor here,” said Wyrick, referring to the possibility of clutter or vehicles protruding from the allotted storage area.

Jason Doornick, co-own-



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Classic cars arranged in the space set to be a “storage area” for displaying inventory.

er of the dealership, pushed back, saying that the site has to be flexible to account for different arrangements of different types of vehicles.

“The space is designed to be modular,” said Doornick. “I think that’s the key word here.”

P&Z member Darrell Cherniske posited that it was outside the purview of the Commission to assign a capacity to the storage space. “The space has limitations. Whatever they can fit in there they can fit in there,” said Cherniske.

Commission alternate Anne McAndrew asked a question regarding recent complaints from neighbors about MOTORIOT employees and vehicles parking on neighboring streets, which hit a sore note with Doornick. Specifically, several Elizabeth Street residents signed a complaint letter to the Board of Selectmen last month asking that it prohibit commercial and employee parking on the street, citing disruptive congestion and noise on the residential road. No plans are currently in place to alter Elizabeth

Street’s public parking status, but the BOS is considering a widespread downtown parking assessment.

“This is an issue that Kent is facing, not MOTORIOT,” Doornick replied to McAndrew, explaining that the parking on Elizabeth Street is unrestricted, and as such the business and its staff have every right to park there. Commission alternate Chris Harrington expressed that the town’s zoning regulations require a business to provide sufficient parking for its employees, which the current plans do achieve, but Doornick doubled down that it’s not his dealership’s problem.

“Look, we’re just here to get our plan approved. Elizabeth Street is a whole other story that the town of Kent needs to deal with, not us.”

Chair Wes Wyrick announced that he will not seek another term after serving nearly 20 years on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

“I feel like it’s time to move on,” he told the rest of the Commission just before the meeting adjourned. “So that’s what I’m gonna do.”

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Maureen Louise Grannan

CANAAN — Maureen Louise Grannan, of New-



ton, Massachusetts, passed away Aug. 2 after a short battle with leukemia. She was 75. Maureen was a strong, independent, wonderful and compassionate person, who brightened many lives. Maureen was raised in Canaan, Connecticut, often returning with family to explore the beautiful countryside. She instilled strong values, skills and a work ethic in her children but never forgot to have fun. She loved family vacations to Maine to visit her dear friends, reading, cookouts and cooking.

Maureen's love extended to her beloved dogs Sophie, Mollie, Murphy and her cat Coco. She loved taking the dogs to Duxbury Beach, watching them run free and stopping for pupcups on the way home. One of her favorite pleasures was exploring beaches for the perfect shell and sea glass. In her final years her proudest moment was becoming a grandmother to her "Lovey."

Maureen always put others' needs ahead of her own, whether it be family, work or her animals. She enjoyed her studies at the Boston University nursing school, graduating in 1973. She loved being an oncology nurse manager. During her career, Maureen collaborated with colleagues to support and treat her patients she cared deeply about. She worked diligently to improve the care of cancer patients. She began her career at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor, Maine. She later worked at the University of Vermont Medical Center in

Burlington, Vermont, Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts and Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston among other hospitals. During her time at NWH, she completed her Masters Degree at the UMass Chan Medical School. She ended her career as the Executive Director of Newton at Home, a non-profit that helps keep seniors in their homes.

Maureen was born May 25, 1950, at Sibley Hospital in Washington D.C. Maureen is survived by her husband, Charles Doll Jr. of Newton, son, Ryan Grannan-Doll of Newton, daughter, Kelsey Grannan-Doll, her daughter-in-law, Sara Weinstock and her granddaughter, Tegan "Lovey" Grannan-Doll of Maynard; her brother, Bruce Grannan and sister-in-law, Melinda Matzell of Ithaca, New York, mother, Elizabeth Grannan of Salisbury, Connecticut, and sister-in-law, Linda Black of DeWitt, New York. She is also survived by her lifetime friend, Mary Stinchfield of Bridgton, Maine.

Maureen is predeceased by her father, Walter Ross Grannan Jr., her mother-in-law, Ruth Doll, her father-in-law, Charles Doll Sr., and her brother-in-law, Steve Black.

In her honor, you may donate to the American Cancer Society, or Newton at Home.

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A celebration of her life will be held in the fall.

Edith L. Gaskin

LAKEVILLE — Edith L. Gaskin passed away peacefully on Aug. 18, 2025, at her home in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, at the age of 101. She was a longtime Lakeville/Salisbury resident until recently when she moved to Cape Cod to be closer to her daughter, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Edith and her late husband Don moved to Lakeville in 1969 and she contributed to the community in innumerable ways, including as co-proprietor of the Unicorn Bookshop, positions with the Sharon Creative Arts Foundation (SCAF), in the business office and the library at Salisbury School, and as a classroom volunteer at Salisbury Central School.

Edith was born in Secaucus, New Jersey, on Aug. 5, 1924. She graduated from the New Jersey College for Women and did graduate work in Spanish literature at the University of Mexico in Mexico City. She later

served on the Board of Education in Little Falls, New Jersey for five years, the first and only woman on the nine-person panel. She was also instrumental in getting a new library built in Little Falls, New Jersey. Edith was an avid reader and was a frequent visitor to the Scoville Library, but her happiest moments were spent with her family.

Edith is survived by her two daughters, Carol Gaskin and her husband Nick of Sarasota, Florida, and Debra Fails and her husband Robert of Mashpee, Massachusetts, three grandchildren, Sarah Jardine and her husband Andrew, Seth Fails and his wife Emily, and Mattie Menassa and her husband Joe and five great-grandchildren, Amelia and Eloise Jardine and Bodhi, Milo and Wyatt Fails.

Memorial contributions in Edith's name, may be sent to the Save the Children organization or to The Native American Women's College Fund.

Calling Hours

Marion J. (Cookingham) Pedersen

SHARON — Marion J. (Cookingham) Pedersen of Sharon, Connecticut, passed peacefully on May 20, 2025, at the age of 91, and her loving husband of almost 75 years, Niels (Pete) Pedersen Sr. of Sharon, Connecticut passed away peacefully on June 27, 2025, at the age of

94.

Calling hours for both will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St., Sharon, CT. Burials will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donors choice.

Amenia's Isabela settling in to fine-dining scene

By Leila Hawken

AMENIA — Since opening six months ago, Isabela has grown as the American bistro it is within the popular local food community and continued to grow thanks to a sophisticated menu and devoted clientele.

"There have been lots of menu changes, maybe four or five times the menu has changed since opening," said chef/owner José Ramirez Ruiz during an interview on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

For example, new to the menu and popular is a monkfish skewer that includes squid, turmeric, tomatoes and crushed potatoes. That he became animated as he described the cooking process, a clear hint that the dish should be ordered and savored.

"We're trying to be as seasonal as possible," Ramirez Ruiz said.

Popular also is the Clams and Tomatoes appetizer with parsley, onions and cucumber, a perfect way to start a memorable meal.

It has been a lifetime of cooking for Ramirez Ruiz — who had a restaurant in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, immediately before coming to open in Amenia. Past experience has included high-end restaurant kitchens in Europe and even an Irish pub in Massachusetts.

Incidentally, Isabela is named not for a person but for the town in Puerto Rico where Ramirez Ruiz grew up.



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American fare with a fine dining twist define Isabela's menu.

"The support from the local community has been humbling," Ramirez Ruiz said with certainty. "Truly, people are telling us they want to see us succeed."

The first month after opening on March 26 was busy because everyone was visiting out of natural curiosity, but now the business has settled into a good steady population of regulars and area residents attracted by hearing good reports.

For those who track the price of oysters offered locally, Isabela features oysters at \$2 each during Happy Hour, and the bar burger is noteworthy because each ingredient is created in the kitchen. That is, the beef is ground, the cheese mixture is in-house, and the other flavor enhancers are made by hand, not to mention that the bun is made there, not bought. "The sourdough bread is amazing," Ramirez Ruiz said, noting that it is made with local grains. Customers are buying loaves to take home,

he added.

In fact, local sourcing is key to Isabela's entire restaurant philosophy. Wines are from local small-volume producers, beers and ciders are local. 41 different local and area farms and producers supply the restaurant, Ramirez Ruiz said. Half, from surrounding states, supply meats, fish, vegetables and more for the menu and the other half, from New York State supply the bar.

As for staffing, Adam and

Liz have been capably serving customers in the bar since the opening.

"We've been complimented on our service," he said. "Service is a significant aspect."

Ramirez Ruiz noted that he spends 20 to 30 minutes each day in staff training.

Isabela is located at 3330 Route 343 in Amenia. For information on restaurant hours, go to www.isabela-amenia.com or phone 845-789-1007.

Dutchess County school districts implement state's cellphone ban

By Nathan Miller

AMENIA — The Webutuck School District is implementing a bell-to-bell cellphone ban in the wake of New York State legislation requiring public schools to create a "distraction-free" environment.

At Webutuck, students will be required to store cellphones in their lockers during the day, where the devices are to remain unused until the final bell at the end of the day.

Webutuck administrator Robert Knuschke said said there are still methods for parents to get in touch with

students, including contacting the center office. "We are working on a way for kids to be able to receive emails from their parents on school devices," Knuschke said. "But there's never a time when the kids won't be able to be reached by their parents through our main office."

The Millbrook and Pine Plains Central School Districts have also implemented cellphone bans in compliance with New York State law. The policies stipulate that use of the device that violates the district's code of conduct may result in suspension in line with established policies.

John Martin Deely

FALLS VILLAGE — John Martin Deely of Tarrytown, New York, passed away on Aug. 4, 2025, at the age of 83, in Palm Springs, California. John is predeceased by his dad, Dr. John J. Deely, and mom, Anne Brooks Deely, and his sister, Anne C. Elbery. He is survived by his sister Janet Deely and her partner Lillian, nephews William Elbery and wife Madeline, Mark Elbery, niece Lynn Elbery Cavanagh, as well as two grandnephews and three grandnieces.

Upon graduating from college, John was drafted into the army where he did a tour in Vietnam, and received The Bronze Star Medal. After his service, John settled in New York City in 1972 and started his career in the fashion industry in retail sales for

the Izod division of General Mills. Later, John was hired by Kimberly Knitwear as the accounts executive dealing with major retailers across the country. In 1979 he became the VP of Sales and Marketing for Castleberry until he retired in 1993.

John then moved to Falls Village, Connecticut where he continued his joys of skiing, golfing, cooking, and entertaining friends. He also took up horseback riding and entered many events with his beloved horse, Reno. Deciding he wanted a warmer client, John moved to Palm Springs, California in 2014.

Because of his outgoing and warm nature, John formed many special friendships during his lifetime.

A life well lived, John will be missed.





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Chang Chill elephant sanctuary in Chiang Mai.

HVRHS students explore Thailand

Thailand was without a doubt one of the most inspiring and incredible trips taken by the Housatonic Valley Regional High School International Travel Club.

Thanks to the fundraising from Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders and the annual Wine Dinner and Auction last fall hosted by the White Hart Inn, 23 students and seven chaperones traveled to Bangkok and the Chiang Mai region in July and August for 12 days.

Every moment was truly special. We visited ancient temples, tried new and delicious foods and watched elephants majestically roam the forests.

Roughly five days of the trip were specifically dedicated to service. In addition to cutting sugar cane and preparing vitamin balls for elephants at an ethical sanctuary, we also worked with children ages 7 to 13 at a local school. We raised garden beds and created more than 1,000 mushroom plants that will supply the children with food to eat and sell over the next five months.

Despite the language barrier, HVRHS students were

HVRHS TRAVELOGUE MADISON GRANEY AND GRACE GRANEY

able to play games and interact with the children on a more personal level. Helping the school not only touched the lives of the students and families living in Thailand, but also touched the hearts of the traveling students. Nothing feels better than giving back, helping those in need and creating lasting memories and bonds across continents.

Madison Graney is a rising senior at HVRHS, and Grace Graney is a rising junior. Both sisters look forward to traveling with the club again.

The HVRHS International Travel Club thanks the following for supporting this trip: Northwest Corner: Students Without Borders, the 21st Century Fund, Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund, Youth World Awareness Program, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Region One community.



The historic city of Ayutthaya, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR ‘Sharon Summer Book Signing’ success

On August 1, after a day of torrential rain, the clouds parted and the sun came out to welcome 29 authors and more than 200 guests to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon’s 27th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing. Books were signed and purchased; friends greeted neighbors; authors and readers connected. Eight authors were guests of honor at elegant dinners hosted by generous library patrons.

And on Saturday, we debuted our new event, Page to Plate, featuring six cookbook authors, food media personalities, and chefs. Participants sat at rapt attention as they learned what it is like to run a test kitchen, how to break into food media, and how to make sourdough bread, buttery biscuits, small-batch blackberry preserves, and scrumptious chocolate chip cookies with crispy edges surrounding a soft center. We

were wowed with stories of traditional southern baking and how a well-known food blogger came to write his first novel. A festive brunch completed the weekend.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of the authors, presenters, hosts, sponsors, hardworking staff, the legion of volunteers who made it happen, and all of the many attendees. Their dedication allows the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon to fulfill its mission as an inclusive community center, committed to fostering lifelong learning and providing free and open access to knowledge, culture, and technology. Together, we turn pages, open minds, and build a brighter future.

We hope to see you at the 28th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing next year.

Gretchen Hachmeister
Executive Director
Lorna D. Edmundson
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Opinion



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Artistic freedom is under attack

Oh, the irony of it all.

Last week, I wrote a letter printed in the Aug. 8 issue of The Lakeville Journal, commenting on Mac Gordon’s editorial on the Trump administration’s move to censor architectural creativity. And just today, I read that Trump has created a three-person panel to vet upcoming exhibitions in a number of the Smithsonian Institution’s museums, including the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

My father, Abram Lerner, was the founding director of the Hirshhorn, and over many years was instrumental in helping Mr. Hirshhorn to amass one of the great collections of 19th and 20th-century American and European art.

In the past twenty years, the Museum has been a beacon for contemporary and experimental art, welcoming

artists of color and diverse cultures to show their work. From the Wall Street Journal: “The White House plans to conduct a far-reaching review of Smithsonian museum exhibitions, materials, and operations ahead of America’s 250th anniversary to ensure the museums align with President Trump’s interpretation of American history.”

The suppression of artistic freedom has been an integral part of the playbook of fascist and communist regimes. The Nazis used censorship to suppress what they considered undesirable art, but also to create their vision of what was acceptable and could be used as a tool for propaganda.

In the 1940s and 50’s, McCarthyism led to the blacklisting of artists and writers who were accused of being communists. Many careers

in Hollywood were destroyed. Artists and writers left the country, and others had to write under pseudonyms to survive. Film-makers steered away from progressive themes like the plight of the working class and racial injustice in favor of anti communist propaganda films or escapism.

Just last month, artist Amy Sherard withdrew the “American Sublime” exhibition from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, citing a “culture of censorship.” “Amy Sherard — the artist who rocketed to fame with her 2018 portrait of Michelle Obama — has withdrawn her upcoming solo show from the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery because she said she had been told the museum was considering removing her painting depicting a transgender Statue

of Liberty to avoid provoking President Trump.” New York Times.

The painting might have made some folks uncomfortable. Still, it certainly would have provoked thought about our treatment of transgender people, our current immigrant policy, and what that statue has meant to millions coming to the United States to seek freedom of expression.

Now the Kennedy Center, known for its bipartisan board of directors and its nonpartisan choices for recognition of artists of distinction, has been hijacked by Trump. One of the recipients of this year’s awards Gloria Gaynor, whose hit “I Will Survive,” the lament of a spurned lover, is now the battle hymn of a petty, vindictive man.

Aline Libassi
Falls Village

Grumbling Gryphons: celebrating 45 years!

As summer begins to slip away and autumn beckons, I would like to thank all those who participated and supported Grumbling Gryphons in our 45th Gala Celebration held at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Friday, Aug. 1. For 45 years we have been traveling into schools, libraries, museums, theaters, festivals, bringing interactive theater workshops and performances to youth and families throughout Connecticut and beyond. Our 45th Celebration brought joy, music, dance, puppetry, storytelling and multi-generational teamwork to the stage! Nine children ranging from ages 6-12 performed with confidence and beauty in tandem with 17 adult Grumbling Gryphon actors from over the years! Our repertoire ranged from poetry, to mythology including a 15 person Dragon and The Golden Lady, a larger-than-life puppet created by Ellen Moon which graced the stage for our finale, as foot stomping music of the Berkshire Resilience Brass Band brought everyone to their feet. To top off the evening, Linnea Ellistad, 7-year-old trumpeter from Sweden, melted our hearts with Beethoven’s Ode to Joy on trumpet as the audience and cast relished a piece of Rainbow Cake, created by Cornwall’s masterful baker Tamara Polk.

To begin the evening, Professor Gil Harel-pianist, composer and musical director led the Naugatuck Valley College Summer Cabaret Singers in an original composition — “Through The Rainbow” composed for the occasion. Twelve singers with angelic voices sang upliftingly to the slide show of “Through The Rainbow and into The Stars.” A special commemoration to members who have now passed on, included a tribute to Robert Flannagan, Grumbling Gryphons original co-founder and mask maker. Flannagan created the OZ head for Wicked on Broadway as well as puppets for the Muppets. Dale Adams, our dedicated keyboardist of 35 years was honored among myriad others.

A special highlight of the evening was a performance by jazz pianist Alan Simon of Falls Village, who accompanied singer/actor Daniel Saed for Summertime by Gershwin and Pollution by the late, great Tom Lehrer. There are so many individuals and organizations to thank, but I begin with special gratitude to The Lakeville Journal which provides such meaningful and important news to our Northwest Corner. We thank the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation for providing a Cycle One Grant through the Carlton D. Fyler and Jenny F. Fyler Fund, which helped to support theater camp and the 45th Gala Celebration! Thank you to The Berkshire Taconic Community Foun-

dation for providing scholarships for theater campers. Thank you to Ian Strever, and staff at HVHRS for providing a welcoming home for our celebration. Extra thanks to Micah Conway, math teacher at the high school, who was the main production manager. Thank you to cofounders Nicholas Jacobs and Vanessa Roe.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents for providing support for your children and to our generous donors and audiences! Together we will grow the arts and place value on arts in education in a time where it is needed more than ever!

Leslie Elias
Cornwall

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — August 1900
SALISBURY — Harold Stalker is quite ill of typhoid fever.

Abram Martin on Thursday brought to this office the tallest stalk of sweet corn we have yet seen. It measured 11 feet and is of the evergreen variety.

From thirty to forty tons of coal are consumed each year at Canaan depot, each railroad company, the C.N.E. and the N.Y. N.H. and H., supplying one-half of the amount.

A complete hot water heating system is being put in the residence of A.M. Tibbetts at Salisbury. W.E. Cornell and a force of plumbers are doing the work. The water is conducted from a large spring which has been transformed into a good sized reservoir about 1500 feet in the rear of the house.

SHARON — Charlie Wing, the popular laundry-man, has sold out his business to his cousin Charlie Sing, from New York, and is working with his brother at Lakeville.

Apparently the bear has vanished, and it is also quite noticeable that the berry season is about over. He was a lively bear while he lasted and has won the admiration of all by the manner in which he has eluded all the strenuous efforts made to capture him. Now it is time for the jabberwock to put in appearance and scare away the small boy from the green apple orchard.

John Thorpe's valuable dog "Rambler" had to be shot Sunday morning owing to injuries caused by being run over by cars.

Mrs. P.P. Everts of Ore Hill had the misfortune to fall from a chair on Tuesday and break one of the bones of her forearm. Dr. Bissell set the bone and she is doing remarkably well for a lady 86 years old.

An excursion of five well-loaded cars from Rhinecliff to Hartford went over the line on Tuesday.

Under the pension law of May 9th, 1900, it is stated that veterans of the Civil War who have attained the age of 75 years are entitled to a pension of \$12 per month, being considered wholly disabled for manual labor. Claimants 65 years of age may obtain \$6 per month under the same act. In the application no other disabling cause need set forth except a statement of the age, but competent proof will be required for the age.

A historical search, which for George Kiefer has spanned nearly three decades, has finally ended in success. While working on a private tract of land in East Colebrook with his son Matt, Kiefer discovered a charcoal burning pit that had not been worked out. He said he had seen pits before but not since he began looking in 1948 did he find one that had not been dug out. In the 19th and early 20th centuries pits were dug into the earth and wood burned to produce charcoal for the iron industry. Burning took place in Colebrook because of the abundance of timber available after wood had been cut closer to the iron furnaces of Salisbury and Canaan. Kiefer said he found pieces of charcoal on top of the pit the size of quarters and half dollars. He suggested that the person tending the pit may have died or fallen on hard times as the pit had not been worked out.

100 years ago — August 1925
The truck which delivered the Sunday papers left the road and crashed through the railing at the Renshaw place last Sunday morning, coming to a stop in the ditch. Fortunately the occupants of the truck escaped injury.

Chester Thurston was the victim of a peculiar accident last Saturday. He dropped the comb which he was using on the floor. When he stooped over to pick it up his barber shears fell from his coat pocket, the points striking him on top of his left hand and puncturing one of the large arteries. The blood

sputured pretty freely until the wrist was corded and the injury cared for.

William H. Wilkinson who lives on Brinton Hill celebrated his 78th birthday last Sunday. Mr. Wilkinson was born in Lakeville Aug. 9, 1847 and served in the Civil War with First Connecticut cavalry. He took part in the following battles: Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Ashland 2d, Cedar Creek, Back Road, Woodstock, Waynesboro, Harper's Farms, Five Forks, Jetersville, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox.

50 years ago — August 1975
The state has sketched alternative plans for preserving and restoring Northwest Connecticut's iron industry heritage. The region's 9-town planning agency was asked Wednesday night to react to the plan. The report, prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection, traces the region's iron industry history, notes sites possibly suited for restoration or museum use, and sketches options for action.

KENT — First Selectman Eugene O'Meara confirmed this week that the corporate headquarters which had looked into the possibility of relocating in Kent has found property elsewhere. The news had broken recently that the firm, which would employ approximately 1500 people at its headquarters, was considering a site in the town. The first selectman was contacted by a realtor as to his reaction to such a proposal.

Statements by two Sharon Hospital employees given to State Police shortly after the death of Barbara Gibbons nearly two years ago offer yet another version as to when the hospital was notified of trouble at the home in Falls Village where Peter Reilly was arrested. According to published reports, prosecution statements taken by state police and recently turned over to Reilly's defense attorneys present new and yet seemingly conflicting statements as to a time sequence of events during the evening of Sept. 28, 1973. The two statements by the Sharon Hospital employees were never presented during the trial in Litchfield Superior Court.

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David and Borgny Parker of Falls Village have bought the former Patchen home on Farnam Road, Lakeville,

for a tax-indicated price of \$35,000.

Mike Marchetti of the Connecticut Extension Service this week reported that Japanese beetles have been sighted in Litchfield County. The beetles, according to Marchetti, are moving north after causing destruction in the southern part of the state. The bugs eat just about anything, and especially enjoy garden crops and flowers.

The end came swiftly this week for one of Canaan's businesses. Helbling's Delicatessen, a store that was opened with high hopes and great ambitions just over a year ago, closed this week, a victim of the recession. There was little advance warning the store would close. On Thursday proprietor James Blakey hung signs advertising all merchandise at half price. By the weekend the store was closed.

25 years ago — August 2000
KENT — Seth MacFarlane, the creator of the television program "Family Guy," has won an Emmy for his role as Stewie Griffin on the animated show. Mr. MacFarlane also does the voices of several of the show's other characters.

SALISBURY — Alice Combes, president of Mt. Riga Inc., has announced that Mt. Riga Inc. will temporarily close its trail between Bald Peak and the Appalachian Trail effective today (Aug. 17). The trail from the parking lot on the Mount Washington Road to Bald Peak will remain open for day hikers. One purpose of the temporary closing is to assess the environmental impact of hiking on the trail. Also, the closing is in response to the publication by the Boston-based headquarters of the Appalachian Mountain Club of a hiking guide identifying the Bald Peak Trail as a public trail. Unfortunately, the representative from the mountain club headquarters failed to attend either of two meetings scheduled to discuss remedies to the erroneous publication and have not responded further to concerns. The closing serves to assert Mt. Riga's ownership of the trail.

SHARON — The American Association for State and Local History recently awarded the Sharon Historical Society with a certificate of commendation for the book "Echoes of Iron in Connecticut's Northwest Corner."

KENT — Residents on Geer Mountain Road are petitioning to have a 1.75 mile stretch of the road between Camp's Flat and Jennings roads designated scenic. A public hearing will be held Sept. 14.

CANAAN — Two groups of three young men stood face to face — one group dressed all in white, the other in uniforms embellished with a multitude of pins and badges, all symbolizing the work and dedication that earned each of them the rank of Eagle Scout. Christopher Gatto, Michael Lannen and David Wood took the Eagle Pledge at a Court of Honor held Sunday. Leading them through the formalities were Scott Zinke, Daniel Peppe and Jonathan Trotta, each of whom has attained the Eagle rank within the last few years.

Synthetic turf or real grass?

In 1965, the country got its first giant indoor sports stadium, the Houston Astrodome which for many years served as the home for the Houston Astros football team. A new playing surface was developed by Monsanto for this indoor venue, an imitation plastic grass and the name, AstroTurf soon became a generic trademark like Kleenex for all the other similar varieties that followed as artificial grass became ever more popular.

Currently there is a heated discussion about whether to install artificial instead of real grass playing fields — and it's an argument about sports, health and the environment. Youth sports teams want year-round playing surfaces and turf companies want to convince folks that artificial grass does this better.

Over half the National Football League teams use artificial turf for their home fields as do six major league baseball teams. Reports are that across the country there are more than 16,000 synthetic turf playing fields with over a thousand new ones installed every year.

Synthetic turf is composed of polyethylene imitation grass blades woven into a spun backing of larger fibers perhaps half an inch thick, forming a porous mat. This is typically placed over one or two layers of fine gravel and crushed stone. Below it's a leveled surface of compacted sand; or sometimes concrete. A separate drainage system is generally required. The lifespan of the synthetic turf carpet varies depending on the intensity of use and other factors. Manufacturers typically say a 20-year lifespan is normal whereas users more often suggest 5 to 10 years.

Artificial turf has certain advantages over natural grass: It needs no water to survive, does not need to be mowed or fertilized and it stays green. And unlike grass, it can be used soon

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after a rainstorm.

Synthetic turf has its shortcomings, however. Unlike grass, its blades can scrape and cut a player's skin. During the warmer months it may become exceedingly hot, sometimes reaching temperatures of more than 150 degrees Fahrenheit, making it a dangerous surface for play. And it's considerably harder on the body than real grass. Many studies over the years testify to a significant increase in injuries to feet, ankles and knees for football, soccer, baseball, field hockey and other players playing on artificial turf, whereas, unless the ground is frozen, falls on natural grass are usually much less punishing.

Moreover, the array of synthetic chemical materials including PFAS in its construction that may leach out over time together with the toxic chemicals used for cleaning constitute a serious health concern. Another problem is the disposal of worn out synthetic turf; it requires professional help to move it and an approved disposal site. It's a real environmental problem.

For most people, grass is grass; and that's about it. But in reality there are many types and often several varieties within each type. For centuries grass tennis courts and golf course greens were grown exclusively with creeping bent grass, a type used hardly anywhere else although perennial rye grass has recently replaced bent as the surface for the world's premier tennis tournament, Wimbledon.

Of course grass has some problems too. To be usable as a surface for playing sports, it requires regular maintenance including watering

and mowing. Lawn services like to provide fertilizing and spraying with pesticides as well. But providing the most suitable, rich soil at the beginning minimizes the need for feeding. Generally feeding with a more balanced, slow-acting fertilizer makes healthier, better grass in the long run.

Traditionally fields for professional sports in temperate climates were sown with Kentucky bluegrass, often considered the most beautiful of lawn grasses but in recent years more fields have also used hardier types such as tall fescue or perennial rye, either on their own or as part of a mixture with Kentucky bluegrass to increase durability (and to stay green longer in the season). Over the last fifty years, agricultural scientists have been hard at work trying to make grass more beautiful, durable, and generally more serviceable.

A 2024 survey by the NFL players Association found that 92% of NFL players preferred playing on real grass rather than synthetic turf. However, 17 of the 32 NFL teams are still playing on synthetic turf but some expect to revert to grass in the coming years.

Despite the aggressive self-promotion by vendors of artificial turf over the years, real grass seems to be slowly regaining its dominance in athletic fields. Concerns regarding artificial turf's disadvantages with regard to injuries, public health, and environmental aspects have over the years diminished popular enthusiasm for it. But more than anything, real grass has made a comeback in popular esteem because it is natural and easier for users to like than the plastic imitation, in today's world a rare instance of the natural winning out over the artificial.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Call to promote more networking

An article from Reuters summarized information from Al-Jazeera about the loss of direct reporting in Gaza. The UN Human Rights Office has declared a 'grave breach of humanitarian law' with the news of the killing of journalists covering the Gaza conflict. Recently in a seeming targeted attack, Anas Al Sharif, who had 500,000 followers online, was alleged to be an undercover Hamas ally.

The Hamas-run government reports that 238 journalists have been killed since Oct. 7, 2023, with 186 lost during the Gaza conflict.

Many in the U.S. and around the world are sounding the alarm that without freedom of press and representation the voices of many under assault and actions of concern signal a major shift toward authoritarianism and loss of human rights.

When we see conflicts and dire situations escalating, most may feel 'there's nothing one person or country can do' and give up.

Hopefully more people can promote networking with good intent to prevent falling in with bad actors and policies.

The U.S. midterm elections in 2026 are a key focus for the country to choose whether to allow the Republican-led Congress to continue on a path that apparently is mainly benefitting the wealthiest small percent

when the majority of the citizens are faced with making do with less and fewer human rights that have been the hallmark of America for decades. Thanks to all finding ways to listen, learn, and lean into advocacy for the next generation.

With AI and robotics, possibly Starlink replacing the way people receive service from space instead of cell towers, we need to remember the ways to join together and report locally and on wider levels what is unfolding

Thank you for using the online platforms of Facebook, medium.com and clubhouse.com.

Every person and community could voluntarily draw up contact lists and 'representatives' for keeping people connected with families of school groups and other trusted people being allowed to share ideas and network outside of school if needed to provide more support for everyone.

Catherine Palmer Paton
Falls Village

For more letters, see Page A6.



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Looking to do something out of the box to finish out the summer or fall? That is two of us... which is why I am going up to the Catamount Ski Area this week to do both their zipline and finish off the day up in the trees on their extensive rope courses. The zipline experience is a combination of both training for the big ride and then going up to the top of the mountain to ride the longest zipline in the country which is over a mile long, very exhilarating! Then off to the Aerial Adventure Park with 9 courses ranging from beginner to expert, so high in the trees for another 3 hours. In both events, safety is paramount and trained instructors are there to help all have a great experience. For more information, please visit: catamount-connectintouch.com/summer-activities-2024



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Scrap to sculpture: Matt Wabrek of Birch Lane Rustics

A giant fish that sold at Trade Secrets, the high-end home and garden show held at Lime Rock Park, is just one of the creatures that Matt Wabrek of Birch Lane Rustics in North Canaan, creates by welding old tools and pieces of metal together.

The fish was so well liked by browsers at Trade Secrets that he received commissions for others.

Besides the satisfaction he gets in making his pieces, Wabrek said, “I really like to see people happy and enjoying themselves. It brings people happiness to see something they like and might want to buy.”

Wabrek did structural ironwork for 25 years, working up and down the East Coast from Arlington, Virginia, to South Station in Boston. He recalls putting up a truss over the train track in Boston.



Matt Wabrek’s metal fish

But in the back of his mind, he always had the thought of using his welding skills for other purposes.

A few years ago, when a cherry tree fell in his yard, he didn’t want the wood to go to waste. Using both his woodworking and welding skills,

he milled the wood and then made metal legs for a table. From what was left, he made several charcuterie boards.

From that beginning, he went on to make sculptures, welding together creations to inhabit both garden and home. He uses old



Matt Wabrek creates sculpture from found scrap metal and wood.

shovels, hoes, picks, hammers, wrenches, horseshoes, rakes and pieces of metal he finds at tag sales, junk shops, estate sales and the local landfill to craft his whimsical creatures.

He gets ideas from looking at each old piece of metal.

“Teeth from a sickle bar? I see a bird’s beak,” he said, pointing to the piece. Lifting a hinge from a neat pile in his studio, he said, “These will be dragonflies.”

He still makes tables with welded metal legs that are sculptural in themselves. His studio holds saws, shovels, and propane tanks with silhouettes of trees and other shapes cut into them — plasma cut from his own designs.

In addition, Wabrek makes chairs from old skis, recalling his days as a ski instructor.

“I like to make things, whether it’s a garden fence or whatever. I must have a creative bone somewhere,” he mused.

He recently began a new interest: making

spheres. A completed one, made of old wrenches, has a temporary place in his yard, along with fish of varying shapes and sizes, jelly fish, crabs, dogs, snails, and many kinds of birds — including a woodpecker that perches on the side of a building, and long-legged cranes.

Wabrek is happy to make any of his creations on commission. He is currently working on a support for an old tree that he will craft from metal.

Birch Lane Rustics will be at arts and crafts shows and pop-up sales in the area in the coming months. To find out where or ask about sales or commissions email mcwlu15@gmail.com or call/text 860-248-9004.

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French concept of “adding a little extra to bring unexpected kindness, generosity and delight into everyday life.”

Marden worked at Staley-Wise Gallery in New York City. “Town & Country” recruited him to cover men’s fashion. He became fashion director of “Details” magazine and later style director for “Esquire” magazine.

Graham spent 30 years at Condé Nast as a Fashion and luxury advertising sales executive for “Vogue,” “GQ,” “Vanity Fair,” “AD,” and “The New Yorker.”

Within their light-filled shop, unique antiques and vintage cookbooks mix with kitchen necessities such as wooden spoons and cutting boards. Dugazon is bursting with elegant and functional items ranging from designer John Derian treasures to Louisiana hot sauce, luxurious table linens from Milan-based La Double J, and pantry essentials including Café Du Monde beignet mix, Mam Papaul’s jambalaya fixings, and various jams.



Matt Marden and Bobby Graham open Dugazon at 19 West Main St. in Sharon on Aug 27.

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Tangled: Trout unlimited, bass optional

I moseyed down to Housatonic Meadows State Park late Saturday morning on Aug. 16 for a Trout Unlimited smallmouth bass event put on by the Mianus chapter.

“Wait a sec,” you say. “If it’s Trout Unlimited, why are they fishing for smallmouth bass?”

The answer is two-fold.

First, the Housatonic River in summer is primarily a smallmouth fishery. The water is too warm for trout but it doesn’t bother the bass much. The trout are hiding out in the thermal refuge areas and are off-limits until mid-September.

Second, the word “unlimited” suggests wiggle room.

When I rolled in there was a small pop-up tent with the words “Trout Unlimited” on it set up by the upper parking lot. Being a trained observer, I spotted this vital clue almost immediately.

There was a folding table under the tent. It was empty, but it seemed likely there would be food on it at some point.

Trained observers are also patient. I tabled the food question and motored down to the lower parking area, where I beheld half a dozen men with fly rods casting into the low, slow river with varying degrees of proficiency and enthusiasm.

The nearest to me turned out to be Eddie



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Curtis, who hails from southern New Jersey. “About 15 minutes from Philly,” he said.

Curtis was a fortuitous choice of subject. Chatty and easy-going, he embarked on an angling monologue that included adventures on salt and fresh water and an incisive critique of fish and game practices in his home state.

All the while he chucked lazy downstream casts. On about every tenth one, he hooked a smallish smallmouth bass.

I asked him what fly he was using. The answer -- a black Wooly Bugger -- wasn’t surprising. That’s a standard pattern for this kind of fishing. Almost a cliché.

But this was different in that it had a little propeller attached just below the hook eye.

I last saw something like this in the mid-1990s in New Mexico, where a rustic saloon I just happened to be in had a small display case of standard trout flies with the same kind of propellers attached. The brand name was “Pistol Pete.”

Curtis said they work almost too well. He jerked his thumb behind him and said “He ties them for me.”



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Eddie Curtis of New Jersey casually caught and released a Housatonic River smallmouth bass of modest size during a Trout Unlimited smallmouth bass event at Housatonic Meadows State Park Saturday, Aug. 16.

I resolved to catch up with “he” when everybody took a break.

I ambled back to the car and exchanged camera and notebook for rod and vest.

I tried four different flies, two surface and two subsurface, and failed to move anything.

Not anxious to perform the Walk of Shame, I tried a black Wooly Bugger, no propeller. That did the trick.

Back up at the tent my finely honed instincts proved correct. Food had

materialized, in the form of two giant submarine sandwiches, a couple of jumbo bags of potato chips, and sodas.

Gerald Berrafati was in charge of this. He is the chapter coordinator for the Mianus Trout Unlimited chapter, and he was talking a mile a minute about various dam removal and stream reclamation projects in his bailiwick.

Since the state of Connecticut east of New Hartford and south of Torrington is a complete mystery to me, I had only a vague idea where these places were.

But it sounded good. Antoine Bissieux, who does business as “The French Fly Fisherman,” made a cameo appearance. Some years back he was with a couple of



Curtis was using a black Wooly Bugger with an unusual feature — a little propeller or spinner.

sports on the Hous in similar circles — warm, low, late summer -- and I swapped him a handful of mop flies for a sampler of his perdigon nymphs. If he remembered this he didn’t let on.

The six or eight of us at the tent did a number on the chow and talked some guff between bites. The sandwiches were good. So was the guff.

Warren Nesteruk of Southbury (I think) said his wife was giving him a hard time about having so many fly rods.

I asked how many he had.

“Fifteen,” he replied.

When I informed him I had something like 80 rods, he grew thoughtful, as if my awful example might buy him some space.

Then it struck him. “You’re not married, are you.”

One loose end remained. I hate loose ends, and I wanted to find the fellow who added propellers to his flies. But they had left.

So if you read this, Eddie Curtis of south Jersey, drop me a line. I’d like to find out if they really do work almost too well.

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AUGUST 21

Westerly Canteen Summer Series at Hammertown Pine Plains - Night 2

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

For night 2 at Hammertown, we'll be serving a tradional night of canteen summer fare. We'll be doing a la carte service out of the airstream, creating the latest version of our *sort of * restaurant assembled by our friends at Hammertown.

Reservations are highly recommended, and can be booked via email at hello@westerlycanteen.com

AUGUST 22

Once Upon a Mattress

Indian Mountain School's Qianxun Performing Arts Center, 211 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, Conn.

Aug. 22 to 24

A musical fairy tale full of humor and heart, performed at Indian Mountain School's Qianxun Performing Arts Center.

Directed by Michael Kevin Baldwin

Presented by Sharon Playhouse, Sharon, Conn.

AUGUST 23

Norfolk Library Book Sale

9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Connecticut.

Over 16,000 books sorted into over 30 categories. There are hundreds of art and photography books, cookbooks, oversized garden books, travel and children's books. About 500 "rare and vintage" books will be priced to sell in one day.

Saturday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All books under the tent are free from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Unlimited free books under the tent.

Box Fort Day at The Center on Main

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

Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., build and explore a

giant box fort at this free, drop-in event for all ages. Materials provided—just bring your creativity (and maybe some tall friends). Hosted by The Center on Main and the Falls Village Recreation Commission.

Dance Party: Bosphorus Boogie

Luther Barn, 17 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Saturday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. to midnight

A late-night, all-vinyl dance party with Tim 'Love' Lee and Scott Anderson of the Capricorn Dream Sound Machine. Dress up and dance to a mix of Anatolian trance, Pan-African rhythms, and Western grooves. Part of an ongoing themed party series.

Open Studios at Wassaic Project

Luther Barn, 17 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Saturday, Aug. 23, 3 to 5 p.m.

Artists: Ally Caple, Shasha Dothan, Dina Fiasconaro, Ollie Goss, Linye Jiang, Nate King, Olivia Lee, Hayley Morrison, Haley Parsa, Jared Friedman, Vanessa Villarreal

Berkshire Opera Festival Presents Verdi's La Traviata

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

Saturday, Aug. 23 at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Verdi's beloved opera follows Violetta, a Parisian courtesan who gives up everything for love—only to face heartbreak when fate intervenes. A story of passion, sacrifice, and the fleeting nature of happiness, set to some of opera's most unforgettable music. In Italian with English subtitles projected.

AUGUST 24

AugustFest in the Village

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

AugustFest returns to Falls Village Sunday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. with food, drinks, music and a silent auction including a stay at a NYC apartment, a scenic plane ride, fly fishing lessons, handmade jewelry, a Kate Spade handbag, and local restaurant gift certificates. Tickets

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Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, offers Let's Make Art classes.

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Troutbeck Luminary Series: Elias Weiss Friedman (The Dogist)

The Pole Barn, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.

Sunday, Aug. 24 at 3 p.m.

Join Troutbeck for the latest installment of its Luminary Series featuring Elias Weiss Friedman, also known as The Dogist. A renowned photographer and New York Times bestselling author, Elias will discuss his book This Dog Will Change Your Life, celebrating the transformative power of the human-canine bond. Each ticket includes a signed copy of the book.

While at Troutbeck, Elias will also be working with a local rescue to help a dog find its forever home. Guests who book an overnight stay on Aug. 24 will receive two complimentary tickets to the event.

Tickets: Include admission and a copy of the book

AUGUST 28

Book Reading Luncheon

SVNA Home Assistance, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Thursday, Aug. 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., local Lakeville Author and SVNA Home Assistance Caregiver Brian Hoff Reads from his comedy book "Twisted Terminology," a humorous look at over 100 historical sayings we still use today — like "Cat's Out of the Bag," and "Head Over Heels."

AUGUST 29

Labor Day Art Sale

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

Kick off the holiday weekend at a celebratory reception on Friday, Aug. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m., launching Cornwall Library's annual Labor Day Art Sale. Sale hours continue on: Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 31, 10 am to 4 pm, Monday, Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great finds and one-of-a-kinds! All profits benefit the Cornwall Library.

AUGUST 30

Cornwall Artist Open Studio Tour

Cornwall, Conn.

The 19th Annual Cornwall Open Studios will be Saturday, Aug. 30, 1 to 5 p.m. Past year's Open Studios have really showcased part of what makes Cornwall special. More info and the map of studios is available at www.wishhouse.com

Neon Moons Dance Party at Stissing Center

Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church Street, Pine Plains, N.Y.

Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$10 cover

Join honky-tonk band Neon Moons for a lively

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Berkshire Woodworkers Guild Fine Woodwork Show & Silent Auction

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road (Route 102), Stockbridge, Mass.

Saturday & Sunday, Aug. 30 and 31, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 General | \$3 BBG Members

A weekend show and sale of fine woodworking by artisans from the Berkshires and nearby regions. Live woodworking demos, silent auction to support scholarships, and local food vendors on site.

More Info: www.berkshirewoodworkers.org | berkshirewoodworkers@yahoo.com

SEPTEMBER 4

Local Author: Leigh Stein at The White Hart

The White Hart, 15 Undermountain Rd., Salisbury, Conn.

At 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 4, Leigh Stein discusses her new novel "If You're Seeing This, It's Meant for You" in conversation with Amelia Wilson. Tickets \$15, includes a drink and \$5 book voucher. Presented by Oblong

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SEPTEMBER 5

Banned Book Club: As I Lay Dying

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

Friday, Sept. 5 at 4 p.m.

David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

SEPTEMBER 6

A Special Evening with Nathan Kernan

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

Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

Join author Nathan Kernan in conversation with Alice Quinn to discuss "A Day Like Any Other: The Life of James Schuyler," the definitive biography of the New York School poet.

In-person only. Registration requested: cornwalllibrary.org/events

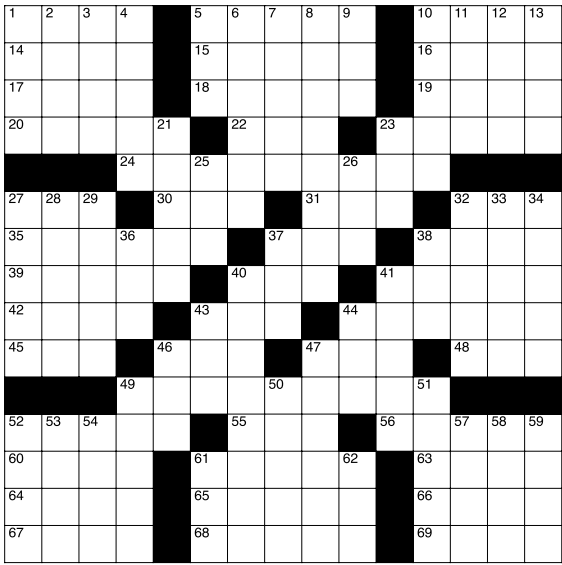
Brain Teasers

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1. Mongolian politician
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one's lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person's brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese
41. About Sun
42. A place to dance
43. Performer ___ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

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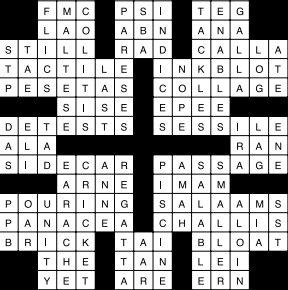
1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
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6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea



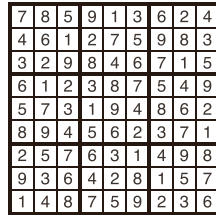
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23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
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29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs

50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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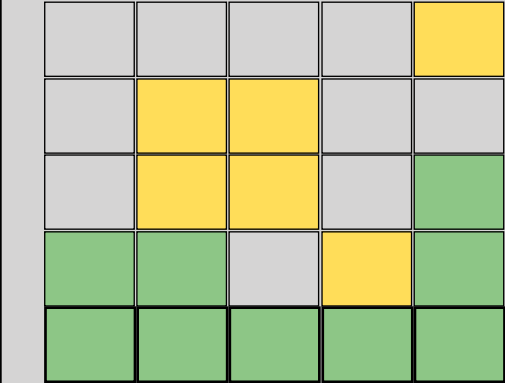
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1. Seat with legs
2. Oscar winner Halle's surname
3. Unmanned aircraft
4. Rebel without a clause
5. Summer road trip

SPORTS



Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football starts the 2025 season with a road stretch. The team's home opener will be player Friday, Sept. 26, against Derby High School at Van Why Field in Winsted.

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Mountaineers prep for fall sports

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School will field varsity teams in five sports this autumn.

The first team to swing into action is boys golf, coached by Peter Vermilyea. HVRHS travels to Litchfield Country Club Aug. 21 for an opening match against Lakeview High School.

Boys soccer begins Aug. 27 with an away scrimmage versus Canton High School. The first league game will be at home Sept. 3 against Nonnewaug High School. Coach Adolfo Portillo will lead the squad again this year.

Girls soccer, coached by Don Drislane, starts the season Aug. 28. The opening scrimmage will be played at home versus Monument Mountain High School. League play begins Sept. 3 at Nonnewaug.

Boys and girls cross country gets underway Aug. 28 at Black Rock State Park. The co-ed team is coached by Letitia Garcia Tripp.

Girls volleyball begins with a non-league game Sept. 3 at home against Oliver Wolcott Technical High School. Coached by Cherie Lopes, the first Berkshire League matchup will be at home against Gilbert School Sept. 5.

And finally, Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football kicks off the season with a road stretch. The Yellowjackets travel to Granby Memorial High School Sept. 5, Plainville High School Sept. 12 and Woodland High School Sept. 19. The home opener in Winsted will be Sept. 26 against Derby High School. HVRHS will host one football game this year against Watertown High School on Saturday, Nov. 1.

OUR TOWNS

Salisbury Association preserves 277 acres

SALISBURY — On Aug. 12 the Salisbury Association purchased Tom's Hill, 277 acres between Lake Washining and the Housatonic River, in Salisbury from SLH Holdings, LLC.

Tom's Hill is a forested ridge and hilltop that provides spectacular views, pure water to Lake Washining and the Housatonic River, and high quality habitat for wildlife including 13 state-listed species of plants and animals. It adjoins other protected land and is part of a large project involving eight land conservation organizations and many individuals to protect the land formerly owned by Robert Boyett in both Connecticut and Massachusetts.

The LLC, comprised of property owners around the lake, purchased the land in 2023 from Robert Boyett with the understanding that the Association would acquire the land from them and conserve it.

The purchase was funded by Connecticut State's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program, a Federal Highlands Act Grant and generous contributions from the Anne & Rollin Bates Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, The John T. and Jane A. Weiderhold Foundation, the Connecticut Land Conservation Council and the LLC that originally purchased the property.

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