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Norfolk First Selectman Matt Riiska, who is stepping down in November, received an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly thanking him for his service to the people of Norfolk.

Norfolk's Matt Riiska to step down at end of First Selectman term

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — First Selectman Matt Riiska will step down in late November after eight years in office.

On Sept. 5 the Democratic Town Committee combined their “Meet the Candidates” event with a celebration of Riiska held on the Norfolk Town Green. A large crowd gathered to enjoy hot dogs, live music, and to thank Riiska for his service.

State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) and State Senator

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Mountain rescue succeeds during hail, wind, lightning

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Despite abysmal conditions, first responders managed to rescue an injured hiker from Bear Mountain during a tornado-warned thunderstorm on Saturday, Sept. 6.

“It was hailing, we couldn't see anything,” said Jacqui Rice, chief of service of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service. “The trail was a river,” she added.

Just after 3:30 p.m., Rice was positioned back at the station, her uniform spattered with mud from the harrowing mission high on the ridgeline of the Taconic Mountains.

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PHOTO BY LISA BRADLEY
Severe wind and rain brought down trees on Undermountain Road (Route 41) in Salisbury Saturday, Sept. 6, adding to the difficulty of the rescue effort that saved an injured hiker.

Community Health & Wellness, Wheeler Health explore potential new network

By Debra A. Aleksinas

NORTH CANAAN — In an effort to expand access to health care services in the state's rural northwestern communities, two federally qualified health centers (FQHC's) have signed a letter of intent to evaluate combining services into one network.

Community Health & Wellness Center, based in North Canaan, Winsted and Torrington, and Wheeler Health, an FQHC in Bristol, Hartford, New Britain, Plainville and Waterbury, are exploring the partnership to “significantly increase” health care services for residents in Torrington and the Northwest Hills region, according to a joint announcement late last month.

“FQHC's are experiencing an ever-expanding patient population, increasing the demand on already strained resources, especially in our rural parts of the state,” said Joanne

Borduas, who serves as president and CEO of Community Health & Wellness Center.

“Established over 25 years ago, we have been serving as the only comprehensive FQHC in Northwest Connecticut, and today, operating under continued uncertainty of future federal funding supports,

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Sharon Hospital maintains five-star rating

SHARON — For the sixth consecutive year, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recognized Northwell Health's Sharon Hospital as a Five Star Hospital.

The hospital is one of just 290 Hospitals across the United States to receive the prestigious distinction and the only hospital in the State of Connecticut to receive a five-star rating — the highest rating that can be awarded.

Star ratings reflect a hospital's performance across five quality measures: mortality, safety, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care. This year, 91 fewer hospitals earning a five-star quality



PHOTO PROVIDED
From left, Suzanne Furia, Quality Improvement Specialist, Melissa Braislin, Director Rehab Services, Christy Clarke, Supervisor Patient Access, Jennifer Maranzano, Quality Data Coordinator, Christina Kontogiannis, Manager Patient Care, Amy Llerena, Director Quality, Ken DiVestea, Director Imaging Services, Dr. Mark Marshall, Hospitalist, Jim Hutchison, Clinical Navigator.

rating as compared to 2024.

“This distinction reinforces the fact that the exceptional work we do every day here at Sharon Hospital is meaningful in the lives of those we serve,” stated Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch in a press release.

Stunt pilots share tales from life in the clouds

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — They could fly through the air with the greatest of ease. Stunt pilots Stan Segalla and then his son Bill entertained audiences for years with their precision antics in the sky. Bill recounted their story as the guest speaker at the last session of the First Tuesday at 7 program on Sept. 2 sponsored by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society at the South Canaan Meetinghouse.

He began with some history, noting that at one time there were four airports in Canaan. The original one, built around 1920, was in the vicinity of the current Troop B police barracks on Route 7, north of town, and had three grass runways.

When it eventually closed due to the state upgrading Route 7 in

the late '50s, Stan Segalla, Brooks Conklin and Dick Bunce decided a new airport was needed. They bought land up close to the Massachusetts border on what is known as the “Dump Road” and put in a 2,000-foot grass runway, adding another 1,000 feet in 1965. They owned it until 1980 when it was bought by Lawrence Smith.

There was talk of converting the airstrip into a commercial airport, but there were too many trees on the site to extend the runway, said Segalla, so it remained private. At the time, there were 25 planes based there along with gliders, but eventually the gliders were removed due to complaints from neighbors.

“There was a very vibrant business there,” said Segalla, “But

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Online This Week

Pope project ready for P&Z review

The tri-purpose conservation, recreation and housing project in Salisbury is set for its 8-24 referral. More at lakevillejournal.com

Engagement Announcement



Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Good of Lakeville would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allyson Good, to Sean Schumacher from Felton, California. The official engagement was on July 3, 2025, in Lake Tahoe, California. The couple resides in San Francisco, California, and is planning a wedding in October 2026.

Health Expo in Waterbury

WATERBURY — The Western CT Area Agency on Aging (WCAAA) will be hosting its second annual Health Expo on Friday, Sept. 19.

It will be held at 84 Progress Lane, Waterbury, Conn., on the second floor from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The 2024 Expo brought together over 50 providers and hundreds of community members to connect with vital health and wellness resources. This year will be even bigger with expanded participation from local providers and nonprofit partners.

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.

Sideswipe and run on North Elm Street

On Aug. 25, Brianne Sebastino, 45, of New Marlborough, Massachusetts had her USPS mail truck parked on North Elm Street approximately 100 feet north of the intersection with Granger Lane in North Canaan. While parked, a white pickup truck driven by an unknown operator clipped the mirror of the mail truck, causing minor damage. The case remains active, and anyone with information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact Troop B at 860-626-1820 or Trooper Colon #1159 at jean.colon.carattini@ct.gov.

Deer strike causes road sign collision

Luann Zbinden, 70, of Goshen was traveling south on Route 63 in Falls Village on the evening of Aug. 27 when a deer ran into her Hyundai Elantra, causing her to swerve off the roadway. During the period of no control, the vehicle struck a 45 MPH speed limit sign and traveled approximately 100 yards before coming to a rest on the shoulder. Zbinden was uninjured in the accident, but her vehicle was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. She was found at fault for the accident and was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

Failure to appear arrest

Just after 6 a.m. on Sept. 2, Brian Martinez, 29, of Northampton, Massachusetts was arrested by troopers for failure to appear in the second degree. Martinez was issued a \$10,000 cash bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on the same day.

Rolled vehicle leads to DWI arrest

On the evening of Sept. 3, troopers were dispatched to Cobble Road in Salisbury on the report of a rolled vehicle. After an investigation, troopers found the driver, Johan Arango, 36, of North Canaan to be intoxicated, and arrested him for illegal operation under the influence of alcohol or drugs and failure to maintain lane. Arango was uninjured in the accident, but his Toyota 4Runner SR5 Premium was disabled. He was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 17.

Downed tree collision

On the afternoon of Sept. 4, Colleen Kopec, 75, of Sharon was driving on White Hollow Road during windy weather in a Lincoln MKZ Reserve. Upon rounding a curve, she came upon a downed tree and couldn't brake in time before colliding with it. The vehicle became stuck on the tree, but passing motorists were able to jack

Falling branch strikes car

On the evening of Sept. 4, Andrea Downs, 57, of Falls Village was driving north on Beebe Hill Road in Falls Village when a tree branch fell and struck the rear driver's side of her Kia Sorento. Downs was uninjured in the incident, and the vehicle remained functional. As this was an act of nature, no enforcement was issued for the incident.

Fraudulent check arrest

On the afternoon of Sept. 5, troopers took Francisco Paez, 45, of Salisbury into custody for an active arrest warrant on the charge of issuing a bad check over \$2000 for an incident that occurred in April of this year. The check, which totaled \$5,400, was apparently not connected to any open bank account. Paez was released on a \$5,000 cash bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 18.

Police seek info on Winsted cyclist death

WINSTED — At about 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 6, Winchester Police Department responded to a possible motor vehicle crash on North Main Street that left a male cyclist injured and unresponsive.

The man was identified as Steven Gibbons, age 67, of Winsted. He was transported to the Hartford HealthCare HealthCenter in Winsted but did not survive the injuries.

Per WPD, no other vehicles at the scene were involved or witnessed what occurred. Anyone with relevant info is asked to contact the investigating officer Adam Burwin (aburwin@townofwinchester.org) or the supervisor Sergeant Pete DeLouis (pdelouis@townofwinchester.org). WPD phone number is (860) 379-2721.

New Millerton police cruisers arrive to replace fire-ravaged vehicles

By Aly Morrissey
The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Millerton Police Department has received two new patrol cars to replace vehicles destroyed in the February 2025 fire at the Village Water and Highway Department.

The new Ford Interceptors are custom-built for law enforcement. "They're more rugged than a Ford Explorer," said Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik, noting the all-wheel drive, heavy-duty suspension and larger tires and engine. "They call it the 'Police Package.'"

Olenik worked with The Cruiser's Division in Mamaroneck, New York, to design the vehicles.

"We really want to thank the Pine Plains Police Department for their tremendous support," Olenik said.

After the fire, "they were the first ones to come forward and offer help."

Since February, Millerton officers have been borrowing a patrol car from Pine Plains.

With the new vehicles now in service, Olenik said he plans to thank Pine Plains officers by treating them to dinner at Four Brothers in Amenia and having their car detailed

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Close to the road on a small lot, 79 Gay Street was sold for \$245,000, the least expensive single-family residence recorded in Sharon so far in 2025.

Summer real estate sales in Sharon

By Christine Bates

SHARON — There were nine real estate transfers recorded in Sharon in July and August. The 12-month median sale price at the end of August stood at \$605,000 – the high for the year to date, but well below the all-time peak from a year ago when the median price of a home reached \$880,000.

Two homes sold for less than \$500,000 with the remaining seven closing above the median price of \$605,000.

Inventory of houses for sale has been building and at the beginning of September there were 21 single family homes for sale with only three listed below the median price and 14 over \$1 million. Additionally, there are 19 parcels of vacant land for sale which have been on the market for an average of 363 days.

Transactions

208 Low Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath ranch on 3.16 acres sold by Glen Joseph Cunningham and Michael R. Mohrlang to Theodore Peck and Ingrid Redman for \$855,000 recorded on July 14.

72 Herb Road — 1 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 16.29 acres sold by Samantha Cook and Kellen Medway to Leonard H. Pouder for \$845,000 recorded on July 29.

20 Jackson Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1906 sold by Marilyn Mullins Estate to Paricia M. Mullins for \$440,000 recorded on Aug. 4.

99 Sharon Mountain Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home built in 1749 sold by Long Springs Farm LLC to

Nancy J. Ruddy and John Cetra for \$1,675,000 recorded on Aug. 5.

79 Gay Street — 3 bedroom/2 bath antique house built in 1870 on 0.37 acres sold by Samuel N. and Karen E. Fitzgerald to Jennifer Thompson for \$245,000 recorded on Aug. 7.

1 Still Meadow Road — 2 bedroom/3 bath Cape Cod built in 1962 on 0.61 acres sold by Richard Carl Yurko and John Joseph Thomas to Mark Pigou for \$801,00 recorded on Aug. 7.

14 Joray Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath house built in 1984 sold by Estate of Kathleen A. Dance to Craig Wilson for \$625,000 recorded on Aug. 13.

28-30 Cornwall Bridge Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 half bath home with one bedroom guest house on 2.72 acres sold by Robert C Schnurr to J. Duncan Edwards and Sarah Kennedy Edwards for \$1,650,000 recorded on Aug. 18.

112 Knibloe Hill Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath house built in 1948 sold by Travis Wismer and Travis I. Braha to Lawrence and Elizabeth Gile for \$1,900,000 recorded on Aug. 18.

* Town of Sharon real estate transfers recorded as transferred/sold between July 1, and Aug. 31, 2025, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Property details from Sharon tax cards. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Hearing Sept. 11 for affordable housing proposal

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. via Zoom for an application submitted by Kent Affordable Housing. The plan calls for 13 units in a 2.5-story elevated

building adjacent to South Common affordable housing complex. The 1.15-acre parcel is currently town-owned, but will be turned over to KAH once all the applications are approved.

Justin Potter, head of KAH, said the parcel was chosen because of the built-

in infrastructure from South Common, including sewer and water hookup.

Entry to the new apartments would be through South Common, but construction would go through the Transfer Station to ensure the least amount of disruption to tenants.

SHARON — The Planning and Zoning Commission's recent decision to approve an application for a controversial housing development faces an appeal from outraged neighbors.

The appellants are Pablo Cisilino and Silvina Leone, who have been outspoken against the proposed development on Hospital Hill Road since the public hearing began in March of this year. Cisilino and Leone entered the appeal Aug. 29 alleging they are "classically aggrieved" by P&Z's decision in that the enjoyment and valuation of their properties

Neighbors file appeal to P&Z for housing development decision

By Alec Linden

will be negatively impacted by "noise, traffic and diminished viewshed." The filing was handled by attorneys Kenneth Slater Jr. and Richard Roberts of Halloran Sage LLP on behalf of Cisilino and Leone.

Leone is listed as the owner of 71 Hospital Hill Road, a directly abutting property of the proposed development, and both appellants as the owners of another property on Amenias Road.

The appeal argues that the Commission's approval "was illegal under the general standards for special exceptions contained in the zoning regulations in that it ignored uncontroverted professional testimony that the project would have a severe negative impact on the value of neighboring properties as well as lay testimony to the same effect from affected neighbors."

It alleges the Commission was unlawful in that its Aug. 13 decision "was not supported by the record" and that the application does not comply with Sharon's zoning regulations.

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — After nearly three decades of responding to emergencies, two of Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's trucks are in need of replacement.

With an expected total cost of up to \$1.6 million, CVFD launched a fundraising effort to meet the need.

The goal is to raise \$600,000 by December 2025, which will be added to the roughly \$1 million of town funding and department reserves that will go toward the new trucks.

The old trucks, which have been in service for a combined 50 years, remain actively involved in emergency response efforts. The 1999 Navistar "Engine 3-0" operates out of the Cornwall Bridge firehouse and is used for fire attack, water supply and motor vehicle accidents with an AED on board. The 2001 International "Rescue 1" does not have a water pump, but carries life-saving tools and gear for responding to motor vehicle accidents, water/ice rescues and other incidents.

A press release from CVFD's Fire Trucks Fund-



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept. is raising money to upgrade two trucks. Above, a rescue pumper, seen at left, will replace the 1999 Navistar, at right. Below, a mini-pumper, seen at left, will replace the 2001 International truck, at right.



raising Campaign Honorary Committee stated, "They are technologically out of date – firefighting science and accident scene response needs have changed over the last 25+ years. New trucks will allow us to better respond to incidents and will be safer for our volunteer firefighters and support team."

The two desired trucks are a rescue pumper, similar to "Engine 6" currently used in Falls Village, and

a mini-pumper, similar to "Squad 3" used in Sharon.

Committee member Ian Ridgway explained that the rescue pumper "will give us the ability to seat six firefighters. This style truck also will give us much more compartment space than our current engines." Of the mini-pumper, he stated, "These smaller trucks still have a large pump on them and can move lots of water, but they are more maneuverable and easier to maintain."

The committee noted, "Both are state-of-the art apparatus that will meet our needs for the next 25 years."

CVFD anticipates about

two years between the order date and the arrival date for the new trucks.

Tax-deductible donations can be made online at cornwallfire.org or by check, mailed to P.O. Box 180, West Cornwall, Conn., 06796. For more info, email president@cornwallfire.org

CVFD President Dick Sears noted, "The high point of this rapid campaign will be our Open House," which is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 19 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the West Cornwall firehouse.

The Department will also have a booth at the Cornwall Agricultural Fair at the Village Green Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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‘Internal loading’ a major concern for Mudge Pond

By Alec Linden

SHARON — A new report prepared by the Northwest Conservation District found it’s not only recent agricultural runoff that impacts the water quality of Mudge Pond, but pollution from bygone farms of decades ago. The reason for this is a process called “internal loading,” stated the report, which was prepared by NWCD Natural Resource Specialist Kelsey Sudol and presented to the Board of Selectmen at its August 26 meeting by selectwoman Lynn Kearcher. Drawing from the findings of a February 2025 study (researched in 2024) by environmental consultancy Northeast Aquatic Research, Sudol’s memo declares that

“internal loading is the main major water quality concern for Mudge Pond currently.” Internal loading is the release of harmful particulates that were once entombed in the lake bottom back into the water column. It results from a layer of anoxic or hypoxic — water either entirely or almost entirely devoid of dissolved oxygen – sitting on the lake bottom for longer than usual. It’s normal for this to happen for a period in New England’s freshwater lakes during the summer when they’re “stratified” (i.e. when warmer, less dense water sits above cooler, denser water). In this state, the layers don’t mix and the deeper water is unable to receive additional oxygen from the well-oxy-

genated layers above. Warmer winters, however, can cause this process to begin earlier, especially with a shortened ice season. These extended anoxic periods, which were confirmed by several readings taken during the Northeast Aquatic Research study, allow harmful pollutants that may have been sitting on the lake bottom for decades to reappear and cause damage. Nitrogen and especially phosphorus are two such products of historic agricultural runoff that pose a risk to Mudge Pond. The NWCD report upholds that “within watersheds that have a long history of agriculture, which Mudge Pond does, this release of historic pollution is common.” There is an urgency to remedying this issue, the report went on, given that “the stressors that are worsening this internal loading, like warmer winters, are not projected to improve.” The report recommends aeration, a technology which artificially inputs oxygen into deeper water, as the most promising remediation tactic. The suggestion follows the Northeast Aquatic Research study which declared that “the lake is an excellent



Sharon’s Mudge Pond spans more than 200 acres.

candidate for artificial aeration.” Northeast Aquatic Research would not suggest a specific method by which to implement the solution, however, until it had completed further research, stating the group would be able to present “state-of-the-art” options to the town by the spring of 2026. Neither the town nor the Mudge Pond Association — the lake’s newly-formed recreation and protection authority — have stated whether an aeration solution will be pursued, although the Association has indicated a commitment to weigh all possible protective measures. While the reappearance

of old pollutants presents the greatest water quality risk, current runoff also poses a threat. The Northeast Aquatic Research report located a high concentration of nitrogen at certain times of the year near an inlet that enters the lake on its eastern shore, downslope from Low Road. The feeder streams flow through a wetland before reaching the lake at the inlet, which is a cause for concern as wetlands usually act as “biofilters” that remove nutrients from the water, stated Northeast Aquatic Research. The NWCD offered to conduct a stream-walk to locate the sources of these nutrients that would help devel-

op a “watershed monitoring program.” The group would also help the town educate property owners and farmers within the watershed on erosion control and nutrient runoff management. Such practices have worked before, the NWCD correspondence stated: according to historic reports from 1999, 2000 and 2001, once newly-established best management practices were adopted in area farms in the 1980s and 1990s, Mudge Pond’s water quality drastically improved. The NWCD also offered to conduct a volunteer event to remove invasive water chestnut, sending out flotillas of kayakers to hand-pull the water weed in a minimally invasive procedure. Earlier in the summer, an effort by the Mudge Pond Association and local consultancy New England Aquatic Services to hand-pull the plant was stymied by a much-greater amount of organic material than anticipated. A bigger team could help, the NWCD recommended in the memo. The Mudge Pond Association said it is carefully weighing NWCD’s many suggestions, and is working on next steps.

OSHA identifies room for improvement in Cornwall

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — An inspection of town properties by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration resulted in minor fines and suggestions. The Board of Selectman reviewed the findings at its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 2. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway said several proposed improvements were identified at Town Hall, the Town Garage and the

Transfer Station. Ridgway said the suggestions involve “mostly moving things and installing some more fire extinguishers, doing some more training.” He said the biggest change will be putting new railings up around the bulk waste boxes at the Transfer Station. The total cost, including fines, was estimated at \$2,000, and the changes are expected to be implemented by the Oct. 10 deadline set by OSHA.

Progress made by Friends of Ruggles Landing

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Plans for a public access site on the Housatonic River in North Canaan are moving closer to reality. Selectman Jesse Bunce, who is also president of the Friends of Ruggles Landing group, provided an update on recent progress at the Board of Selectmen meeting Tuesday, Sept. 2. Recent progress includes formation of a board, bank

account and certificate of incorporation. The bank account allows for receipt of \$10,000 annually from the Housatonic River Commission. “The state is eager to make progress on this site. They’re going to pay for the demolition of the old Masonic lodge, restructuring the road, picnic tables and automatic gate as well as a boat launch for future activities,” said Bunce. Later in September, the boy scouts plan to paddle

on the Housatonic River via access from Ruggles Landing. “The Troop’s really psyched up about doing this,” said Scoutmaster Walter Deane. “I think it’s a great thing for the scouts to get involved. The paddling merit badge, the kayak merit badge later on, there’s a lot that can be added in from the scouting point of view.” Located off Route 44, Ruggles Landing would be North Canaan’s only public access point to the river.

Trooper on leave North Canaan Resident Trooper Spencer Bronson is on medical leave. At the Sept. 2 meeting, Selectman Craig Whiting said the reason and duration of the leave are unknown, but the town retains access to a state trooper through Troop B. “The area is still covered,” said Whiting. Emails sent to resident-trooper@northcanaan.org should receive responses.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Decision
Town of Salisbury
Planning & Zoning
Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 2, 2025:
Approved - Site Plan Application #2025-0296 by owners Kenneth and Elizabeth Burdick, for a modification of approved site plan #2025-0289, to modify a deck in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 60 as Lot 17 and is located at 152 South Shore Road, Salisbury.
Any aggrieved person may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.
Town of Salisbury
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Martin Whalen, Secretary
09-11-25

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The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 21, 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.
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(25-00343)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 28, 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.
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OBITUARIES

Judith Marie Drury

COPAKE — Judith Marie “Judy” Drury, 76, a four-year resident of Copake, New York, formerly of Millerton, New York, died peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York, surrounded by her loving family and her Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Judy worked as a therapy aide for Taconic DDSO in Wassaic, New York, prior to her retirement on Feb. 1, 2004. She then went on to work in the Housekeeping Department at Vassar Bros. Medical Center for several years.

Born Jan. 2, 1949, in Richford, Vermont, she was the daughter of the late Leo J. and Marie A. (Bean) Martel. She attended Roeliff Jansen Central School in Columbia County, New York, in her early years. Judy was an avid sports fan and she was particularly fond of the New England Patriots football team and the New York Rangers hockey team. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling to Florida, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania for many years. She was a longtime parishioner of Faith Bible Chapel of Shekomeko on Silver Mountain in Millerton as well.

Judy is survived by two brothers; John Martel and his wife, Jane of Falls Village, Connecticut, and Frank Martel of Ancram, New York; her

sister, Susanna “Sue” Martel of Copake, New York; and three generation of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Judy was predeceased by her brother, Leo W. Martel, Sr. of Poughkeepsie, New York, and her sister, Helen J. Slater of Hillsdale, New York; her sister-in-law, Karen Martel of Ancram and a special nephew, Jacob Stickle of Copake.

A visiting hour will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York 12546. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, New York. A celebration of Judy’s life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, New York 12546.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, New York 12546 or American Cancer Society, 45 Reade Place, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Judy’s memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Jeremy Dakin

AMESVILLE — Jeremy Dakin, 78, passed away Aug. 31, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center after a long battle with COPD and other ailments.

Jeremy was a dear friend to many, and a fixture of the Amesville community. There will be a service in his memory at Trinity Lime Rock Episcopal Church on Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.

Below is the obituary Jeremy himself wrote:

Born July 20, 1947, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

A resident of Salisbury, Connecticut for over 75 years, he graduated from UVM in 1970, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a German translator (“It just seemed like a better idea than learning Vietnamese”), and served two years in West Berlin.

Returning to Vermont in 1973 he began a 16-year gig

as a ski shop manager and a professional ski patroller, which led to a 30-year stint as an EMT.

A direct descendant of Rebecca Nurse (who was hanged as a witch in Salem in 1692), he is survived by a nephew, Robin Dakin, of Englewood, Ohio, his wife Amy, and a flock of grandnieces, all of whom seem to have inherited the family love of camping and canoeing.

The love of his life, Wren Smith, passed away in 2007 after a 10-year battle with breast cancer. By the time he was seventy, Jeremy’s physical activities were curtailed by COPD, due to a lifetime of smoking.

Rather than spend money on flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Lung Association. But, for Pete’s sake, don’t smoke.

MILLERTON — The world lost an exceptional educator and all-around good guy when Theodore (Ted) R. Kneeland passed away at the Sharon Center for Health and Rehabilitation on Sept. 5, 2025, following a three-decade-long battle with heart disease.

Born May 14, 1947, in Buffalo, New York, Ted always credited his parents, Eleanor Sengpiel Kneeland and Theodore R. Kneeland Sr., for sending him to Cheverus High School in Portland, Maine, where as a scholar-athlete he played all the classic sports, was a member of the 1965 New England championship debating team, and learned to love learning and ideas.

Inspired by football superstar Jim Brown, Ted attended Syracuse University where “across a crowded room” of some 2,000 freshmen, he first spotted the love of his life, partner in all things, and adoring wife, Carol.

Following graduation in 1969, they married in a candlelight ceremony. The romance continued for one day short of 56 years with flowers, candy, mutual respect, a loving family, and a conversation that never ended.

The teacher whom students nicknamed “Zeus” spent three years teaching at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania before beginning a 29-year career at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York. There, frustrated by his inability to reach a few students whom he knew had potential, he followed the suggestion of Headmaster Philips Smith and Dean of Faculty John Lloyd Owen and began to search for answers to the problem.

The quest quickly resulted in his development of the innovative Language Retraining Program, designed to help bright dyslexic students reach their full potential as they learned to read, write, and think.

At a time when few believed those students could be taught, Ted followed his credo of “Just Take Care of the Kids,” freely sharing the program throughout the country and with educators who came to the school from as far away as Hong Kong and the British Isles.

Early on, an IBM executive grateful for the help Ted had given to his son, arranged for the school to receive one of the first six Local Area Networks in the country. Ted was designated an IBM fellow, brainstorming monthly with developers on ways in which computers could facilitate education and aid in reading and writing.

Zeus was polyononymously known as “Boomer,” as his prowess on the faculty softball team was as impressive as in the classroom. He loved

mentoring young colleagues and believed that every encounter on campus was a teachable opportunity.

Bridging the Town/Gown Divide, Ted retired as coach of his New England championship golf team to volunteer for his son’s teams at Brewster’s Melrose School and in Pawling. During his summers on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shoreham, Vermont, he volunteered for Hook Kids on Golf, providing instruction and handmade clubs for area youngsters.

In his early 50s, Ted was diagnosed with potentially deadly heart problems. He was lucky enough to receive a newly developed treatment from Dr. Harvey Kramer of Southbury, Connecticut, who was and continues to be a firm believer in the importance of keeping up with the latest advances in the field.

Despite his challenges, Ted continued to teach, returning in 2001 to his family’s ancestral home in “hard-scrabble Maine,” where he spent 11 years at Fryeburg Academy as Dean of Faculty and Director of Studies with his brother in education, Headmaster Daniel Lee. They cut the dropout rate to “nearly nothing,” raising the number of students who progressed to “the next level” to “nearly everyone,” with many students becoming the first in their families to attend college — most on scholarship.

Ted coordinated with faculty at the middle school in order to better prepare students for The Academy’s challenging program, which he strengthened with the addition of multiple Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Again “Taking Care of the Kids,” this lifelong educator collaborated with Maine community colleges, actively promoted the idea of free tuition, and arranged for students to take courses and get a jumpstart on credits while still at The Academy.

His health declining, Ted was given a dire prognosis. But good fortune once again intervened, taking him to the Cleveland Clinic — the number one heart hospital in the world. There he was treated by top physicians Walid Saliba and Randall Starling. Coincidentally, Starling helped author the lifesaving paper that prompted Dr. Kramer’s treatment many years earlier.

Against all odds, the cutting-edge treatments in Cleveland brought Ted two dozen more years as he courageously volunteered as a guinea pig for experimental procedures that have since helped others all over the world.

With all he did, Ted’s first priority was always his

family. When Carol was incapacitated by a drunk driver, Ted expanded his Daddy Duties to include everything from gourmet PB & J’s to puddle-jumping lessons, forming an unbreakable bond with their toddler son, Douglas. For the next four years, Ted

helped Carol navigated the then non-handicap-accessible world, ensuring that she could freely enjoy life and that they could continue teaching as a team.

When the two retired from Maine in 2012, they moved to Millerton to be close to their expanding family. There, Ted wrote the column “Bleacher Views” for The Millerton News and cheered on Hotchkiss teams coached by his beloved son, best friend, golf buddy and Latin mentor, Doug.

He treasured time with his deeply cherished grandsons, Teddy and Henry Kneeland, who brought a bright light to his world as he listened to their adventures, ate their Play Doh spaghetti, and watched proudly as they de-

veloped into thoughtful and loving young men. Helping Teddy to design a first baseman’s mitt as he moved into that legacy position and meeting the challenge of keeping up with Henry’s chess prowess gave him immeasurable joy.


Ted also loved and is survived by his dear sister-in-law, Karen Carson of Medina, Ohio; his niece Leslie Putnam of New York; his niece Holly and her husband Edward Tasz of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania; and his nephews, Eddie and Connor Tasz, also of Burgettstown.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother, William Kneeland, and his brother-in-law and good friend, Curtis Carson.

Ted’s life will be among those celebrated at the Alumni Weekend Memorial Service on Oct. 4 at Trinity Pawling.

In all, Ted was grateful for a life well lived and for all of those who enriched and enabled it. Should you choose to, he would be delighted to know that you would, in whatever way possible, be “Taking Care of the Kids.”

Kenny Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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Community project fights food insecurity in northern Dutchess County, New York

By Aly Morrissey
The Millerton News

AMENIA — Food insecurity is a growing problem in Dutchess County, where nearly one in four adults worry about being able to afford nutritious meals.

The number of families who report feeling worried or stressed about having enough money to buy food is “sobering,” said Rev. AJ Stack, priest-in-charge at St.

Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia and director of the Food of Life Pantry.

According to 2021 data from the New York State Department of Health, both Dutchess and Orange counties reported food insecurity rates of 23.9% — the highest in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

The Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry at St. Thomas in Amenia serves 653 individuals from 156 local households each week.

About 40 regular volunteers help package meals, transport food and welcome pantry guests. Meal pick-ups take place every Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Amenia and 6 to 8 p.m. in Dover Plains, with each household receiving food for about nine meals per week.

To offer nutrient-dense options, the pantry partners with local farms, including the Tenmile Farm Foundation in Dover Plains, a 120-

acre farm that supplies fresh produce and proteins to food programs across the Tri-State area.

“It’s a community project,” Stack said. “Not all of our volunteers are members of the church — it’s a group of people who care about their neighbors and want to make a difference.”

For more information on volunteering or donating, visit stthomasamenia.com/pantry.

EDITORIAL

What's journalism — and what's not

We know that our community values its journalism. The generous contributions from readers and the steady support from our advertisers is evidence that you value the job we do in providing a weekly report on the goings and comings in your towns and in the region. But how about the larger world of American news consumers? A recent study by the Pew Research Center on “How Americans View Journalists in the Digital Age” reveals that most of us put value on the role of journalists in society, even as they see their influence declining.

The study also explores the mixed views of Americans when it comes to the various types of content that journalists provide. Respondents in the study are either unsure about or actually don't think that someone who compiles and shares someone else's reporting, or offers opinions or commentary should be called a journalist. Someone who conducts his or her own reporting would be — yes — a journalist. The highest certainty about who Americans qualify to be as journalists falls to anyone who writes for a newspaper, followed by television and radio reporters, including radio news show hosts. Newsletters, podcasts and social media posts largely fall into a “not-journalism” category. However, the study also found perceptions differed by age group. Four in ten adults aged 18 to 29 said that “someone who posts about news on social media is a journalist,” while in the ‘65-and-up’ group, only 14% considered social media posts as the work of a journalist.

Americans are most likely to see journalists as those who conduct their own reporting. The staff at The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News produce original content. We are present at meetings, events, community fairs, sporting events and elsewhere in the community to report what we see and hear. We are journalists producing our own content.

In what might be a commentary on today's world, the study found that 59% of Americans say journalists are “extremely” or “very important” to the well-being of society. But 49% also say journalists are losing their influence. In past surveys by Pew, journalists have been less trusted to act in the best interest of the public than other institutions and professions, including the military, scientists and police officers.

When it comes to what Americans want from their news providers: Honesty, intelligence and authenticity top the list. And those attributes are followed by kindness — meaning that it's important to Americans at large that the people who provide their news display kindness. Americans care far less about wanting humor, charisma or popularity from their news sources.

In today's polarized society, it is encouraging to see that Pew found three-quarters of Americans believe that journalists should report both sides of an issue or event, giving all sides equal coverage. That's also in line with the perspective of U.S. journalists themselves, according to an earlier Pew survey.

What do you think?

How do you view journalism in the digital age? Who counts as a journalist? What matters most to you from a journalist? Do you agree that both sides of an issue deserve equal coverage?

Let us know by emailing publisher@lakevillejournal.com

(To read the full Pew report, go to: pewrsr.ch/4f-DZmnl)



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Apple picking season



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wake Robin cartoon comes up short

The cartoon in the August 28 edition (“The Wake Robin Mahal”) is a poor excuse for a caricature that doesn't help anyone understand the issues involved in this complicated problem.

There are strong arguments on both sides with respect to the Aradev application, with both benefits and detriments to the community, but the greatest disappointment for me has been the utter lack of effort by nearby homeowners to work with Aradev on modifications to the plan that

would be satisfactory to those living in the immediate neighborhood. Surely, no one wants to see the facility simply abandoned, with all the problems that would create, and no one wants to see the return of large outdoor tented events well into the night - something that is already permitted within the pre-existing status. Given the alternatives, it's hard to believe that the nearby homeowners and Aradev can't find a path forward together.

If it turns out, however, that Aradev has decided that

further modifications create too much economic risk to justify their investment, then P&Z will have to decide on the application as submitted (with modifications and commitments already offered). And it will have to do so in accordance with our town regulations, regardless of how any of us feels one way or the other about the project. In any case, your cartoon certainly doesn't advance an understanding or resolution of the issues.

Mike Abram

Lakeville

Wake Robin plan too big for town

The letter from Laurie Fendrich and Peter Plagens published in the August 28th issue of the Lakeville Journal sums up correctly why the Planning and Zoning Commission should deny Aradev permission to go forward with their project.

Further, as a resident of Lakeville for 27 years in a house of a little more than 2,000 square feet situated on more than two acres, Aradev's current proposal to build four guest houses of 2,000 square feet each is absurd in the extreme.

Their size cannot be considered guest cottages and the zoning required to put four such houses on 12 acres in addition to everything else that is proposed would, I think, not be permissible.

Quite simply the proposal from Aradev is too large for the site and too large for Lakeville.

The Commission has a duty to all concerned to put an end to the matter.

Inge Heckel

Salisbury

Mayland nod for selectman

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically support and recommend the election to Selectman of Don Mayland. Don served three terms as Salisbury Selectman in past years and his experience in the role is invaluable.

He also served on the Town Board of Finance for 24 years, and was Chairman of the Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority for 10 years. In addition he was President of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance service 9 years and as Chairman of the Board of Litchfield Bancorp 26 years and taught economics at Hotchkiss School for 38 years.

Clearly Don has the requisite experience we need for so important a position as Selectman.

In addition to being intelligent and experienced Don is kind and generous and liked and admired by all who associate with him.

I recommend his candidacy unreservedly.

Maureen Bateman

Lakeville

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — September 1900

Here’s a fish story that is not a “fish story.” The law has been on Twin Lake bass and so well has it been observed that bass are plentiful and bold there.

A few days ago Dr. Moore and Miss St. John, at J.J. Moorehouse’s, were out boating; the oars were copper tipped, and several times bass made strikes at the glittering copper. That was amusing and interesting. Miss St. John sat face in hands, elbows on lap, leaning forward — she screamed — Doctor looked — she threw up her hand to ward off something that struck her face. It was a monstrous bass — attracted by a ring on her finger the fish made that desperate jump and strike.

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SHARON — Everyone is on the quisitive to know to whom The Man About Town referred when he spoke of certain parties being married and keeping it a secret, and almost every young, or in fact unmarried middle-age person has been suggested by different people as the guilty ones.

Marion Turrentine, the small son of Rev. F.M. Turrentine, had the misfortune to fall from a carriage and break his arm just below the elbow last Monday.

One day recently Evert Rose shot a blue heron near the outlet of Twin Lakes. The bird measured 6 feet 2 inches from tip to tip and was 4 feet 6 inches in height. The bird will be set up by a New York taxidermist.

100 years ago — September 1925

SALISBURY — Mrs. Howard Aller and daughter of Phoenix, Ariz. are guests at By-the-Way.

George R. Belcher has moved his household goods from Lime Rock to the Eggleston house.

On Sunday Charles Hoffman of Amenia with Stephen Reed and two others who got away, got stuck with their car and created a disturbance near the Town Farm. Officer Ringrose arrested the two named and locked them up in Canaan

over night. They were tried Monday morning. Hoffman, charged with operating a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor pleaded guilty and was fined one hundred dollars and sixty-six cents. He did not have the money and his car is held as security. Stephen Reed was just plain drunk. He pleaded guilty and was fined one dollar and costs of fifteen dollars and thirty-six cents, which was paid.

H. Roscoe Brinton has bought out the Hartford Aviation School at Hartford, including the instruction rights and equipment. Mr. P.H. Spencer who has conducted the school has secured from the British government the flying rights for Bermuda and will be leaving Hartford soon for that island. Mr. Brinton will still continue to live in Salisbury, but will continue his studies in flying until he secures his unlimited license as an aviator.

ORE HILL — John Bianchi of Canaan who recently returned from a visit to Italy, was a visitor at Michael Moore’s last Sunday.

Mr. R.F. Schabelitz is constructing an ornamental stone wall at his place on the Sharon road.

The coal strike is on, but the E.W. Spurr Co. have been able to supply the customers thus far and at no advance in price.

The week end and Labor Day traffic was very heavy in spite of the unfavorable weather. No accidents marred the week end a fact which speaks well of the quality of the driving.

A new map of the state of Connecticut has been prepared by the state highway department, which shows the trunk line system in red, the state aid system in green and the country roads by two parallel lines.

50 years ago — September 1975

A controlled program of open hunting to frighten away Canada geese polluting Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville was recommended to the Salisbury selectmen Tuesday night. Dr. Richard Collins, asked by First Selectman Charlotte Reid to serve as a citizen adviser on the problem, suggested a split season running from Oct. 18 through Nov. 1 and from Nov. 21 through Jan. 10.

Ribbons and trophies came the way of Linda Bushnell of Salisbury at the recent Summer Dressage Show at the Westchester- Fairfield Association in Old Lyme.

Linda, a B member of the Lakeville Pony Club, rode Topay’s Red Eagle, owned by Holly Hill Stables. She won two classes, placed second in another and fifth in yet another. The American Horse Show Association-sanctioned events were tests at the Training level and First level.

The season’s first frost hit widely in the area Wednesday morning, exactly three months after the last frost of the spring.

A big boom is coming to Lakeville — to Lake Wononscopomuc in particular — but if you hear it it won’t be an attack by terrorists or a new chapter in H.G. Wells’ “War of the Worlds.” It will just be Resident State Trooper Robert Smithwick trying out the newest device for scaring geese off the lake — a gas-fired gun like a small cannon — before the town resorts to the more desperate expedient of an open hunting season.

25 years ago — September 2000

LAKEVILLE — High temperatures and a blazing sun gave new meaning to the term “qualifying heats” Saturday at Lime Rock Park, where the annual Vintage Festival was held over Labor Day weekend. Dressed in his racing gear, actor and fan-cy-food entrepreneur Paul Newman stepped out of his vintage Nissan to cool off as he waited for his second qualifying race of the day to begin. He came in third and was able to participate in the trophy race Monday afternoon.

SHARON — Artist Sybil Perry has recently fallen in love with drawing landscapes showing mist rising off the mountains after a summer rain. Most recently, she entered a pastel drawing of the view of Mudge Pond from Route 41 in a competition for the Sharon Land Trust. This fall, Ms. Perry plans to head off to Kyoto, Japan, to study both landscapes and gardens, her second love. The trip is courtesy of a grant from the Martha Boschen Porter Fund in Sharon which awards worthy artistic projects.

Trump’s war on offshore wind power

Trump has made no secret of his fondness for the fossil fuel industries, major funders of his campaigns. But his dislike of wind and solar power is less well known, hard to understand and has been growing over the years from mild disfavor to apparent hatred. Some people think this might have to do with a 2013 visit Trump took to his golf course near Aberdeen on the Scottish coast where he found a small offshore 11 turbine wind farm under construction in the bay in the middle of his view and tried, angrily but to no avail to stop it.

Referring to wind turbines during a recent cabinet meeting, Trump said “They’re ugly. They don’t work. They kill your birds. They’re bad for the environment.” (But if he were so concerned about saving birds — and wind machines are a negligible threat — why hasn’t he put protective bird-friendly glazing on his Manhattan skyscraper?)

Last month the Trump administration halted construction on Revolution Wind, a \$6.2 billion wind farm off New London, Conn. The project, 80% finished, was stopped by the Trump administration with an unconvincing explanation that there were “national security concerns”.

The order was the third time the Trump administration had revoked permits or halted work on wind farms that had already received federal approval while offering little legal justification for doing so, following actions against wind projects in New York and Idaho. Legal experts say that there is little basis for blocking projects that have already received permits.

“There’s no upside for anyone to this decision,” said Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Democrat of Rhode Island, “the economy’s going to be hurt. Consumers are going to see prices go up. There’s massive economic waste in stalling this project that is so nearly concluded”. Katie Dykes, commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said at a news conference that if Revolution Wind was interrupted, “we will have an elevated risk of rolling blackouts impacting our region.” Ørestad, the Danish re-

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newable energy company behind the 65-turbine project had said it was on track to generate enough electricity for more than 350,000 homes in Rhode Island and Connecticut by next spring. Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut challenged the construction halt saying, “They have offered no facts to justify this lawless, reckless decision.”

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Union leaders responded that more than 1,200 jobs could be affected by the stopping of Revolution Wind. On September 4, Ørestad sued the Trump administration, saying the government’s move to halt the nearly finished wind farm was unlawful and “issued in bad faith”.

The Trump administration has signaled in a court filing that it next plans to rescind federal approvals for yet another wind farm, the Maryland Offshore Wind Project, which had not yet begun construction but would consist of up to 114 wind turbines off the coast of Ocean City, Md.

In April, the Interior Department suddenly ordered that work be stopped at Empire Wind, a \$5 billion wind farm off the coast of Long Island that had received all necessary approvals from the Biden administration and was already being built. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum claimed that the project’s permits had been rushed and that scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration had uncovered flaws in the approval process. Finally in response to a Freedom of Information Act demand and threats of a lawsuit, the project was allowed to proceed. No “flaws in the approval

process”, if any, have been made public.

Wind turbines now provide more than 10 percent of the nation’s electricity and in Iowa, it’s the largest source of electricity. Along with solar power installations, on shore wind farms can be produced more quickly than other forms of electrical power.

After decades of relatively steady demand, electricity consumption is soaring, driven by the rise of artificial intelligence, the electrification of homes and transportation and an uptick in domestic manufacturing. The Trump administration’s campaign against the wind power industry is jeopardizing a growing source of energy at a time when the country is in need of additional electricity.

As part of his “Big, Beautiful Bill,” the law that President Trump signed on July 4 ending tax incentives for wind and solar projects is expected to drive up electricity bills across the U.S., with some of the sharpest increases in Republican-led states. Without tax credits, the cost of wind and solar plants will go up. Companies are likely to respond by building fewer of those projects, and those facilities that do come online will have bigger price tags. As that happens, the country is expected to generate more electricity from natural gas plants, which are more expensive than wind and solar projects.

Recently, President Trump has instructed at least six of his cabinet secretaries to get their agencies to find reasons to shut down offshore wind projects; so far no attempted justifications have worked including Robert Kennedy Jr’s suggestion that undersea cables from the turbines back to shore were devastating fish and whales.

The unjustified delays are causing significant layoffs and disinvestment which are sure to result in higher energy costs for everyone. even if the wind power industry fully recovers. Despite the obvious benefits of proceeding full speed ahead with wind, solar, and other benign forms of power, the United States is being led by President Trump’s misguided pique and irrational action.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Waterbury, Wake Robin would go unnoticed

Would the Wake Robin Mega Project be classified as a nuisance? Not if it were in Waterbury.

Lakeville was an industrial town in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. My family owned and operated all the furnaces and forges in Lakeville, Lime Rock and on Mt. Riga beginning in 1795. There is no question that these were a nuisance. They ran 24 hours a day, bringing traffic with continuous ox carts carrying iron ore, charcoal and limestone. The forests around here were cut to the ground and burned to make charcoal. The furnaces belched toxic smoke. Lakeville was called Furnace Village back then for a reason.

The town has since changed dramatically. It is a small jewel of tranquility with the deepest lake in Connecticut, a golf course, world-class hiking trails, excellent private and public schools all set in a wooded, quiet area of less than 1500

acres and 849 homes (according to Homes.com). I urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to not issue a special permit for the Wake Robin mega project because if you do, you will unleash a nuisance on this town not unlike what we banished in the 19th century.

There is no question that if allowed to proceed, the new Wake Robin would be a nuisance that would rival our industrial period, with traffic, noise and massive interference with the character of the town. You only need to look at the volume of large parties it would need to support, what many estimate is an investment of millions of dollars. By its own Proposed Conditions of Approval, it expects to book at least 24 large, 100-plus person events each year. An event can include a wedding that would involve pre-and-post parties from Friday to Sunday and count as a single event. Depending on how those are booked during the year,

it’s possible there won’t be a peaceful weekend ever again in the summer or fall, when most of us are here for the peace and quiet.

To further my point on the nature of the nuisance that the project would bring, consider how the Wake Robin project would impact Wa-

terbury, or Hartford. Those towns are 60x-100x times the size of Lakeville. If it would go unnoticed in a large industrial town because of the noise and level of activity, it would clearly be a nuisance here.

Theodore Rudd O’Neill Lakeville

Status Report

CORNWALL — Popple Swamp Road paving was completed in August. The Highway Department reports the newly finished road is “smooth.”


A study by Construction Coverage ranked Connecticut 22nd in housing affordability among all 50 states. “In 2024, Connecticut authorized a total of 5,926 new housing units, with an average construction value of \$252,494 each — the 22nd lowest in the nation.”

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We had a wonderful surprise in store when on a whim we decided to stop in at the recently opened Trackside Tacos in North Canaan. They are easy to find, just look for the yellow railroad caboose located at 37 Main St. There is plenty of parking and you walk around to the deck overlooking the old railroad station to order and sit at one of the outdoor tables. The food is delicious! They are open Thursday thru Sunday, noon to 8pm. Their phone number is (959) 227-9024 to place an order, so see you there!



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Dear neighbors and community members,

Lime Rock Park was honored to have hosted its 43rd annual historic festival over Labor Day weekend in which the Park welcomed a record number of guests, participants and partners, all of whom enjoyed five days of outstanding activities, including our traditional Thursday evening parade, three full days of historic racing, and our Sunday in the Park Concours d’Elegance and “Gathering of the Marques” car show. The event was blessed with absolutely perfect weather, which helped attract such wonderful interest in the weekend’s activities. Other local businesses have reported that they were very busy over the weekend, as patrons of the Park also visited those local establishments. The entire weekend at Lime Rock Park was very successful and enjoyable, and we hope that many of you were able to enjoy some or all of it.

I also want to publicly acknowledge that a byproduct of the weekend’s success was an unacceptable traffic situation on the morning of Sunday, August 31, as thousands of people took advantage of the beautiful weather to come to Lime Rock Park.

I apologize directly to the community for the inconvenience caused by all of that traffic. It created long delays for our neighbors, guests, and anyone who was simply trying to pass through the area. It was unacceptable, and we need to do a better job.

The Lime Rock Park team has already met several times since the weekend and have formulated concrete steps that will help avoid those types of delays in the future. We have recent evidence of our ability to do so, as many of you are aware of the more defined traffic and parking plan executed for our NASCAR event in late June. That particular event in June welcomed many more people to the Park than we had last weekend, and yet we had zero traffic issues for the NASCAR event. More parking areas were open in June, with more entrances and a segregated traffic flow that got traffic into the Park more expeditiously.

We did not anticipate as many attendees on Sunday, August 31 weekend as we attracted, and we didn’t have all of those traffic plans in place for the ultimate attendance. Again, we made a mistake which resulted in the traffic delays. I am responsible for that.

Lime Rock Park continues to work closely with our community organizations, including the Town Council, PZC, immediate neighbors, and the Connecticut State Police. We will continue to work diligently and with all available resources to avoid such challenges for our future events.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dicky Riegel".

Dicky Riegel, President & CEO

Our Towns

Housatonic Heritage Walks return

Each weekend from Sept. 6 to Oct. 5, history comes alive with free, guided tours throughout Litchfield County, Connecticut, and southern Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The historical walks shed light on the region's past, covering indigenous heritage, iron and industry, wildlife and foliage, and terrain and weather. For a full list of tours, visit housatonicheritage.org

Iron history at Beckley Furnace

By Robin Roraback

EAST CANAAN — On a quiet Saturday morning, Sept. 6, at the Beckley Furnace in East Canaan, it was hard to imagine that the peaceful, green spot where the blast furnace stands was once filled with buildings, horses, carts, workers, smoke, and heat from the furnace.

Friends of Beckley Furnace guide David McCunn stood by the furnace saying it could reach temperatures of 2,700 degrees.

At the top of the furnace a mixture of charcoal, iron and limestone was poured into it. Melting iron filtered down to where workers guided its flow along a channel on the way to be cast into "iron pigs," bars of iron, from which iron products would be made in Lakeville, Limerock, Amesville, and other towns.

These bars would be made into such products as



Members of the Friends of Beckley Furnace, from left, Dolores Perotti, David McCunn, Bobby Anderson and Geoff Brown, were on hand on Sept. 6 to give tours.



Beckley Furnace when it was in production with its buildings intact.

cannons, cannon balls and wheels for railroad cars.

The waste from the iron making process, known as slag, was carried to the other

90 feet deep.

McCunn pointed out a "salamander" resting at the side of the furnace. Iron had become fused to furnace bricks. The furnace fires needed to be kept going. "Fires go out and a salamander results," said McCunn. When this happened, he said, "They had to shut down and break the furnace apart to get it out." McCunn said it happened about once a year. The salamanders were often thrown in the river.

McCunn said this location had all that was needed for the furnace. "Water power, limestone, iron from Salisbury and plenty of trees to make charcoal."

A path up a small hill leads to the turbine which the Friends of Beckley Furnace uncovered and restored. The turbine, powered by water, provided the power to pump air for the "blast" which made the process of making iron more efficient.

The furnace is named for John Adam Beckley of the Forbes and Adam Iron company who built it in 1847. In 1858 it was bought by the Barnum and Richardson Company and produced iron until 1918 or 1919.

Geoff Brown indicated that the advent of another metal was the beginning of the end for the iron industry in the northwest corner. "The Holleys were respectable local iron people," he said. "One of the sons went to England and saw the Bessemer Process. He saw the future coming: steel."

Brown said Holley had told people on Mt. Riga in Salisbury he'd be back with something to keep the industry going, but instead he went to Pittsburgh. Brown mused about how changed the Northwest Corner would be had steel come to Salisbury.



The Housatonic Heritage Walk through Dark Hollow was led by Tom Key Saturday, Sept. 6.

Spooky tales on Dark Hollow's trail

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Tom Key led a group through Dark Hollow in Lakeville during a Housatonic Heritage Walk on a drizzly Saturday morning, Sept. 6

Dark Hollow is about 175 acres of preserved land bisected by a seasonal dirt road that runs between Farnam Road and Salmon Kill Road. The group of 10 or so gathered near the Farnam Road entrance, just past the property that was once a home for the indigent.

The Salisbury Association Land Trust bought the property in 2002, helped by a large donation by the Belcher family.

The land trust takes a "forever wild" approach to the land. If a tree falls over a trail or the road and blocks passage, it will be cut.

Otherwise, the land stays the way it is. However, there is a sign on a downed tree at the start of the trail.

Key said the tree is too high up to be safely cut with a chain saw. So hikers either have to go around, or simply go under.

The sign refers to this, obliquely, with a reference to "aquatic fowl."

Or "duck."

This joke took a while to sink in among the hikers.

Volunteers have removed all sorts of things from Dark Hollow over the years, including mattresses, bed-springs and assorted roadside debris.

But since the land trust volunteers keep an eye on the property the amount of trash has decreased significantly.

One of the enduring tales of Dark Hollow is the one about the tombstone bearing the name Charlotte Remington.

Key came across the tombstone some years back. It had two sets of dates on it, adding to the mystery. The land trust board decided they didn't want it, so Key dragged it into the woods off the path and covered it with leaves.

The next time he went up the ridge it was back in its original spot. Then the stone disappeared again, this time for good.

It has not returned.

Sharing Amesville's industrial past

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — On Sunday, Sept. 7, Lou Bucceri of the Salisbury Association Historical Society led a group of curious participants upstream from the dam on the Housatonic River into a heavily wooded area that was once the site of a sprawling industrial complex.

The trip to see what remains of the Horatio Ames iron works, and the Housatonic Rail Road's industrial complex was part of the Housatonic Heritage series of walks in Connecticut and Massachusetts on weekends through Oct. 5.

Bucceri said that Ames was the son of a successful industrial family in eastern Massachusetts. The Ames shovel was ubiquitous in the early 19th century.

Young Ames turned out to be an indifferent salesman, Bucceri said. "He was an innovator, a tinkerer."

So the Ames family, in conjunction with two other Massachusetts families with similar business interests and sons that needed jobs, bought property along the Housatonic River for Horatio to establish an iron works in 1832. By 1835 only Ames remained of the original three.



Lou Bucceri shares info on the rise and fall of iron in Amesville.

As the group made their way along the newly cleared trail, Bucceri pointed to a partially submerged tree in the river.

The tree marks the approximate spot of a second, smaller falls upstream from the Great Falls. Bucceri said the "Little Falls" was dynamited when the Hartford Electric Company built the dam in 1914 because the engineers feared the volume and force of the water would be too much for the new dam.

Off to west was a lagoon, completely covered in charreuse-colored slime.

Bucceri said the lagoon is the site of where the Housatonic Railroad, which bought the site when Ames went out

of business, had their roundtable for turning railroad cars and engines around.

As the group completed the short hike, Bucceri detailed how Ames had success at first with railroad locomotive wheels and innovations in iron production.

But the depression of 1857 was hard on American railroads, and in turn on Ames. Production fell 90%.

Ames tried to get into defense contracting when the Civil War began. After a couple of false starts and a strong suggestion of corruption in federal defense appropriations, Ames did finally land a contract to build 15 cannons that shot a 125-pound projectile six miles.

Ames was ready to deliver the guns in May of 1865.

Unfortunately for him, the war ended in April. Bucceri said the federal government lost no time backing out of the contract, and that was it for the Ames iron works.

The property was soon sold to the railroad, and then again to the electric company.

And Nature moved back in, doing an excellent job of reclaiming the site.

"This was an industrial area," Bucceri said, gesturing around. "Can you tell?"

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Ava Segalla scores 100th varsity goal

Housatonic Valley Regional High School senior Ava Segalla, at right, surpassed 100 varsity goals during the game against Northwestern Regional High School Friday, Sept. 5. HVRHS won the game 4-3 with two goals from Segalla and two more from freshman Lyla Diorio, below.



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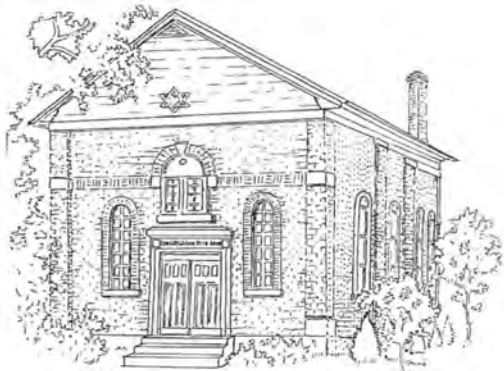


Nonnewaug takes down Housatonic in overtime

Housatonic Valley Regional High School boys varsity soccer lost 3-2 against Nonnewaug High School in overtime Wednesday, Sept. 3. HVRHS took a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals from Gustavo Portillo and Everet Belancik, at right. Nonnewaug tied up the score late in the second half with goals in the 77th minute and the 84th minute. The final Nonnewaug goal came in overtime and the game ended 3-2. At left, Henry Berry secures possession for HVRHS.



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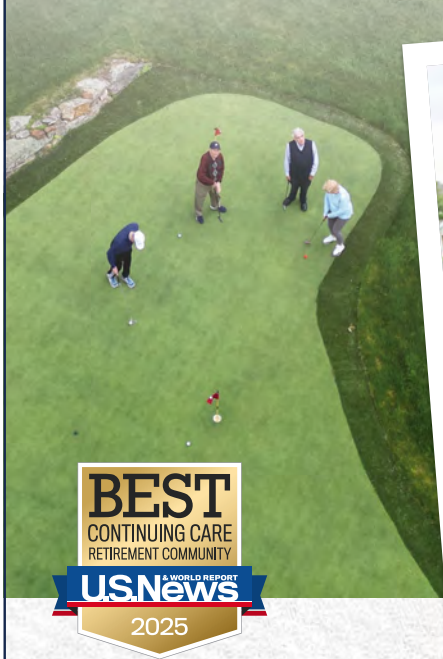


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Sports



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Above, captain Katie Crane serves for HVRHS in the Sept. 3 game. Right, the squad celebrates a point.

HVRHS volleyball wins opening game

Housatonic Valley Regional High School varsity volleyball started the season with a victory Wednesday, Sept. 3. The opening scrimmage was played at home against Oliver Wolcott Technical High School. HVRHS won 3-2.



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Trio of runners medal at cross country meet

At the 44th annual Stratton Brook Invitational varsity cross country meet in Simsbury, Conn., Saturday, Sept. 6, Housatonic Valley Regional High School had three athletes finish in the top 15. At left, Silas Tripp finished in 9th place. At right, Hannah Johnson finished in 11th place. Middle, Finn Malone finished in 15th place.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

GNH football kicks off preseason

Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football began the 2025 season with a series of scrimmages on the road. The varsity team started with a game at Avon High School Friday, Aug. 29, and then traveled to Granby to take on the Granby/Canton co-op team Sept. 5. GNH will begin the regular season with an away stretch. The team will play at Plainville High School Sept. 12, followed by Woodland Regional High School Sept. 19. GNH's opener is scheduled for Gilbert School Friday, Sept. 26, against Derby High School. The junior varsity GNH squad, pictured above and below, hosted Granby/Canton JV Saturday, Sept. 6, and won 30-14.



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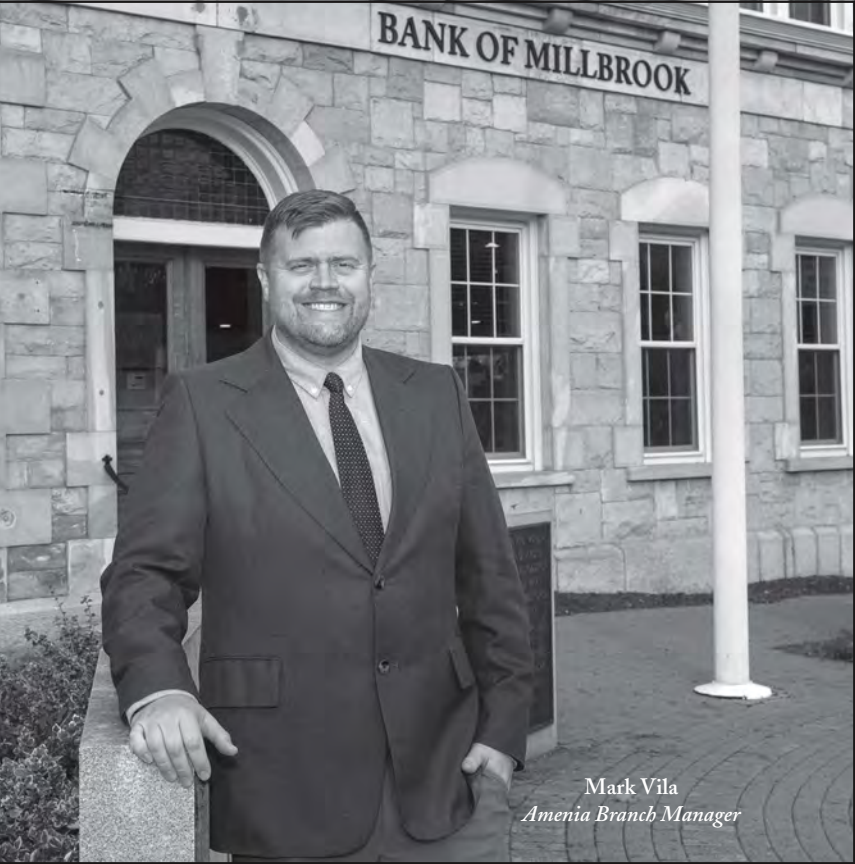
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Holes in one at Hotchkiss

LAKEVILLE — John Ongley had a hole in one on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the par three 5th hole of The Hotchkiss School's golf course. Ongley was playing alone but faculty member Keith Moon was nearby and witnessed it. John's wedge shot landed a few feet from the hole, bounced once and rolled into the cup.

Dale Jones was playing the same hole the next day, Friday, Aug. 29, and he also had a hole in one. His wedge shot hit the green and one-hopped into the hole. His playing partners at the time were Jim Belter, Carl Marshall and John Perotti.

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CHWC

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partnerships like this one are a smart strategic option that will strengthen our ability to better plan for future sustainability, invest in long-term care solutions and expand services while honoring our commitment to the communities we serve.”

Sabrina Trocchi, president and CEO of Wheeler Health, noted that her organization and CHWC bring a “shared vision of high-quality, accessible and compassionate integrated health care. Wheeler’s proven success in its care model, and more than 55 years of innovation, pairs perfectly with CHWC’s knowledge of their communities and health center services already offered.”

Discussions are underway

By joining forces, leaders of the organizations are looking to expand access to care across a broader service area, deepen service offerings and specialty care and strengthen operational stability.

Management from both organizations are currently meeting to discuss commonalities and dynamics of the potential agreement.

“We agreed to enter a due diligence period which will help us to determine if a merger of our two organizations makes sense,” noted CHWC’s Borduas, who was appointed last November by Gov. Ned Lamont to the 38-member Health Care Cabinet (HCC) as a representative of community health centers across Connecticut. “This is a commitment, to our combined patients, communities and staff, to be at the forefront of improving health care for all,” said Wheeler CEO Trocchi.

If talks proceed as planned, the creation of a new entity would likely take place next summer, according to Allison Separy, CHWC’s marketing and communications manager.

At this point the two health centers, she said, are in the early stages of evaluating operations, and are still determining what the new network will look like.

Under a merger, “they will continue to operate at each of their respective sites,” but would do so under one entity, said Separy, who noted that

there are no plans to relocate staff from either location.

Separy said a merger would enable the FQHC’s to expand their network of service offerings for referral to services that either one of the organizations today, may not have immediate access to or have waitlists in place.

As examples, she said, Wheeler currently offers certain behavioral health services for depression that CHWC does not, such as the FDA-approved nasal spray, Spravato, used for adults with treatment-resistant depression, and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, or TMS.

“Our patients would now have easier access to these treatments if needed,” said Separy.

An uncommon strategy for Connecticut FQHC’s

Deb Polun, Chief Strategy Officer for the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHC/ACT), which represents 16 FQHC’s in Connecticut, said while she is aware of health center mergers in other states, she does not recall a merger between Federally Qualified Health Centers in Connecticut in recent decades.

“It’s certainly possible that other health centers could consider this in Connecticut. Although we have been successful in achieving a plan for higher Medicaid rates here, there are still many challenges for health centers, including from the federal level.”

A recent survey by the National Association of Community Health Centers found that 85% of FQHC’s are facing financial and operational strain, with many anticipating staff reductions and service cutbacks.

According to the Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health, the financial jeopardy is so severe that a significant portion of the nation’s health centers are at risk of closing or having to reduce their operations.

Healthcare advocates in

Connecticut fear current challenges could lead to disruptions in care, especially for underserved communities which rely on FQHC’s for safety-net services, potentially resulting in increased disease severity and higher healthcare costs.

About Community Health & Wellness Center

CHWC is an award-winning 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization and the only FQHC in the northwest corner of Connecticut providing comprehensive services. CHWC delivers a range of integrated healthcare services including medical, behavioral health, chiropractic, and nutrition, as well as an in-house lab and pharmacy. Serving more than 7,000 patients, CHWC operates health centers in Torrington, Winsted and North Canaan, with school-based health centers in all Torrington schools and three Region One Schools.

About Wheeler Health

Wheeler Health’s integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education and recovery creates “measurable results, positive outcomes and hopeful tomorrows” for nearly 70,000 individuals across Connecticut annually, according to a statement announcing the signing of a letter of intent with CHWC.

Wheeler offers medical and dental care, behavioral health, addiction treatment, chiropractic care, nutrition services, community services and special education services throughout five locations.

“This is a commitment, to our combined patients, communities and staff, to be at the forefront of improving health care for all,” said Trocchi. “We are committed to transparency as we listen, learn, share and discover the possibilities. Together, we can measurably improve the health of Torrington and the Northwest Hills communities.”

RESCUE

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“It was really something,” she said with a chuckle as fellow first responders filtered into the station, sharing their own reports of unnavigable roads due to downed trees and powerlines.

Rice said that emergency crews were dispatched at 11:30 a.m. on report of a hiker with an injured left knee on the Appalachian Trail at North Bear Mountain, just south of the Massachusetts border. The victim was unable to walk and needed to be transported off the mountain.

The team gained elevation from Salisbury via Mount Riga and Mount Washington Roads, leaving an ambulance at a location three miles from the hiker. The group travelled as far as possible with ATVs but eventually had to continue on foot due to the “very steep” and rocky terrain.

Rice said conditions were fair during the approach, but when they reached the injured party — “then the weather deteriorated big-time.” Wind, rain, thunder, lightning and hail made the remainder of the extraction difficult, Rice reported, as they transported the victim via a Stokes litter basket on the slope. Responders deployed ropes to safely transport the victim through the difficult terrain despite the adverse conditions.

Overall, the team consisted of more than 20 members of various regional first response teams. Rice reported that rescuers from Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance, the Lakeville Hose Company, the Northwest Regional Ropes Rescue Team and responders from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection made up the mutual aid effort. “Even the ropes team from Amenia, New York, came.”

Once off the steep terrain, the victim was brought via ATV to the ambulance. Rice said that due to storm damage blocking the roadways, the team left the ATVs at the site and exited the area with the ambulance. The victim was reportedly taken to Sharon Hospital in stable condition.

Despite the adverse weather, Rice confirmed that the victim was transported off the mountain safely. Lakeville Hose Company Chief Jason Wilson said that the rescue itself was straightforward despite the conditions, and had wrapped up by 2:30 p.m.

The storm, which was blowing off to the Northeast by then, had wrought havoc across the far Northwest Corner, and as a result had clogged the emergency airwaves in addition to the streets – the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service



PHOTO BY LISA BRADLEY

The aftermath of the storm as seen from Undermountain Road (Route 41) Saturday, Sept. 6.

had to self-dispatch the rescue as the Litchfield County Dispatch was jammed up by extensive emergency calls across the region.

The thunderstorm was one of the strongest of the season. It showed signs of rotation on weather radars, which indicates the possibility of tornado formation. Rotating supercells, of which there were several in the region as a line of strong storms passed through in the mid-afternoon yesterday, are rare in New England. The atmospheric conditions they require to form align only a handful of times per year.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning at 1:23 p.m. in Dutchess County for a cell moving northwest. At 1:42 p.m., the NWS reported a storm “capable of producing a tornado” above Ancram, New York, that would impact northwestern Salisbury and extreme northern Canaan just after 2 p.m.

The line of storms was observed to have produced 60+ mile per hour straight-line winds in several locations across Connecticut and Massachusetts. There have been anecdotal reports from storm chasers and residents of funnels trying to drop from the storm, but without touching down. These sightings have not been corroborated by weather officials.

The NWS confirmed one tornado that touched down near Worcester, Massachusetts, later in the day, but has not reported any in the Northwest Corner or surrounding region.

Still, the storm wrought significant impacts across the area, closing Route 44 between downtown North Canaan and the intersection with Belden Street for a short period due to downed wires, as well as a section of Route 41 in Taconic that only reopened Sunday afternoon after a fallen tree was removed.

First responding crews reported Taconic was especially hard hit, with travel in some areas essentially impassable immediately following the storm. Major roadways have since been cleared of blockages.

PILOTS

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PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Bill Segalla talks about his and his father’s stunt piloting during the last Tuesday at 7 talk for the season sponsored by the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society.

then the aviation industry took a downturn and the airport closed.” It was later purchased for \$1.3 million by then 27-year-old Ryan Salame, who is now incarcerated for cryptocurrency scamming. The future of the airport is in limbo, said Segalla, who then turned to talking about his dad.

Stan Segalla was a World War II veteran as part of the 5th infantry. His first plane ride was when he was leaving England to return home. Soon after, he began flying U-control planes and then found a real plane for \$300. With no formal training, he started flying in 1958, learning all he knew from books. “He was a very gifted guy,” said Segalla of his father. “He didn’t have much schooling, but a lot of common sense. He was probably one of the most professional pilots I ever flew with.”

Over the years, Stan Segalla had more than 31 planes, most of which he built. “There were always planes in our garage,” Segalla remembered with a smile.

Then he got into aerobatics after visiting the Rhinebeck Aerodrome, a place that held a special draw for him. He would spend every weekend there. Billed as the “Flying Farmer,” he performed daring stunts involving precision flying and “became one of the most respected airplane pilots in the country. People were in awe of what he could do. They came from around the world to watch him fly; he was that good.”

Yet, he was always very concerned with safety and instilled that in all the young pilots he mentored.

Segalla then explained how flying got into his system. As the youngest of five, he would often spend time with his father at the airport

and the aerodrome. His first solo flight was at age 9, when his father, out of the blue, gave him the go-ahead to take a plane for a spin. He received his license at 14 and obtained his commercial license on his 16th birthday; the first to do so. At 17, he purchased his first bi-plane.

Following in his father’s footsteps, Segalla began flying in air shows. In 1993, he and Bill Gordon joined forces to be part of the airshow circuit as the Iron Eagle Aerobatic Team, flying all along the East Coast and then expanding to Central and South America. Segalla retired from air shows nine years ago to spend more time with his growing family.

“I still fly and enjoy it,” he told the audience, which was filled with several of his siblings, friends and fellow pilots. He is manager of Triumph Aviation LLC at the Canaan Airport and runs a Young Eagles Rallies program to encourage young people from ages 8 to 17 to consider the field of aviation by taking them flying. “I want to see aviation thrive.”

MATT RIISKA

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Paul Hornig (D-8) presented him with an official citation from the Connecticut General Assembly honoring his dedication to the people of Norfolk. The document states that “his leadership, communication and organizational skills leave a powerful impact on Norfolk.”

Riiska has led the community through many crises.

In his “Selectman’s Corner,” Riiska wrote on Aug. 3, 2025: “I have made the decision not to run again for First Selectman this fall. This was not an easy decision but being three months shy of my 70th birthday when I complete my fourth term, I have decided it is time. The past eight years have had their challenges. Dealing with budget and managerial activities is one

thing, but there have been little things like the Covid pandemic, Hurricane Isaias when trees blocked roads, and we were without power for a week, an 8,200-gallon gas spill, and a flood that destroyed two bridges and washed-out roads.”

Riiska negotiated the funding and plans for the new firehouse, plus the Route 44 retaining wall construction project. Prior to his four terms in office, Riiska was a project engineer at ITW in Lakeville. Riiska and his wife Linda, and their dog, plan to enjoy life after retirement.

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COMMUNITY: MIKE COBB

Celebrating diverse abilities at Stanton Home fundraiser

Stanton Home is holding its annual Harvest Roast fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Great Barrington, an evening of farm-to-table dining, live swing music, and community connection.

For nearly 40 years, Stanton Home has supported adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential programs, therapeutic services and skill-building activities.

“Here in the Berkshires, adults with diverse abilities often face barriers like limited housing, tricky transportation, and fewer opportunities for meaningful work,” said Executive Director Peter Stanton. “Stanton Home flips that script. Our mission is to partner with adults to pursue healthy, self-determined lives.”

The Harvest Roast features locally grilled meats, roasted vegetables from Stanton’s



The Weavery is Stanton Home’s oldest activity space, featuring a collection of vintage and modern floor looms. It offers opportunities for building dexterity, creative expression, and social connection through fiber arts.

own gardens, warm apple crisp with SoCo Creamery ice cream, and beverages —all set to the swing and gypsy jazz rhythms of the Lucky 5 Band.

“The Harvest Roast is a celebration of what

makes our community strong, inclusive, and vibrant,” Stanton said. “Every ticket and sponsored table supports programs that make a lasting difference.”

Guests will begin in the gardens with a

signature cocktail before gathering at long farm tables for a shared meal and celebration.

“Though this night matters, the work is year-round,” Stanton added. “People can help by shopping locally at the farm store or buying handmade weavery goods, pitching in with time or skills, gardening, lending a hand at events or by partnering with Stanton’s programs like composting or sourcing local goods. Folks can also speak up for inclusion in their workplace or community circle. Even the smallest action helps keep the mission alive.”

Tickets are \$125 per person. Proceeds support Stanton Home’s inclusive programs. Reserve at donorbox.org/events/771775/steps/choose_tickets or call 413-441-0761.

BOOKS: LAURIE FENDRICH

Gwen Strauss: a life in motion, a pen in hand

Poet, children’s book author, short story writer, essayist, and most recently, author of two books of creative non-fiction about the Holocaust, Gwen Strauss is what might be called a polymath of literary genres.

“The Nine” (St. Martin’s Press, 2021) tells the story of nine women who, near the end of World War II, escaped a death march from Ravensbrück — a political

concentration camp for women — and managed to make it to the Western Front. It’s a riveting read and a New York Times bestseller.

Now comes “Mile-na and Margarete” (St. Martin’s Press, published this past August). Yet again, Strauss melds meticulous historical research with a profound and moving story of perseverance in the face of horror, this time focusing on the true story

of two women prisoners who met at Ravensbrück and fell passionately in love.

Strauss says of her path to becoming a writer that it was “both foolish and brave in equal measure,” and adds that her life has “a nomadic trajectory.” The first part is fully accurate; the second, an understatement. Born in Haiti, she moved to Florida with

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Charles Busch wrote and stars in ‘Die Mommie Die!’ at Sharon Playhouse.

THEATER: RICHARD FEINER AND ANNETTE STOVER

Sharon Playhouse presents staged reading of ‘Die Mommie Die!’

Following the memorable benefit reading last season of Charles Busch’s Tony-nominated Broadway hit, “The Tale of the Allergist’s Wife,” the Sharon Playhouse will present a one-night-only staged reading of his riotous comic melodrama “Die Mommie Die!” on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

The production —a deliciously over-the-top homage to classic Hollywood mid-century thrillers — continues the Playhouse’s artistic partnership with Busch, who reprises his iconic role of the glamorous yet troubled songstress Angela Arden.

The playwright and performer is no stranger to the Playhouse and, luckily, he’s supported by a truly stellar powerhouse cast of top-notch comic actors — some returning to

the Playhouse stage, and some making their debut. The cast includes Richard Kind; two-time Tony Award nominee Kristine Nielsen, who was part of the original New York cast; Tony Award winner Celia Keenan-Bolger; Andrew Keenan-Bolger; and Claybourne Elder.

The production also marks a fortuitous alignment of talent and history. It is directed by Sharon Playhouse Artistic Director Carl Address, who performed in the play’s Los Angeles premiere in 1999.

“I have a long and happy history with this particular show,” Address said. “At the Sharon Playhouse, we’re thrilled to offer unforgettable, one-of-a-kind live experiences. With Charles Busch and this phenomenal

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LIFESTYLE: KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Your next room makeover may start at the farmers market

You never know when inspiration will strike. Sometimes it's in the quiet of a local gallery or boutique — I've designed an entire space around a Karen LeSage canvas or an Italian petal bowl from Honeychurch Home in Salisbury.

But just as often, it happens in the hum of a fall farmers market — and we have plenty of those, too. With my market basket firmly in tow, I love to traipse through pop-up shops, tag sales, farm stands, you name it. I've found something fabulous at them all. You never know how décor-changing (or life-changing) that single piece you stumble across can be.

I have a good friend who left her TV job and started a thriving quilting business after finding a bag of rare quilt blocks at Brimfield! These finds are treasures — from handwoven baskets to antique accent chairs — they can become the

seed that grows into an entire room.

Fall is the perfect season to discover these pieces. The events that pop up in September and October are more than community gatherings; for those of us who love design, they're décor Disneyland. With farm stands bursting with harvest color and craft tents filled with one-of-a-kind artisanal goods, these markets offer more than cider and pumpkins. They offer unlimited inspiration.

Picture this: You're wandering through a fall festival and come across a pottery stall. A deep plum vase catches your eye, its glaze shifting from violet to moss green depending on the light. That vase isn't just something to sit on a shelf—it's a color story waiting to unfold. Let's do it: layer pillows in your living room in the same shades of plum, add a throw that picks up both violet and green, and hang artwork with



PHOTO BY KERRI-LEE MAYLAND

Vintage glassware from estate sale.

hints of all three.

A design friend once said, "Think threes." An accent color will be grounded in a room's palette if it shows up in at least three ways.

Now let's add in natural textures — linen, rattan, unfinished wood — and suddenly your space feels curated yet cozy, all because of one object you loved enough to

bring home.

In another corner of the market, a stack of vintage cookbooks or hand-carved wooden spoons might catch your eye. Instant kitchen design inspiration. Open shelving, a row of mismatched ceramic bowls, copper pots hanging on hooks — these touches, combined with your market finds, tell a story of warmth and gathering.

Fall 2025 trends lean toward saturated colors and layered materials, so play with rich terracotta, mustard and deep green alongside natural woods and stone. The layered effect feels both current and timeless.

And then there's the bedroom. Maybe a fall festival revealed a quilt stitched in bold geometric patterns. It can be hung on the wall from a rustic stick as a tapestry or draped across the bed as a cozy centerpiece. From there, pull accent colors for the walls or side tables, choose lamps with sculptural bases to echo the quilt's forms, and soften the space with layered rugs. Suddenly, what might have been a forgotten craft becomes the heartbeat of a personal sanctuary.

Even utilitarian rooms can be transformed. A handwoven basket bought at a craft fair can become the muse for your mudroom. Picture a bench topped with chunky knit pillows, walls painted in a warm clay tone, and hooks made of forged iron. The textures echo the weave of the basket, creating a room that feels inten-

tional — even if its primary purpose is storing boots and coats.

This fall's design mood is all about storytelling through objects. Designers are leaning into the trend of building spaces around meaningful pieces — things with a history, a heart, a handmade quality. Not the "buy everything from a single online vendor" vibe.

Metallics like chrome and nickel can add contrast to these earthy finds, while plush textures like velvet and wool keep things firmly planted in comfort. A farmers market candleholder, an estate-sale gilded mirror, a festival-made watercolor in a rustic frame — all can serve as anchors for bigger choices, from paint colors to furniture selection.

The trick is to let the object lead. Don't try to match everything perfectly; instead, build harmony through layers. Pull two or three colors from your find and use them repeatedly in different materials — linen, wood, ceramic, even metal. Let texture do some of the work, too. A rustic carved bowl looks richer when paired with a sleek chrome lamp or a plush velvet pillow.

So this season, as you head out to sip cider, pick apples or browse handmade goods, keep your design eye open. The markets may come and go, but the story you bring home can last a lifetime.

Kerri-Lee Mayland is an Emmy award-winning news anchor and designer. She lives in Lakeville.

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her mother after her parents divorced when she was 10.

Her nomadism took off right after high school, when she spent a year with her boyfriend on a small wooden sailboat that had a motor but no shower or head. The trip took them to Central America, where they encountered a dangerous, secret war. During that year on the sea, Strauss dove deep into reading — and the writing bug bit her hard.

After Strauss returned home (and yes, broke up with the boyfriend), her nomadic impulse didn't end. She spent a year in Kyoto studying Japanese women poets of the 11th century, earned a master's degree in education, and then taught second grade for a year.

Her winding life was only getting started. In 1989, Strauss moved to Paris, where she wrote freelance articles for magazines, short stories and poetry. She also met her husband (they later divorced). Together, they refurbished a barge and spent the next five years as part of the bargee community, traveling the riverways of Europe.

During this time, Strauss gave birth to twins; a third child was born in 2000, after the couple had moved to Savannah, Georgia. In 2005, Strauss moved to the south of France with her three children. In 2007, she ceased wandering when she was appointed director of the Dora Maar House (now the Dora Maar Cultural Center), an international



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Author Gwen Strauss and her pup, Zola.

residency and cultural center in Ménerbes, France.

It turns out Strauss has roots in our area. After her parents' divorce, she spent several summers and holidays

with her sisters and step-siblings at the 375-acre former dairy farm in Amenia owned by her father, Julian Strauss. Today, she regularly returns to visit her father and stepmother, as well

as her sister Tilly Strauss (town clerk of Northeast), who lives with her family on the farm.

Strauss's peregrine past helps explain why her narratives so acutely express empathy for the dead souls whose lives were uprooted from their homes not by choice — as was the case with her — but by the cruelties of history.

As part of the White House Speaker series sponsored by Oblong Books, Gwen Strauss will be in conversation with Laurie Fendrich at The White Hart Inn on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be reserved at the following website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-white-hart-speaker-series-gwen-strauss-milena-and-margarete-tickets-1538087253379>

Laurie Fendrich is a painter and writer living in Lakeville. She is a 2016 Guggenheim Fellow and is represented by Louis Stern Fine Arts in Los Angeles.

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LIFESTYLE: SALLY HAVER

Black Squirrel Antiques proprietors prepare to relocate

Joni Beveridge and Tom Emerick, owners of Black Squirrel Antiques, have put their beautiful building at 308 Main St. in Lakeville on the market. Does this mean they're abandoning the antiques business?

"Not at all," said Emerick. "This business is addictive, and it's better to stay active than sitting on your front porch in a rocker. We're just planning to move to a smaller venue — Ball & Claw Antiques in Port Ewen, a town just outside Kingston — a cozy shop with nine other vendors."

Beveridge chimed in. "Ball & Claw is the perfect next step for us. When you have a booth in a group store, you don't need to be there all the time. All the vendors help each other out."

Emerick and Beveridge have been in the antiques business for many years. They moved north from Naples, Florida, in 2017, bringing their existing treasure trove and adding exponentially to it as they settled into their current location. Prior to their Florida stint, they were the proprietors of a shop in Saugerties, from 1994 to 2008.

Both brought strong prior experience to their business ventures. Emerick, a former carpenter, specialized in fixing up old houses and refurbishing antiques. Beveridge worked in real estate for many years, helping them secure



PHOTOS BY BOB ELLWOOD
Above, Tom Emerick and Joni Beveridge in front of Black Squirrel Antiques. Right, Joni Beveridge shows a customer a lamp.

commercial and residential spaces with each move.

"The success of our whole operation is predicated on finding 'diamonds on the rough' — items that need restoration," said Emerick. "There isn't anything I can't repair for resale, and I'm able to make each piece attractive and functional again."

How does one downsize a business that easily holds 10,000 antiques?

"We've done this twice before," said Emerick. "You choose your most valuable, saleable pieces — like this drop-leaf cherry 19th-century table," he said, gesturing. "If we can't sell it at a decent price, we'll just take it with us."

Beveridge added, "Ditto on the 'smalls' — what dealers call little pieces like jewelry, diminutive statues, and glassware. Those will go with us unless we can sell them first."

"Once we have a closing date on the building, we intend to have a huge sale, open to the public," said Beveridge. "Anything that's left over — well, there's always the Lakeville Transfer Station. At the end, you can't be sentimental. You sell what

you can, take what you can, and move on."

"Until this building is sold," said Emerick, "we're in business."

Beveridge added, "Someone will fall in love with this big, lovely, multi-use building and buy it. The only question is when."

For now, Black Squirrel Antiques is open Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. Email Tom at temerick@outlook.com, or call 845-264-1090

...Die Mommie Die

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cast, 'Die Mommie Die!' will surely light up the Olsen Stage with laughter, wit and glamour."

The original music is by Lewis Flinn, whose score for the 2007 Off-Broadway production is being adapted specially for this event.

The play is a classic Charles Busch concoction that, like all his work, lovingly and intelligently spoofs some of the greatest talents and tropes of stage and screen. The original production was praised by critics as his "funniest, most accomplished and, without question, raunchiest work."

In 2003, Busch won the Best Performance award at the Sundance Film Festival for the film version of "Die Mommie Die!" His indelible contributions to American theater have been recog-

nized with countless awards and he was recently inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame.

The event promises to be an unforgettable night of laughter, glamour and theatrical fun, with all proceeds going to benefit Sharon Playhouse's productions and educational programs. The funds will help ensure that the Playhouse continues to thrive as a cultural destination for audiences and artists alike.

For tickets, visit: sharonplayhouse.org. Running time: 90 minutes.

Richard Feiner and Annette Stover have worked and taught in the arts, communications, and philanthropy in West Berlin, Paris, Tokyo, and New York. Passionate supporters of the arts, they live in Salisbury and Greenwich Village.

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Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Sept. 11 (18, 25 and Oct. 2) Four week workshop on Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tap into your inner creativity through this guided and meditative workshop. RSVP: info@madrosegallery.com

Goshen Garden Club Guest Speaker
Camp Cochipianee, Beach Street, Goshen, Conn.
Thursday, Sept. 11, at 1 p.m., Goshen Garden Club will host guest speaker Renee Marsh, an advanced master gardener, garden designer, horticulturist and flower farmer. Her passion is to encourage, coach and teach everyone to garden and create healthy ecosystems. Non-members are welcome at \$10 per person.

Memoir Workshop with Leigh Curran
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Beginning Sept. 11, for five Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., this Memoir Workshop with author Leigh Curran will guide you through tried-and-true approaches to memoir writing, offering techniques in structure and style, in-class writing, constructive feedback, and inspiration. Registration is required.

SEPTEMBER 12

Family Cannoli Making Workshop
David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sept. 12. Sweeten your day by joining Matt Yanarella with MY Productions CT at the David M. Hunt Library as we hand-make cannoli, a classic Italian dessert, from shell to filling. This workshop is best for adults, kids 10 and up on their own and kids under 10 with an adult. Space is limited, so register today online or contact the library for more information.

SEPTEMBER 13

Special 25th Anniversary Screening: Psycho Beach Party
Triplex Cinema, 70 Railroad St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Join the Triplex for a special screening of the cult classic Psycho Beach Party with special

guests Lauren Ambrose and screenwriter/star Charles Busch. A post-film discussion will be moderated by Triplex board member Sam Handel. Tickets available at www.thetriplex.org

Sculpture Exhibition: Neil Estern
Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Sept. 13 (through Nov. 1) A retrospective celebrating the work of nationally recognized sculptor and longtime West Cornwall resident Neil Estern. Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 13, 5 to 7 p.m.

Opening Reception: Kirsten Westphal – Works in Wood and on Paper
BES, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
5 to 7 p.m. Join us for the opening of Prunings, an exhibition of sculptural and paper works by Kirsten Westphal.

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Enjoy a traditional, yearly art show featuring artists from Connecticut, New York & Massachusetts.
The show will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Sept. 13, 14, 20, and 21.

Browse original large paintings, small works and prints in the church's spacious gallery. All work will be for sale!

HSI Certified Babysitting Course
Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Housatonic Valley Health District Nurse, Heidi Bettcher, to learn everything you need to know for safe and effective babysitting.

Harvest Roast Fundraiser for Stanton Home
205 North Plain Rd., Great Barrington, Mass.
An evening of farm-to-table dining, live swing music by the Lucky 5, and community support. Proceeds benefit programs for adults with diverse abilities at Stanton Home.

Cornwall Agricultural Fair
Village Green, Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn.
Cornwall celebrates agriculture on the Village Green Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Produce entries will be judged and exhibited. Community groups will have info booths. Non-perishables will be collected for donation. Rain date Sept. 14.

Sculptor Exhibit
Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Cornwall Library's next art exhibit is entitled "Verisimilitude, Works of Neil Estern," a selection of studies, reliefs, busts, portraits, nudes, and maquettes (small preliminary models) by the distinguished American sculptor (1926-2019). Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Art Exhibit Opening
tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave (2nd Floor), Millbrook N.Y.
"Looking: 21 Ways" is a vibrant new exhibition at tyte Gallery, curated by Rudy Vavra, artistic director. The exhibit showcases the diverse work of 21 women artists spanning styles from abstract expressionism to figurative realism, the show fosters dialogue across mediums and experiences. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 13, 3 to 6 p.m.

Theater LARP (Double Feature!)
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Join LARP (Live Action Role Playing) writer and game runner Olivia Montoya for an evening double feature of short theater LARPs. Game veterans and newbies alike are invited to play — no experience necessary. This event is aimed at adults due to some sensitive content, but parents or guardians may bring teens age 16+.

Last week's WotW

S	H	O	R	T
B	R	O	K	E
R	O	B	I	N
A	R	B	O	R
L	A	B	O	R

Word of the Week

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

- 1. Flat surface used for dining
- 2. Between 59 and 61
- 3. Bird that delivers babies
- 4. Coming up ____
- 5. Varsity athletics return

Salisbury Association Academy Building Open House
24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
4 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 13. Celebrate the refreshed Academy Building exhibit space, to view a display of purses and other accessories from the costume collection and to learn more about the Association. Light refreshments will be served.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne
Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
From 4 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 13, join Claudia Cayne for a lively and informal discussion James, by Percival Everett. A winner of multiple awards, the novel retells The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn from the enslaved Jim's point of view. Registration is not required. All are welcome. Learn more at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15140694.

SEPTEMBER 18
Community Mental Health Discussion and Supper
Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.
6 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for an introductory program on mental health concerns in our community, hosted

by Copake Grange with support from the National Grange. This free event will include open discussion on topics such as stress, anxiety, and depression, followed by a buffet supper prepared by Chef Oleg Shcherbakov.

RSVP to copakegrange@gmail.com with the number in your party. All are welcome.

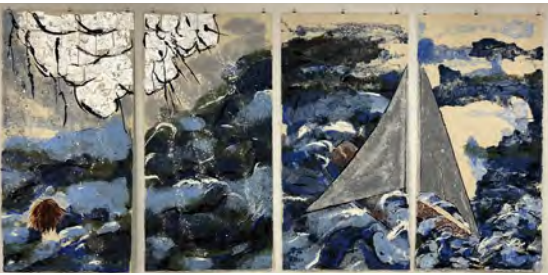
The Revolutionary Love Project
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Thursday, Sept. 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Free interactive workshop in partnership with Project SAGE exploring the impact of love through reflection, journaling, and vision board

creation. Open to adults and young adults; no experience needed.
Register: zeffy.com/ticketing/revolutionary-love-project
For info on a children's version, contact Linda at lindac@project-sage.org.

SEPTEMBER 19
TRIFEST: International Youth Film Festival
Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.
Sept. 19 to 21. The Triplex Cinema launches its inaugural international youth film festival, showcasing 44 short films by filmmakers age 25 and under from nine countries. Special guests include Peter Becker (Criterion Collection), Hamish Linklater, Lily Rabe, Tony Gerber, and others.

A D R I F T

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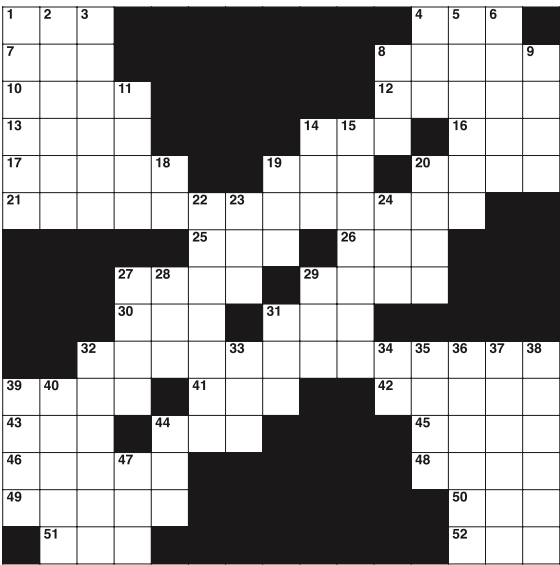


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Brain Teasers

- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Utilitarian fashion accessory
 - 4. Engine additive
 - 7. Macaws
 - 8. Listens to
 - 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
 - 12. Made of wood
 - 13. Chinese lute
 - 14. Beginning military rank
 - 16. Indicates near
 - 17. Ties the score
 - 19. Chum
 - 20. Long ago
 - 21. Localities
 - 25. Midway between northeast and east
 - 26. Make fun of
 - 27. Tennis great Arthur
 - 29. Construction location
 - 30. Cow's noise
 - 31. Blue
 - 32. One of the Fab Four
 - 39. Formula 1 team
 - 41. Dash
 - 42. Lifting device
 - 43. Basics
 - 44. Keyboard key
 - 45. Old Irish alphabet
 - 46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
 - 48. Covered stadium
 - 49. Sword handles
 - 50. Longing or yearning
 - 51. Creators' social network
 - 52. Boxing's GOAT



- 18. Sensor hub
- 19. Before
- 20. The boundary of a surface
- 22. Witnesses
- 23. Singular
- 24. Type of meal
- 27. Music awards show
- 28. Former French coin of low value
- 29. A bag-like structure in an animal
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 32. Calm down
- 33. Partner to cheese
- 34. Cola brand
- 35. Stepped on
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Type of coating

- 38. A citizen of Yemen
- 39. Popular breakfast item corned beef ____
- 40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 44. First responders
- 47. Short-term memory

September 11 Solution

A	M	P	L	E	B	P	D	S	P	A	N
S	A	L	A	D	G	A	U	D	E	L	L
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Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

September 11 Solution

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

Kent selectmen propose several new ordinances

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Board of Selectmen kept busy during its Sept. 3 regular meeting planning a slew of ordinances meant to address a number of municipal issues that have arisen in recent months. “Our board is going to have a new record of the most ordinances in a two-year period!” exclaimed Selectman Lynn Mellis Worthington to laughs from the other two selectmen.

Restriction of commercial bus travel

The first proposed ordinance to be discussed concerns the restriction of tour buses on small town roadways that feed into South Kent Road. The action is the town’s effort to uphold an agreement with New Milford and the state Department of Transportation to limit bus traffic on South Kent Road in response to outcry from concerned residents about large

vehicles using the roadway, endangering pedestrians and dog walkers. Much of the traffic was due to tour buses bringing guests to the popular camp and recreation center Club Getaway that is positioned just below the intersection of South Kent Road with Route 341. Earlier this summer, First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer and New Milford mayor Pete Bass agreed to find a solution to the prob-

lem, which had been difficult due to regulatory confusion given that some roads are owned by Kent, some by New Milford, and some by the state. This ordinance, which is operating under the title “Section 17-11: Restriction of Commercial Bus Travel,” would ban tour buses from using the town-owned Bulls Bridge Road and Spooner Hill Road, two ways to access South Kent Road from the south and west. School buses, and vehicles operating in regard to school operations such as sports and events, are exempt from the ban. The penalty for disobeying the ban is a state trooper citation and \$250 fine per infraction. The BOS motioned to send the ordinance to public hearing. **Economic development** Next to be discussed was a proposed economic development ordinance to instate a new Economic Development Committee after the disbanding of the Economic Development Subcommittee at the Aug. 6 BOS meeting. At that meeting, selectman Glenn Sanchez presented a mission statement for the proposed committee. Lindenmayer stated a full draft wasn’t ready for review at the time of the Sept. 3 meeting, and so the issue was tabled. **Regulation of cannabis** The collaborative effort

between the BOS and Planning and Zoning Commission has produced an ordinance draft that will finally be sent to public hearing as the six-month extension of the initial six-month moratorium on the sale of cannabis passes its halfway point. Named “Section 11-16: Regulation of Cannabis Ordinance,” the brief regulation would ban any recreational cannabis dispensaries in town but allow legally defined medical product sale on the basis of approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The agricultural aspect of the cannabis and hemp industry will be handled separately by P&Z. Mellis Worthington initially balked at the simplicity and concision of the ordinance, but P&Z member Sarah Chase, who helms the Cannabis Regulation Subcommittee, assured that the language is adequate. It follows the regulatory precedent and terminology set by other towns and the state, she said: “The state’s already done the work to define all this already; you’re just inserting the language.” “There is no sense of us reinventing the wheel on this one,” she added. After the discussion, the selectmen moved the ordinance to public hearing. **Stuff in the road** Next, the discussion turned to “Section 17-10: Placement of Material in

Public Right of Way,” otherwise known as the “Stuff in the Road Ordinance,” as Lindenmayer put it. The ordinance was proposed to the BOS at its Aug. 6 meeting by town highway foreman Rick Osborne using an existing rule in Warren as a template. “I can’t believe we haven’t had this,” said Mellis Worthington with a chuckle. Violators would be charged \$100 per offence, which could be leaving snow, grass or any other sort of debris in the roadway. Lindenmayer noted that the penalty could be higher, but that would miss the point: “We’re not really looking to fine people as much as to change their attitude.” The Board voted to move the draft ordinance to public hearing. **Fire Lanes** Town Fire Marshall Tim Limbos chimed in towards the meeting’s end to let the Board know that he will be drafting an ordinance that regulates the enforcement of the town’s fire lanes. He said that there is no broader state statute for their enforcement, but that it is up to municipalities to install their own ordinances to that end. As of Sept. 8, no hearing dates have been set for all the ordinances that were moved to that stage. Each ordinance must undergo a public hearing before it can be brought to town meeting for a vote.

Kent seeks applicants for downtown tree planting grants

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Kent Conservation Commission is looking to revitalize the downtown canopy and is offering motivated residents and businesses the opportunity to take tree planting into their own hands. The 2025 Street Tree Incentive Program offers up to \$1,500 in the form of three reimbursement grants (up to \$500 each) dedicated to filling Kent’s roadsides with trees, preferably the large and shady kind. In an announcement to the town via email, the Commission bemoaned the loss of large trees in the town’s commercial sectors, and said that this program has the po-



PHOTO PROVIDED

The deadline to apply for Kent’s tree planting grant program is Sept. 15. Visit www.townofkentct.gov.

tential to bring about an even greener Kent. Besides providing shade from the summer heat, a fuller canopy can offer a slew of

environmental benefits, the Commission shared in its informational materials for the program. Healthy trees help sequester carbon from the air and improve air quality, provide food and habitat for wildlife, lower air conditioning costs by shading homes, and slow and filter stormwater runoff, among other boons to the landscape. The grants are limited to planting plans for this fall in the Village Center or Flanners Historic District. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Sept 15. A full informational packet can be found online under the “News & Announcements” tab on the town’s website, www.townofkentct.gov.

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