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# Locals organize amid nationwide immigration enforcement efforts

By Aly Morrissey

MILLERTON — As federal immigration enforcement continues to make national headlines, communities throughout the region are organizing to support immigrants, hoping to mitigate the effects of polarizing federal immigration enforcement. Millerton is home to one such group, which is finding its footing after a failed effort to gain legislative backing from village officials.

Established this spring, the Millerton group has been meeting privately to coordinate support for vulnerable residents. Some have referred to it as the “Millerton Neighbors Network,” though at least one source said the name has not been made official.

Citing concerns about drawing attention, several members declined to speak on the record. Aimee Davis, a North East resident and longtime Millerton massage therapist, agreed to comment. As part of her work with the group, Davis received “Know Your Rights” and rapid-response training from the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, a New York-based organization providing support, resources and advocacy for immigrants throughout Columbia County.

“I can now be a point of contact for businesses or residents who want to know what to do if ICE shows up and they’re nervous about it,” Davis said.

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

A Cessna 172 experienced mechanical failure, forcing an emergency landing at Lime Rock Park Saturday, Sept. 20. The pilot was uninjured. The passenger was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

## Plane crash lands at Lime Rock Park

By Alec Linden

LIME ROCK — At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, a small aircraft with two individuals on board crashed after performing an emergency landing at Lime Rock Park after a reported mechanical failure.

As of 4 p.m., the area remained closed for investigation and the containment of a small fuel leak.

Lime Rock’s Emergency Services team was the first to respond to the incident. The team’s director, Keith Byrne, said that of the two occupants in the plane, the pilot was uninjured while the passenger sustained possible minor injuries. His team transported the passenger to a local hospital where the individual is being evaluated.

“It was a huge relief once we saw them getting out the plane with nothing on fire,” Byrne said of arriving on the scene.

The aircraft, which reportedly originated its flight in Poughkeepsie, New York, was a Cessna 172, a highly popular four-seat, single-engine plane. Lime Rock flaggers saw the aircraft circling above the facility as it called in an emergency landing.

It landed near the west bend portion of the track heading west,

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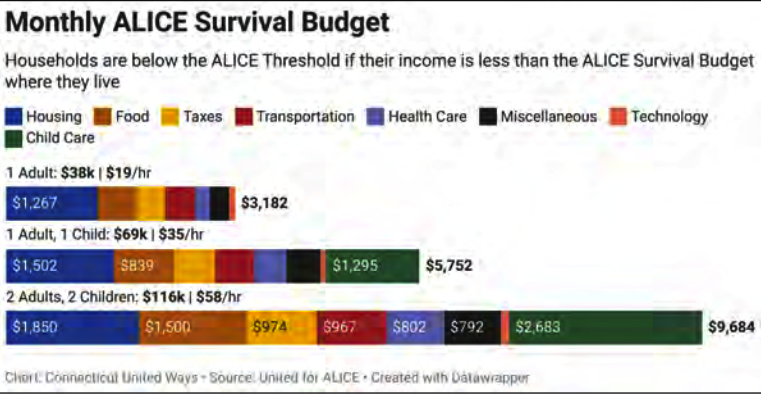


CHART BY CONNECTICUT UNITED WAYS

ALICE is an acronym for “Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained and Employed” relating to the gap between costs and income.

## Rural households struggle to cover family’s budget

By John Coston

Five towns in the Northwest Corner faced higher costs to cover basic survival needs — including food, housing, utilities, child healthcare and transportation — compared to what it cost in 2019, according to a new analysis from the United Way of Connecticut.

Salisbury, North Canaan, Falls Village, Cornwall and Norfolk all saw basic survival budgets climb from 4% to 11% higher, the study shows. Sharon and Kent each saw

costs decline.

Across the state, a record 581,000 households (40% of total households) couldn’t afford a basic survival budget, the study found. Cities face the highest levels of financial hardship, but United Way noted that in its last analysis growth was accelerating in rural towns.

By comparison, in 2012 there were 502,000 households in this category struggling to meet basic costs of living.

The United Way released its 2023 ALICE report this month. It is an assessment that represents an alternative to the Federal

## Fall is not lost

# Tree warden hopeful for late season foliage boom despite drought, disease

By Alec Linden

Glance up at the upland ridgelines, or down to the marshy lowlands, and you’re likely to see a familiar brilliant red beginning to glow amongst the still mostly-green canopy. Look through your kitchen window, however, and you may see your favorite maple’s treasured foliage showing jaundiced yellow, marred by cracked and crumpling brown edges, and perhaps even prematurely shedding some of those sickly leaves.

This is due to a condition called leaf scorch, explained Kent Tree Warden Bruce Bennett during a

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The tree outside of The Lakeville Journal office began dropping its leaves in mid-September. An area expert said this happens due to leaf scorch, but robust autumn colors may still be on the way.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN



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Online This Week

Cannoli class in Falls Village

Matthew Yanarella showed a group how to make cannoli Sept. 12. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

**Driver flees after collision**  
At 1:50 p.m. on Sept 14., Shawna Wickwire, 41, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, was turning into a parking lot on North Elm Street in North Canaan when a white 2002 Acura TL struck the rear of her Nissan Rogue and did not stop. The vehicle in question has Florida plates CG3146 and is registered to Alexander Eugene Aymerich. Wickwire was uninjured. Her vehicle sustained minor damage, though it was able to be driven from the scene. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Troop B at 860-626-1820.

**Disorderly conduct arrest**  
On Sept. 19, troopers served an active arrest warrant to Fawn Rosier, 34, at an address on Canaan Valley Road in North Canaan

for an incident dating to Aug. 3. She was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Rosier was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Sept. 17.

**DWI arrest**  
At approximately 9 p.m. on Sept. 20, police conducted a traffic stop on an erratic motor vehicle traveling west on Route 112 near Lime Rock Park. After investigating, troopers arrested William Hale, 59, of Amenia, New York, for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and failure to maintain lane. He was released on a \$500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Oct. 3.

The Lakeville Journal will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in subject, to editor@lakevillejournal.com



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Attorneys present arguments in North Canaan ballot case

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Should two Democratic Town Committee candidates be included on the November ballot despite errors in the endorsement paperwork? That is the question Judge Ann E. Lynch faces in the case of Jacquier vs. Camardi. Lawyers for each side submitted written arguments to Torrington Superior Court on Friday, Sept. 19. Both briefs address the matter of substantial compliance — as opposed to strict compliance — with election laws. On July 22, the DTC nominated Jean Jacquier to run for Town Clerk and Carol Overby to run for Board of

Finance, but neither candidate included the office or term on the official endorsement slate. Upon review, Connecticut Secretary of the State Election Officer Heather Augeri stated the slate was invalid and she advised Marilisa Camardi, acting Town Clerk and defendant in this case, to remove the candidates from the ballot. Plaintiffs Jacquier and Overby did not deny that the endorsement slate was submitted with missing information. Attorney John Kennelly argued that they should be included on the ballot because they achieved substantial compliance with the law. “At first glance, the statutory language in C.G.S. 9-391 appears to be mandatory. However, our State Supreme Court has recognized that voters (in this case caucus voters and ultimately the voters of North Canaan) should not be disenfranchised for minor violations of even mandatory election statutes,” Kennelly’s brief states. In conclusion, Kennelly urged the court to require Camardi to include Jacquier and Overby on all ballots pertaining to the Nov. 4 election. Camardi’s attorney Thomas Gerarde argued, “strict compliance is required such that neither the election official nor the Court can excuse a candidate’s inadvertent noncompliance.” Gerarde stated the plain-

tiffs have not had any rights violated and their request for relief should be denied. “The omission of the Plaintiffs from the ballot as Democratic Party-Endorsed Candidates comports with the law and is a result required by law.” Judge Lynch is expected to make a ruling by Friday, Sept. 26. **Election info** Jean Jacquier, North Canaan’s current Town Clerk, has been elected four times as a Republican. Following a legal dispute with First Selectman Brian Ohler (R) she vacated her office in Town Hall and has not returned since February 2025. In July she was endorsed by the DTC to run for Town Clerk. Camardi is Jacquier’s part time assistant and has been filling in as acting Town Clerk since February. Camardi is not running for office. The Republican Town Committee candidate for Town Clerk this year is Krysti Segalla. Carol Overby is one of two DTC candidates for Board of Finance. The other is Emily Bottum. The RTC candidate for Board of Finance is John Jacquier. Also on the North Canaan ballot this year will be three questions asking voters to decide if the positions of Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer should be elected or appointed. Currently all three positions are elected. If voters choose to appoint these positions moving forward, the change would take effect at the end of the next term for each official.

Kent Falls Brewing Co. opens beer garden location downstate

By Alec Linden

NORTHFORD — Lauded Northwest Corner malts and hops institution Kent Falls Brewing Company had a booming opening weekend at its expanded second location. Perched above the lush fields of DeFrancesco Farm in Northford, Connecticut, the sleek new taproom will serve a lineup of the brewery’s own libations, alongside the addition of Connecticut-crafted ciders, wines and eats from visiting food trucks, Thursday through Sunday. On tap is the “Full Pour Pils,” a crisp pilsner brewed

PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

An open-air taproom in Northford, Conn., began serving Kent Falls Brewing Co. beer last this month. to celebrate the full-size offerings and enjoy it under the shady pavilion covering the taproom’s extensive outdoor seating while the weather is still nice. Brewery owner Barry Labendz said that finding the new location felt like a homecoming: “To be on a family farm is really the core of our business.”



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PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This 1,896 square foot Cape Cod house on 16 Botsford Road was built in 1992 on 2 acres of land and sold for \$590,000 on Aug. 1.

Kent’s August property transfers

By Christine Bates

KENT — In the month of August, 10 properties were transferred in Kent.

The 12-month median sale price of single-family homes reached \$493,000, a high for the year to date but far below August 2024 when it reached a historic level of \$753,000.

Inventory of single-family homes listed for sale remained stable in mid-September at eleven with three new properties recently added.

Transactions

92 Spooner Hill Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath ranch on 10 acres sold by Linda R. Josephy and Christine A. Heun to Hearts Cottage LLC for \$615,000 recorded on Aug. 4.

175 Kent Road — 5 bedroom/4.5 bath home on 11.6 acres sold by Erika D. Kessel Trustee and Erika D. Kessel Revocable Trust to Stephanie Biernbaum and Derek Waldron for \$1,300,000 recorded on Aug. 4.

16 Botsford Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold by Elizabeth Dituro to Sean Regan for \$590,000 recorded on Aug. 4.

433 Kent Cornwall Road, Unit 14 — 3 bedroom/2 bath condo sold by Jeffrey Hova and Ruth Joyce Bendelac to John Burton Machen for \$360,000 recorded on Aug. 4.

16 Yuza Mini Lane — 9 acre vacant residential lot sold by Ground Breaking Building and Excavating to Roger and Sheerlee Mischel for \$150,000 recorded on Aug. 11.

2 Tamshell Drive — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 0.92 acres sold by Candida and Joseph Spalvieri to Elizabeth Outes for \$575,000 recorded on Aug. 13.

Botsford Road — Two parcels were purchased by Matthew and Hannah Heather. One home from David K Sturges for \$262,500 and the other parcel from James Brian Stewart Administrator and Estate of Dudley E Skinner for \$87,500 both recorded on Aug. 20.

6 Lee Circle — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold

by Lorin G. Miller to Barry A. and Deborah Borden for \$690,000 recorded on Aug. 20.

19 Old Paddock Lane — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 6.5 acres sold by Taha Ghomi and Marjan Hedayatzaheh to James Sollins for \$2,175,000 recorded on Aug. 28.

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

By Robin Roraback

SHARON — Having worked at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Park Avenue Armory and The Frick Collection, how does Abbey Nova, the new Executive Director of the Sharon Historical Society and Museum like leading a smaller museum?

“I love the work, the people, and learning about the beautiful place we live in, its history and its present.” She does not see the Museum as small.

“I’ve always been interested in the history of objects.” She said that the work “dovetails” her interests and experience.

Projects were underway in rooms throughout the Museum.

Board members BZ Coords and Eileen Tedesco examined a clear glass decanter as they cataloged the seven thousand items in the historical society’s collection of maps, paintings, photographs, baskets, letters, journals, ledgers, clothing and textiles, tools, glassware, ceramics and other things brought together from Sharon’s past.

A love of historical ob-



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Abbey Nova, new executive director of the Sharon Historical Society and Museum, standing at center, with board members BZ Coords and Eileen Tedesco, seated, and Museum Curator Cooper Sheldon, standing at rear, discuss an object while inventorying the Museum’s more than seven thousand artifacts.

jects came to Nova from childhood. She grew up in a farmhouse built in the 1770’s in Putney, Vermont. There was an old trash dump in the woods behind her house. “My sister and I would excavate.”

“In the summer when my mother was teaching,

my father would take us to all the small museums in the area.” Both of her parents are teachers.

Her love of history and objects grew as she went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in History from Dartmouth and a Master of Arts in the History of Decorative Arts and Design from Parsons School of Design in conjunction with the Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.

“I want to excite people and bring history alive. I want this to be a place where people come to learn,” she said.

Cooper Sheldon, the Museum’s curator, was working on a diorama which will recreate Sharon in miniature,

painstakingly creating past and present buildings to scale with the help of old documents and new technologies.

In another room, volunteer Diane Monroe was transcribing the tiny, cursive handwriting in the journals of her grandfather, James Wilbur.

Upstairs, project manager Myra Plescia worked through scrapbooks of the eminent Buckley family from boxes holding the Museum’s Buckley Collection.

Plans are in the works for next year’s 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The exhibit will focus on “what was happening in Sharon and in the larger world in 1776, 1876 and 1976.” Nova said.

There will be a smaller exhibit about the Gay-Hoyt House, which was built in 1775 and now houses the Museum.

Sheldon is working on the Museum’s “maker space.” The goal is to “have kids and adults interact with history on a personal level,” said Sheldon.

Nova has launched the Sharon Historical Club, which meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. around subjects that provide windows to the past.

Another project Nova described is a collaboration with historical societies in towns throughout the region to create a driving-map that connects the iron industry and other historical organizations.

For more info on events and exhibits at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum go to sharonhist.org

Popular Kent swimming hole reopens for public use

KENT — After a three week closure of North Kent Road due to overcrowding and litter at a well-used swimming hole on the Housatonic River, Kent First Selectman

Marty Lindenmayer announced via email on Sept. 15 that the road and river access would be reopened to the public for “reasonable and appropriate recreational

pursuits.”

Lindenmayer indicated that the town will continue to consult with other stakeholders on the site to develop a “more permanent” solution to the issue.

Cornwall Park and Rec names new director

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Bethaney Mastrocola will become the new director of Cornwall Park and Recreation Committee this fall.

Park and Rec members interviewed seven qualified applicants for the role before recommending Mastrocola for appointment by the Board of Selectmen at its Sept. 16 meeting.

“We’re excited to have her,” said Selectman Rocco Botto as the selectmen unanimously accepted the recommendation. “And wish Bethaney the best of luck in her new role.

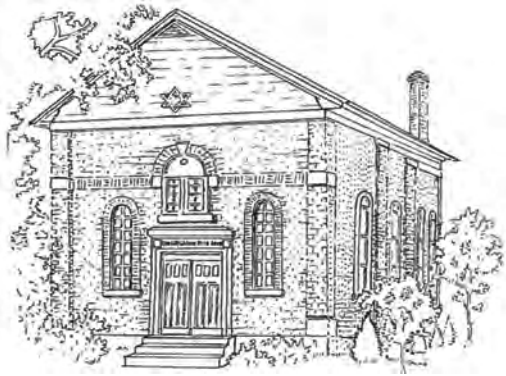
Mastrocola will replace outgoing Director Jennifer Markow, who served in the role for about 10 years. Markow plans to remain involved in the committee and the community.

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Scout repairs fallen tombstones

By Ruth Epstein

NORFOLK — The grave-stones at the Old St. Mary’s Church cemetery in Nor-folk will be brought back to the condition they deserve, thanks to the efforts of Boy Scout Daniel Moran. The 16-year-old junior at Housa-tonic Valley Regional High School has chosen this as his Eagle Scout project.

Moran said his objective is to lift up the stones that have fallen or are tipped over and set them upright, as they should be. “I wanted to do something along the lines that my brother did.”

A group of his fellow Troop 22 scouts, his par-ents, and some residents were there on Sunday for the second session of cleaning up the site. The focus was on clearing a huge tree that had fallen during the recent storm, toppling one of the stones off its base. Moran’s older brother John mapped out all the veterans’ graves in the town’s five burial grounds and placed a flag and plaque on each one for his Eagle Scout project.

Richard Byrne of the church’s cemetery commit-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Daniel Moran is working to clean up and set upright the graves at St. Mary’s Church old cemetery in Norfolk as his Eagle Scout project.

tee was present, explaining the Ryan family established St. Mary’s Church in 1856 and donated the land, which is a bit down the road from the church on North Street, for a cemetery. Several Civil War veterans are among those laid to rest there. The plot, a little over an acre, is no longer an active ceme-tery, but a newer one is just

across the road.

Byrne expressed his deep gratitude for what Moran is doing, saying, “It’s been real-ly run down and something needed to be done.”

Also present was John Anderson, who lives next to the cemetery. “I’ve al-ways taken an interest in this place. This is a great project.”

Pastor Bruce of St. Martin

of Tours churches in Nor-folk, North Canaan and Salisbury gave the project a blessing and said, “I can’t say enough about Daniel’s work.”

Christian Allyn came to help eliminate some of the invasives at the site.

Looking on was Sandy Rhodes, scout commissioner of Troop B.

Cornwall accepts proposal for design, construction of sewer facility

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Plans for a wastewater treat-ment plant in West Corn-wall are one step closer to reality.

At its regular meet-ing Tuesday, Sept. 16, the Board of Selectman moved forward with en-gineering firm Natural System Utilities’ propos-al to design and build the facility.

First Selectman Gor-don Ridgway said the cost came in under budget and the timeline indicates the plant could be up and running by winter 2028.

“We interviewed four different firms, narrowed it down to two, of which one voted to submit a proposal,” said Ridgway. “First step is design. Sec-ond step is getting the permits.... and then the

construction. So, if ev-erything goes right you’d have testing and startup in February of 2028.”

The project is partially funded by Department of Housing and Urban De-velopment, which award-ed \$3 million to the town. Remaining costs, up to \$3.25 million, would be financed by a general ob-ligation bond of the Town of Cornwall.

Natural System Util-ities’ estimate to design and build the plant was less than \$2 million.

The plant will be lo-cated in the grassy plot between the post office and the design studio in West Cornwall.

Design of the pump-ing system and pipes to connect to the wastewater facility will be done sep-arately and has not yet been planned.

Falls Village selectmen thank outgoing commission members

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — At the regular monthly meet-ing of the Board of Selectmen Monday, Sept. 8, the select-men said farewell to outgoing officials.

BOS appointed Dick Heinz to the Housatonic River Commission effective immediately through the re-mainder of Ellery “Woods” Sinclair’s term, which ends Dec. 31, 2025, and to elect

Mark Gozonsky as the al-ternate to the commission, through Sept. 7, 2028 (also effective immediately).

Sinclair sent a letter re-signing from the commis-sion, and the selectmen thanked him for his decades of service to the town.

The selectmen also made public a letter thanking long-time Planning and Zoning Commission member Ruth Skovron for her service to the town.

“Your commitment to promoting the orderly and coordinated development of the town, and efforts to bal-ance growth with the pres-ervation of the community’s character, have been inval-uable,” the letter read in part.

The selectmen approved a request from the Off the Trail Café to allow live music on the town Green, during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

Kent to vote on several ordinances

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Board of Selectmen and seven Kent residents gathered on Thurs-day, Sept. 18, to discuss sev-eral ordinances on the table for town vote scheduled on Oct. 2:

Section 17-11, “Restriction of Commercial Bus Travel,” prohibits the pas-sage of tour buses on Bulls Bridge Road and Spooner Hill Road in order to restrict their access to South Kent Road coming from the south or west. The ordinance does not include in the ban buses relating to school activities, and it can be suspended when Route 7 or Route 341 are closed.

Section 17-10, “Place-ment of Material in Public

Right of Way,” restricts resi-dents from depositing mat-erial of any kind in the road-way without the intention of immediate removal.

Section 2-17, “Purchasing Ordinance,” gives the town sole discretion in any solic-itations, proposals or bids relating to the purchase of services, equipment or goods for the town. Purchases un-der \$25,000 may be made as administrative action by the first selectman in consulta-tion with the relevant de-partment that requires the

purchase, while those over \$25,000 will be decided by a competitive bidding process which will be posted on the town website and circulated in a newspaper.

A fourth ordinance will be voted on during the Nov. 4 election.

Section 11-16, “Regula-tion of Cannabis Ordinance,” bans any retail operation for recreational cannabis in town, but allows for medical dispensaries on the basis of approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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Mudge Pond ‘Friendraiser’ set for Oct. 11

SHARON — The Mudge Pond Association will host its first “Fall Friendraiser” at the Sharon Town Beach Saturday, Oct 11.

From 2 to 4 p.m., the resident-led lake steward-ship group invites anyone interested in the future of the cherished lake to spend an autumn afternoon learn-ing about the Association’s mission and how to get in-volved. Cider and donuts will be provided.

Mudge Pond faces threats by invasive species and pol-lutants. For more informa-tion, visit mudgepond.org. Rain date Oct. 12, same time.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0298 by owner Albert Ginouves for a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 22 Meadow Street, Lakeville, Map 54, Lot 43-2 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter. The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/agendas/](http://www.salisburyct.us/agendas/). The application materials will be listed at [www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/](http://www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/). Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to [landuse@salisburyct.us](mailto:landuse@salisburyct.us). Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT. Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission Martin Whalen, Secretary 09-25-25 10-02-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ARTHUR CHARLES VOSBURGH Late of Norfolk (25-00317)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 9, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Charles Patrick Vosburgh c/o Maria Lucy Hampton Law Offices of Maria L. Hampton, 220 Albany Tpke, Bldg 1, P.O. Box 1101, Canton, CT, 06019 Megan M. Foley Clerk 09-25-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF SCOTT D. THORNTON Late of Sharon AKA SCOTT DREW THORNTON (25-00330)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF SUSANNE ANNE LAMBERT Late of Salisbury (25-00364)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF FRANCES MARY NICKESON Late of Cornwall (25-00308)

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OBITUARIES

Sharon Dennis Rosen

SHARON — Sharon Dennis Rosen, 83, died on Aug. 8, 2025, in New York City.

Born and raised in Sharon, Conn., she grew up on her parents' farm and attended Sharon Center School and Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She went on to study at Skidmore College before moving to New York City, where she married Dr. Harvey Rosen and together they raised two children.

Sharon's lifelong love of learning and the arts shaped both her work and her passions. For decades, she served as a tour guide at the American Museum of Natural History and the Asia Society, sharing her

knowledge and enthusiasm with countless visitors. She also delighted in traveling widely, immersing herself in other cultures, and especially treasured time spent visiting her daughter and grandsons in Europe and Africa.

She was also deeply connected to her hometown, where in retirement she spent half her time and had many friends. She served as President of the Sharon East Side Cemetery until the time of her death, where generations of her family are buried and where she will also be laid to rest.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey; her children, Jennifer and Marc; and four beloved grandchildren.



Gloria Ann Covert

MILLERTON — Gloria Ann Covert, 84, a longtime area resident, passed away at her home in Millerton, New York on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025. Mrs. Covert had a lengthy career in the casino and gaming industry as a pit manager for over twenty years, having worked in Las Vegas, Nevada, Atlantic City, New Jersey and Gulfport, Mississippi prior to her retirement.

Born July 15, 1941, in Poughkeepsie, New York, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Millicent (Brinkerhoff) Flood. Gloria was a graduate of Webutuck High School where she served as captain of the cheerleading squad. In 1966 in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married James Bennett "Bounce" Covert, Sr. Mr. Covert passed away on July 31, 2016. Gloria loved to grow roses and tend her rose garden in her spare time. She was an avid reader and worked as a professional model while living in Nevada. Gloria enjoyed spending time with her family and will be dearly missed by all.

Gloria is survived by her son, Edward Covert and his wife Kay of Millerton, her brother, Joseph Flood and his wife Jean of Hillsdale, New York, her sister, Doris Reeves of Florida, her daughter-in-law, Jeanette Covert of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, her sister-in-law, Patricia Flood

of Millerton, her sister-in-law, Janel Barnhill of Texas, her brother-in-law, Robert Fuller and his wife Natha of Texas; her grandchildren, Fawna, Robert, Josephine, Colleen, Lauren, LeNita, Carina(-Amanda); great grandchildren, Zoe, Mia, Asher, Tealin, Amelia, Madeline, Charlotte, Kennedy, Emmett and Elliott and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Gloria was predeceased by a son, James B. Covert, Jr., a grandson, Clark Covert, a niece, Melissa Fuller Cahill and her brother, Thomas J. "Tom" Flood.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Mayhew will officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2649 South Road # 101, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Gloria's memory please visit [www.conklinfuneral-home.com](http://www.conklinfuneral-home.com)



Webutuck selected as regional Literacy Champion

AMENIA — The Webutuck Central School District was named a Literacy Champion by United Way of Dutchess-Orange Region.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani accepted the plaque for the district at the United Way Dutchess-Orange Region's Imagination Breakfast held at Doubletree by Hilton in Poughkeepsie on Sept. 18.

Webutuck and Pine Bush were the only schools to be selected Literacy Champions in the region that includes Dutchess, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan counties. The United Way is collaborating with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in this initiative to deliver a free book each month to children's homes from birth until they start kindergarten.

"It's a tremendous accolade for all the hard work that our teachers and our administrators are putting in, in regards to shaping literacy within our school district to have students be successful,"



Sydney Cipriano's second grade class posed with a plaque and a certificate granted to the school by the United Way of Dutchess-Orange.

said Castellani.

"Somedays you say to yourself, are we doing what's right, are we taking the right avenue to address our students' needs. Obviously, accolades like this and a program like this, which actually gives resources to our children at even earlier ages means we're on the right track."

New regional guidelines recommend COVID-19 vaccines for all ages

By Aly Morrissey  
The Millerton News

New York is part of a new coalition of regional public health agencies and leaders that has released new 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine guidelines.

The Northeast Public Health Collaborative, which operates independently from federal agencies and aims to "promote and protect evidence-based public health," includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine,

Rhode Island and New York City.

The guidelines recommend vaccination for children ages 6 months to 18 years and all adults.

The NPHC says its recommendations align with several professional medical societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

In a Sept. 18 press release, New York Governor Kathy Hochul said, "Vaccines re-

main one of the strongest tools we have to safeguard our families and our communities. As Washington continues to launch its misguided attacks on science, New York is making it clear that every resident will have access to the COVID vaccine, no exceptions. By standing with our partners across the Northeast, we are ensuring that New Yorkers have the protection and the information they need to stay safe and healthy."

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available throughout

Dutchess County. Residents can get the vaccine at CVS pharmacies in Millerton, Dover Plains or Pleasant Valley, as well as Pine Plains Pharmacy on Church Street and Millbrook Pharmacy on Franklin Avenue.

The Dutchess County Immunization Clinic also hosts vaccine appointments on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about access to COVID-19 vaccines, visit the Dutchess County website.

Upcoming flu vaccine clinic dates, locations

Flu vaccines will be available around the Northwest Corner via clinics in September and October.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County and Kent Station Pharmacy have scheduled numerous opportunities to get vaccinated.

Dates, times and locations below.

**Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County**  
Sharon Pharmacy, 8 Gay St., Sharon, Conn. on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Colebrook Senior Center, 2 School House Road, Colebrook, Conn. Thursday, Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Winsted Senior Center, 80 Holabird Ave., Winsted, Conn. on Friday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Barkhamsted Town Garage, 33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, Conn. on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Lakeville Town Grove, 42 Ethan Allen St., Lakeville, Conn. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Falls Village Senior Center, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

VNHLC — Salisbury Branch, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, Conn. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road, Warren, Conn. on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Accepted insurance: Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross, Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare, Medicare Part B, Connecticut Care, United Health Care Advantage (for individuals over age 65).

Self-Pay (cash or check): Regular dose for ages 18 and older \$50; High dose for adults over 65 \$100

Questions? Call 860-379-8561 or visit [www.vnhlc.org](http://www.vnhlc.org)

**Kent Station Pharmacy**  
Kent Station Pharmacy, 38 N. Main St. Kent, Conn. on:

— Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— Thursday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Conn. on:

— Monday, Sept. 29, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

— Thursday, Oct. 16, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, 246

Community Day at Indian Rock Schoolhouse Sept. 28

By Leila Hawken  
The Millerton News

AMENIA — The Amenia Garden Club has announced that the annual Community Day will be held at Indian Rock Schoolhouse on Mygatt

Road on Sunday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to the garden club's offering gardening advice and encouragement, other local organizations will be on hand to describe their work in the community.

Worship Services Week of September 28, 2025	
<b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a>	<b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
<b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627	<b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson, Priest-in-Charge In-Person and on You-Tube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a>
<b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <a href="http://www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a> 860-824-7232 FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a>	<b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. <b>CRUELTY AND KINDNESS IN SALISBURY:</b> <b>The Moravian Missionaries in 1700</b> For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokialoi@gmail.com">jokialoi@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome
<b>Congregation Beth David</b> A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at <a href="http://congbethdavid.org">congbethdavid.org</a> ) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 <a href="mailto:info@congbethdavid.org">info@congbethdavid.org</a>	<b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
<b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevilleumc5634@snet.net">Lakevilleumc5634@snet.net</a>	<b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 <a href="http://www.uccincornwall.org">www.uccincornwall.org</a> Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
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<b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a>	<b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality
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<b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a>	<b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5554 <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a> We hope you will join us!
<b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   <a href="mailto:allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a>	





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## CT lawmakers must defend academic freedom, healthcare access and research

We write today to express deep concern over the recent White House executive orders and federal legislation elevating political appointees' influence in grants, cutting funds for critical research, and slashing Medicaid funds.

These actions threaten academic freedom, higher education, healthcare, and Connecticut's economy. They are compounded by the \$61.5 million cut to UConn Health in the most recent state budget.

Our elected officials must take swift action to protect the public good by allocating the resources needed to shore up Connecticut's only public medical academic center.

### Academic freedom under siege

The new executive order replaces expert peer review with political oversight, jeopardizing expert scrutiny and credible science while dismissing dozens of National Institutes of Health (NIH) reviewers, thus replacing the integrity and autonomy of scientific merit as they navigate an ever-changing political agenda. Critical fields like health equity, vaccine studies, reproductive health, gender studies, and LGBTQ issues are being defunded, undermining research that serves our communities.

### Impact on UConn Health and our students

The repercussions are already being felt at UConn Health. In April 2025, NIH cancelled \$1.7 million in unspent UConn research grants, including mental health and LGBTQ+ projects.

A proposed slash of indirect cost reimbursement to a flat 15% threatens \$35 million annually. Infrastructure, administrative support, equipment and labs employing nearly 750 research positions, including graduate students, postdocs, and clinician-scientists, face immediate risk.

### Impact of Medicaid/Medicare/ACA cuts on UConn Health and our patients

Federal legislation will cut or eliminate some Affordable Care Act (ACA) tax subsidies and reduce the number of eligible Medicaid/Medicare enrollees by as much as 20%, resulting in devastating losses for the University of Connecticut Health Center and our patients. Patients will lose access to primary care and rely more on costly emergency services — a

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devastating result for patient health and UCHC's infrastructure. The anticipated direct loss from changes to Medicaid/Medicare to UCHC alone is \$25 — \$40 million. Additionally, this level of disenrollment jeopardizes UCHC's 340B program eligibility, the loss of which could be between \$49–\$69 million.

### Ripples through Connecticut's economy

The stakes extend well beyond our campus. In fiscal year 2024, NIH funding awarded \$787 million to Connecticut institutions, impacting 6,831 jobs, and \$1.78 billion in economic activity. These cuts endanger our research infrastructure and talent pool, pushing researchers to go elsewhere, hindering our ability to recruit top talent which can lead to a "brain drain." The consequences include dampening state-generated innovation, threatening as many as 2,650 jobs in our state that depend on federal research funding tied to UConn and UCHC.

These federal measures erode and disregard academic freedom, disciplines that promote equity and diversity and community health.

In closing, we strongly and passionately urge our lawmakers to act now and convene a special session of the General Assembly to:

Support the University of Connecticut Health Center, the state's only public hospital, as we step up to meet the growing demands of patients as more and more become uninsured; and

Allocate funds to UConn and UCHC to offset state and federal cuts, especially for essential but stigmatized research and patient care to the most vulnerable.

*The authors comprise the executive committee of the University of Connecticut Health Center – American Association of University Professors (UHC-AAUP), AFT Local 6747, which represents nearly 700 faculty at UConn Health. They are: Ion Moraru, MD, PhD, UCHC-AAUP President; Neena Qasba, MD, MPH, Vice President; Mark Maciejewski, PhD, Secretary-Treasurer; Michael Baldwin, MD; Irina Bezsonova, PhD; Ruchir Trivedi, MD; Alix Deymier, PhD; and Laura Haynes, PhD.*

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Endorsing Mayland for Selectman

I have lived my entire life in the Northwest corner. In 1992, I purchased my home in Lakeville. I served 8 years on the Board of Education, 2 years as a selectman, and on several other town committees. Currently, I serve on the Building Committee for HVRHS and am in my second term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. As a long-time resident, I have a strong investment in the continued financial strength and community values that Salisbury has been built upon.

I am writing to share my perspective on Don Mayland's record of service and the qualities I have personally observed in his work for our town.

Don has been part of our

community since 1973. He was a dynamic Economics teacher at The Hotchkiss School, bringing real-world experience into the classroom. His deep background in economics carried into his civic life—he served for 41 years on the board of Litchfield Bancorp, including 26 years as Chairman, and gave 24 years of service on the Salisbury Board of Finance. Beyond financial leadership, Don has been an active volunteer in public safety, serving with Salisbury Ambulance for many years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority. Don also served with distinction for three terms as Salisbury Selectman.

Don is someone who has never shied away from working for Salisbury or its residents. His dedication, willingness to collaborate, and managerial skills exemplify the qualities we should expect in our town's leadership. His lifelong commitment has been driven by care for Salisbury and its people, guided by discipline, structure, and attention to detail—qualities that define his reputation.

I am endorsing Don Mayland for Selectman because he is dedicated, hardworking, knowledgeable, and deeply caring. I know he will always put Salisbury and its residents first, without question.

Bob Riva

Salisbury

## Becket for appeals board

It is my pleasure to recommend the candidacy of Peter Becket to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Peter has contributed to the Salisbury/Lakeville community in myriad ways:

He was President of Salisbury Youth Hockey for two seasons, served on the Board of Education, the Fire House Building Committee and the Transfer Station Recycling Committee. These activities show his interest in the community and also indicate his commitment.

His professional experience is varied and impressive: a bank officer in New York City, business appraiser, real estate salesman and home repair company owner.

On a personal note, Peter is intelligent, witty and capable, with an excellent and engaging sense of humor.

I recommend him for election to the Board of Assessment Appeals unreservedly.

Maureen Scannell Bateman

Lakeville

## Being responsible on public health

In 1980 the World Health Organization succeeded in eliminating smallpox worldwide. Pakistan was the last country to be vaccinated; they needed to vaccinate 70% of the population to eliminate the disease. It was the first time in history a disease which had scarred and killed people for centuries was exterminated worldwide.

When all school children were given the measles vaccine, the disease disappeared in the United States. It was only after some parents decided not to vaccinate their children that the disease re-emerged and spread rapidly through the youthful population. Sadly, there have even been deaths from children getting the measles.

From March 2020 to January 2023, U.S. deaths from COVID accumulated to more than one million Americans. The creation of the COVID vaccine in 2020 helped reduce the number of patients needing to be hospitalized as well as the number of people getting pneumonia from COVID and long

COVID.

But this year, Robert Kennedy, Secretary of Health and Human Services, announced the new COVID-19 vaccine will only be available to people over 65 years old and to very young children. Older school children and busy working adults will have to get a prescription from a doctor to get a vaccine covered by their health insurance. Such policy is misguided if we want to contain the spread of COVID.

Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey announced that her state will be the first state to make sure insurance will cover all vaccines including COVID and influenza shots for all Massachusetts citizens. She is also putting \$400,000 in state and private funds for medical research to keep scientists from leaving the state and to advance medical research. In contrast to Kennedy's positions, these are smart policies that benefit everyone in Massachusetts.

HHS Secretary Kennedy is neither a doctor nor a health specialist. His un-

scientific policies, once enacted nationwide, will mean less protection from disease in the general population, which will put many Americans at risk for serious illness.

Lizbeth Piel

Sharon

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# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

**125 years ago — September 1900**  
SALISBURY — George Washington of Winsted has entered the employ of the Salisbury Cutlery Handle Co. and will move his family here shortly. Mr. Washington was formerly an employee of this company for many years, and is welcome home again.

The wells of the village are showing the effects of the dry weather and the watering trough is being pressed into service again.

It is estimated that George Bushnell has 1000 barrels of apples, Will Pulver 1200, and the Campbells 2000.

A.B. Landon has gone to Vermont for a load of cows; will be home with them Saturday; ready for the dairymen next Monday morning.

Mrs. Thomas Lindley met with an accident Monday. While paring potatoes, she was seized with a sudden dizziness and fell to the floor and in some manner received a deep gash on her head. The doctor was summoned and it was found necessary to take five stitches in the wound. She is quite comfortable at present and no serious consequences are feared.

For some time the new mogul locomotives of the Consolidated road have been drawing accommodation trains between New Haven and New York, and getting their bearings in shape for faster time. They are nearly all broken in now, and will soon be running on the fast trains. The new engines are very large. Their driving wheels are six feet and six inches in diameter and they have 19x26 cylinders.

It is now nearly time for the hobo to put in an appearance claiming to be a survivor of the Galveston horror.

The average man of family has been congratulating himself that it is about time to put away the lawn mower, but his rosy dreams are disturbed by thoughts of coal hods, cellar stairs, ashes sifters, frosty mornings, kindling wood and other incidentals pertaining to the coming of coal weather.

LIME ROCK — Geo. Melvin and son are painting the residence and farm buildings on the farm of James Richardson.

**100 years ago — September 1925**  
SALISBURY — Mr. E.C. Mercer expects to leave in a few days to resume his evangelical work for Episcopal Churches throughout the country.

J. Brewster Pratt of Hartford, who lost his life in the fall of a seaplane piloted by H.M. Ludwig, who was also killed near Hartford on Sept. 17th, was a nephew of Mrs. Henry Hubbard of this place. The plane fell into the Connecticut river and for some time Mr. Pratt's body could not be found.

LIME ROCK — Grandma Lorch had the misfortune to fall down stairs in the barn and was quite badly shaken up.

Leon Atkins was quite badly burned and cut about the face and neck last Sunday while attempting to remove a cartridge that had become jammed in the breech of a

gun. The flare of powder caused the burns and the copper jacket of the cartridge caused the cuts. However the injuries are now healing nicely.

Vincent A. Stuart has resigned his position at the Journal office and has entered the employ of his uncle, E.J. Stuart, at the Best Theatre.

LIME ROCK — Miss Jennie Brasie is storing her household things and staying with Mrs. Brusie for a while.

The first killing frost of the season arrived Tuesday night. Ice formed in exposed places and flower beds and vegetables came to a sudden finish.

**50 years ago — September 1975**  
Amenia and Sharon are off the hook, at least for another month. The Curtiss Wright Corporation, owner of the present Route 22 landfill site, has decided to let the two towns continue to rent the landfill. The corporation has set a new higher rent schedule for the next six months beginning at \$1,000 for October. Amenias and Sharon now split the \$500-a-month rent on the landfill site.

A slowly improving economic environment has resulted in the recall of all full-time employees laid off this year by Becton-Dickinson Company in Canaan. The plant is one of the largest employers in the area, employing up to 40 per cent of the area workers.

Beginning Wednesday it will be illegal for any state or town government body in Connecticut to meet in executive session except for limited and carefully defined purposes. Oct. 1 is the day the new Freedom of Information Act promoted by Gov. Ella T. Grasso and passed by the General Assembly comes into effect. The so-called "sunshine law" provides for open meetings of public agencies and for citizen access to public records.

"Little kids never change," declares James DuBois. He might be considered something of an authority on the subject, being a veteran of 25 years and one month as a custodian at Salisbury Central School. Jim, who will retire on Sept. 30, has seen hundreds of "little kids" enter the school and has watched them become "big kids" and inevitably, adults.

Canaan has sold its first load of glass to the Dayville Glass Container Corp. of Dayville, Connecticut. The 9,410 pounds of glass was transported in two dump truck loads and brought a price of \$102.99.

A new fountain has been installed near the Meadowbrook parking lot in Norfolk. The fountain draws its water from springs running through the bank under the railroad tracks. The water has been tested by the state and is safe for human consumption.

**25 years ago — September 2000**  
Another group seeking an alternative to Essent Healthcare's purchase of Sharon Hospital has surfaced. Walton Green of Sharon and Dr. Carl Bornemann of Falls Village, along with two other unnamed persons, have formed "Community Asso-

ciation to Save Sharon Hospital," or CASSH. They are hoping to have their incorporation papers back from the state shortly. Members of the group were originally part of another group, called Citizens for the Hospital which was an infomal group started by Lime Rock resident Martha Miller.

Jim Britt, editor of Salisbury's town report, was presented an award for the most outstanding report during a ceremony at Town Hall on Wednesday. The judging and awarding is done by the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Salisbury's report bested the 43 other submissions from around the state.

Thanks to an unidentified donation from a local charity, the Sharon Day Care Center may soon have a building of its own. Cathy Casey, president of the day care center board, announced last week that a local nonprofit organization has given the day care center \$100,000 to be used to purchase a building next to Sharon Center School. The day care now leases two rooms in the lower level of the school.

A successful after-school program, poised to enter its 10th year at North Canaan Elementary School, is threatened this week with becoming history. Lynn Nania, who founded and ran AHA (After Hours Activities) for nine years, wrote her letter of resignation this week. It followed the lack of a Board of Finance decision last week on her request to make her position a salaried one. Mrs. Nania's request to the Board of Selectmen in July to make leadership of the program, which comes under the auspices of the town, a paid position, was referred to the finance board. She requested \$11,250. With an eye toward leaving the program after the next year or two, her goal was to make it easier to replace her in the time-consuming post.

FALLS VILLAGE — Almost \$40,000 has been raised for a new playscape and fitness trail at the Lee H. Kellogg School. With a few thousand dollars more, the school will be able to purchase all the equipment it needs. The new metal and plastic set will feature a spiral slide, curly climber, double track ride, double straight slides, double ring trek and challenge ladder for students at the school and other youthful town residents. The set is wheelchair accessible.

## Status Report

KENT — A black Labrador wandered away from his home on Fuller Mountain Road the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 19. His family alerted Animal Control Officer Lee Sohl and shortly thereafter the pup was found safe.

NORFOLK — Joseph Stannard Antiques and Design carriage house showroom and surrounding garden is now open to the public with no appointment needed on weekends. Located at 8 Station Place, the fall weekend hours are Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## Green shoots in dementia's desert

First, let me say I am not a neurologist or a neuroscientist, but I worked in a Pathology and Cell Biology Department where I had colleagues who were both of those things. I went to their seminars and their graduate students' Ph.D defenses. I taught in a course on cell biology and histology where neuroscience was a major subject. The College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia teaches serious basic science to its medical and graduate students. I followed neuroscience for years, not knowing I would write about it.

In the previous column we established that progress with dementia and other neurological diseases had been depressingly slow. No new treatments for Alzheimer's or Parkinson's diseases had been introduced in years. Then, a few green shoots appeared in this desert. The first (for me) was a population study that suggested the people who had been vaccinated for shingles were 20% less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than unvaccinated peers. Such studies are called Natural Experiments. There is no effort to intervene, but patterns are still observed. Charles Darwin's observations, mostly natural experiments, led to the theory of evolution, which is the organizing concept of biology.

The second study with a weight reduction and anti-diabetes drug slowed but did not stop the shrinkage of the brains of patients in the early stages of Alzheimer dementia. More news on such drugs, which are being tested in interventional studies should be forthcoming.

The third study involves two papers from Harvard Medical School and took a molecular approach which concentrated on the genes that are turned on or off in brain neurons as dementia begins and proceeds. Proteins that turn genes on or off are part of the intellectual heartland of molecular biology and thus reassuring to people like me; we know how to do this. After many experiments the Harvard scientists arrived at a compound called lithium orotate, which we will leave hanging while I tell you about mice with Alzheimer's disease.

Humans, mice, other mammals, and even fruit flies have brains with specific regions devoted to various tasks: sight, small, hearing, short-term memory, long term memory, reasoning, and many others.

A mouse neuron is hard to distinguish from a human neuron under a microscope. We can now introduce mutations into mice that cause human diseases, whether spinal muscular atrophy, cystic fibrosis or dementia, which allows us to study the disease in an animal; this is a sort of biological bootstrapping. Mice live two years and dementia appears early in animals carrying these mutations. They lose their memories and can no longer locate where they are in a maze. We can do experiments on mice that would be ethically impossible in humans. (There are strict rules on minimizing pain for animals and a staff of animal care people and veterinarians to maintain the facility and instruct graduate students and other workers in the proper use of animals.)A research university like Columbia or Harvard may house 80,000 or more mice for the study of various disease conditions.

In our Alzheimer mice,

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RICHARD KESSIN

tau and beta-amyloid (both proteins; sequences of amino acids) are overproduced, as in humans with Alzheimer's disease. Some human patients have high amounts of tau and beta-amyloid but are cognitively normal. These proteins are part of the disease process, but do not cause it. Something else must occur for the neurons to progress to the full disease. According to scientists in the Yanker lab at Harvard Medical School, beta amyloid protein binds to lithium and takes it out of circulation. (Lithium, a small element, has been used in psychiatry for a long time.)

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What is the consequence of sequestering lithium? The neurons (and the mice) progress to the final stages of Alz-

heimer's disease: the brain continues to shrink, synapses and cognitive functions disappear. Would more lithium in the mouse drinking water help preserve neurons? Yes, at least in mice. Positively charged lithium bound to a negatively charged organic molecule called orotate is the most effective formulation.

Three years ago, some of the same authors discovered a protein complex called REST that acts to suppress the expression of genes involved in late Alzheimer's disease. If a cell makes a lot of REST, it does not progress to full dementia, much as if one gives it lithium orotate. Lithium orotate and REST are called checkpoint regulators, well known in other biological processes. The authors of this paper put the case this way: 'Here we show that endogenous lithium (Li) is dynamically regulated in the brain and contributes to cognitive preservation during ageing.'

None of these potential treatments: Herpes zoster vaccination, anti-diabetes/weight loss compounds, or lithium orotate, in variations or combinations, is guaranteed to be therapeutic; mice are not humans after all, but after years of frustration, it is a relief to try new approaches.

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

*Editor's Note: The Yanker laboratory at Harvard Medical School, which did these studies, lost much of its funding in the recent NIH cuts.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Recalling Housy's football team in 1953

I enjoyed your Sept. 18 Front page article on Housatonic Valley Regional High School's football players, and it took me back 72 years (1953) to our school's first eleven man team.

Fifteen boys — none of whom had played at that level before — along with a very determined coach, entered the competitive arena; six games later, we exited, undefeated!

A midseason victory over New Canaan H.S., a top 5 ranked CT team, and a final late October game in the rain, at Pine Bush, N.Y., put us in our school's record book!

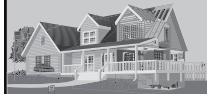
It's great to see that those boys, whom you mentioned, truly enjoy the sport and are still playing with unabated enthusiasm.

**Peter Smith '54**  
Taconic

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Speaking about Kent cemeteries during Wednesday’s session of People and Places are, from left: Bernadette Ellegard, Lorry Schiesel, Deborah Shifflett-Fitton, Tamara Potter and Marge Smith.

Cemeteries tell stories of Kent’s past

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — It was a grave, yet entertaining talk. The latest in the People and Places series co-sponsored by the Kent Senior Center and Kent Historical Society on Sept. 17 focused on the town’s cemeteries.

Several speakers involved in the subject gave a perspective about the sites that abound around town. Historical Society curator Marge Smith began by noting nine town-owned cemeteries exist and four private ones. But during the session, it became apparent there are some small burial grounds tucked away in various — often unknown — spots, as well.

The oldest, said Smith, is Good Hill Cemetery on Route 7 North. At the time it was created in 1747, the Congregational Church meeting house was across the road and the minister’s daughter, who died young, was interred there. “It’s very sad,” she said. “Cemeteries don’t just record deaths, they tell stories.”

The second cemetery to be established was in Kent Hollow in 1768, and the third was the one at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, now in the center of the village. Reuben Swift, explained Smith, became discouraged with the Congregational Church and became affiliated with the Anglicans. His is the oldest stone at that burial ground.

In 1815, Bull’s Bridge Cemetery came into being, while Skiff Mountain Cemetery opened in 1825. Next came the Congregational Church when it moved down to what is now the village. In the 1970s, the Rev. Vincent Flynn of Sacred Heart Catholic Church founded that cemetery just north of the town center, and in 1984, Flanders Cemetery was established adjacent to the Catholic site. Nina and Joseph Pacocha, longtime Kent residents, purchased the first plots there.

Private burial grounds are at South Kent School, Kent School, Skiff Mountain and the Morehouse Cemetery on Richards Road.

“Cemeteries are a great

resource for learning about history,” said Smith, “but unfortunately, there’s a lot of misinformation out there. Everything carved in stone is not necessarily true.” She gave an example of a stone that had been re-carved and the date of death was mixed up with the decedent’s age.

Tamara Potter, who along with her husband, William, were sextons for the town’s cemeteries for 30 years, gave a brief history of the Kent Cemetery Association, which was formed in 1923. Its purpose was to assist the town in preparing and bettering burial grounds. It was created because World War 1 had just ended and the upkeep of cemeteries was a hardship for the town.

When the Potters stepped down last year, the question arose as to who would oversee them going forward. The town voted to revert supervision back to the town and established the Kent Cemetery Committee. “The transition met with great success,” said Potter.

Lorry Schiesel, who chairs the committee of five with two alternates, said the group is responsible for six cemeteries: Good Hill, Flanders, Congregational Church, St. Andrew’s, Bull’s Bridge and Skiff Mountain. Brent Kallstrom serves as sexton.

“Our role is maintenance,” said Schiesel. “The sexton, which is a statutory role, makes sure burials go well.”

Committee member Bernadette Ellegard talked about technology that allows for helping to locate graves, while Kallstrom described his work. He has been sexton at Kent Hollow Cemetery and is familiar with many of the names of townspeople.

“My job is to help people when they are looking for a burial site and to finalize burials,” Kallstrom said. “I applaud pre-planning. I enjoy what I do.”

He spoke about the need to conserve space at these sites, noting that cremations make that goal easier. Granite is now used mostly for headstones because of its durability.

By Alec Linden

WASHINGTON — The southern-most Housatonic Heritage Walk of the year brought the socio-ecologically curious to the steep ravines and river valleys of Washington, Conn., for a guided investigation of the region’s original occupants and ongoing stewards.

Hosted on the property of the Institute for American Indian Studies and the adjacent Steep Rock Preserve, Susan Scherf, an educator with the institute, led a leisurely and informative stroll amid pristine fall weather on Sept. 21.

Scherf, who has spent decades teaching students how to read and learn their natural landscapes, began the event with the important clarification that she herself is not Indigenous. “My maiden name was Van Winkle,” she joked.

She acknowledged that the land is the ancestral home of the Weantinock and Pootatuck people and their descendants, now the Schaghticoke. She spoke in awe of the complex technologies in-

digenous peoples developed through intimate knowledge of the landscape, such as tanning leather and sapping maples. These traditions, of course, were adopted by colonial communities and remain central components of New England culture today.

Scherf led the group of 14 participants down a hemlock-shaded slope into the Steep Rock Preserve proper, explaining that the Eastern Hemlock was almost entirely eliminated in New England by European colonists, who figured out that the tannin-laden bark was effective at curing animal hides. Native communities, on the other hand, used a process that involved curing skins with animal brains and smoking them to preserve and protect the material.

Pointing at a shagbark hickory, Scherf explained that “they never denuded the land,” using woody trees like ash, elm and oak to construct semi-permanent residences but never clear cutting as they moved from place to place. Other plants, like cattails which she described as “the grocery store” for its



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Susan Scherf addresses the group at the Institute for American Indian Studies’ exhibit demonstrating components of Algonkian semi-permanent village.

many uses, were also used to build structures like wigwams in these communities.

Guiding the group to an open area by a sluggish bend in the Shepaug River, a tributary of the Housatonic River, Scherf mentioned that “this would have been a main highway for Natives.” She explained that Connecticut’s rivers were vital infrastructure for these groups who would summer along the coast and winter in the interior. This river would have once been teeming with American Eels and salmon, she said, but Connecticut’s – the namesake of which is the Algonkian Quinnetukut, meaning the land alongside the long tidal river – waterways were also important to industrialists. As a result, the 4,000-odd extant dams have all but eliminated these fish in the state.

As the group crossed an old rail line, covered in century-old coal and slag, she noted that while the river valley was an infrastructural hub for industrialists, it once

was a primary thoroughfare for these semi-nomadic Indigenous people who would travel the river on 30-foot, thousand-pound canoes made from the vast trunks of tulip trees.

She led the group back up the gentle wooded slope, pointing out various plants like jewelweed, which is a good balm for itchy ailments, and coltsfoot, which Natives would have burned and used as a spice. She encouraged participants to chew on wintergreen leaves she found alongside the trail, drawing murmurs of approval from the hikers for its fresh, minty taste.

To conclude, she gathered the group between a model longhouse and wigwam in the Institute’s demonstration village. She emphasized that while these communities lived in close mutual respect with the landscape, they also looked out for their fellow humans. “No one was ever excluded,” she said, “it was the whole village constantly working together.”

Peddler’s Flea Market offers unique finds

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — The enterprising and curious shopper had a lot of choices at the Peddler’s Flea Market at the South Canaan Meetinghouse in Falls Village Saturday, Sept. 13.

Need a children’s rocking horse? Greg and Ann Bidou had you covered. The proprietors of the former Toymaker’s Cafe accumulated a lot of things over the decades, including rocking horses that were once part of the cafe’s decor.

“Do you have a man cave?” Ann Bidou asked as a reporter hove alongside. “Because I’ve got man cave art.”

The Bidous also had motorcycle parts and an entire motorcycle for sale.

Frank Halden of Falls Village had an unusual offering. He will take a digital photograph and transfer it to a piece of fabric using an inkjet printer. He then incorporates the photo/fabric piece into a larger piece of fabric, suitable for framing or quilting or anything else someone might do with a piece of fabric.

In the shed were items that fell into the “miscellaneous” category, including the sheet music for “This

Little Piggie Went to Market,” as presented in the 1933 Paramount film “Eight Girls in a Boat.”

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Sports

Housatonic boys hang on for 1-0 win at Lakeview

By Riley Klein

LITCHFIELD — Housatonic Valley Regional High School boys varsity soccer earned a 1-0 win over Lakeview High School Friday, Sept. 19.

The rivalry match was played beneath clear blue skies, about 76 degrees, at Plumb Hill Field Complex in Litchfield. The weather was pleasant, but the match was not.

Gustavo Portillo scored the lone goal in the 36th minute. His header redirected a free kick that snuck into the goal just under the crossbar yet out of reach of the Lakeview goalie.

Portillo exited the game with an ankle injury after a hard collision in the second half. Several other HVRHS players required medical attention from the on-hand athletic trainer as the hard-fought game became increasingly physical.

HVRHS goalie Abram Kirshner maintained a clean



HVRHS defends a free kick by Jayden Blasi, No. 10 for Lakeview, in the second half of the game.

sheet with five saves including a gravity-defying dive to block a free kick.


Housatonic's record advanced to 4-2 while Lakeview moved to 3-3. Nearly halfway

through the season, HVRHS sat in third place in Berkshire League standings behind undefeated Shepaug Valley High School (7-0) and Nonnewaug High School (4-0-1).




Angel Gonzalez, No. 24 for HVRHS, and Noah Jenkins, No. 11 for Lakeview, battle for possession in the rivalry game played in Litchfield Friday, Sept. 19.

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### HVRHS girls soccer hits midseason winning streak

Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls varsity soccer won its fourth consecutive game by defeating Lakeview High School 6-1 on Friday, Sept. 19. The Mountaineers were led by Ava Segalla (at left) with three goals. Georgie Clayton, Madeline Mechare and Lyla Diorio (at right) each scored once. Housatonic's record advanced to 5-2 and Lakeview moved to 3-4. The result put HVRHS in third place in Berkshire League standings behind Terryville High School (5-1) and Nonnewaug High School (4-1).



PHOTOS BY SIMON MARKOW



The varsity field hockey game between Kent School and Frederick Gunn School was a physical battle between the two squads Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Kent field hockey falls 2-0 to Gunn

By Lans Christensen

KENT — On Wednesday, Sept. 17, The Frederick Gunn School Highlanders, from Washington, Conn., came to challenge the Kent School Lions varsity field hockey team.

The Highlanders emerged victorious with a 2-0 score.

Usually low scoring contests, this game was no exception: Angie Chase of Gunn scored the first goal of the game with less than two minutes left in the third

quarter.

Then with only two minutes left in the fourth quarter, Highlander Izzy Blake scored the second, game winning goal.

Low scoring didn't mean lack of action — quite the opposite; the entire game was

marked by constant fighting for ball possession, field position and attacking the goal. Within the horde of players, legs and sticks all swung at the mouth of the goal.

Getting the ball in the net was a true test of skills, and some luck.



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Kent School's Aspen Devlin drives downfield against Frederick Gunn.



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IMMIGRATION

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Pushing for local policy

Some founding members were responsible for putting Immigrations and Customs Enforcement on the agenda at two public meetings, on May 21 and July 29. They urged the Millerton Village Board to draft a local law limiting police cooperation with ICE and protecting the constitutional rights of immigrants.

Attendance at the July meeting tripled and a divided community of supporters and critics attended to voice their opinions. Ultimately, the Board declined to move forward, citing concerns about losing funding for critical infrastructure projects and pointing to an already robust police policy.

This decision led the advocacy group to question whether the existing policy leaves room for additional protections or clarifications regarding immigrant rights.

Police policies and ICE

The News obtained a full copy of the 93-page Millerton Police Policy, which covers topics like patrol areas, decision-making, chains of command, use of force and use of non-lethal weapons, to name a few. The policy does not explicitly mention immigrants or immigration status.

The closest it comes to the advocacy group's requests — requiring judicial warrants for ICE collaboration and not proactively sharing immigration data — is a section on racial profiling added in March 2023 and effective May 1, 2023.

“Racial profiling is a practice that offends fundamental principles of our Constitution ... The Village of Millerton Police Department has an expressed prohibition against racial and ethnic profiling and is forbidden by all standards set forth by the municipality,” the policy states on page 68.

Redacted arrest records and incident reports from Jan. 1 to July 26, 2025, obtained by The News show that the department collects standard personal information, such as date of birth and address, but does not record immigration status in a way that could be shared with ICE. However, in two separate incidents, under sections labeled “Suspect” and “Missing/Arrested Person,” police captured ethnicity, which was listed as either “Hispanic” or “Not Hispanic.”

In a conversation with The Millerton News in August, Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik said he would not ask to see a judicial warrant before aiding in an arrest spearheaded by ICE.

“It’s their arrest, so to speak, and we would only be there as a supporting and assisting agency. We’re not there to second-guess their policies and procedures.”

He added that federal law supersedes state and local law, and “if ICE calls us for assistance and we are on duty — we are mandated to go.”

While Millerton Police show no sign of updating their policy, other agencies have. Beau Duffy, Executive

Director of Public Information for the New York State Police, said they do have a policy on immigration matters.

“The New York State Police do not make referrals to federal authorities, nor do we detain a person or inquire about immigration status based on suspicion of civil immigration violations. Our members would only detain, arrest or make a referral to federal authorities if there was probable cause to believe a person has committed a criminal violation,” Duffy wrote in an email to The News.

The Hudson Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff’s Department have extensive policies, drafted in partnership with the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, that address ICE head-on. The Hudson Police Department policy states that it prioritizes the health, safety and wellbeing of all community members.

“The Hudson Police Department has long determined that it will give full priority to public safety and justice concerns in preference to rigid enforcement of immigration regulations.” The policy states the department will not engage in certain activities solely to enforce federal immigration laws and will honor limited ICE requests with a judicial warrant, while “protecting the due process rights of persons as to whom federal immigration enforcement requests have been made.”

ICE spotted in Millerton

Despite the Millerton advocacy group’s efforts to proactively create legislation or policy — and officials’ claims that a “problem does not exist” in Millerton — some residents disagree. Speaking anonymously after the July 29 meeting, one witness reported seeing ICE vehicles outside a North Center Street home twice between June and early August. She described black SUVs with tinted windows and officers in black uniforms and duty belts, noting the outfits differed from local police uniforms.

“The officers did take two people from that house and put them into their vehicle. Whether they were released later, I don’t know,” she said.

While anecdotal, such incidents mirror a nationwide spike in enforcement activity. Community members are using training and rapid-response planning to ensure neighbors know their rights and that ICE operates within legal bounds.

Regional and national political debate

The Millerton discussion exists within larger regional and national contexts. As of

Sept. 16, Connecticut has banned the use of masks “or other covering that obscures the face” by ICE agents while inside a courthouse. The same policy also prohibits arrests inside the public areas of a Courthouse without a judicial warrant.

Connecticut Sen. Stephen Harding, a Republican, has criticized these policies, arguing they put undocumented immigrants — even those accused of crimes — before public safety. He described the state as a “sanctuary” for undocumented residents, saying Democrats have limited cooperation with ICE, even in violent cases.

He called the policy “Unbelievable and out of touch,” adding that “Republicans continue to fight to uphold our immigration laws while demanding safer streets and respect for the taxpayers’ money.”

Looking ahead: local support networks

The Millerton group follows in the footsteps of similar organizations across the country, including nearby Vecinos Seguros 2 — which translates to “Safe Neighbors” — in northwest Connecticut. Run by Jill Drew of Sharon, Connecticut, the organization provides training, develops local rapid-response teams, tracks nearby ICE activity and offers support ranging from legal to financial.

“Groups like mine don’t even have a website, and we try to stay under the radar,” Drew said. “At the same time, we want people to know we’re out here so families know there are safe neighbors.”

Last week, Vecinos Seguros 2 held a free public training at the White Hart, focusing on how to respond to ICE operations. The training was led by Berkshire Allies, the community wing of the Berkshire Alliance to Support the Immigrant Community — or BASIC. They shared tips on how to prepare for an ICE interaction, how to spot ICE, how to approach interactions carefully and how to film interactions legally for evidence — not for social media.

These types of local trainings connect like-minded residents, allowing them to feel proactive while potentially improving community safety.

“In this area, it’s hard to get the word out — most folks only hear about things through social media or a poster at the market,” said Aimee Davis of the Millerton group. “Everyone deserves protection, documented or undocumented, if they’re participating positively in the community. Advocating for people’s safety feels so important.”

PLANE CRASH

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

The plane landed at about 1 p.m. on Sept. 20.

where it continued onto the grass, through a wire fence and over a guardrail before coming to an uncontrolled rest on another section of the track. Tire marks on the asphalt and grass showing its path were visible.

Teams from the Lakeville Hose Company, the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department and the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service assisted Lime Rock

Emergency Services in the response.

At 4:15 p.m., personnel onsite were awaiting the arrival of representatives of the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board and Connecticut State Police to conduct an investigation. More details surrounding the incident are expected to become available once the investigation is complete.

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recent interview with The Lakeville Journal.

Leaf scorch happens when environmental factors cause undue evaporation from the leaves that the tree is unable to replenish due to low moisture in the soil. The abnormally dry conditions across the Northeast have primed trees, especially those vulnerable due to existing disease or other stressors, to leaf browning and early dropping.

Bennett looks to the previous leaf season as a beacon of hope for what we may expect in these abnormal years. Many of the region’s red and sugar maples, often the star for bright reds and oranges, were impacted by a fungus known as anthracnose that thrives in muggy weather. Last year’s hot and humid summer caused a proliferation of the disease across the Northwest Corner canopy, especially in the maples, causing leaves to brown and drop early.

But after those leaves dropped, “late fall turned out to be incredible,” Bennett said.

Having the diseased and damaged leaves out of the picture, the late-season showstoppers pulled through with a rich and deep tableau of yellows and golds, russet, ruby and even magenta. Tulips, birches, late-season red maple cultivars, ashes and oaks — especially scarlet oak — are to thank for that spectacular closing act.

Bennett expects a similar trajectory this fall, with a “musty brown, disease-y look earlier, and then later on we’re going to get some really good fall color.” This also gives the atmosphere more time to produce some much-needed rain-

fall, though the near-range forecast still looks relatively dry despite some predicted intermittent showers.

The Northwest Corner is lucky, though, compared to the rest of New England, the majority of which is experiencing drought conditions. Extreme drought, with some streams ranking at their lowest ever recorded flow, exists in parts of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Northern Connecticut has thus far avoided a drought classification due to last minute rain events that have “kept our grasses green,” as Bennett put it.

As the leaf season moves later in the fall due to the warming climate, tricky leaf seasons are becoming more common, Bennett said, meaning each year is more complex to predict. One topographic tip this year, he said, is to look for northern and eastern facing slopes, as they will have fared better than the hotter southern and eastern faces of mountains and hills during the dry weather. He recommended a drive down Route 44 towards Canton, where a healthy forest and high water table due to reservoirs usually allows for good foliage.

While we can hope for a late season show in the canopy, Bennett advised residents to keep their eyes on the yards and understory as well. “The hydrangea have been mind-boggingly beautiful,” he said, due to perfectly moist springtime growing conditions and a drier late summer. “The blooms were fantastic, and they just lasted forever and ever and ever, and even into the fall, they’re going to be there.”

“That’s going to be something that’ll add to the fall color.”

BUDGETS

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Poverty Level designation, which some have viewed as outdated and misleading. The ALICE name is an acronym for “Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained and Employed.”

The United Way found that in 2023 in Connecticut a family of four, with two adults and two children, needed to earn \$116,000 to cover a basic survival budget. Under the Federal Poverty Level, the same family would not be considered impoverished if it earned more than \$30,000.

Here are changes in seven Northwest Corner towns since 2019:

Salisbury — 31% of households fell in the ALICE category, up from 21%.

North Caanaan — 48% were in the ALICE category, an increase of 11%.

Falls Village — 38% were ALICE qualifying, an increase of 10%.

Cornwall — 34% were ALICE category, up 4%.

Norfolk — 38% in ALICE category, up 8%.

Two towns showed declines:

Sharon — 27% were ALICE category, down 8%.

Kent — 26% were ALICE category, down 7% from 2019.

The ALICE survival budget counts, for example, a family of two adults and two children that needs to earn about \$116,000 annually (or \$58 per hour) to make ends meet. For one adult with no children, the annual need is \$38,000 (\$19 per hour), and for a single adult with one child, the annual income needed is \$69,000 or \$35 per hour.

“They’re working hard but still can’t afford essentials like housing, child

care, food, transportation, and health care,” the report states.

A monthly survival budget for a family with two adults and two children, according to the ALICE report, would need enough monthly income to cover these typical expenses: housing (\$1,850), food (\$1,500), taxes (\$974), transportation (\$967), healthcare (\$802), miscellaneous (\$792), childcare (\$2,683).

“As financial hardship rises across Connecticut and instability from Washington spreads, the storm is hitting these families first and hardest. They’re feeling the squeeze of rising costs, stagnant wages and a cooling economy, without the protection they need to weather it.”

Early in September, United Way joined with advocates, legislators and community members in the Capitol in Hartford to rally support for families, citing rising costs, stagnant wages and the loss of federal support for families.

“When 2 out of every 5 households in Connecticut can’t afford the basics, it’s not just a personal struggle, it’s a crack in the foundation of our economy and community,” the report states. The agency’s policy agenda calls for investing in Connecticut’s 211 human-services system and establishing a refundable CT Child Tax Credit.

“The number of ALICE households has really ticked up pretty meaningfully since 2019,” Lisa Tepper Bates, president of the United Way’s Connecticut chapter, told CTMirror.org. “That’s not the direction any of us want to see this going.”

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# COMPASS

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Top row, left to right, Caroline Kinsolving, Christopher McLinden, Dana Domenick, Reid Sinclair and Director Hunter Foster. Bottom row, left to right, Will Nash Broyles, Dick Terhune, Sandy York and Ricky Oliver in Agatha Christie’s “The Mousetrap.”

THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Local talent takes the stage in Sharon Playhouse’s production of Agatha Christie’s ‘The Mousetrap’

Opening on Sept. 26, Agatha Christie’s legendary whodunit “The Mousetrap” brings suspense and intrigue to the Sharon Playhouse stage, as the theater wraps up its 2025 Mainstage Season with a bold new take on the world’s longest-running play.

Running from Sept. 26 to Oct. 5, “The Mousetrap” marks another milestone for the award-winning regional theater, bringing together an ensemble of exceptional local talent under the direction of Broadway’s Hunter Foster, who also directed this summer’s productions of “Rock of Ages” and “Million

Dollar Quartet.” With a career that spans stage and screen, Foster brings a fresh and suspense-filled staging to Christie’s classic.

The Playhouse’s casting includes Dana Domenick of Falls Village who leads the cast as Mollie Ralston, the newlywed innkeeper with a secret. Reid Sinclair of Norfolk plays Giles, her husband and partner in hospitality — and maybe in something more sinister. Will Nash Broyles from Lakeville plays the eccentric and enigmatic Christopher Wren, and Sandy York of Sharon will play the role of the imperious Mrs. Boyle. Dick Terhune (Litchfield), Caroline

Kinsolving (Salisbury), Ricky Oliver (Pawling), and Christopher McLinden (also Lakeville) round out the cast as the play’s increasingly suspicious guests — and one very determined detective.

As always, Sharon Playhouse has gathered a top-tier creative team to match its cast. The Swader brothers (Christopher and Justin) return with their signature scenic designs, while Kathleen DeAngelis’s costumes and Bobbie Zlotnik’s wigs promise to anchor us firmly in postwar England, even as the plot spirals into timeless psychological suspense. Lighting by Wheeler

Moon and sound design by Graham Stone will help turn the cozy theater into a stage crackling with tension.

If you’ve never seen “The Mousetrap,” here’s what you need to know: it’s the murder mystery that truly defined the genre. Premiering in London’s West End in 1952 and still running strong over 30,000 performances later, Christie’s ingenious puzzle unfolds in a snowbound manor house where everyone has something to hide, and no one is safe from suspicion. Its final twist is famously kept secret by audiences — a tradition of theatrical

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PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Mary Beth Lawlor, publisher/editor-in-chief of Litchfield Magazine, and supporter of Plein Air Litchfield, left, and Michele Murelli, Director of Plein Air Litchfield and Art Tripping, right.

ART: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

## Plein Air Litchfield returns for a week of art in the open air

For six days this autumn, Litchfield will welcome 33 acclaimed painters for the second year of Plein Air Litchfield (PAL), an arts festival produced by Art Tripping, a Litchfield nonprofit.

The public is invited to watch the artists at work while enjoying the beauty of early fall. The new Belden House & Mews hotel at 31 North St. in Litchfield will host PAL this year.

From Sept. 30 through Oct. 5, artists chosen from 100 entries around the country — representing diverse origins as far flung as Punjab, Berlin, and Peru — will set up their easels and spend the week recording the landscape, farms, historic buildings, and even restaurant interiors throughout the town. Artists such as Thomas Adkins, Yili Haruni, Katushka Millones,

and Zufar Bikbov will participate.

“The French term plein air means ‘out of doors,’ referring to the practice of painting entire finished pictures in the open air. The plein air approach was pioneered by John Constable in Britain in the early 19th century,” according to The Tate Gallery in London.

Thursday, Oct. 2, is “Paint the Historic District Day,” when artists make paintings of early buildings. Norfolk artist Sam Guindon will give a painting demonstration in the meadow by Tapping Reeve Law School at 82 South St. at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Nicole Carpenter, curator of the Litchfield Historical Society, will present “Landscape Visions: Artistic Depictions of Litchfield,” exploring the role artists play in documenting regional history, at 4 p.m.

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# Folk, food and fall views at annual Stissing Center fundraiser

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture is hosting its Harvest Sunset Celebration at Globe Hill in Pine Plains on Saturday, Sept. 27. Set against panoramic views, the event promises an evening of music, locally sourced food, and community spirit — all in support of year-round arts programming.

The celebration will feature a performance by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, the renowned folk duo best known for their rendition of Ashokan Farewell, used as the hauntingly beautiful theme from Ken Burns’ “The Civil War.” Their evocative blend of Appalachian, Cajun, and Celtic music has earned them a lasting place in American acoustic music.

Opening the musical lineup is Long Steel Rail, a dynamic bluegrass trio. The evening will be emceed by Ophira Eisenberg, comedian, author, and host of NPR’s “Ask Me Another.” Eisenberg is known for her sharp wit and engaging presence on both stage and radio.

A seasonal harvest dinner will be prepared by The Farmer’s Wife, a local favorite recog-



PHOTO BY ALICIA KING

Amazing views from Globe Hill in Pine Plains will be the backdrop for this year’s fundraiser for The Stissing Center.

nized for celebrating farms — and seasonal ingredients — from the area. The dinner will be accompanied by local beverages and set amid the natural beauty of Globe Hill’s expansive landscape.

The Harvest Sunset Celebration serves as a vital fundraiser for The Stissing Center. Proceeds support accessi-

ble ticket pricing, free children’s programming, and diverse arts offerings throughout the year.

“This event is really a celebration of The Stissing Center’s deep connection to our community,” said Gwen Greene, President of the Board. “The spectacular venue, the extraordinary entertainment, and the

delicious local food and beverages are all a part of our commitment to this area. By the same token, the breadth and depth of our programming also speaks to our mission to bring to our audiences something that each and every person can enjoy. We are very excited to share this celebration with our friends and neighbors.”

Executive Director Patrick Trettenero added, “As summer turns to fall, this is the perfect moment to gather, give thanks, and support something meaningful. There’s no better way

to celebrate the season than with delicious local food, world-class music, and one of the most spectacular views in the Hudson Valley.” Tickets are available at thestissingcenter.org

## ...‘The Mousetrap’ *Continued from previous page*

cal discretion that only deepens the sense of shared experience. “The enduring success of ‘The Mousetrap’ lies in its suspense, yes, but also in its structure,”

said the Playhouse’s Artistic Director Carl Andress. “It’s a masterclass in storytelling. And with Hunter Foster leading this incredible cast of local artists, we know

our audiences are in for an evening of mystery, laughter, and yes, plenty of gasps.” Tickets are available now at SharonPlayhouse.org.

## ...Plein Air Litchfield *Continued from previous page*

Thursday at the Oliver Wolcott Library at 160 South St. The talk is free, and all are welcome.

The public is also invited to the historic firehouse at Belden House at 6 p.m. for a free art show of the works created that day.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Judge of Awards Eric Forstmann, a Litchfield County artist, will announce the winners at the Gala Art Show and Sale in the historic Firehouse property of Belden House & Mews, where all displayed artwork will be available for purchase.

Finally, on Sunday morning, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, everyone is invited to a three-hour fun “Quick Paint” event. Open to artists of all levels, with additional prizes, the event will be held in the Tapping

Reeve Meadow at 82 South St. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m.

Art Tripping was founded in 2018 by Michele Murelli, whose mission is to create community art events and show how art enhances

quality of life. Murelli and her team of volunteers have organized Plein Air Litchfield, 2025.

Visit the PAL website, www.pleinairlitchfield.com for information and to purchase tickets to the Gala Art Show and Sale.

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Tangled warm water report

I spent August floating around a warmwater lake annoying large-mouth bass, primarily. There were a few small-mouth in the mix, plus the odd pickerel, bluegill and perch.

But the main event involved largemouth bass.

After playing around with various alternatives I relied mostly on a 10 foot 7 weight rod with a short sink tip and a 9 foot 8 weight rod for surface fishing, which was lousy.

It might have something to do with the blistering heat. The lake is not particularly deep, 10 to 20 feet most of the way, and even at dawn surface water temperatures were at or near 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

Even bass draw the line somewhere.

My theory is they simply won't expend the energy to come to the surface if they can't breathe when they get there.

So almost everything worth catching was caught subsurface.

Feeling experimental, I tried using an abbreviated nylon leader. It started out as a 7 foot leader, tapered to 1X.

I immediately cut off two feet and added back two feet of 1X fluorocarbon tippet, with a dropper. I tied the dropper long because I then attached a small swivel and clip, reasoning



TANGLED LINES  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

that a) the extra weight wouldn't hurt and b) it's a lot easier than retying everything all the time. I put another, larger swivel and clip on the end of the leader.

I wasn't sure if chucking all this hardware would work or just result in endless tangles. It took a little getting used to but soon enough I was working two streamers, big, small, weighted and unweighted, in different combinations without any real problems.

There were some highlights. One came when someone relaxing on a dock one evening said to his pal "Fly-fishing a lake like this is a waste of time."

Sound travels over water and I heard this clearly from the other side of the lake.

For once the planets were aligned. No sooner had this statement echoed away than there was the kind of weird tug on the line that means there are two fish attached, both swimming in different directions.

I wound up with about five pounds total of largemouth.

I held the net up so Mr. Smarty Pants could see but the mosquitoes had chased him inside.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

If you fish two flies at a time, you have to consider the possibility of catching two fish at a time.



The pontoon boat is essentially a floating chair, propelled by oars and/or swim fins. I had another one going for a while but it blew a seam and my buddy had to beach it in a hurry.

Here's a tip. If you're fishing two flies at once and get a double, detach the bottom fish first. If you release the one on the dropper first, you then have a fly swinging wildly around as you deal with the fish on the bottom.

The fly will hook something. If you're

lucky it will be clothing. If you're not lucky, your hand or leg.

Ask me how I know this.

It was a relaxing kind of routine. No pressure, no urge to see what is around the next bend. I've been fishing this lake for decades now and it's predictable.

Then back up to camp for the frugal meal and a book read by kerosene lantern, with the Mets fading in and out on the AM radio.

All in all, fairly idyllic.

But there is a distinct whiff of autumn in the air as I peck this out on Aug. 26. That means that Tangled Lines will be shifting westward soon for Catskill trout fishing adventures.

Coming up: Trout Spey fishing. I have no idea what it means but that's what I will be learning.



PHOTOS BY SIMON MARKOW

Two worlds: different perspectives in painting

The UCC Parish House in Cornwall hosted an opening reception Sunday, Sept. 21, for a new art show by two painters. Michael Worobec, who worked for more than 25 years as a commercial artist and landscape designer, presented his paintings inspired by Cornwall's geography. Lisa Orleman, a student of the Silvermine School of Art in New Canaan, Connecticut, displayed a masterful use of color in her surreal still-life paintings. The show will be on display through Oct. 23.






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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 26

Cornwall Days

Various locations, Cornwall, Conn.  
  
Sept. 26 to 28, A weekend of live music and theater featuring Bruce T. Carroll on Friday, Crown Back Funk Trio, RIP Dunes and Matt Sucich on Saturday and Grumbling Gryphon's Childrens Theater on Sunday. For complete schedule and more info, visit: explorecornwallct.com

Community Sound Bath in Gridley Chapel

Gridley Chapel, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.  
  
Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. Join us for a soothing sound bath of Tibetan and crystal singing bowls, gongs, and chimes. Bring your own yoga mat and blanket!

SEPTEMBER 27

Mushroom Walk

Ballyhack Preserve, Dibble Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.  
  
Dave Paton leads a mushroom walk through Ballyhack Preserve Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register online at cornwallconservationtrust.org, and check before coming.

Book Signing

The Wish House, 413 Sharon-Goshen Tpke, Cornwall, Conn.  
  
The Wish House will be hosting a book signing with local children's book author/illustrator Valorie Fisher and her newest book, "Look and Cook Sweet" on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to benefit the Cornwall Library.

Last week's Word

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ART EXHIBIT: Kiva Motnyk - Opening Reception + Artist Talk + Textile Workshop

Troutbeck Gallery, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.  
  
Workshop is 1 to 3 p.m. Opening reception is 4 to 5 p.m. with artist talk 5 to 6 p.m.  
  
Solo exhibition of fiber-based wall works by New York artist Kiva Motnyk, presented in collaboration with Object & Thing. Motnyk's work incorporates natural dyes made from materials collected at Troutbeck, including botanical and kitchen waste. The exhibition includes a site-specific commission for the library windows and new textile pieces inspired by the Catskills landscape.

Annapurna – Play Reading by Tangent Theatre

The Moviehouse, Theater 3, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.  
  
Sept. 27 | 7 p.m. (Doors 6)  
  
Tangent Theatre Company presents a staged reading of Annapurna by Sharr White. Featuring Maggie Adams McDowell and Michael Rhodes. Directed by Tracy Carney. Tickets \$10 (online purchase only). General admission. Wine, beer, and light snacks available.  
  
More info & tickets: bit.ly/AnnapurnaMoviehouseTickets

Plight of a Loyalist in Revolutionary New York, The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr.

Smithfield Presbyterian Church, Lower Level, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y.  
  
Sept. 27, 2 p.m. "Plight of a Loyalist in Revolutionary New York, The Journal of Cadwallader Colden, Jr." Guest Speaker: Jay A. Campbell  
  
Hosted by: Amenia Historical Society

Fall Author Series

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org  
  
National Book Award-winning Susan Choi will read from and discuss her latest novel, Flashlight, which was just longlisted for this year's Booker Prize. Dwight Garner of the New York Times declared Choi "a major world writer...[who] is in thrilling command." Flashlight traces a father's disappearance across time, nations, and memory and chases the shock waves of one family's catastrophe, even as they are swept up in the invisible currents of history. Join us on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m. for a thought-provoking afternoon with Susan Choi.

Twelfth Annual Berkshire Pottery Tour

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SEPTEMBER 28

CROP Hunger Walk

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.  
  
For the 42nd consecutive year, the Northwest CT CROP Hunger Walk will raise funds to end hunger. Walkers will meet at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, on Sunday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m., to walk together for an essential cause.

SEPTEMBER 29

Writer's Workshop Course

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.  
  
This fall, acclaimed author and advertising veteran Jim Flaherty will lead a seven-week writer's workshop, beginning Monday, Sept. 29, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the library. Writers of all genres and generations are encouraged to participate.

Registration link: [hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14889442](http://hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14889442)

SEPTEMBER 30

The Effects of Light Pollution on Birds, Wildlife and Humans

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org  
  
On Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host The Effects of Light Pollution on Birds, Wildlife and Humans with Lights Out Connecticut. Our state is located along the Atlantic Flyway, so many birds use our shoreline and green spaces to rest and refuel during their trip north. Artificial light emitted by houses, buildings, streetlights, bridges, and other structures can confuse and disorient birds, causing them to land near buildings, crash into windows, or circle around for hours until they drop from exhaustion. Light pollution also impacts other wildlife and the well-being of humans. Learn what can be done to mitigate the damage. The lecture will be given by Craig Repasz, chair and co-founder of Lights Out Connecticut and an accomplished birder.

OCTOBER 4

Curating at the Morgan

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org  
  
Oct. 4 at 5 p.m.  
  
The Cornwall Library presents Claire Gilman, Acquavella Curator and Department Head of Modern and Contemporary Drawings at the Morgan Library & Museum, in conversation with author and art writer Robert Becker. Gilman will discuss her curatorial work and the exhibition *Lisa Yuskavage: Drawings*. Reception to follow.

In-person only. Registration requested: [cornwalllibrary.org/events](http://cornwalllibrary.org/events)

R. Carlos Nakai with Will Clipman at The Stissing Center

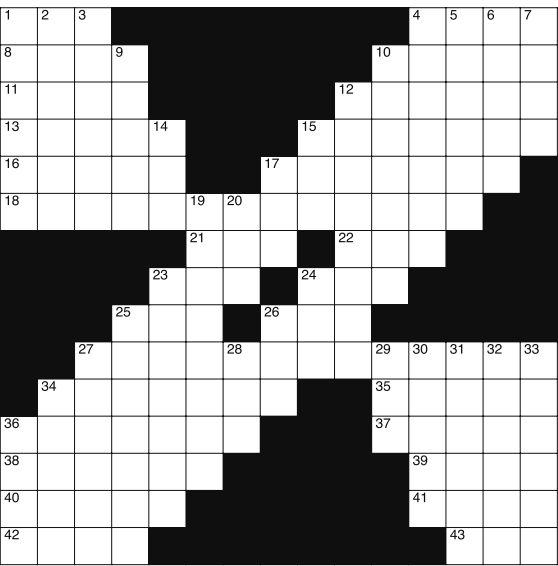
The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.  
  
Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

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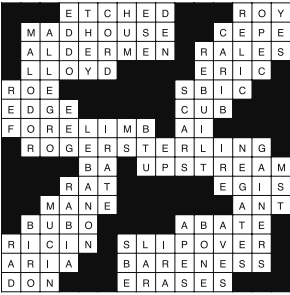
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- 4. Muslim mystic
- 8. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 10. Monday (Spanish)
- 11. Frame for a coffin
- 12. Rub out
- 13. John \_\_, English educator 1467-1519
- 15. Small round particle
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 17. News service
- 18. Pay for dinner
- 21. Glamorous city
- 22. Subway rodent
- 23. "The Raven" author
- 24. Buddhist festival
- 25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 26. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Series-ending episodes
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Aquatic mammal
- 37. Unit of measurement
- 38. Eye membranes
- 39. Indian god of dissolution
- 40. People of Scotland
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Rock icon Turner
- 43. Midway between south and southeast



- 14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 15. Mild expression of surprise
- 17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 19. Descriptions
- 20. Men's fashion accessory
- 23. Thieves of the sea
- 24. Prohibit
- 25. Card game
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Underling
- 28. Downwind
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city

- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Stuffed (French)
- 36. Type of precipitation

September 18 Solution



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large hat covering
- 2. "From what is earlier" (Latin)
- 3. Celtic
- 4. Retirement region
- 5. A way to change posture
- 6. Touches
- 7. A small island
- 9. Rubbish
- 10. A citizen of Laos
- 12. A place to dance

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

September 18 Solution

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

Sharon’s past comes alive on cemetery stroll

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Cemeteries are complicated places. Some head for the grave-stones to mourn, others to enjoy a weekend stroll, and still others use them as scenic locales to contemplate time and history. They are somber, joyous, meditative and beautiful places, but they are also more than that, as Housatonic Heritage Walk through Sharon’s picturesque Hillside Cemetery on Saturday, Sept. 20 decisively demonstrated.

Studying cemetery inscriptions, and the story of the people behind them, is an act of respecting the history of a place, said Sharon Burying Ground (as it was formerly known) board member and veteran grave cleaner Jake Fricker. Fricker said the grave cleaning team, wryly called the “Hillside Stoners,” has cleaned somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 stones, with some 3,000 left to go. Each one, Fricker said, is “a way to honor the dead and remember the dead.”

Saturday’s tour, which took place during stunning fall weather, was a veritable journey through the lives of Sharon’s long departed. The Historical Society’s curator Cooper Sheldon, assisted by Hillside Stoners and Historical Society board members Myra Plescia, Marel Rogers, BZ Coords and Fricker, led the group from headstone to headstone, recounting the lives both happy and sad, prosperous and poor of the residents of yore, some well-documented and others whose stories have been mostly lost to time.

The first stop took the group to the elegant stone of Rev. Cotton Mather Smith (d. 1806), who was ordained the third minister of Sharon Congregational Church in 1755. He went on to found the Sharon Literary Club in 1777, which is believed to have been the first club of its kind in the country.

Further ambling took the group to Dr. Jerome Chaffee’s burial site, who founded Sharon Hospital in 1909, before



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Jake Fricker points out the symbology of the columns on this stone belonging to Isaac Hunt (d. 1822), which indicate Masonic affiliation.

the procession arrived at Judson Bostwick’s stone.

“There you have Mr. Mousetrap,” said Myra Plescia as she idly picked lichen of the grave, which sat pale and proud under dappled shade from one of the cemetery’s many towering Norway spruces towering above.

Bostwick led a short but industrious life, dying from

typhoid fever at the age of 42 in 1859. His most lasting contribution to Sharon — and the world — was an early version of a mousetrap that would enclose the animal in a wooden cage of sorts before it was presumably released later elsewhere.

This surprisingly humane version of the now-ubiquitous pest control contraption

was the first to be manufactured and marketed broadly in the world, the members of the Historical Society claimed. While this is difficult to substantiate, a quick google search yields that the earliest patent dates for the far-crueler spring-loaded traps only start appearing years after Bostwick died.

Further down the hill, a cluster of gravesites hosting the Marckres family shows George’s stone, who was probably Sharon’s first resident photographer and founded a jewelry store.

A more somber interlude of the journey was a visit to a shady, nondescript portion of the cemetery far downhill, arrayed with a smattering of small, barely visible and headstones that each bear only a number. Sheldon explained that this section is marked simply as “paupers”

in a layout map from the 1800s, and scant information regarding its inhabitants exists. One stone, which apparently marks a child’s grave, is overlaid with toys.

“It’s not much to look at but it’s one of the saddest parts of the cemetery,” said Sheldon.

A later stop brought the group to Sarah Juckett’s gravesite, who was an ailing wife and mother on West Woods Road and who apparently also “churned a heck of a lot of butter.” She lived a painful life, often resorting to the pain-killing qualities of laudanum before dying at 43 years old in 1888. She kept a detailed journal between 1878 and 1881 about farm life, which has been a valuable resource for the historical society.

“She rests in peace here,” said Rogers.

Grave cleaning is a constant, meticulous and delicate task, the members of the Hillside Stoners explained, but it helps keep the vibrant and surprising history of the town alive. The team uses lichen-eating biologic cleaners to do the brunt of the work, then do the fine tuning with a gentle brush.

The only type of brush that’s allowed, Fricker said, is one “that would clean your Lamborghini.”

With three thousand headstones to go, and older cleans needing updating, the group has a big task ahead. “We’re doing this until we become members of this place,” said Fricker with a chuckle.

Cornwall Days returns with events Sept. 26 to 28

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — Live music and entertainment will grace the commercial districts of Cornwall the weekend of Sept. 26 to 28.

Festivities begin Friday in Cornwall Bridge. Singer/songwriter Bruce T. Carol will perform at Cornwall Package Store from 4 to 6

p.m. with a complimentary tasting.

“And there’s a movie night as well,” said Selectman Rocco Botto, who worked with the town’s Economic Development Commission on Cornwall Days.

“Happy Gilmore 2” will play outside of Town Hall Friday, Sept. 26, starting at 7:30 p.m., weather permit-

ting.

On Saturday, Crown Back Funk Trio will play live music on the Wish House lawn from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Cornwall Market in Cornwall Bridge will host RIP Dunes, an indie ethereal rock band from Brooklyn, N.Y., at 5 p.m. Then back in West Cornwall at night, the Pink House hosts singer/songwriter Matt

Such.

Early on Sunday the Grumbling Gryphons children’s theater will hold events at the Wish House. A pre-performance for kids will take place at 10 a.m., then an original production titled “Trickster Coyote” will begin at 11:30 a.m.

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