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Housy girls start soccer preseason with a win

Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls varsity soccer hosted Monument Mountain Regional High School, from Great Barrington, Mass., for a scrimmage Thursday, Aug. 28. Housatonic won 6-2. Freshman Lyla Diorio scored a game-high four goals for Housatonic. Madeline Mechare and Louise Faveau each scored once for HVRHS. Above, Hayden Bachman secures possession.

Composting efforts grow as more homes join pilot program

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY/SHARON — It was a sunny Saturday at the Salisbury/ Sharon Transfer Station Aug. 23, and amid the usual din of whirring compactors, clanking machines and car doors slamming, the occasional thud of a compost bin lid falling shut could be heard.

“There goes another,” said Barbara Bettigole, chair of the Transfer Station Advisory Committee, known as TRAC, as a man dropped a hefty green gallon bag into one of the four brown bins arranged next to the recycling drop point.

Another woman, Kris D., deposited food waste from her mother’s house in Lakeville, where a home compost would be too restrictive. It’s a “very big game changer,” she said, to be able to toss things like bones and shellfish that would bring bears and other unwelcome visitors to the backyard.

“People who come are just so en-

thusiastic,” said Bettigole, noting that around 500 households across the two towns have signed on to the food waste diversion pilot program, aided by recent efforts on TRAC’s part to build out outreach and education around composting.

On July 26, the Committee stationed volunteers at the Transfer Station to educate residents about the food waste pilot program, which is in its fifth year, and distribute countertop compost bins to new signups.

The effort was successful, bringing 26 new households into the program. Sharon First Selectman Casey Flanagan said it was productive to educate residents on waste management and the benefits it can have, such as reducing 43,188 pounds of CO2 — the equivalent of driving a car 50,000 miles — over the past year.

“People seemed very motivated to learn what they can do to make a difference, which didn’t surprise because the residents of Sharon and Salisbury are well known in

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Hot rods and history meet in Falls Village

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Down-town Falls Village was full of spectators eager to see the end of the vintage race car parade from Lime Rock Park’s Historic Week-end event on Thursday, Aug. 28. The cars left the track at 5 p.m., wound their way through Salisbury and Lakeville and then to Falls Village.

Prior to the arrival of the first cars at 5:42 p.m., the crowd was entertained with music by the

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Stiltwalkers Abigail Veiovis (left) and Liam Murphy waved the race car drivers into town Thursday, Aug. 28.

Experts testify at hearing ahead of Wake Robin decision

By Alec Linden

LAKEVILLE — Noise pollution continues to be a crux of the public hearing to expand the Wake Robin Inn. On Aug. 26, the fifth hearing session of the month and second-to-last in the statutorily defined window, the question arose: is any additional sound permissible at all?

Bennett Brooks, founding sound engineer of Brooks Acoustics Corporation and an expert hired by Wells Hill Road residents William and Angela Cruger in opposition to the project, said no: “I think all the experts agree that the project will be audible and that’s the criterion.”

Attorney Josh Mackey, who has represented the applicant Aradev LLC since its first appearance before the Planning and Zoning Commission last fall, countered Brooks: “The idea that nuisance within the regulations means anything that is audible to neighbors is simply ludicrous.”

He referenced air conditioning units, dogs barking and children playing as inevitable sounds in a residential neighborhood. Herb Singleton, a sound engineer with Cross-Spectrum Acoustics and the Commission’s third-party expert reviewer, agreed with Mackey, explaining that defining nuisance as

any sound emission that can be heard by neighbors “gets dangerous very, very quickly” due to those complicating factors. He suggested that nuisance “implies a level of annoyance based on audibility,” rather than audibility itself.

It was the third hearing in a row in which sound took center stage in the discussion, with the focal point being what constitutes “nuisance,” as it appears in the town’s zoning regulation 803.2 for special permit approval: “The use shall not create a nuisance to neighboring properties, whether by noise, air, or water pol-

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Ridgway Farm Store sprouts from deep roots

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Local produce has a new home on Town Street.

While the roadside farm stand remains at the entrance to Ridgway Farm, a larger assortment awaits at the recently constructed barn deeper into the property.

Guests were welcomed Sunday, Aug. 24, for the debut of the store and a soft opening continued throughout the week.

A bountiful harvest was on display including peaches, flowers, leafy greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, melons, root vegetables and garlic. Jayne Ridgway offered samples of the produce along with her homemade vinaigrette, pesto and lemonade.

The store stocks cheese and

ice cream from Arethusa Farm in Litchfield. And more items are available through collaboration with the New York-based family farm aggregator Hudson Harvest.

“Everything here is probably produced within 20 miles of where we are right now,” said Gordon Ridgway.

Also growing on the farm are 475 apple trees. Orchard tours are offered at 3 p.m. on Sundays to highlight the wide range of heirloom apples that will one day be

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Sunflowers are among the homegrown products available at the newly opened Ridgway Farm Store.



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Online This Week

Labor Day Art Sale

Cornwall Library’s annual fundraiser event featured unique finds and one-of-a-kinds. More at lakevillejournal.com



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Bear aware

Visit ct.gov/bears for information on living alongside black bears, which remain ever-present in the area.

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Car rolls out of parking lot

On the morning of Aug. 21, Christopher Hewat, 76, of Salisbury parked his Subaru Outback in the Sharon Hospital lot but failed to put the vehicle in park before exiting. The Outback rolled backwards, out of the parking lot and across Hospital Hill Road before stopping in a ditch. Hewat was uninjured, and the vehicle suffered minor cosmetic damage and was able to be driven away. Hewat was issued an infraction for unsafe movement of a stopped, standing or parked motor vehicle.

Reversing fender bender

On the afternoon of Aug. 21, troopers responded to a two-car accident near the railroad tracks on Sand Road in North Canaan. Troopers witnessed damage to the front of a Hyundai Tucson,

driven by Marisa Ohler, 69, of Falls Village, and the back of a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van driven by Patrick Piljar, 30, who holds a Canaan P.O. box. No injuries were sustained in the accident, but Piljar was issued a written warning from unsafe backing.

Driver strikes donation bin, flees scene

At about noon on Saturday, Aug. 23, an unknown vehicle struck the Texima clothing donation bin in the Stop & Shop parking lot in North Canaan, destroying it completely. The vehicle then fled the scene. Anybody with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Troop B at 860-626-1820.

Motorcycle accident

On the afternoon of Aug. 23, Thomas Cmuchowski, 23, of Torrington, was traveling on Cemetery Hill Road in Cornwall on his motorcycle, a 2006 Suzuki SV650, when he lost control. The machine went off the roadway and up a small embankment, striking a rock and throw-

ing Cmuchowski. He was suspected to have suffered minor injuries and was transported by EMS to St. Mary’s Hospital for treatment.

False alarm call yields arrest

Troopers were dispatched to a Norfolk address on the afternoon of Aug. 23 in response to a call from Regina Lane, 62, of Norfolk. Upon arriving and investigating, troopers arrested her for misuse of emergency 911 (false alarm) and disorderly conduct. She was released on \$1,000 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 25.

Single-vehicle accident in West Woods

On the morning of Aug. 26, Colby Hickey, 25, of Lakeville was driving his GMC Sierra K1500 on West Woods Road No. 2 in Sharon when he struck a street sign, lost control and hit a tree. He was uninjured, but his vehicle was towed from the scene of the crash. He was issued a misdemeanor summons for

evading responsibility in the accident and failure to maintain lane.

Disorderly conduct and assault arrest

Troopers were dispatched to a Cornwall address on the evening of Aug. 26 on the report of a physical altercation. Upon arriving and investigating, troopers arrested Daniel Saed, 23, of Cornwall for disorderly conduct and third-degree assault. He was released on a \$5,000 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Aug. 27.

Arrest on Canaan Valley Road

On Aug. 28, troopers located Edward Humes, 47, of Waterbury at a Canaan Valley Road address in North Canaan. Humes had four outstanding warrants from Torrington Superior Court and was arrested for violating probation and was held on a \$50,000 bond. He was scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 29.

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

Rec league youth sports in Region One this fall

Parks and Recreation groups of the Northwest Corner are offering the following programs this fall and registration is now open.

Salisbury

Salisbury will hold fall soccer clinics for early kindergarten, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. The program meets on Sat-

urdays Sept. 13 to Oct. 25 and is open to residents of Salisbury and Sharon.

Tennis will meet on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The program is open to all interested students in 1st through 4th grades from any of the Region One towns. To register go

to salisburyct.recdesk.com/Community/Home.

Contact Lisa McAuliffe for more information at Lmcauliffe@salsiburyct.us or 860 435-5186.

North Canaan

North Canaan and the Northwest Connecticut Steve Blass Little League will offer baseball and softball programs. Baseball is

open to students ages seven to 12 and softball is open to girls in 5th through 8th grade that reside in any of the Region One towns and Norfolk.

To register go to leagues.bluesombrero.com/nwctsbll to register for baseball and northcanaanrecreation.sportngin.com/register/form/744404232 to register

for softball.

Contact Adam Bunce for more information at abuncencrecdir@hotmail.com 860-248-0970.

Cornwall

Cornwall is offering a coed soccer program for Region One students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Go to cornwall-parkrec.org to register.

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Our projected opening date is September 15.

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Our Towns



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Recruitment signs aim to attract new volunteers to join Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service ahead of the fall emergency responder training that begins Sept. 15.

Ambulance corps invites new participants to join training program

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service is actively recruiting new members. Jacquie Rice, SVAS Chief of Service, said in a phone interview Aug. 27 that while the service signed up two new volunteers earlier this month, there's plenty of room for more. Recruits must take an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course, which starts on Monday, Sept. 15, and runs into mid-November. The course

meets Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the SVAS building at 8 Undermountain Road in Salisbury, and if the student plans to join SVAS it's free. Rice said EMR certification is the basic level of training needed, and next year SVAS may offer more advanced training. Rice said the service currently has about 40 members but can use "as many as possible." "We've got all kinds of shifts, depending on how much time people can give," said Rice.

Sharon Hospital earns national recognition for stroke care

SHARON — Northwell Health's Sharon Hospital earned the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus and Honor Roll and Rural Stroke Gold awards for 2025. The hospital's award-winning stroke program brings together a multidisciplinary team of emergency medicine, radiology, neurology, nursing, pharmacy and rehabilitation specialists who work collaboratively to provide comprehensive, personalized care. Staff continually undergo training and education to stay current on best practices and to deliver the most effective treatments available. "Receiving these awards reinforces the outstanding work our entire team does every day," Melissa Braislin, director of rehab and cardiology services and stroke program coordinator at Sharon Hospital, stated in a press release Aug. 27. "We're especially proud to bring such a high standard of care to our rural community. People can feel confident knowing they don't have to travel far to get life-saving stroke treatment." In addition to providing acute stroke care, Sharon Hospital is active in the community, offering education on stroke prevention and symptom recognition. Sharon Hospital is also certified as a Primary Stroke Center by The Joint Commission. The hospital also recently earned an "A" grade for hospital quality and patient safety from The Leapfrog Group, as well as a Patient Safety Excellence Award from Healthgrades — placing it among the top 10% of hospitals nationwide for patient safety.



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Members of the Sharon Hospital stroke team, from left, Clairisse Hafey, DO; Abbie Alhashimi, Emergency Department Technician; Desiree Caranci, Emergency Department Secretary; Isaac Barnett, RN; Benjamin Vinciguerra, RN; Melissa Braislin, Director of Rehab, Cardiology Services and Stroke Program; Ashley Corkins, RN.



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Kent real estate sales in July

By Christine Bates

KENT — The four property transfers in Kent in July included the town's highest-priced sale in the last 10 years. The historic property Dragonfly Farm on Macedonia Brook Road sold for \$6.7 million. Median price levels are not impacted by a single high sale. As of July, the 12 month median price for a single family residence in Kent was \$484,000. At the end of August there were 10 single family homes listed for sale with seven over \$1 million, including two for \$8 million.

Transactions

27 Macedonia Road — 5 bedroom/4.5 bath stone main house built in 1827 with guest houses, barns, a tennis court and a pool on 41.33 acres sold by Jeffrey A. and Erica Keswin to Marie Ambrosino and Barney Hefner House Trust for \$6.7 million transferred on July 10. 53B Elizabeth Street — 3



PHOTO CHRISTINE BATES
Tucked off of Main Street on a private lane, 53B Elizabeth Street sold for \$440,000 in July.

bedroom/1 bath ranch sold by Bernadette Kohut Executor Estate of Edward James Schullery to Sierra Thomsen and Matthew Willis for \$440,000 recorded on July 14. Kenmont Road — 1.5 acres of vacant land sold by Kenmont and Kenwood LLC to Leonardo Toni and Ana Lopes for \$493,000 recorded

on July 15. 148 Kenmont Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.8 acres sold by David Albin Executor, Estate of Lloyd Albin for \$493,000 recorded on July 15. * Town of Kent real estate transfers recorded as sold between July 1 and July 31, 2025, provided by Kent Town

Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Property details from CT Vision tax cards. Current market listings and market data from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Upgrades coming to Falls Village power hub

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Wondering what's happening at the electric substation on Water Street in Falls Village? Eversource is replacing old equipment and will be doing so for a while. In an email on Aug. 28, Sarah Paduano of Eversource wrote: "As part of our ongoing efforts to improve the safety and reliability of the electric system, we're currently in the

process of replacing aging transmission infrastructure at the Falls Village substation with more modernized equipment and structures, which will enhance reliability for customers and make the electric grid more resilient as the region continues to experience increasingly frequent and intense storms due to climate change." Paduano noted that the work is being done on Eversource-owned property or within the existing easement off Water Street. Between the orange fencing, the path leading to the



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
The electrical substation in Falls Village is located on Water Street near the Housatonic River.

Housatonic River and the Appalachian Trail is open. Paduano wrote the project began in May and will be completed by the end of 2026.

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Active in the community Steve serves on the board of Music Mountain and formerly served as President and board member of the Cornwall Historical Society.

Please join us in welcoming Steve in the upcoming months.



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Salisbury affordable homes take shape

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Workers from SRC Construction carefully craned a section of a modular home in place at 26/28 Undermountain Road in Salisbury on Thursday, Aug. 28.

The crane moved the second-floor section slowly as men with long ropes tugged it in the desired direction.

The houses are being built by the Salisbury Housing Trust and are part of a multi-town affordable housing effort in Litchfield County.

The two three-bedroom homes on Undermountain Road should be ready for occupancy before winter.

Applications are open at cho.thehousingcollective.org/litchfield-county-affordable-homeownership-program



A crane crew carefully installs the second story of a future affordable home on Undermountain Road.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Upcoming film series spotlights journalism

MILLERTON — The Moviehouse, in partnership with The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, presents a film series celebrating Freedom of the Press beginning Sept. 6.

The series will begin with a screening of the film “Goodnight and Good Luck.”

There will be a Q and A led by veteran ABC News reporter Brian Ross in conversation with John Coston, Editor-at-Large of The Lakeville Journal.

The movie and discussion starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at The Moviehouse in Millerton.

Go to themoviehouse.net for tickets.

Cardboard kingdoms: the art of building box forts

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Children manned the ramparts of a large box fort at the Center on Main Saturday, Aug. 23.

The activity was sponsored by the Center and the Recreation Commission.

When a reporter wandered in Saturday morning, the Center’s Britta Sallick and Recreation’s Emily Petersen, with assistance from Greer Sallick and Ted Moys, were just getting started.

For materials they had cutting devices and a sort of screwdriver especially made for attaching pieces of cardboard together. The grownups handled this part

of the operation.

And there was lots of cardboard. Some of the bigger and sturdier pieces were obtained from sources such as day care centers, but most came from the town’s transfer station. Many had Amazon labels.

As the morning progressed, more children and parents filtered in. The youngsters wavered between the desire to help out and the urge to get inside the fort. It came out about even.

When the reporter left the fort was definitely taking shape, and children were merrily crawling around inside, occasionally peeking out the windows.



Adults and children worked on a big box fort at the Center on Main Saturday, Aug. 23. The program was a collaboration between the Center and the Falls Village Recreation Commission.

PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

First Friday Music Sept. 5

SALISBURY — The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Sept. 5. at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 am.

Vocalist Allison Gish will perform a program of Baroque music with Cellist, Kyra Saltman. They will perform selections from Purcell, Lambert, Charpentier, Handel and Bach.

Free to the public, this musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring classical repertory.



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Bale buddy

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Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on August 25, 2025:

Approved subject to septic system approval being submitted to the Land Use Office-Application IWWC-25-65 by Paul Bryant for construction of a single-family home within the upland review area. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map and lot 0601 and is known as 162 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville. The owner of the

property is Camp Sloane YMCA Inc.

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

Town of Salisbury
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Sally Spillane, Secretary
09-04-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARGARET H. HECK Late of Salisbury AKA Margaret Hubby Heck (25-00311)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District

of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 19, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
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Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
09-04-25

Legal Notice

The Union Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sept. 13, 2025, at St. Thomas Church,

40 Leedsville Rd., Amenia, NY from Noon to 1:30 PM. If attending, please bring a couple of dollars to give to the Church’s Food Pantry. If you have family in the Cemetery, we are always looking for new Board members. Also if you wish to donate to help support the Cemetery, you can send a check made out to Union Cemetery Association and mail it to Union Cemetery Association, Gail Seymour, 16 Townsend Blvd., Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Call Gail with any questions at 845-454-6641.

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Inside one of America’s only waterfowl conservation centers

By Theo Maniatis

LITCHFIELD — The Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy (RWC) is quietly saving some of the world’s rarest birds — right here in Litchfield.

Tucked away on Duck Pond Road, the Conservancy protects 100 species and more than 500 birds. It is one of the few bird-specific conservation centers in the United States, and the only one operating in a northern climate.

The conservancy’s namesake, Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, led an exemplary life. In the 1920s, Ripley started collecting waterfowl in his backyard as a teenager.

He was a professor of ornithology at Yale University before becoming secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in 1964. Twenty years later, he earned the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Upon retirement, he established his land as a nonprofit dedicated to waterfowl conservation and research, where the RWC operates today.

As humanity’s footprint tramples habitats worldwide, RWC’s local efforts have global effects. For example, Emperor geese from Alaska, which RWC protects, could lose 50% of their breeding habitat by 2070.

“You have to think about bird conservation as two pieces of a puzzle,” said Executive Director Ashleigh Fernandez. “You have to work to save the habitat, but you also have to work to save the genetic diversity of the species itself.”

RWC’s mission is to preserve genetic diversity



Left, the Meller’s duck is an endangered species endemic to Madagascar. Below, Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy is located in Litchfield.

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through conservation breeding of these species. But caring for the birds is difficult, like running a hotel for fussy guests who can’t speak.

Some birds are particular about the size of their nesting boxes. “If the size of the hole is half an inch too big or half an inch too small, they’re like, forget it. We’re not using it,” said Fernandez.

Other species require special attention. Spectacled Elders, large sea ducks native to the Arctic, are clumsy parents who might step on their eggs or roll them out of their nest.

“Getting them to lay an egg is the ultimate sign that all their needs are met. It’s kind of a bonus thing birds will do,” said Breanne Ellis, an aviculturist at RWC.

Beyond caring for birds, RWC’s staff, numbering fewer than ten people, work with every major zoo in the country and universities worldwide. A few years ago, the endangered White-headed duck was not being successfully bred in captivity in the United States; they would lay eggs, but the ducklings would

hatch and then not survive.

RWC Director of Aviculture Logan Connor worked to find a counterintuitive feeding protocol after hatching. After the adjustment, RWC went from raising one or two ducklings per year to more than twenty.

Another success story is the Trumpeter Swan, a species that RWC is actively breeding to release into the Pacific Flyway. After being hunted close to extinction, the population has rebounded, and work is underway to re-establish their numbers in

their historic ranges around the country.

For humans, RWC provides a chance to see conservation in action. It is open to the public on weekends from May to November, running tours, summer camps, and internship programs.

“People can come here and see birds that you can not always see in the wild, or when you go to zoos. You get distracted by the lions and the tigers, which might be bigger attractions,” said Ellis. “Here you get to see the birds.”

Empress EMS to purchase Northern Dutchess Paramedics

By Aly Morrissey
The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Northern Dutchess Paramedics, the private emergency medical service provider contracted by North East, Amenia and Dover, is set to be acquired by Empress EMS, Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said at a special workshop meeting of the town board on Tuesday evening, Aug. 26.

Kennan shared what he called “breaking news” shortly after calling the meeting to order.

“We just learned that Northern Dutchess Paramedics has entered into a sales agreement with Empress, which serves most of Dutchess County,” he announced at the start of the meeting, which was originally scheduled to fine-tune zoning language for the town’s commercial district.

Empress EMS is part of PatientCare EMS Solutions, a provider of emergency medical services that operates throughout the country under several brands, including Sunstar Paramedics, Med Fleet Ambulance, FleetPlus and School of EMS. PatientCare is owned by A+M Capital Partners, a private equity firm based in Greenwich, Connecticut, which provides the company with financial backing and corporate oversight.

Kennan said he received a call from NDP owner Ed Murray with the news on Friday.

In a phone call with The

News on Wednesday morning, Aug. 27, NDP Chief Operating Officer Mark Browne confirmed that while the acquisition “is on-schedule to happen,” the paperwork is not yet final.

While a potential shift in ownership could bring a variety of changes to North East and Millerton, including EMS response time, cost and the health and safety of the community, Supervisor Kennan said he received a verbal indication that Empress would honor the town’s existing contract with NDP, which was renewed for three years in December.

In 2025, the town is paying \$511,558 for contracted services with NDP and the cost is expected to increase to \$746,345 by 2027.

“In the short term, we should not be impacted by this change,” Kennan said. He added that the current contract with NDP has a stipulation that any new owner must honor the existing contract.

The news comes after Kennan and other towns have criticized the high costs of emergency medical services, which makes up a sizable chunk of the town’s budget and burdens taxpayers. Along with the Association of Towns, Kennan has urged New York Governor Kathy Hochul to sign a bill that has passed in the Senate and the Assembly and would exempt EMS services from the state’s property tax cap, giving local governments more flexibility to manage costs and sustain

their EMS programs.

The bill would allow municipalities to better respond to EMS price hikes in their budgets, but it otherwise does not address those rising costs or poorer-than-typical service in rural communities like North East, Amenia and Dover.

Based in Yonkers, Empress EMS has a hub in Poughkeepsie and operates in Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland, Ulster, Putnam, Sullivan and Orange counties, as well as the Bronx. The company’s acquisition of NDP marks its continued expansion north – in 2021 Empress purchased EMStar and Mobile Life, pushing its way deeper into the Hudson Valley.

In January, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced that Empress

won the bid to become the primary provider of supplemental EMS services, a move made by the county in an effort to address long wait times for 911 calls. While successful in more densely populated areas, rural areas like North East, Amenia and Dover saw no visits from the supplemental services in quarter two of 2025.

According to the 2025 second quarter EMS report published by Dutchess County, all but one town in the county is serviced by either NDP or Empress. The merger would make Empress the sole EMS provider in the county except for the City of Beacon.

While there is no confirmed timeframe for the transition, Kennan said NDP owner Ed Murray indicated it was “moving quickly.”

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Andrea Flip Williams

SALISBURY — Andrea Flip Williams, 83, passed away peacefully on Monday, Aug. 25, 2025, at her home.

Mrs. Williams was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Dec. 28, 1941, daughter of the late Floyd Arthur and Berniece Inez (Blasingame) Williams.

She was married to Joe Williams for over 50 years.

She is survived by three sons; Josh Williams of Treasure Beach, Jamaica, Charlie Williams of North Liberty, Iowa, and Ben Williams of New York City; and a neph-

ew, Sean Deome of Austin, Texas.

A full happy life, a great love, good family, wonderful friends, and endless adventures.

Time for her to rest.

Services will be private. Ryan Funeral Home at 255 Main St., Lakeville, Connecticut, is in care of arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made by simply being nice to each other.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com



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The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevilleumethodist@snet.net	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
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Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service headquarters is located at 8 Undermountain Road in Salisbury.

Debunking 10 myths of ambulance service

Most of us who serve on the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service (SVAS) feel that we get back at least as much as we give — not only useful skills, but a true sense of purpose, a deep connection to our town and neighbors, and the pride that comes from helping people in some of their hardest moments.

We believe many more would join us, but for some persistent myths about ambulance training and service. We're grateful for the opportunity to address those here.

Myth No. 1: The training is long.

Fact: EMR training is 60 hours: two nights per week for two months. The result? Incredibly useful skills you can use in any emergency situation anywhere.

Myth No. 2: Training is expensive.

Fact: Training is FREE if you commit to joining SVAS (or the Norfolk squad).

Myth No. 3: I don't have enough time.

Fact: We are flexible with our scheduling. Some of us put ourselves on the duty schedule, and others "listen in" to the radio and respond when available. Some do nights, some only do day-times. What we need are active, committed members who are willing to help cover our calls, whether in blocks of time or on a more ad hoc basis. And all of us have other commitments - we are teachers, business owners, lawyers, town employees, web designers, contractors, parents, grandparents, and more. We all do what we can, when we can.

Myth No. 4: Volunteers must stay at headquarters when on call.

Fact: We take calls from where we are - home, work, headquarters or elsewhere. We each have radios and pagers, as well as a phone app, that alert us and allow us to respond from anywhere.

Myth No. 5: I might be all alone on an ambulance call.

Fact: We always work in teams when responding to emergencies. You'll be supported by other more experienced members - in fact, as an EMR, you are required to have at least one EMT (who has more training) join you on any ambulance response. During your training, you'll also be given a mentor from the squad to help teach and coach you.

Myth No. 6: I can't drive that huge ambulance.

Fact: Driver training is separate and optional (although encouraged). You won't drive until after you become a certified EMR and

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successfully complete the additional training.

Myth No. 7: I'm not good in emergencies.

Fact: Most of us had no previous medical background. Training gives you the necessary skills, as well as a tried-and-true, systematic approach to dealing with emergencies. These will give you the confidence to get out there and start helping people. You'll also never be asked to do more than you're comfortable with or can handle.

Myth No. 8: I could never have someone's life in my hands.

Fact: We love "Grey's Anatomy" and "House M.D." but TV medical dramas make field emergency care seem much more complicated than it is. Our main job is simple: stabilize our patients, make them as comfortable as we can, and get them safely to the hospital. We aren't solving medical mysteries or performing tracheotomies with ballpoint pens.

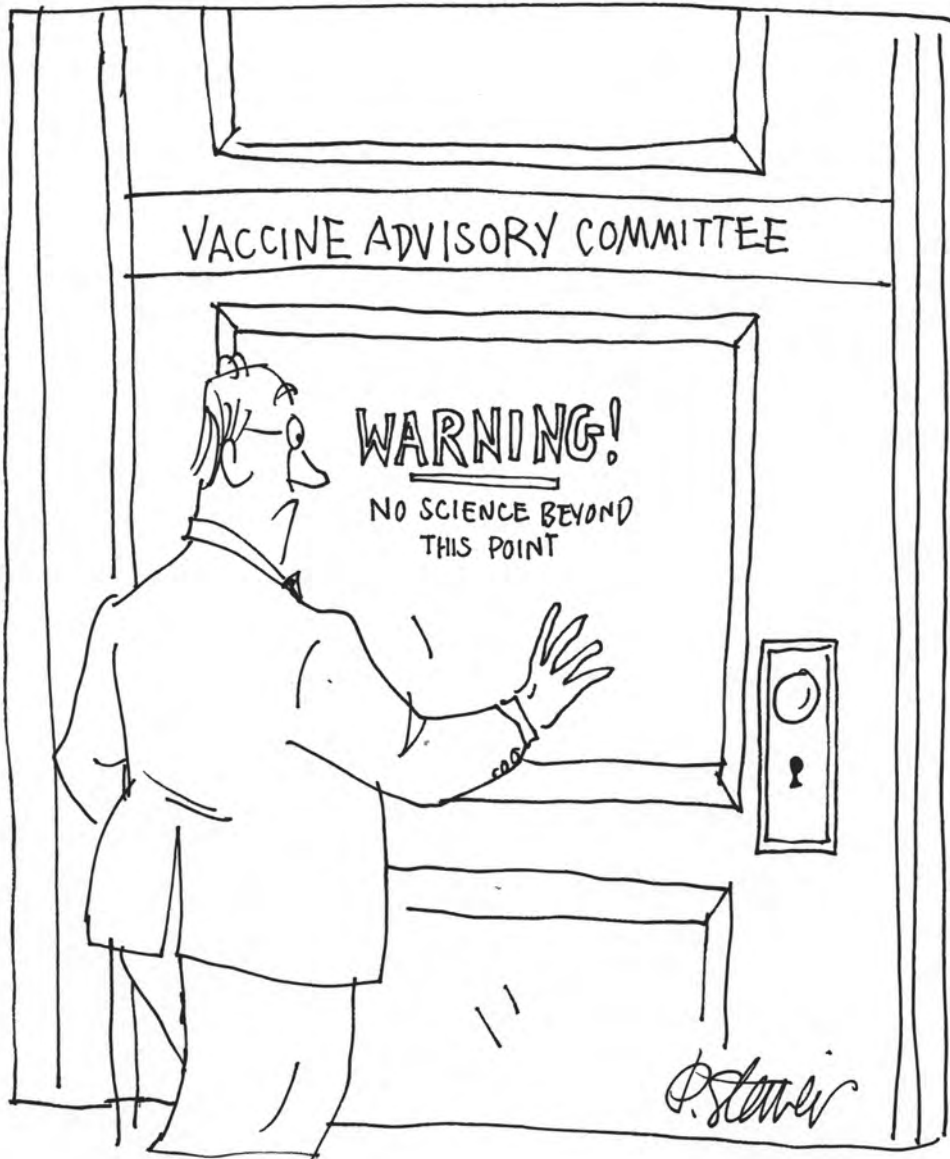
Myth No. 9: Now you've made it sound boring.

Fact: On the contrary! Our town may be small, but we handle it all - falls, illnesses, motor vehicle accidents and extrications, Appalachian Trail rescues, cardiac emergencies and strokes, hazmat incidents, even childbirth. If it can happen, it has probably happened here. This work is often exciting, but even when a call is low acuity or routine, you will learn something. Regardless, you will be providing priceless comfort and reassurance to your patients and their loved ones.

Myth No. 10: Someone else will do it.

Fact: Simply put: if we want our volunteer ambulance service to remain operational and free to all, we need more volunteers. Some of our members have been on the squad for decades and will be retiring. And life happens - members move away, or their circumstances change. Having more members join us is mission critical.

Find us at salisburyambulance.org or salisburyambulance1971@gmail.com. Barrie Prinz is president of the Board of Trustees. For more coverage on Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service and information on how to join, turn to Page A3.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to audit Medicaid to strengthen program

The article on the front page of the August 21 edition of The Lakeville Journal on "Health advocates across the state brace for fallout from Medicaid cuts" concludes that "any reductions to Medicaid could be devastating to seniors, caregivers, and communities." In other words, once again, "the sky is falling!"

The author notes that enrollment in Medicaid has increased 10% since the COVID Pandemic. In the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), Medicaid/CHIP cuts come to approximately \$1 trillion over 10 years, compared to the current annual spending on these programs of just under \$1 trillion per

annum. This amounts to a cut of approximately 10%, which takes us back to pre-COVID levels. Surely, scaling back to pre-COVID levels, principally by removing illegal participants and other waste, fraud, and abuse, shouldn't be "devastating!"

Furthermore, Ms. Aleksinas quotes Natashea Winters, director of programs and learning at the nonprofit Foundation for Community Health, as asserting that "Documenting 80 hours of work monthly can be difficult even for people who are working," and "Most people [citing precedents in Arkansas, which introduced work requirements in 2018] didn't lose coverage because

they weren't working. They lost it due to paperwork and reporting problems. A third hadn't heard about the new rules, and nearly half weren't sure if they applied to them."

I'm not sure this is a sympathetic argument, particularly as Winters adds "The new requirement takes effect in December 2026, giving us two years to prepare," noting further that "The Arkansas experience shows what we can expect, and what our residents, healthcare providers and local officials should plan for now." With appropriate education, therefore, Connecticut can ensure that what caused most of the cuts in Medicaid in the Arkansas experience can be remedi-

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GOP Town Committee slams Journal cartoons

It was extremely rewarding to see Peter Steiner's cartoon about The Wake Robin Mahal in last week's paper. This is a cartoon that will undoubtedly elicit bipartisan laughter and praise from residents of Lakeville and Salisbury.

Alas, this cartoon stands in stark contrast to the years of cartoons mocking everything Republican: Republican politicians, Republican Supreme Court Justices, Republican voters and even Republican parents who dare to speak out at school board meetings. Week after week, month after month, and year after year these mocking cartoons have graced the pages of our local newspaper.

Salisbury currently has 419 registered Republicans. They cover the entire Republican spectrum: MAGA Republicans, traditional Republicans (think McCain, Romney and Haley) and even a few liberal Republicans (think Rockefeller and the late Senator Brooke). Moreover, 580 Salisbury voters cast their ballot for Donald Trump in the November

election.

The Steiner cartoons continually depict Republicans as ignorant, dishonest, immoral and even violent.

The Salisbury Republican Town Committee does not begrudge Mr. Steiner the right to display his strong opinions nor do we begrudge Salisbury Democrats the right to take pleasure in anti-Republican cartoons. What we do object to is The Lakeville Journal — a nonprofit newspaper dedicated to carrying news of our local community and dependent on financial support from that community to stay in business — being a perpetual bulletin board for anti-Republican cartoons. These cartoons are a constant slap in the face to the town's Republican minority and do nothing to foster a feeling of community in our beautiful town. It is long past time to send them to some other publication.

Tom Morrison,
Chair, Salisbury Republican Town Committee

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago —
September 1900

The Lakeville base ball team went to Canaan Tuesday and played the team of that place. The game resulted in a sweeping victory for Canaan, the score being 20 to 6. The Canaan team now has the Guernsey brothers, Christie and Downing, making it a strong aggregation. The Lakeville boys were weakened by the absence of several of their best players, but they speak in high terms of the treatment they received at the hands of the Canaan players, people and umpire.

On Thursday evening a musicale was given for the benefit of James Estis who is working his way though a southern college, preparing to be a teacher.

100 years ago —
September 1925

SALISBURY — William Dempsey has started the foundation for his new house.

The N.A. McNeil Co. this week have been moving their office fitting from Lime Rock to their new rooms over the Bank. The large 1800 pound safe was moved up into the second story of the building by John H. Garrity and his men on Monday. It was a considerable task but was accomplished without a hitch.

The supper given for the benefit of the Dr. Wm. Bissell Hospital Fund at Roberts Hall last Thursday evening was a great success. Mrs. Orson Hartford and her friends were responsible for the enterprise which was carried out to a successful conclusion, about \$190 being cleared.

FOR SALE — Milch Cow, Jersey giving 22 lbs. a day, easy milker, good health and condition. \$75. Also Black Jersey Giant Cockerels. Prize stock — Tel 13-3.

Willis Jefferis is building a small store and refreshment stand on his property near the lake shore.

The auction sale of the property of the Salisbury Iron Corp. took place last week. As the prices bid in most instances were too low most of the places failed to go.

ORE HILL — Mrs. J.E. Scott has returned to her home in Norfolk after spending the summer with her nephew Arthur M. Everts.

50 years ago —
September 1975

Edward E. Kleinschmidt, a lively little man who en-

joys dining out as many as four times a week, will celebrate his 100th birthday next Tuesday, ending a century in which he contributed dramatically to the field of long-distance communications. Dr. Kleinschmidt, who now makes his home in Twin Lakes during the summer, was responsible for much of the development of the telegraph printer, the high speed stock exchange ticker tape machine, railroad signalling devices and many other inventions. He has a total of 118 patents.

Mrs. Mario DiGiacomo of East Main Street, Canaan, has reported the theft from her front porch of a pepperomia plant and the antique cider barrel on which it was standing. They disappeared some time between late evening on Sept. 2 and 7 a.m. the next morning. Mrs. DiGiacomo says her eight-year-old son, who has lovingly raised the plant, is desolate. Mrs. DiGiacomo would like also to get her antique cider barrel back.

The old bandstand at Community Field disappeared on Wednesday. The Fire District decided on the move after the little landmark had suffered some vandalism. The first plan was to repair it, but when inspection uncovered rotting roof and floor boards, the cost of the repair work became prohibitive. So another vestige of the town's past was knocked down and trucked away.

NORTH CANAAN — With construction well ahead of schedule and a host of applicants for the 40 apartments at Wangum Village, the North Canaan Housing Authority moved closer this week to its hour of decision. The authority must decide within the next month or so who may live in the senior citizen housing and what rents tenants must pay.

25 years ago —
September 2000

SALISBURY — Sharon Hospital is seeking to sell its facility to Essent Healthcare for more than \$16 million plus the net of working capi-

tal, the hospital's CFO told an audience Saturday morning. Rob Wright, speaking at the third meeting of the "Citizens for the Hospital," gave out those figures, adding that officials view the \$8 million being planned for renovations as an investment in the hospital. About 70 people attended the session in the community room of the Salisbury Congregational Church, where apologies were sought and offered, where tempers sometimes flared and where there was no lack of questions, opinions and comments.

SALISBURY — A new transportation service is being offered by volunteer drivers for any Salisbuy senior in need of a ride for local errands and appointments. "Happy Trails" is a current project to the Committee on Senior Services to help resolve the continuing transportation needs in the rural Northwest Corner.

KENT — High Watch Farm celebrated its 60th birthday this past weekend, drawing a crowd of hundreds of supporters, past residents and those whose lives have been impacted by drug and alcohol rehabilitation. "High Watch Farm is the granddaddy of all treatment centers," Joyce Steel, director of development for the center said, noting that the treatment center has been visited by thousands of recovering alcoholics over the six decades. Located on Carter Road in North Kent, the 200-acre High Watch Farm was donated to Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson in 1939 by Ethelred Folsom, known by her friends as Sister Francis.

Eileen Peterson, former postmaster of Lakeville, was honored by the U.S. Postal Service in a retirement ceremony Aug. 3 in New Haven. Ms. Peterson retired in December with 30 years of service. She began her postal career in 1969 in Sharon and later worked as a clerk in Falls Village, Officer in Charge in Canaan, and postmaster in Salisbury. She became postmaster in Lakeville in 1989.

Status Report

A recent study by Munley Law determined New York is the safest state to drive on Labor Day Weekend. Seven factors were analyzed in all 50 states and D.C. such as traffic fatalities, DUIs, speeding and pedestrian fatalities per capita. The study ranked Massachusetts 2nd safest and Connecticut 10th safest. Labor Day is the second deadliest weekend to drive in America annually (behind July 4). In 2023, 511 people were killed in car crashes nationwide and 36% included drunk drivers, per U.S. Department of Transportation.



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Volunteers Laurie, Ashley, Hannah, Brendan, and Leah. Below, during banding, each bird gets a silver federal ID band on one leg. On the opposite leg, the young birds receive colored bands to identify the bird's birth colony. The color code for Sharon Audubon's Miles Wildlife Sanctuary consists of a gold metal alpha/numeric band paired with a blue plastic band.

Bird banding at Sharon Audubon

I recently enjoyed joining a group of people at the Miles Wildlife Sanctuary to participate in Sharon Audubon Center's Purple Martin bird banding.

The sanctuary is the perfect location for clusters of their gourd-shaped homes because they are colony-nesting birds and prefer open areas with clear paths for flight or swooping. Access to water helps them find food more easily. Surprisingly, Purple Martins also like to be near human activity.

Long before Europeans arrived, Indigenous people noticed that Purple Martins moved into gourds they had hung up to dry. They found that the birds, which primarily eat flying insects, would help protect their crops and villages from potential predators and pests. When European settlers arrived, they also put up gourds and homemade nesting structures for the birds.

Historically, throughout most of the U.S., Purple Martins nested in natural tree hollows, old woodpecker holes, and cliff crevices near water. Out West, two subspecies continue to nest in natural cavities like hollow trees or even the arms of saguaro cacti. In the eastern U.S, however, habitat loss and competition with non-native species, such as English House Sparrows and European Starlings, have resulted in the Eastern subspecies nesting almost exclusively in man-made boxes. They are now dependent on these artificial structures for their survival.

With impressive dedication, some people from the Kent Land Trust and Marvelwood School have volunteered for decades to study and restore inland populations of martins. They organize and teach young people associated with various conservation organizations on how to manage housing for Purple Martins, enhancing their survival.

A binder with images of the birds at different ages is used to determine the age of the birds. The ones we banded were 11 to 22 days old. Tail and back feathers change daily, making dating them quite easy. While I was there, in addition to banding, the baby birds were counted and their ages were recorded. They usually fledge 26-32 days after hatching.

The Center tries to track the birds' migrations to South America. It turns out that most go to Brazil. Some have radio transmitters attached, which track them whenever they pass a location with a signal. Some have a GPS device attached, which gives de-



GUEST COMMENTARY MARY CLOSE OPPENHEIMER

tailed migratory information if they are able to retrieve the device.

Purple Martins have experienced a significant population decline in recent decades, making monitoring crucial for identifying potential causes. Counting helps determine the impact of threats such as pesticide use, competition from other species, and changing weather patterns. By tracking population changes, researchers can evaluate the success of conservation strategies, such as providing artificial nesting structures and protecting wintering grounds.

There's good news: increasing populations of martins in the northwest corner of Connecticut are beginning to pay dividends. An adult banded bird (from Miles Wildlife Sanctuary), along with another banded bird yet to be identified, was discovered by Jonathan Pierce to be breeding in an abandoned martin house near Stockbridge, MA. It is the first breeding record for



Checking a martin nest.

Berkshire County since 1895!

It's been fun to watch the activity in some bluebird nest boxes the Sharon Audubon Center installed on our property a few years ago. Since purple martins thrive around human activity, I'm now hoping they can also find a good spot nearby for a cluster of their homes.

The Audubon Center is a wonderful resource for learning about birds and nature. They and their collaborators are happy to teach us what we can do to help these beautiful creatures survive.

**All banding is conducted under a federally authorized Bird Banding Permit issued by the U.S. Geological Survey and state permits.*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Urging P&Z to reject Wake Robin

At this time, 480 residents have signed a petition opposing the proposed redevelopment of the Wake Robin Inn.

By an overwhelming majority, residents attending P&Z meetings have voiced that the scale and scope of Aradev's application are excessive, inappropriate and incompatible with our rural residential community.

Despite the volumes of data presented by Aradev's consultants, residents' concerns remain clear. This mega resort is still far too intense for the site. Even after sev-

eral revisions of the original application, Aradev's proposal only leads to a minor reduction in size. The project if approved will bring lasting nuisances — noise, traffic congestion, water runoff into our lake, and sewage concerns- that threaten Lakeville/Salisbury and the quality of life we value.

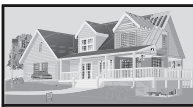
Chairman Michael Klemens implied, at the August 26 P&Z zoom meeting, that residents' concerns about noise are merely "speculation." But for those of us who live here, the reality is that

Lakeville/Salisbury is a quiet residential community — which would be fundamentally altered by an overscaled resort. P&Z has the authority to recognize when a project constitutes a nuisance, and lived experience must matter alongside data.

A project of this scale does not belong in Lakeville/Salisbury. We urge P&Z to deny this application and protect the integrity and nature of our community.


Kathy Plessner MD
Freya Block

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The Salisbury Housing Trust is currently building two affordable homes at 26 and 28 Undermountain Road here in Salisbury. The foundations are complete and the first house has been set by Signature Building Systems. Very impressive to see how the four boxes that have been built in Moosic, PA are gently lifted in the air and set on the foundation. For more information on how the houses are constructed, please visit www.signaturebuildingsystems.com/. The second house was set on Thursday, Aug. 28th. A special shout out to George Hill who supervises and coordinates the building of these affordable homes! Also to Brandon Flint of Lime Rock Race Track who allowed the semi trucks with the houses loaded to stage at the Park! All very exciting! For more information on the Salisbury Housing Trust, please see: www.salisburryhousing.org/.



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Hot Rods

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Wanda Houston Project and the Middletown PBA Pipes and Drums.

Among the cars roaring into town were 15 race cars dating from 1920 and earlier.

Brian Blain of Bisalia, California, was piloting a 1911 National. He said it was raced by Charlie Merz in the first Indianapolis 500 race, also in 1911. Merz placed seventh, he added.

The cars were from the Rag Time Racers, a Califor-

nia-based group of race car enthusiasts specializing in very early vehicles.

Siltwalkers Liam Murphy and Abigail Veiovis from Mortal Beasts and Deities, sporting new costumes from troupe director Mark Alexander, waved the race car drivers into town.

When the hubbub of cars died down the band resumed, doing songs as disparate as “Hit the Road Jack” and “(I Can’t Get No) Satisfaction.”



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

The Rag Time Racers drove cars dating back to the 1910s.



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Car No. 20, a 1911 National, was reportedly raced by Charlie Merz in the first Indianapolis 500, also in 1911.

COMPOSTING

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the state for their recycling efforts,” he said, reflecting on his hour behind the desk.

TRAC is organizing another table sitting for the midweek crowd later in September, where it anticipates more households to jump on board. State Rep. Marian Horn (D-64) and Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand have both indicated that they will take a turn at the tables on that date.

Bettigole emphasized that sign-up, which includes a roll 25 three-gallon biodegradable bags, a counter-top bin and a larger bin for storage and transporting collected food-waste bags to the Transfer Station, is free to residents, unlike the programs in other towns which inspired Salisbury and Sharon’s approach, many of which charge an initial fee for the materials. The expenses for the bins and bags are built into the budget for the Transfer Station.

Another recent milestone for TRAC’s food waste diversion efforts was at the annual Jane Lloyd Clambake on July 19, where approximately 575 pounds of shellfish and corn detritus, among other food scraps, were hauled away. Bettigole said she was exhausted after the event —



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

TRAC Chair Barbara Bettigole tosses a green bag at the transfer station.

“I had to find a really cold swimming hole” — but that the partnership with the long-running fundraiser was rewarding.

Bettigole said recent progress with the food waste program has been promising, but the “magic key” in reducing total municipal waste is a combination of food waste diversion with a unit-based pricing system. These programs, commonly known as “pay as you throw,” allow households to pay for disposal by the amount of waste they produce rather than via a flat yearly sticker fee.

The two towns have teamed up to apply for a

Sustainable Materials Management Grant from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Conservation that would help build out both programs. Speaking on Aug. 28, Transfer Station Manager Brian Bartram said that he expects the grant announcements to come later in September.

He noted that while the towns intend to test out a unit-based system, the option to bail will remain if unit-based pricing ends up not working for Salisbury and Sharon residents.

“Some people will win by pay as you throw, some will lose,” he explained. “Just like they do now buying a sticker.”



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Lime Rock Park was filled with classic cars prior to the parade kicking off on Thursday, Aug. 28.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Wanda Houston Project played on the green as cars rolled into town.

WAKE ROBIN

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lution; offensive odors, dust, smoke, vibrations, lighting, or other effects.”

A sound study commissioned by Aradev for its application and Singleton’s third-party review both stated that the noise produced by the redeveloped hotel would be below a nuisance level at the property boundaries. At the Aug. 12 hearing, though, neighbors countered that any additional noise intrusion onto their own properties would be against the regulations, as they are intended to “protect abutters and neighbors” from intrusion beyond what they are used to, as Bill Cruger put it. Brooks argued in his Aug. 26 testimony that “in terms of size and scope, this project is almost identical to the former application,” which Aradev withdrew in December due to a likely denial.

Brooks was one of three experts brought into the Zoom room on Tuesday evening to provide testimony against the proposed hotel development. The Crugers, who were intervenors in the 2024 round of hearings for the first iteration of the Inn redevelopment proposal, decided not to formally intervene again during this cycle. Instead, P&Z Chair

Michael Klemens stated that the Commission decided to allow the Crugers’ experts to “engage in a dialogue” during the process, but without formal party status in the proceedings.

The other two presenters, wetland scientist George Logan of Rema Ecological Services and Brian Miller of Miller Planning Group, echoed Brooks in their testimonies that Aradev’s current application has not satisfactorily reduced the scale and intensity of the first proposal. Representatives of Aradev have continued to argue that the current plan, which reduces the total occupancy from 158 to 130 and down-scales its build footprint, among other alterations, adequately address scale and intensity concerns raised by the Commission and the public.

Of Tuesday’s three-hour meeting, only 20 minutes were left for public comment, leading to a much-abbreviated session for residential input. Klemens announced that the next hearing session, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., will prioritize the public’s chance to speak.

Thursday is the last scheduled date for the public hearing, which state law deems must close on Sept. 9.

FARM STORE

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Guests of Ridgway Farm Store are greeted by a vibrant display of vegetables plus an assortment of samples from Jayne Ridgway, at right, and detailed information from Gordon Ridgway, middle right.

pressed into hard and soft cider.

“We have 47 varieties,” said Ian Ridgway. “A lot of these are heirloom varieties that have strong ties to cider making... My goal is for some time next summer to be selling cider.”

Some of the apple trees that were planted are called Burnham Sweet, a heritage apple that dates back to the 1800s and is native to Cornwall. The Ridgways worked

with an apple expert to identify the unique variety and propagate the only known specimen. Several of the other apple strains are also Cornwall originals.

On the process of unearthing and replanting Cornwall’s rich apple history, Gordon Ridgway said, “There’s strong representation all the way back to the beginning of the town. We have a friend up in Maine who’s involved in apple pres-

ervation, he says nobody else is doing all this stuff in one place.”

In their research, the Ridgways found a record that documented 1,555 barrels of cider produced in Cornwall in the year 1800. “One per person,” said Gordon Ridgway, who also serves as Cornwall’s first selectman.

The store’s fall hours of operation are Sunday 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday 4 to 6 p.m.

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Rock Steady Farm during the 2024 Farm Fall Block Party. This year’s event returns Sept. 6.

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Farm Fall Block Party returns to Rock Steady Farm

On Saturday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rock Steady Farm in Miller-ton opens its fields once again for the third annual Farm Fall Block Party, a vibrant, heart-forward gathering of queer and BIPOC farmers, neighbors, families, artists, and allies from across the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Co-hosted with Catalyst Collaborative Farm, The Watershed Center, WILDSEED Community Farm & Healing Village, and Seasoned Delicious Foods, this year’s party promises its biggest celebration yet. Part harvest festival, part community reunion, the gathering

is a reflection of the region’s rich agricultural and cultural ecosystem.

Rooted in justice and joy, the event will feature over 25 local vendors and organizations, live performances, healing workshops, family-friendly activities (yes, there’s a bouncy castle), and abundant local food. And while the festivities are certainly reason enough to show up, organizers remind us the purpose runs deeper.

“This isn’t just a party.

It’s a place to build the kind of relationships that keep our food system alive,” said Maggie Cheney, Rock Steady’s co-founder and worker-owner. “We’re creating space where farmers, growers, families, and community organizers can connect, celebrate, and support one another.”

Proceeds from the event support Rock Steady’s POLLINATE program for queer and trans BIPOC beginning

farmers, as well as Catalyst Collaborative Farm’s food justice initiatives. With sliding-scale tickets from \$5 to \$250, the organizers aim to make the event accessible to all, including free entry for children under 12 and volunteer options for those who want to pitch in.

For those who’ve attended before, it’s a welcome return. For newcomers, it may just feel like coming home.

More info and tickets: rocksteadyfarm.com/farm-block-party



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Waterlily (8”x12”) made by Marilyn Hock

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The Ungardener: by the books

It was a bit unfair, in my last column, to write a critique of a well-regarded plant reference book (“When the guide gets it wrong”) without recommending a satisfactory replacement or two.

As a novice gardener, I found plant selection — native or not — to be overwhelming and relied on website databases that let me enter soil, moisture, light and critter criteria, then return options I could research. Unsurprisingly, this yielded little garden satisfaction in situ. It may well be that it takes a little poetry to create a garden.

That’s where books come in. A well-written reference book can provide the kind of commentary that goes beyond a plant’s likelihood of survival in one’s garden.

Page Dickey’s (a well-known garden writer and landscape designer who lives in Falls Village) go-to on native plants is the three-volume set by Michael Cullina who led The Wildflower Society (now called The Native Plant Trust). Each book delves into different categories of plants: one on native trees, shrubs and vines (“one of my bibles” is the inscription on the opening page), another on native ferns, mosses and grasses and a third on wildflowers.

Dickey’s copies evidence of heavy use; in addition to hand-written commentary, there are check marks for the plants that she has either grown or identified. After a perusal, I looked more closely to get Cullina’s take on some of my favorite plants. While disappointed to find only one of the three types of aralias I admire — *Aralia spinosa*, the Devil’s Walking Stick — I was amazed to read about some fantastic species I



didn’t know.

With their ease of use and considered opinion, the books function a bit like Dirr’s “Hardy Trees and Shrubs,” the subject of my last column. Unlike Dirr’s book — which ignores the role of native plants in maintaining habitats and glosses over the invasive tendencies of many plants that Dirr extolls — Cullina’s books help the reader understand the importance of specific plants and the roles they play in keeping our environments healthy for all animals, including us.

Doug Tallamy, the renowned entomologist and co-founder of Homegrown National Park, once provided data that was incorporated into the Native Plant Finder database for the National Wildlife Foundation. He stands by the practicality of digital databases for supplying information that can be updated as the environment continues to change.

Still, Tallamy is partial to a number of reference books and cited two he has relied on for years: “Native Plants of the Northeast” by Donald J. Leopold, and “Native Trees for North American Landscapes” by Guy Sternberg.

“They were among the early books I encountered when I started thinking about native plants,” said Tallamy. “They are rich in good photos, and they describe the conditions under which various species do well. I like Guy’s books in part because he does his best to talk about how they meet the needs of various animal species. No other book talks much about the in-



PHOTOS BY DEE SALOMON

Michele Paladino’s nursery, “Lindera” in Falls Village.

sects that plants support because when they were written, we knew little about host plant associations.”

Much of what I’ve planted successfully in the past two years came at the recommendation of Michele Paladino, a plantswoman, landscape designer and proprietor of Lindera, a nursery specializing in native plants. She recently relocated the nursery to the former Falls Village Flower Farm.

Like Dickey and Tallamy, Paladino also turns to a few essential sources. “When I’m working on a project, I really want to ponder trees and their character. I always go back to books for inspiration.”

She, too, recommends Sternberg’s book as a go-to reference on trees, and highlights the two books by Carol Gracie on both Spring and Summer wildflowers. These two books delve more deeply into fewer plants — most, but not all, native — pointing out the insects and birds that they attract and including hand-drawn illustrations.

I was surprised to see two pages dedicated to broadleaf helleborine, a non-native orchid I’ve had my eye on in the woods for a while. Gracie argues both for and against this plant; her verdict is: pull them out.

Although she would not want to be characterized this way, Pala-



dino is the best kind of human reference guide to native plants, sharing both essential plant information and her editorial perspective.

With Fall planting season at our doorstep, I recommend a visit to her nursery, located where the Falls Village Flower Farm used to be. Come with questions, as Paladino likes to consult and collaborate with clients.

There is always lasting affection for books that sparked our curiosity for a lifelong passion. The books Dickey, Tallamy and Palladino recommend were last published a couple of decades ago. They recognize that they are trading

some up-to-date accuracy of information for prose that inspires and provokes — sentiment is preferred.

Might publishers reissue these books in digital form? That would allow for contemporary updates on plant diseases, soil chemistry changes and invasive species associated with climate change — as well as the resulting species decline we, and entire ecosystems, are rapidly experiencing.

Done well, it could thread the needle between accuracy and allure.

Dee Salomon ‘un-gardens’ in Litchfield County.

...studios

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completed “a series of trees before the leaves come out and obscure the structure. I do them from memory.” Drawings on display in his barn were being snapped up by tourgoers, with profits going to help fight macular degeneration.

At the Souterrain Gallery of the Wish House, first-time tour participant and basket maker Tina Puckett sat outside demonstrating her art. Inside the gallery, her unique baskets were on display. “I think the studio tour is great for the public and for us,” she said.

Also, at Souterrain, another first-timer, photographer Sarah Blodgett, showed her work. Photographs printed on canvas

were vibrant with colors. She said she works on these in the winter when she can’t be outside doing wildlife photography which, is “near and dear to my heart.” There were samples of that as well.

Other artists on the tour included shoemaker Lauren Brinker, photographer Stephan Sagmiller, potter Sanah Peterson, painters Magaly Ohika, Emily Waters, and Debby Jones, photographer Nick Jacobs, and poet/artist Sally Van Doren.

The tour is a unique opportunity to chat with artists, view and purchase their work, and see their studios.

For more information go to: <https://cornwallct.org/event/cornwall-open-studio-2025/>

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SEPTEMBER 4

Driftlines

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

Thursday, Sept. 4, 5:30 p.m. Painter Heather Neilson and photographer Babs Perkins in conversation about their current dual exhibition at the library, Driftlines, which is on display through Sept. 12. Refreshments will be served.

Thomas Franken: "Yesterday & Today"

Kent Art Association, 29 South Main St., Kent, Conn.

Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 6, 5 to 7 p.m. Exhibition Dates: Sept. 1 to 30. A special showing of over 25 original works, including large-scale paintings not previously exhibited. Reception coincides with the KAA's Sculpture Invitational Show.

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 Books, the White Hart Inn, and Scoville Library.

SEPTEMBER 5

Art Opening: Sand Unbound/Corralled

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

New work by Fedora Maier. The show runs from Sept. 5 to 27, with an opening on the 5th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Four Paths to Abstraction

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y.

Artist Talk: Friday, Sept. 5, 5 p.m. (Jenny Kemp & Courtney Puckett). Public Reception: Friday,

Sept. 5, 6 to 7:30 p.m. This group exhibition features four contemporary artists exploring abstraction through paint, textiles, and found materials. Presented by the Millbrook Arts Project. More info: millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project

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

AI: Prompting and Practical Tools with Pam Doran

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

Saturday, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to noon. This session is interactive, showing several AI tools such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, and others in action. Pam will demonstrate the differences in their outputs, how prompt wording affects results, and techniques for getting reliable, source-cited responses. We'll also discuss responsible use of AI for learning and creativity. Pam can run all tools using only browser-based tools.

Estate Planning

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

Saturday, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m. learn more about estate planning and ways of charitable giving from attorneys Warren Whitaker and Jordan Richards.

Bundle Dyeing at Maitri Farm

143 Amenia Union Rd, Amenia, N.Y.

Sept. 6, 4:30 p.m. Learn the art of natural dyeing with local flowers grown on Maitri Farm! Participants will be provided with a silk scarf and cotton bandana to create kaleidoscope compositions of natural color. The process is experimental and fun with such rewarding results!

Lobster Dinner from Westerly Canteen at Hammertown Barn

3201 NY-199, Pine Plains N.Y.

Hammertown hosts Westerly Canteen for a special additional dinner service. The a la carte menu will include a full lobster dinner with some other coastal specialties: clams, corn, tomato salad. Reservations required. Send an email to hello@westerlycanteen.com.

Donald Sosin & Joanna Seaton: Silent Film & Live Music

Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn.

Sept. 6, 7 p.m. Screening of F.W. Murnau's Sunrise (1927) with live music by Donald Sosin (piano) and Joanna Seaton (vocals/percussion). A landmark silent film accompanied by original music from renowned performers and composers.

A Special Evening with Nathan Kernan

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

Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. Author Nathan Kernan's "A Day Like Any Other: The Life of James Schuyler" is the

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

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

- The opposite of tall
- Not in working condition
- Batman's sidekick
- A shady garden alcove
- Hard work

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Celebrate America's 250th Birthday

Graham-Brush House, Pine Plains, N.Y.

Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Free Hosted by the Little Nine Partners Historical Society. Enjoy blacksmith demos, reenactments, house tours, talks, and a cooking demo. 4 p.m.: Widow's Weeds, a new play by Dyan Wapnick at The Stissing Center (Free, reservation required: widows-weeds.eventbrite.com)

SEPTEMBER 7

Book Release: CLOUD WARRIORS, Author Thomas E. Weber in conversation with John Coston

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

5 to 6 p.m., join author Thomas Weber and Lakeville Journal/ Millerton News Editor at Large John Coston for a conversation about Weber's new book, CLOUD WARRIORS. Learn about weather-prediction pioneers and groundbreaking technologies that are transforming our ability

to foresee and respond to deadly storms, wildfires, heat waves, and other increasingly dangerous weather events. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15079670

FAMILY EVENT: "Pirate Song" by Up in Arms Puppets

Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. Paulette the Pirate Princess sets sail with her dog Waffle in search of her own song, traveling the globe and meeting animals who share music, wisdom, and culture. From a dragon in Japan to a koala in Australia, Paulette learns to embrace her uniqueness and returns home ready to lead — with a song that's all her own.

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Fairly large
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Cover the entirety of
- Leafy appetizer
- Showy ornament
- Norse personification of old age
- Athletes
- Closes tightly
- Attack via hurling items
- Where the reserves stand
- Sword
- Begat
- Damage another's reputation
- Northeast
- Turf
- For each
- Hours (Spanish)
- Western state
- One who offers help
- Flanks
- A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- Free from drink or drugs
- Tunnels
- Mature
- More dried-up
- News organization
- Steal something
- Forms one's public persona(abbr.)
- Female fish eggs
- Small petrel of southern seas
- Edible starches
- Historical
- In a place to sleep
- Horse grooms
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Chinese dynasty
- Resembling a wing
- Small projection on a bird's wing
- Of the Isle of Man
- Derived unit of force (abbr.)
- Plate for Eucharist

CLUES DOWN

- Vipers
- Ancient city in Syria
- Slog
- Emits coherent radiation
- "Pollock" actor Harris
- Bleated
- Monetary units of Afghanistan
- Tooth doctor
- One who takes apart
- Commoner

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- Cave deposit material
- Home energy backup
- Begets
- Face part
- Frocks
- Hill or rocky peak
- Giving the impression of dishonesty
- About ear
- Male parents
- Popular grilled food
- Vaccine developer
- Not conforming
- Polite address for women
- 1970 U.S. environmental law
- Astronomical period of 18 years
- One who fights the government
- Center for Excellence in Education
- Watches discreetly

SEPTEMBER 9

Preventing Fraud: Learn How To Protect Your Personal & Financial Information

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

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join experts Kathleen Titsworth of the Connecticut Department of Banking and Audrey Cole from the Senior Medicare Patrol of the Western CT Area Agency on Aging to hear about common financial frauds and scams and learn how to protect your confidential financial and health-care information. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14603522.

SEPTEMBER 10

Easy Reversible Double Knitting with Bruce Weinstein

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

On three Wednesdays starting Sept. 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., knitting expert and best-selling author Bruce Weinstein will teach easy double-knitting to create fabric that is totally reversible. This fun, focused workshop is recommended for adults with some knitting experience. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15080850.

- An electrically charged atom
- Hymn
- Arabic given name
- Popular pie nut
- City in Zambia
- Species of cherry
- John __, British writer
- Be next to
- Make angry
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- Unhappy

August 28 Solution

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Sudoku

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August 28 Solution

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Sports

Alumni win soccer friendly

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School alumni returned to the pitch Saturday, Aug. 30, to take on the current boys varsity soccer team.

The alumni team, which included former HVRHS players from the Classes of 2011 to 2020, won the friendly 1-0.

Nicholas Labbadia, Class of 2014, organized the game. He and his brother Matthew, Class of 2017, got the chance to play against their little brother Anthony, a current senior on the HVRHS varsity team.

Nicholas said the match was a great opportunity to get some friends together, dust off their cleats and show the varsity squad how it's done.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Nicholas Labbadia defends his brother Anthony.



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Softball league concludes summer season

Canaan Co-ed Softball ended its second summer season Sunday, Aug. 24, when Quit Your Pitchin' (pictured above) won the championship game. The four-team league plays games at Segalla Field and includes area athletes aged 18 and up. It was founded by Tony Viscariello Jr. last year in collaboration with North Canaan Recreation Commission. "I would love more teams to join in the future and hopefully keep growing. 2026 is going to be bigger and better," Viscariello Jr. stated in a press release. Those interested in joining the league can call 860-248-0694.

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