



HVRHS junior Michael Gawel moves debris left over from the day's labor using an excavator provided by his parents' business, M&M Excavating.

Housatonic students break ground on outdoor experiential learning facility

By Alec Linden

FALLS VILLAGE — Work has begun in earnest to install a “land lab” for the Agricultural Science and Technology Education department at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, marking first step in realizing the fruition of a plan that has been well over a decade in the making.

On Monday, Sept. 22, droves of HVRHS students in the ASTE program visited the newly acquired, 2-acre plot of open field and grove-like woodland set just a half mile up Warren Turnpike past the school's entrance. Up to 20 high schoolers at a time, including a number who labored the whole day, visited the property during their ASTE classes to assist in clearing a lightly forest-

A.G. Tong explains effort to block Trump directives with lawsuits

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said he's been compelled to sue President Donald Trump because “he's declared war on everything we care about.” He's filed suits 33 times to date.

Tong was speaking Saturday, Sept. 27, at a meeting of the Democratic Coalition of Northwest Connecticut at the home of Liz Piel. He began by explaining the structure of the state's government and its sovereignty. “We get to live the way we want to live. We've formed a government expressly through a state constitution. We're asserting our sovereignty now and delegate only limited powers to the federal government.”

But, he noted, in the world of Trump, that can be extremely dangerous. He said Connecticut is



Connecticut Attorney General William Tong is with state Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, right, and hostess Liz Piel at a meeting of the Democratic Coalition of Northwest Connecticut Saturday in Sharon.

Meet the candidates

The 2025 municipal election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 4. Early voting begins at polling stations Monday, Oct. 20.

There are 20 candidates for Boards of Selectmen in the Northwest Corner. Before casting your vote, get to know them all with The Lakeville Journal's “Meet the candidates” series highlighting nominees by town ahead of the election.

This week, meet Salisbury's candidates on Page A8.

Troopers escort Town Clerk out of Town Hall

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Town Clerk Jean Jacquier was ordered to leave Town Hall by Connecticut State Police (CSP) officers at the request of First Selectman Brian Ohler Monday, Sept. 29.

The incident occurred when Jacquier entered the Town Clerk's office after nearly eight months of absence. She said she was there to help staff prepare for the election.

Her return came days after Torrington Superior Court ruled she cannot appear as a Democratic candidate on the November ballot due to improper completion of the endorsement paperwork. (Coverage of the court case is online at lakevillejournal.com/tag/legal)

Jacquier has been elected Town Clerk four times. She vacated her physical office in February 2025. “I did not resign. I did not quit. I just left,” Jacquier testified Sept. 12. “I couldn't stand the turmoil.”

She said Ohler was not present Sept. 29. The town's executive assistant Paul Mattingly called Troop B.

The CSP Public Information Office stated, “Troopers made contact with the First Selectman, who reported that this individual, Jacquier, had abandoned her position with the town and he was authorized to have her removed from the building following a court proceeding last week. Jacquier was directed to collect her belongings

Forum examines changes in national news landscape

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Judy Woodruff, former anchor and managing editor of the PBS Newshour, said that her fellow journalists do tend to “live in a bubble” and need to get out into the country more, but pushed back on suggestions that national journalists are biased.

Woodruff appeared at the 20th anniversary Salisbury Forum at

Salisbury School Saturday, Sept. 27. She was interviewed by Brian Ross, a veteran of television news with ABC News and NBC News (and a member of The Lakeville Journal board).

Ross noted that he and Woodruff broke into national TV news about the same time and invited Woodruff to share some of the story of her career path.

Arsenal invites HVRHS player to train in London

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — What started as a summer soccer camp turned into a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Housatonic Valley Regional High School freshman Raymond Houghtaling.

Houghtaling, of Sharon, signed up to practice skills and drills at The Hotchkiss School this past summer. The program was led by Arsenal Football Club personnel from the Premiere League in England.

“I went to go play and they said at the end of the week they'd pick one person to go play with the Arsenal

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HVRHS freshman Raymond Houghtaling is planning to train with Arsenal F.C. and attend some games this fall.



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Buckley family’s ‘Great Elm’ in Sharon lists at \$4M

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SHARON — For more than a century, the Buckley family’s sprawling estate, known as “Great Elm,” has stood at the heart of Sharon life, a gathering place for neighbors, world leaders and artists alike. Now, the circa 1812 Georgian Colonial with its rare glass atrium is on the market for \$3,999,000, drawing both serious buyers and viral attention on Zillow Gone Wild.

The sale, led by Cameron Smith, grandson of family patriarch and oil spectator William F. Buckley, Sr., and nephew to conservative icon William F. Buckley, Jr., marks the end of the family’s stewardship of one of northwest Connecticut’s most storied homes.

“It’s such a unique property,” said listing agent Pels Matthews, broker/owner of William Raveis Lifestyles Realty in Washington Depot. “There is nothing like it in Litchfield County. It reminds me of New Orleans, Charleston or Savannah.”

The listing has already reached a national and international audience thanks to Zillow Gone Wild, a popular online feed that highlights unusual and distinctive homes.

Great Elm’s soaring glass atrium and Buckley legacy has attracted thousands of comments and shares, with readers marveling at both its historic pedigree and its dramatic architectural centerpiece.

The Zillow feed notes: “The only thing better than a house with an atrium is a



Great Elm, the childhood home of William F. Buckley, Jr., is on the market for \$3.9 million. The atrium is the highlight and heart of the home, having hosted many elegant dinners and weddings.



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house with an atrium with bedrooms that all have access to it so everyone can ‘retire to their quarters’ at the end of the night and guess what? This Sharon home has just that. Are we moving to Sharon now?? Hello??? Will Sharon be there??”

“That has taken it to a whole different level,” Matthews said of the viral Zillow exposure. “I’ve got people calling me from Europe, and all over the country.”

Matthews noted that the estate is not just dramatic but is also incredibly livable. “The home can easily support multi-generational living or be shared by two families if desired, with the common atrium.”

The viral attention reflects how the estate, once known primarily within Litchfield County and political circles, now resonates with a wider public fascinated by unique homes with deep stories to tell.

Buckley family’s summer retreat

Built in 1812, purchased by William F. Buckley Sr. in 1923 and expanded in 1929, the house became the Buckley family’s summer retreat. It later shaped the early life of Buckley Jr., who founded the National Review and emerged as a leading conservative voice. To accommodate the growing Buckley family, the home was converted to five condominiums in the 1980s, three of which were occupied by Buckley siblings until their death.

Buckley Sr. died in 1958, Patricia Buckley in 2007, Buckley Jr. in 2008 and James Buckley in 2023.

According to the listing by Willaim Raveis Lifestyles Realty, the home encompasses the majority of the original mansion and was renovated in 2013.

The house, on 8.072 acres, offers eight bedrooms, seven full and two half baths, pe-

riod pine paneling, historic wallpaper, Art Deco details, multiple fireplaces and private terraces surrounded by specimen trees.

The atrium is the highlight and heart of the home, having hosted many elegant dinners and weddings over the decades. The mature plants can be included in the sale.

The home sits within a larger association that maintains shared amenities including a 70-foot heated pool and tennis and paddle/pickleball courts.

The estate is being sold by Smith, as his family’s presence in Sharon has gradually passed into history, he told Mansion Global in May 2024, when the house originally hit the market for \$5.5 million under another brokerage.

“Our generation, except for me, is no longer in Sharon,” Smith said at the time. “The home no longer provides the congregating place it used to. It’s no longer needed for it.”

Where world leaders, neighbors congregated

Though a national figure, William F. Buckley Jr. was deeply tied to local life. He supported the Hotchkiss Library, appeared at the Sharon Green fair, hosted organ recitals and opened Great Elm for musical evenings and fundraisers.

His wife, Patricia, was celebrated as one of New York’s great hostesses, famed for her fluttering parties that drew leaders in politics, the arts and business. At Great Elm, she carried that same spirit north, entertaining both Manhattan guests and Sharon neighbors under the soaring glass atrium.

Over the years the estate welcomed figures such as Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger, Margaret Thatch-

er, Tom Wolfe and Malcolm Muggeridge, as well as musicians and artists including harpsichordist Albert Fuller and pianist Samuel Barber, who performed in the house and nearby venues.

The mix of statesmen, writers, performers and townspeople gave Great Elm a unique social rhythm, where international debates might follow a neighborhood concert.

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Together the Buckleys gave the estate a dual role, a setting for cosmopolitan society and a lively hub of small-town life, until Paricia’s death in 2007 and William’s in 2008.

Gretchen Hachmeister, executive director of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, said the Buckleys’ generosity to the library extends to the grandchildren of William F. Buckley, Sr.

“Several of them, organized by Cameron Smith, made generous gifts to our recent capital campaign and named our new conference room in William F. Buckley, Jr.’s memory,” she explained. “His son, Christopher, recently gifted us a complete set of his humorous political novels, which have joined the collection of works of both Williams, Christopher and Priscilla.”

Hachmeister noted that

several years before she joined Hotchkiss, the library held a fundraiser called “A Bevy of Buckleys” and supporters dined under a tent at Great Elm. She also recalled that “Senator James Buckley was a frequent library patron.”

The Sharon Statement

Matthews noted that Great Elm is more than just a piece of real estate. “It is part of the local fabric of Sharon along with national political history.”

A document known as the Sharon Statement was adopted on

Sept. 11, 1960 by a group of 100 young conservatives who convened at the Buckley home for the purpose of creating Young Americans for Freedom, which has been widely regarded by historians as one of the most important declarations in the history of American conservatism.

“The Sharon Statement,” said Matthews, “is an important credo in the conservative movement, and there is a large stone with a plaque on the property with the full statement.”

For Sharon, the listing closes one chapter of local history and opens another. For buyers, said Matthews, it offers a chance to own one of the region’s most distinctive homes, anchored by its glass atrium and its place in American and cultural life.

Whoever buys Great Elm, said Matthews, “will be inheriting that legacy.”

North Canaan real estate sales

By Christine Bates

NORTH CANAAN — The Town of North Canaan remains a great place to find an affordable home in the Northwest Corner..

The median price of a single-family home at the end of July was \$279,900 which was well above last year’s July median of \$245,000. The average price of a home in July was \$294,207 indicating that North Canaan real estate is not skewed toward the high end, and that many properties are available for less than \$300,000.

The high sales in June and July were a retail building with apartments on Railroad Street which sold for \$425,000 and the office building owned by longtime North Canaan attorney Mark Capecelatro for \$405,000.

In late September there were five single family residences for sale – all above the median price of \$279,900 and six commercial rentals in the heart of North Canaan ranging from \$600 to \$2,500.

Transactions

88 Lower Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch built in 1964 sold by Jason Allen and Kerry Becker to Sonya Fleming for \$279,000 recorded on June 2.

201 East Canaan Road — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home built in 1777 sold by Estate of Thomas Edward Pavio to 201 E. Canaan Owner LLC for \$150,000 recorded on June 4.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

In the center of North Canaan, 7 Railroad Street is a commercial building with retail on the ground floor and living above. Its sale for \$425,000 was the highest priced transfer in town recorded in June and July.

117 Main Street — 3,549 square foot commercial building built in 1888 sold by Mark J. Capecelatro Trustee to 117 Main Street LLC for \$405,000 recorded on June 12.

18 Patty Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath 696 square foot home sold by Hedgerow Properties LLC to Andrew Jalbert for \$233,300 recorded on June 23.

Greene Ave. — 1.06 acre lot with 15 foot road frontage sold by Matthias R. and Amy E. Davis to the Great Falls Land Trust for \$40,000 recorded on June 23.

14 East Main Street — 2,275 square foot commercial building with 0.5 bath sold by Joseph Ficca to Property D 14 East Main Street LLC for \$150,000 recorded

on June 30.

180 Lower Road — 2 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold by Lynn 2016 Trust to Jeffrey and Emily Bunch for \$310,000 recorded on July 10.

14 and 16 Deely Road — Two 3 bedroom/1 bath homes and a vacant lot sold by Mark E. Ustico to Edward J. Ustico Jr. for \$100,000.

7 Railroad Street — Commercial building with ground floor retail and apartments above sold by PAC Realty Corporation to 32 Railroad LLC for \$425,000 recorded on July 23.

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

Clarification

The photo on Page A5 in the Sept. 25 edition inadvertently appeared without a caption. In the photo, Sydney Cipriano’s second grade class posed with a plaque commemorating Webutuck as a literacy champion after United Way of Dutchess-Orange honored the school.

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Among those attending Sunday’s Meet and Greet sponsored by the Salisbury Democratic Town Committee at the Town Grove are: from left, former State Rep. Roberta Willis, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, First Selectman Curtis G. Rand, State Rep. Maria Horn, Gov. Ned Lamont and Selectman candidate Barrett Prinz.

DTC hosts Gov. Lamont, urges voter participation

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — Speaking at a Meet and Greet event sponsored by the Democratic Town Committee Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Town Grove, Gov. Ned Lamont (D) and Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz agreed they are pleased to be living in this state.

“There’s a lot being thrown at us from the federal government,” said the lieutenant governor. “I say all the time how lucky we are to be in Connecticut. The president loves to cause chaos, confusion and throw out cruel policies. Leadership under our governor is passionate and consistent.”

She touched on what President Donald Trump refers to as a big, beautiful bill, which she said is putting the country in debt in order to give tax breaks to billionaires. In comparison, Connecticut has passed seven balanced budgets, she said, tax cuts are being given to those who need

it the most and the state has invested \$300 million from the surplus in the Early Childhood Endowment Fund.

Bysiewicz said, “We stand up for people’s rights. We take care of our people. We are not taking away rights in Connecticut; we’re expanding them, as well as expanding access to voting rights.”

Taking the microphone, after being introduced by State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Lamont lamented about all the people who sat out the last presidential election.

“That’s the biggest mistake we ever made,” he said. “We can never let that happen again.”

He gave high praise to the town’s leadership under First Selectman Curtis G. Rand, vowing to be partners for advancing affordable housing “to get you over the finish line.” Education is another important topic championed by the Democrats, with free tuition at the state’s commu-

nity colleges. He also wants to see the cost of electricity brought down, but noted the federal government’s stop-work order against Revolution Win, an offshore wind power project.

He ended by saying he knows it’s a tough time out there. “We want Connecticut to be a place that loves its people and looks out for its people. Don’t get discouraged. Susan and I are fighting for you every day.”

Al Ginouves, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, spoke about how pleased he is that people move to Salisbury and step right up to get involved in a variety of ways. “I’ve heard the Northwest Corner is the power center of the state,” he quipped.

Rand, who first ran in 2005, spoke briefly and listed four residents who gave much to the town and have recently died: Linda Dodge, Peggy Heck, David Bayersdorfer and Jim Dresser.

RTC celebrates affordable housing efforts in Salisbury

By Ruth Epstein

SALISBURY — Several groups in town are focused on bringing more affordable housing into the community, hoping to ensure that a diverse population is present.

Those groups were honored on Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Town Grove by the Republican Town Committee, continuing its tradition of showcasing local nonprofits at its pre-election gatherings.

“We’re a strong supporter of these efforts,” committee Chairman Tom Morrison told the audience. “We’ve supported every project. It’s the right thing to do, so that the town is not just for the wealthy. There is a desperate need for townspeople, such as teachers and firefighters, to have a place to live. We strongly believe affordable housing should be left to the local towns. We don’t want Hartford telling us how to manage our town.”

Three guests involved in local housing initiatives were invited to speak. George Massey of the Salisbury Housing Committee explained that the all-volunteer group was formed in the 1970s and is committed to building and managing affordable rental housing. It owns and manages Faith House, Sarum Village and Lakeview Apartments.

Members are now concentrating on Holley Place, a 14-unit apartment building in Lakeville, where a ground-



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

John Harney and Richard Tennyson of the Salisbury Housing Trust.

breaking is planned for this fall; Dresser Woods, a 20-unit complex in nine buildings off Railroad Street in Salisbury and the Pope property on Salmon Kill Road. Wood turtles found there will reduce the number of units on that site.

“We appreciate your emotional, financial and political support,” Massey told the Republicans.

Richard Tennyson, treasurer of the Salisbury Housing Trust, along with its president, John Harney, were there to talk about that entity. Tennyson said many people just cannot afford the price tag of \$500,000 for homes in Salisbury. The trust secures land, which it maintains and leases to the owner. The homes are then purchased by the resident.

Jocelyn Ayer is director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, which provides support for all the affordable housing organizations in the county. She is also an active advocate for

affordable housing in Salisbury, serving on the affordable housing committee. Ayer spoke of the Northwest Connecticut Affordable Housing and Conservation Collaboration that brings together conservation land trusts and affordable housing organizations.

Harney gave high praise to Ayer, saying the housing organizations wouldn’t have made such progress in town were it not for her. “She’s given us her exceptional expertise.”

The Salisbury Housing Commission is an official town board. Morrison said the selectmen thought it best that group not be at the event since it was politically sponsored.

During the program, Republican candidates for the upcoming municipal election were introduced: Donald Mayland for selectmen and Peter Becket for Board of Assessment Appeals. Free ice cream treats added to the festivities.

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/. The application materials will be listed at 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. 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

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2025-0299 by Lowell Goss for a request for variance to a maximum building coverage in the LA Zone on the basis of reduction in nonconforming impervious surface at 26 Ethan Allen Street, Lakeville, Map 46, Lot

04, relating to Section 300.2 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The owners of the property are Lowell Goss and Kristen Culp. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:00 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/. The application materials will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/zoning-board-of-appeals-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. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals
Lee Greenhouse, Secretary
10-02-25
10-09-25

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Application #2025-0300 by owner Anne Fredericks for a request for variance to maximum impervious surface coverage in the Lake Protection Overlay District on the basis of reduction in nonconforming impervious surface at 29 Morgan Lane, Salisbury, Map 64, Lot 07, relating to Section 404.5 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:00 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/. The application materials will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/zoning-board-of-appeals-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. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals
Lee Greenhouse, Secretary
10-02-25
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF SHARON, CT October 9, 2025 SHARON TOWN HALL

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon and those entitled to vote in meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at the Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Sharon, Connecticut, on October 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM for the following purposes:

1. To see what action the Town will take to appropriate \$50,000 out of the Undesignated Fund to cover clean-up/remediation costs at the old Transfer Station Site, as approved by the Board of Finance.

Dated at Sharon, CT this 23rd day of September 2025.
Casey T. Flanagan
Lynn S. Kearcher
John G. Brett

Selectmen
10-02-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ANGELA D. CARABINE Late of Sharon (25-00314)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 16, 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:
Caitlin Carabine McLean
c/o Michael Downes
Lynch

Law Office of Michael D. Lynch, 106 Upper Main Street, P.O. Box 1776, Sharon, CT 06069

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
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 Office of Maria L. Hampton, 220 Albany Tkpe, Bldg 1, P.O. Box 1101, Canton, CT 06019

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-02-25

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

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 11, 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:
Samantha Lambert
c/o Louise F Brown, Vail & Vail, LLC, 5 Academy Street, P.O. Box 568, Salisbury, CT 06068

Megan M. Foley
Clerk
10-02-25

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

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:
Rebecca E. Thornton
c/o Arthur Charles Weinshank

Cramer & Anderson, LLP, 51 Main Street, New Milford, CT 06776

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-02-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF LOLA MARTHA BRAMMER Late of Salisbury AKA Lola M. Bramer, AKA Lola Brammer (24-00106)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 11, 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:
Stephanie A. Durbal
c/o Linda M. Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101,

Canaan, CT 06018
Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-02-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DWAYNE E. MOODY Late of Falls Village (25-00290)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated August 21, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is:
Steven Moody
c/o Kevin F Nelligan
The Law Offices of Kevin F. Nelligan, LLC, 194 Ashley Fls Rd., PO Box 776, Canaan, CT 06018

Beth L. McGuire
Chief Clerk
10-02-25

OBITUARIES

James van Benschoten Dresser

SALISBURY — On Sept. 22, 2025, James van Benschoten Dresser passed away peacefully at his home in Salisbury. He was 83.

Born in New York City, to Elizabeth Jenks Dresser and James van Benschoten Dresser, Jim spent his youth in Bermuda and moved with his mother to Salisbury upon his parent’s divorce. He earned a scholarship to Salisbury School that Jim considered transformative, giving him the brotherhood and direction he needed to flourish. This resulted in a passion for education and a commitment to make things better for those less fortunate that would blossom into action in his later years.

Jim followed a lengthy family tradition to attend Wesleyan University where his interests broadened to include the state of the union and those who could improve it. His dedication to Wesleyan and its sports never wavered and as Chairman of the Board, he raised substantial funds in support of both. After college, Jim spent a stint in Air Force Intelligence in southeast Asia. He picked up a correspondence law degree (ever the learner), met his first wife, Patricia Van Allman, later moving with her to Boston and joyfully adding their son, Clay, to the family unit. He attended Harvard Business School and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Upon graduation, he joined the fledgling Boston Consulting Group (BCG) where he helped to make it grow into the multi-national powerhouse it is today. He married a second time to Evan Crosby and retired early from his role as Chief Administrative Officer to commit more fully to family and personal interests.

In retirement, Jim moved back to Salisbury and was

elected selectman which put him in a special position to benefit heartfelt causes such as housing and education. He had a firm belief that people such as nurses, teachers, plumbers, ambulance and fire volunteers etc. who provided valuable services to the community should be able to live in the community. Thus began his quest to help with affordable housing to make that possible. As a member of the Salisbury Housing Committee (for rentals), he joined forces with motivated, forward thinking, creative minds to move the onerous process forward. He donated property and raised significant funds to build more affordable housing. Jim also served on several boards that supported education and other needs of the community. He was never a passive participant – he threw body and soul into every committee he served on.

Happily, Laura Carlson met Jim through their affiliation with the Salisbury Association. At the time, they were both at loose ends and after 5 years of dating, they married. They enjoyed a rich, loving life together for 18 years - too short a time.

Jim is survived by his wife, Laura, his son, Clay Dreslough (Dee), granddaughter, Ellie, his brother, Scott Dresser (Bonnie), and his sister, Marguerite Dresser (Michael Kluchman), niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Henry Dresser-Kluchman.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Salisbury Housing Committee, PO Box 10, Salisbury, CT 06068. Jim will be smiling.

A celebration of Jim’s life will take place in July 2026, at his favorite place on earth, Mt. Riga and with a community he grew up with and loved. Details will be published in The Lakeville Journal as the time draws near.

In Appreciation

Jim Dresser

Salisbury lost a great leader this week with the passing of Jim Dresser. Few can match his record of service to his town.

Jim grew up and attended school in Salisbury. Though his career, first in the Air Force and then in private business, took him all over the world, his Salisbury roots drew him back home.

His service to the town took many forms, from his 12 years as a Selectman to his involvement in a wide range of nonprofit organizations, but we want to highlight his tireless work to address the issue of affordable housing.

Jim was a founding member of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission in 2010 and served faithfully until his passing this week. His vision of a town where the people who work and volunteer here can also afford to call it their home pushed Salisbury to face its housing affordability concerns long before other towns in Connecticut even fully articulated the problem. Today, Salisbury is held up as a beacon of progress to neighboring

towns, an example of how to wrestle with housing costs in a way that strengthens the fabric of the community.

But volunteer work was not enough for Jim! He really did “walk the walk” when he donated 5 acres of his own land, literally in his backyard at the time, to the Salisbury Housing Committee for the purpose of constructing affordable rental units. Plans for Dresser Woods are well underway; the eventual development will be a lasting legacy of Jim’s generosity, vision, and service to his community.

In a recent interview for the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission’s monthly newsletter, Jim spoke of “leading from the front.” As friends and colleagues, we were fortunate to follow his lead.

Jim’s passing leaves some big shoes to fill, but he has ensured we have the tools and the vision we need to continue his work, and it is an honor to do so.

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission

John Pond

LAKEVILLE — John Pond, 88, of Lakeville, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at the Sharon Health Care Center on Sept. 26, 2025.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Salisbury

Cemetery in Salisbury.

A full obituary will be published to thekennyfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to a charity of your choosing.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

SALISBURY — Carol Kastendieck was born April 10, 1945 in Brooklyn, New York. She died on Sept. 19, 2025, in Salisbury, Connecticut. She was the eldest child and only daughter of Miles and Clementine Kastendieck, older sister to her brothers Jon and Richard, and beloved friend and mentor to countless others.

Carol graduated high school from Packard Institute in Brooklyn, earned her BA at Indiana University and her MA at Carnegie Mellon. She had initially trained in classical dance, performing with the Metropolitan Opera ballet. However, during college she discovered a passion for the theater and would go on to have a rich and engaging career as a director for theater, opera and musical theater.

She directed and choreographed over 150 productions nationally, despite the challenges of being a woman in a profession dominated by men. Notably, she collaborated with her mentor, director John Houseman, and directed Rock Hudson in “John Brown’s Body” in Los Angeles.

Carol’s preferred playwright was Shakespeare and she was known to quote much of his work from memory. Toward the end

of her career, Carol focused on teaching and mentoring young actors, directors and filmmakers. She taught at Juilliard, Hofstra, Carnegie Mellon, the Riverside Shakespeare Company School, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and SUNY Purchase.

She ultimately retired from teaching to care for her aging parents, for whom she always expressed the deepest gratitude and with whom she remained until their final days.

She did not have children and never married, but had meaningful and life-long relationships with the friends and students she considered her adopted family. She was a faithful and beloved member of her community.

The Kastendieck summer residence was called The Mill, a historic 1744 grist mill they had renovated as a family when Carol was a child. After her mother’s death, she made Salisbury her home. She retained fond memories and a lasting connection with the place and people there.

Carol loved gardening, following in her mother’s footsteps, and drew inspiration from her gardener

friends and the many adventures and conversations they shared. She devoted a great deal of time and care to her own garden. She considered it her greatest creative opus and experienced it as a living ecosystem of sentient beings.

Her creativity also manifested itself in whimsical sculptures and dramatic flower arrangements. She was a fan of tag sales and always wore delightful accessories and gave unusual gifts. She loved going to the theater or to the movies with friends, especially leading up to the Oscars. She also enjoyed throwing intimate dinner parties and having friends over for tea.

Carol was a breast cancer survivor and faced increasingly challenging health issues, but rarely allowed these to impede her vision. In recent years, she made a practice of sending daily poems and inspirational messages.

Those who knew Carol Kastendieck describe her as a force of nature, with strong opinions and passionate devotion to environmental causes. She loved life and had

an adventurous and joyful spirit. She was equal parts curiosity and determination, courage and delight.

She is survived by her brother Jon, her nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews, her family of friends, and her beloved cat.

Memorial Service details pending.

The Guest House
by Jalal al-Din Rumi
This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all! Even if they’re a crowd of sorrows, who violently sweep your house empty of its furniture, still, treat each guest honorably. He may be clearing you out for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice, meet them at the door laughing, and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes, because each has been sent as a guide from beyond.

Taken from SELECTED POEMS by Rumi, Translated by Coleman Barks (Penguin Classics, 2004).

Carol Kastendieck



Russell James Riva, Jr.

CANAAN — Russell James “Teter” Riva, Jr, 94, of 7 Beau Ridge passed away Thursday morning Sept. 25, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Caryl (Pennekamp) Riva. Teter and Caryl were married on April 11, 1953 and celebrated 72 years of marriage this year. In addition to his wife, Teter is survived by his son Russell P. “Rusty” Riva, his daughter Suzanne “Suzy” Riva, both of Canaan. His nephew Louis “Buddy” Riva and his wife Pam of Canaan, Cagney Riva of Sheffield, Massachusetts and Cody Riva of Canaan. Teter was predeceased by his brothers Louis “Sonny” Riva and LeRoy Riva, sister Cynthia Riva, and grandson Tate Riva.

Teter was born in the former Geer Hospital in Canaan on Sept. 17, 193, the son of the late Russell James “Red” and Edith (Massini) Riva Sr. After graduating from Housatonic Vally Regional High School, Teter earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Architectural Engineering from the Chicago Technical College. He was drafted into the US Army and served during the Korean War with the Army Corps of Engineers.

After serving in the Army, Teter and Caryl returned to Canaan where he worked as Forman in his parents store and eventually becoming President of C. A. Lindell & Son Inc. which included the hardware store, lumber yard, fuel oil, and John Deere equipment. Teter’s hard work, vision and foresight built a new hardware store, one of the first and largest drive through lumber yards on the east coast, expanded Lindell Fuels, Inc by building a complex tank farm with fleet dispensers, one of the first of its magnitude in New England, a full-service 24/7 HVAC and propane provider, and started an equipment rental company.

Teter took after his father, who started out as a carpenter, and built the Canaan Post Office and several homes for

family and friends while running Lindell’s. Never one to remain still, Teter started his own construction company, North Canaan Builders, Inc. and partnered with Chris Carr to form Carr Riva Developers. Working with US Department of Housing & Urban Development in Washington, DC and Connecticut Housing Finance Authority they developed, built and managed apartment complexes in Canaan, Middletown, Windsor, Plainville, and Meriden Connecticut and Longmeadow Massachusetts.

Teter thought of community as family and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone along the way. Among his many accomplishments he served as a Scoutmaster of Troop 22, Rail Road Historical Association, Board of Directors of Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County in Bantam, Chairman of the Board at Geer Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for 45 years, and Board of Directors of the National Iron Bank for 48 years.

Teter loved fishing with his family on Twin Lakes, Square Dancing and Round Dancing with Caryl in Connecticut and Florida. He was an avid golfer and a member at the Wyantenuck Country Club in Great Barrington, Massachusetts for 48 years as well as Plantation Golf and Country Club for 42 years in Venice, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. A celebration of Teter’s life will be held at the Couch Pipa Post 104 South Canaan Road Canaan, CT 06018 on Thursday October 2, 2025 at 1:00 pm. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be sent in Teter’s memory to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps PO Box 178 15 North Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

For more obituaries, see Page A7

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

 <h2>Worship Services</h2> <p>Week of October 5, 2025</p>	
Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 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 www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627	St. John's Episcopal Church 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 YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC 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 www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 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 www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. CRUELTY AND KINDNESS IN SALISBURY: The Moravian Missionaries in 1700 For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome
Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Armenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH 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
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
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Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138	

EDITORIAL

Salisbury Forum’s two decades of success

Almost 20 years ago in a packed chapel at The Salisbury School a television journalist famous for his coverage of national politics led a discussion on the question: “Can Democracy Survive the Media?” His name was Sander Vanocur, a prominent reporter whose contemporaries were other big names at political conventions in the 1960s: John Chancellor, Frank McGee and Edwin Newman. Vanocur was was one of the questioners at the first of the Kennedy-Nixon debates in 1960.

The Salisbury event back then in 2005 was brought to the Northwest Corner by a unique regional organization known as The Salisbury Forum, which now is celebrating 20 years sponsoring open discourse for a community hungry for thoughtful dialogue.

Last week, another prominent journalist, Judy Woodruff, former anchor and managing editor of the PBS Newshour, was on stage at The Forum’s sold-out event at The Salisbury School. (Read Patrick L. Sullivan’s coverage on Page A1.)

For two decades, the Forum, a nonprofit, has hosted speaker forums that “foster a deeper understanding of issues that affect our lives globally and locally,” to quote its mission statement.

As a community we are fortunate to be the beneficiary of such a committed and valuable local organization. The Forum is supported as well by other institutions in our community that provide venues for the Forum’s event. Those include The Hotchkiss School and Salisbury School, The Moviehouse in Millerton and Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

For twenty years, forums — free and open to the public — have explored a wide range of topics that span the rural health crisis in the Northwest Corner, to discussions on food access, the future of journalism, the future of democracy, climate change, citizenship, pandemics, the future of books in an age of AI, as well as subjects related to science, politics and international relations. There seems to be no end to the survey of topics explored by the forums. And no limit to the level of sophistication of its speakers. They include scholars from many disciplines, diplomats, housing experts, award-winning actors of theater, film and television, environmentalists, filmmakers, art critics, theater critics, and on and on with speakers who illuminate the challenges facing America today in civic, political, scientific and cultural life.

The Forum is an adult-ed course we receive for free, which connects us with ideas and draws conversation about the full gamut of Arts and Science of today’s complicated world.

We thank the Forum and its board for an indispensable service to the community. And encourage everyone to visit the Forum’s website to learn more about the people who make it happen and about the history of this nonprofit’s contribution to our community.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reelecting Brian Ohler is best for our future

I am a Democrat, a proud Registered Democrat. I am also a 30+ year resident in the town of North Canaan. This editorial isn’t intended to tell anyone how to vote.

I don’t believe in the concept of following party lines. Please don’t just vote red or blue because you feel you are supposed to. Don’t ask your neighbor or coworker who they are voting for. Take the time to do the research, listen to the candidates, and make a decision based on credibility, and the potential to continue to take this town to a better place. This town’s future depends on it; I depend on it. On details and vision alone, the contrast between the two candidates is evident.

So, I encourage you to take the time to look at their respective websites. I want what is best for my town, and that is why I think Brian Ohler should be reelected as First Selectman. As I look at the two candidates I

see a proven leader, a highly knowledgeable and experienced businessman, and someone who continues to keep the residents informed on daily basis.

His unwavering commitment to our town makes this an easy decision to reelect Brian Ohler. Look at his indisputable track record, his impressive accomplishments, and look at the professionalism he displays each and every day. Brian Ohler’s main drive is to serve, and to serve us. Something that is more rare than common these days. I also look at his enthusiasm towards the future. I attend the meetings, and I listen to what the Board of Selectmen have to say, how they present themselves, and how they plan to get things done. My hope is that each of us do the same. Thank you for your time.

Gary Rovelto
North Canaan



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National issues are local ones, too

Years after Tip O’Neill coined that “all politics is local,” President Joe Biden wrote that “all politics is personal.” In a recent letter to the editor in The Lakeville Journal, Tom Morrison claimed that “The hot button issues that consume so much television, print and social media attention are not the least bit relevant to the upcoming local election.” However, regardless of the candidates or party – national issues are local.

In small towns like the ones we all reside in, politics are indisputably personal. For most of us, when the Governor of Connecticut makes a decision, we don’t have the opportunity to send a personal text or message

letting him know our opinion. However, when the First Selectman of my town makes a decision, I can pick up the phone or send an email and expect them to directly respond. Further, leaders of our towns are locals, even friends or family. For example, when I received a fellowship last year, Brian Ohler sent me a personal card congratulating me — not just as the First Selectman but as a local member of my community.

There is not a high likelihood that the President will call a First Selectman of one of our towns and make certain demands. However, if the Department of Education inexplicably decides that Beloved by Toni Morrison is too “racey” or that the

high school cannot support non-native English speakers anymore, will town leadership roll over or will they be willing to stand up for the constitutional rights that are being infringed upon more and more every day?

To be clear, it is unfair to consider all Republicans members of the MAGA movement. However, as political parties hold certain beliefs, association with that party implies an individual aligns with those beliefs. Namely, registered Republicans have tended to lean into removing funding for special education programs whereas registered Democrats trend towards providing more funding for inclusive education.

Because Connecticut is a small state, and our towns are quaint, some might think that we are not a target. According to CT’s Office of the Attorney General, only on September 25 did Connecticut win a lawsuit against the Trump Administration that prohibits illegal coercion of threatening to withhold billions of dollars of funding for emergency preparedness, cybersecurity threats, wildfires — and mass shootings — if the state does not allow ICE activities in our towns. As a registered Independent, it is about the party, not just about the candidate — especially in local politics.

Brian Ohler has clearly earned a second term

Politics can obviously be a very dicey and divisive topic for most Americans. Thankfully, we live in town where for the most part, we all tend to agree on what is most important for North Canaan to really thrive.

The past two years in town have been transformational, and I am not the only one who has said this on a regular basis. Our transfer station has been completely redesigned and is now saving tens of thousands of dollars per year due to the clear operational changes that were long overdue. As a career first responder who works out of town, I have never felt so informed and connected due to the efforts that have been made to ensure all board and commission meetings are on live stream and archived for later viewing.

As someone who has raised two children, who are now young adults, I also see the strides that have been made to keep North Canaan one of the few remaining options for young people to live, be employed, and have a stable future. All these positive changes, and so many more, have taken place once Brian Ohler was elected First Selectman just two short years ago. Never has our town looked so amazing, from our beautification to our obvious road improvements.

It is also worth noting that these drastic improvements

were completed while still operating two years’ worth of strict budgets. The only budgets in the Northwest Corner that were reduced and managed without error simply because of Brian’s extensive knowledge, competence, and ability to lead any modern-day organization.

As a retired Air Force Veteran, I thank Brian for his unwavering commitment to the veteran community and for the partnerships he created to ensure that our local war monuments were preserved for the next generations, and of course for his tireless advocacy for his fellow comrades. When I think of our three Air Force values, Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do, I for one can easily place Brian in every single one of those categories.

Brian Ohler is more than deserving of a second term. He has steered our ship in a way that anyone can value and appreciate; with his professionalism, integrity, compassion, excellence, and a clear vision. If Brian can accomplish this much in just two short years, imagine where we can be if he is reelected for an additional two years. Please join me in reelecting for Brian Ohler for First Selectman!

Derrick Caranci
U.S Air Force (Ret)
North Canaan

Vote for Mayland as selectman

I joined the board of directors of Litchfield Bancorp in 1994. Don Mayland was the chairman of the board at the time. I had the pleasure of working with Don for a total of 22 years. My recommendation for Don to the position of selectman for the Town of Salisbury is based on the many years we worked together as bank directors and the friendship that has developed between us.

Don approached his job on the board very seriously and always gave it his best effort at making the right decisions. Regardless of the issue, he was sure to get all the facts regarding what needed to be voted on by the board before we convened for a vote. His assessment of the issues and plans that came before the board always took into consideration the needs of all parties involved. He was fair to all and sensitive to any personal concerns that may arise.

I oversaw the audit committee and the internal audit function in the bank. Don’s leadership over the years always gave me confidence that our board and the bank itself was in good hands. The town of Salisbury would benefit greatly to having Don Mayland serve as a selectman.

Joey Brennan
North Canaan

Paul Ramunni
Salisbury

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TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — 1900
Over 50 tickets were sold at this station for Great Barrington fair on Thursday.

The Torrington “Register” proudly says: — Torrington has made a greater proportionate gain, and so far as we know shows a greater proportionate gain than any other town or city in the state, more than doubling the 50 per cent increase credited to Hartford.

James Ellis has entered eight of his choice Indian Game fowls at the Danbury fair.

Miss Charity Fretts is taking a vacation of some five weeks from her duties at Dr. Knight’s institution.

Col. M.M. Blunt and Mrs. Blunt have been spending a few days in Lakeville with Mrs. S.S. Robbins. The Colonel is a graduate of West Point, served at the front in the war of 61-65, and also on the frontier. He is now on the retired list.

A dozen members of the senior class of the Storrs Agricultural college fear they will be expelled. They turned a vicious Durham bull loose in the upper story of the main school recitation room one night recently. The racket aroused the faculty who promptly detected the guilty members of the class and ordered them to remove the bull. It took the seniors all the next forenoon to get the animal back into the yard. The faculty has the sinning agriculturalists on probation and will not remove the sentence of suspense till it is certain that the young farmers are cured of bull raising to such a height as the third story.

100 years ago — 1925
Lakeville and Salisbury have been handed the worst railroad schedule they have ever had since the C.N.E. Railway was built. We now have only one train each way per day. If you desire to go east you must be at the station at 7 a.m. and the only opportunity you have to go west is at 10:30 a.m. No afternoon trains whatever, and to rub salt in our wounds the two lonesome trains are usually from one to two hours late. Canaan has as good service as formerly, but there it stops. It would seem that the railway could at least run its evening train through to Mil-lerton without any serious financial strain. The manner in which the C.N.E. has operated its trains for some time would make it appear that they did not care for and didn’t want any business from this end of the state. To be sure the autos and trucks have cut into their business, but the inconvenient schedules have fostered and invited all kinds of competition, and it is no wonder the road has lost business — and is bound to lose still more. An effort is being made to have the railway company extend the evening train through from Canaan, but as yet no results have been attained.

The plant of the Salisbury Iron Corporation is a thing of the past. It has been sold to a wrecking concern from New Haven, who are now breaking it up and disposing of it as junk. The passing of this industry is a hard blow to the village of Lime Rock and to the town as well. The recent fire which destroyed

the machine shop put the finishing touch on the business which had been steadily losing ground for the last few years. Many families are affected and the workmen engaged in the plant must seek new employment, and many of them must of necessity move away from Lime Rock. Just what future the village may have is uncertain, but it is not a cheerful picture at the present time.

Adv.: FOR SALE — New Perfection 5-burner oil stove with cabinet top. Price \$35.00. Mrs. C.F. Grant, Phone 164.

Mrs. John Barrymore, wife of the noted actor, was a guest at Farnam Tavern one day last week.

Paul Argall has entered the employ of W.H. Judd with the object of learning the barber’s trade.

You know how delicious to eat are those snow apples. Well William Rowe at Ore Hill has some fine ones for sale by the barrel, bushel or in any quantity.

Hartford is about 60 miles away yet it is a two-day trip by our present railway schedule. If you wish to send a letter to Salisbury, a distance of one mile, it must first go to New Milford and be brought back, probably the day following. The C.N.E. is “some” railway and it has “some” schedule.

50 years ago — 1975
Union workers struck the plant of Pfizer Inc. at midnight Tuesday. Pickets were out in front of the plant Wednesday morning. Wages and union demands for a dental plan are key issues.

Heavy rains last week flooded farm fields in the Tri-State area and caused a dicey time for canoeists on the Housatonic River, but left far less damage than elsewhere in Connecticut and New York. The Lakeville Journal recorded 4 ½ inches of rain.

More than 80 persons turned out to watch a shovelful of dirt be turned on Sunday, an action of significance in Kent. The event was the groundbreaking ceremony for the Templeton Farm Apartments, a housing complex for the elderly.

Seven fire companies spent most of Sunday at the burning of a big hen poultry barn in Sharon. The fire was a training exercise for more than 150 volunteers. Sharon chief Ken Bartram directed the drill, which involved firemen from Sharon, Amenias, Cornwall, Lakeville, Millerton, Wassaic and Falls Village. The poultry barn, part of Odge’s Egg Farm, had been demolished previously, and it was the 100-foot-long mass of wood, tarpaper, shingles and rubble which the firemen burned.

Saturday morning seven canoes carrying a total of 15 boy scouts and Scout leaders capsized on the swift-moving, swollen waters of the Housatonic River. Trouble began when the first canoe flooded in the particularly rough water near the covered bridge in West Cornwall. It did not end until the last 10-year-old was fished out of the river below Housatonic Meadows in Cornwall Bridge by fireman Howard Stone. In the interim, frightened boys struggled for shore

along the five-mile stretch, while some 25 state policemen, firemen and emergency squad members participated in the rescue. Confusion was compounded by uncertainty about the number of boys who had set out on the expedition. The group came from Groton.

25 years ago — 2000
A group of North Canaan Elementary School teachers was overpaid for part of last year. When the mistake was discovered, steps were taken to correct it and prevent it from returning. However, a written agreement was drafted that said the teachers would not have to return the \$9,400 total for all paid in error. Meanwhile, local officials, including members of the school board, had no idea these events were taking place. The question of who must take the responsibility for the mistake has become a minor issue when compared to reaction to Region 1 Superintendent John O’Brien’s failure to notify or seek input from Canaan’s finance and school board members. It would be some six months before word would come to the town through other channels.

NORFOLK — Six months ago, Wendy Moran pledged to walk 60 miles in support of the fight against breast cancer. On Oct. 13, she will set out on a three-day hike from Bear Mountain to Manhattan and become one of more than 20,000 women across the country hoping to raise \$30 million this year for cancer research. Breast cancer has been in the forefront of Mrs. Moran’s life, in her mother’s diagnosis and fight against it, as well as awareness of the genetic risk to herself and her young daughter.

SHARON — As Litchfield Acquisition Corp. moves closer to constructing its 110-foot tower on Herb Road, another company, SBA Communications Corp., has submitted an application for a special exception to locate a tower in the mountains of this town. The new application has been filed by SBA, with Sprint PCS a co-applicant. The 150-foot monopole with associated antennae and equipment would be located on the 20-acre property of Theresa Meisel at 477 Route 7, near the border with Salisbury. Buildings at the base of the tower would be unmanned and serviced by technicians several times a month.

KENT — Lake Waramaug has been designated a Heritage Lake in a pilot program to preserve the cultural, recreational, scenic, public health and environmental value of the state’s lakes. The designation was given by Departmental of Environmental Protection Commissioner Arthur Rocque, making the lake, situated in the towns of Kent, Warren and Washington, the first in the state to be recognized by the program.

KENT — For those who are wondering, Heather Beckel has no plans to sell The Villager. When asked about the rumor Monday, Ms. Beckel said not only is she not selling now, but she has no plans to sell the popular restaurant in the near future. “We’re doing great. I’m enjoying the business,” she said of the restaurant she purchased from Bill Leo in January.

Do-It-Yourself economic downturn

You may be wondering how AI can benefit your day-to-day business activity. AI for the home use (like Siri and Alexa) is pretty obvious. These AI driven applications learn from you, what you like, what you may be looking for, learning your intonation and voice patterns — all to better “serve” your desires. But when it come to actual business activity, how is AI driven programming helpful?

The truth is, Artificial Intelligence is nothing of the sort. There is no intelligence here, beyond the genius of the programmers who wrote the code. AI is, simply, a non-human giant listening-sorting-measuring tool. Yes, AI programs can access the vastness of the internet for more information, but that’s no more than Google does for you, only quicker. What is different is that when you — and you are the key here — decide to ask AI to act on your behalf and determine what it is you are looking for or want to do, that program uses the learning, input of data you have supplied or that the AI can access from your social media, your internet browsing, your work activity, and whatever it is that you have

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PETER RIVA

rejected (yes, what you do not want or canceled is part of that data base) — then AI can seemingly act as your butler, your assistant, your dog’s body.

So, yes, if you write a letter and ask AI to rewrite it as if your are a PhD in literature, AI can work away and fashion a letter to suit your desires. And if you want to sell your small-business product, let’s say mops, you can input everything about your business, costs, delivery times, etc. as well as what you feel are the typical customers and AI will formulate a marketing plan based on internet cloud theft of other similar plans it can access. The selling feature of the AI purveyors like Google and Microsoft and others is that AI will do this quickly and will offer better market penetration for your product. Why? Simply because their AI programs are unconstrained by ethics.

Now, you may say, who cares if MS or Google are immoral as long as you get

the benefit. And in a sense, that complicity on your part — which is not regulated as law-breaking by you — is a freebee. The problem you have is once your mops are selling, your competitor can access the cloud with their AI and it will rip your plans off — again without breaking any laws.

And there is one more thing to consider... like that AI powered robot painting cars, perfectly, every time, replacing tens of thousands of workers, in a very short while your business cannot survive competition without AI. In short your job, your very existence, is to use AI, again and again and again, always updating your business activity, just to stay where you are in the first place. And your profit will diminish as the cost of AI cripples your business net profit. Sure, initially AI can give you a boost, but once your business is addicted to using AI, there is no escape.

And you wonder why Microsoft, driven by AI sales, now tops \$4,000,000,000,000 in value along with Nvidia, Apple, etc. In short, you’ll be working for them.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenias Union, New York, now lives in Gila, New Mexico.

OBITUARIES

Steven Willand, Jr.

LAKEVILLE — Steven Willand, Jr., 97, of Newton, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at the United Methodist Communities at Bristol Glen in Newton.

Steven was born in Montclair and lived most of his childhood years in Fairfield. He graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in Caldwell, then proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was the former owner and operator of Steven Willand, Inc. in Augusta until his retirement in 1994. Steven was a longtime Sussex County resident, spending many years in Frankford Township and Lafayette.

Steven was a lifetime

member of the VFW. He found peace outdoors, enjoying bass fishing, fly fishing in Montana, and hunting in his younger years. One of his true joys in life was living on the lake in Connecticut before returning to New Jersey. He had a love of country music and enjoyed the simplicities of tending to his vegetable garden.

Steven was predeceased by his parents, Stephen Willand, Sr. and Mae (Paige) Willand; his first wife, SophieAnn Willand; and his second wife, Ruthmary Willand. He is survived by his children, Scott Willand

and wife, Synda, and Suzanne Willand; his stepchildren, James, Mary and Richard Pellegrino; and his grandchildren, Sharyce, Statler, and Steffen.

Arrangements are private under the direction of Smith-McCracken Funeral Home. Steven will be laid to rest in Frankford Plains Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in Steven’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or to Father John’s Animal House, 50 Father John’s Lane, Lafayette, NJ 07848.

Online condolences may be offered at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com.

For more obituaries, see Page A5.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Becket for Assessment Appeals

Knowing Peter Becket personally and professionally for over 30 years, I have come to appreciate and admire his service to our community. Peter’s commitment to detail, large and small, make him an ideal candidate to serve on our Board of Assessment Appeals.

On a personal note, as a father of six and soon to be grandfather of six, I think it is fair to say (with a smile) Peter has developed the ability to

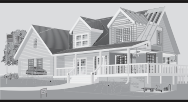
assess and respond to appeals!

Peter’s professionalism is noted as owner of Becket Business Appraisals. It was through this business association that we first met and interacted on a professional basis. He displays careful analysis to every nuance. These are the qualities that

will benefit you, me and the Town of Salisbury as he serves on the Board of Assessment Appeals. I recommend to you a long-time resident of Town of Salisbury, Peter Becket for Board of Assessment Appeals.


Marie Barnum
Taconic

For more letters, see Page A6.



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For woodland owners, the CTDEEP has foresters who are willing to help on a variety of issues to keep both your forests and wetlands healthy. For example, a few issues are forest stewardship planning, wildlife habitat enhancement and reviewing with you if placing your woodlands in the 490 Forest classification is in your best interest. For NWCT, please contact State forester Dave Beers, Western District Headquarters, 230 Plymouth Road, Harwinton, CT 06791 860-424-3382 (office), david.beers@ct.gov



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Status Report

CORNWALL — During the Sept. 16 Board of Selectmen meeting, Selectman Jennifer Markow tuned in remotely from Iceland. It was 11:30 p.m. in the island nation and Markow made the meeting on time after a day of exploring geothermal hotspots. It was believed to be the first time a Cornwall selectman attended a meeting of the Board from Iceland.

Meet the candidates: Salisbury

Get to know your candidates ahead of the 2025 municipal election. In Salisbury, Curtis Rand (D) is running unopposed for his 11th term as first selectman. There are three candidates for selectman. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Curtis Rand

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

Candidate profile:
I serve as First Selectman in Salisbury; I am married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. I moved back to the farm where I grew up when we had children so we could raise them here. I am a professional forester and have served on numerous town and non-profit boards and commissions, with my major focus as First Selectman for the town. I spend my spare time with friends, family and enjoying the natural world. I love the challenges and opportunities of this job.

Why are you running for first selectman?
I am running to continue the recent efforts that are important for our residents

and neighbors, including the issues mentioned below: a possible public option for our solid waste disposal that ensures future security and cooperation. Other things before us include how we allocate capacity for sewer usage; how we attract and keep local, working families; and how we educate our children. I have gained insights into these things and would be grateful for the chance to finish some of this work.

What issues deserve the most attention?
Keeping young families in Salisbury and with housing opportunities; education; budgets that plan for the future; solid waste reduction and management; traffic,



speeding and sidewalks; grant opportunities for recreation, affordable housing and education; support of our first responders and all other volunteer organizations; conservation and water management, including our very important lakes; helping with

a resident's occasional personal struggles, which brings heart and reward to the job.

How would you improve the town?
Support the volunteers who work to preserve this special place. Find ways to increase affordable housing — too many young families are being priced out of town by escalating prices; more traffic calming to slow down and quiet traffic; solid waste and how to reduce it, and a deeper look into the sewer capacity and how to allocate it; help find ways to keep the lakes healthy in times of increased use and pressures; and, as always, find grant opportunities for these things and more.

Election basics

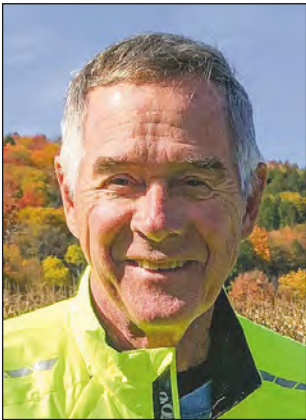
Election Day is Nov. 4.
Early voting begins Oct. 20.
Salisburys polling station will be at Town Hall, 27 Main Street.
Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk. Absentee ballots can be placed in the ballot box outside Town Hall and will be counted at the polls.
Selectmen in Salisbury are elected to two-year terms. They are seated on the board two weeks after Election Day. The budgeted annual salary of Salisbury's first selectman is \$101,835 and the annual salary of the other two selectmen is \$11,540 each.
As an unopposed candidate, Curtis Rand (D) will serve in his 11th term as Salisbury's first selectman through 2027. Of the three candidates for selectman, the top two vote getters will become selectmen through 2027 (subject to state law on minority representation).
Learn more about Boards of Selectmen below.

SELECTMAN

Don Mayland

Republican Nominee for Selectman

Candidate Profile
Moved to Lakeville in 1970. BA in economics from University of Vermont. M.Ed from American International College. Three years active-duty U.S. Navy. Taught at The Hotchkiss School (economics) for 38 years. Served on Board of Directors of Litchfield Bancorp for 41 years. Served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Litchfield Bancorp for 26 years. Served on Board of Directors of the Northwest CT Community Foundation for 10 years.



Preservation of open land and forests, Preservation of water quality in the lakes and ponds and wetlands of Salisbury. Preservation of the character of the Town of Salisbury while still promoting job opportunities, especially for young people. Control of speeding on the roads in Salisbury.

How would you improve the town?
Currently the President of the Marketplace of Salisbury. Served as President of the Lake Wononscopomuc Association 5 years. Served as President of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service (SVAS) for 9 years.

Why are you running for selectman?
Salisbury Republican Town Committee's nominee for selectman. Served on Board of Finance of The Town of Salisbury for 24 years. Served as Selectman of the Town of Salisbury for 3 terms (6 years). Is currently serving on Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority (SWPCA) 10 years as Chairman.

What issues deserve the most attention?
Affordable Housing,

SELECTMAN

Barrett Prinz

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

Candidate profile:
My family and I moved to Lakeville more than a decade ago and all three of our children graduated from Salisbury Central School. I'm a lawyer with 26 years of experience in private practice and with international NGOs. I am currently the general counsel for a global public health non-profit. I have been on the Salisbury Central School Board of Education since the fall of 2016, am a squad member for the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, and am a board member for Salisbury Family Services.

Why are you running for selectman?
I am running to continue my service to the Town of Salisbury. We are all very fortunate to live in a great community and in a town that has been run very efficiently for many decades. This is in large part due to the fact that so many residents volunteer on town boards, for local non-profits, as first responders, etc. As a selectman, I believe that my professional experience would be of help in ensuring that we continue to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of our town.

What issues deserve the most attention?
As a member of the SCS Board of Education for 9 years, I have seen how important it is to make sure our schools (public and private) continue to thrive as they re-



ally are the heartbeat of any community. To ensure SCS remains such a great asset, we need a sound budget (which we have) and more families to remain in and move to Salisbury. To help make that possible, we need to continue to build on the tremendous efforts of so many people and groups when it comes to building more affordable housing.

How would you improve the town?
As mentioned above, I think affordable housing is one of the key challenges for the town, but it is also a key opportunity. I would like to help support the current affordable housing efforts so new families can come to town and existing residents have more options to stay in town. I would also like to help make sure our public works and infrastructure remain in good condition, our environment remains pristine, and our town continues to support our local businesses and volunteer organizations.

SELECTMAN

Kitty Kiefer

Unaffiliated Candidate for Selectman

Candidate profile
I was born here, both parents with deep roots in Salisbury. I am and have been for years unaffiliated with any political party. Education; Salisbury Central, HVRHS for two years, BA at Bates College then JD from McGeorge School of Law. Law practice included tax, estate planning and administration and sale of residential real estate in NW Boston/Middlesex County. Currently a selectman. I work with Artgarage at HVRHS, on Salisbury Economic Development and Board Member Berkshire Food Co-Op.

Why are you running for selectman?
I want to continue being a Selectman because I am familiar with the land, the people and the economic forces in our NW Corner. My concerns have always been community — building through consensus or, at minimum, rivaling issues as stepping stones to fruitful discussion and solutions. We are passionate, informed residents who want to work in the political process of our Town, for our Town. I intend to help people participate. Public Service is my goal. I welcome conversations with people I have yet to meet.

What issues deserve the most attention?
Safe walkways for us on Routes 44 and 41, connecting and serving our village centers, affordable and workforce housing for the whole



region, safe & welcoming infrastructure for Appalachian Trail hikers — day hikers and through hikers, cost conscious & environmentally responsible management of our recycling, trash and food waste for compost. A key element for success is informed, active participants in our Town.

How would you improve the town?
We have many Committees and Commissions — some of which are duplicative in their missions and work. I would like to help with the efficiency and therefore the effectiveness of these groups so that we can (a) set relevant goals for our community and (b) work without silos toward goals. Flexibility is required, as is maintaining focus on the principles involved, NOT the personalities. Let's have a cup of coffee or tea so that we can talk and then work together. The ballot is private. Please give me one of your votes. I look forward to serving another 2 years.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Get to know each candidate before voting on Nov. 4

Each week leading up to the 2025 municipal election, The Lakeville Journal will highlight candidates from towns in the Northwest Corner. All 20 candidates for selectman in Region One towns shared information about themselves, their goals and vision for the town. See more online at lakevillejournal.com

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About the Board of Selectmen

At the heart of Connecticut's municipal governance schema is the quintessentially New England selectboard, composed of the first selectman who administers day-to-day governance in town, and is assisted by two other selectmen. The Board of Selectmen is responsible for appointing various positions and roles in town commissions and for hiring and firing staff, as well as initiating and instituting town ordinances via Connecticut's municipal democratic format, the Town Meeting. All selectmen in the Northwest Corner are allocated salaries from the town budget.

In other parts of Connecticut, some towns have begun the shift to a more modern leadership system. Winchester, for example, has adopted a "Council-Manager" form of governance. In this system, a non-partisan town manager was appointed to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the town, supervising department heads and town staff, and the Board of Selectmen acts as the legislative body.

Sports



PHOTOS BY LANS CHRISTENSEN
Matthew Wallace battles Max Bjorkman for the puck.

Hotchkiss hockey hands South Kent first loss of year in overtime thriller

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Saturday, Sept. 27, South Kent School 18U hockey hosted The Hotchkiss School's varsity squad in a memorable exhibition match in which Hotchkiss won in an overtime shootout.

Leading up to the game, South Kent was undefeated with eight consecutive wins to start the 2025-26 season and a cumulative goal differential of 55-6, per the team website. The Hotchkiss Bearcats traveled down from Lakeville to start their preseason with a non-league game.

It would be hard to put together two more equally competitive squads inside South Kent's Stockdale Arena.

The first period was non-stop action at both ends of the ice but ended without any

scoring.

About seven minutes into the second period, Hotchkiss's Ryan Murray scored, followed a minute later by his teammate Austin Groves.

In response, South Kent quickly evened the score with a pair of goals and the second period ended with a 2-2 tie.

Murray scored again in the third for Hotchkiss and then South Kent's Andrew Mohesky managed a goal in the final minutes to end regulation with a 3-3 tie.

A four-minute overtime yielded no score. The game ended with a shootout: one player at a time against the opposing goalkeeper.

Back and forth, the first four attackers from each team were unsuccessful. Then Jake Doherty of Hotchkiss managed to put one in the net, ending the game in dramatic fashion.

GNH wins home opener 29-6

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — The GNH Yellowjackets defeated the Derby High School Red Raiders 29-6 in Winsted Friday, Sept. 26.

The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op team bounced back after two tough losses on the road to start the season, first against Plainville High School then Woodland Regional High School.

Under the lights versus Derby, the GNH home crowd wore neon colors to brighten the stands. It was about 70 degrees at kickoff and fans were still walking up the hill due to over-packed parking lots at Gilbert School.

The Yellowjackets established a 14-6 lead by half-time. Wes Allyn caught the first GNH touchdown: a 29-yard reception from QB Trevor Campbell. The next score came from RB Cole Linen about two minutes before halftime.

Owen Riemer and Cole Linen each rushed in a touchdown in the fourth quarter to give GNH an insurmountable lead late in the game.

The Red Raiders were held to one score by the Yellowjacket defense. Owen Riemer picked an interception and Tyler Roberts recovered a fumble in the second half.

GNH's offense produced 369 total yards compared to Derby's 191 total yards.


GNH and Derby's team records both moved to 1-2 after the result Sept. 26. GNH hosts Naugatuck High School (0-3) at Van Why Field Friday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN
Above, Owen Riemer reels in a pass down the sideline for GNH in the game against Derby Sept. 26. Riemer produced 99 yards on offense, rushed in a TD and caught an interception. Below, QB Trevor Campbell signals a first down late in the game. Campbell passed for 93 yards with a TD and rushed for 30 yards.



Jake Doherty ended the shootout with a goal for Hotchkiss to win the game against South Kent School 18U hockey Saturday, Sept. 27.




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

Please join us in welcoming Steve in the upcoming months.



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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Brian Ross, left, interviewed Judy Woodruff at the Salisbury Forum Saturday, Sept. 27.

Woodruff said she was working in local TV news in Georgia and got to know Jimmy Carter when he ran for governor.

So when Carter started running for the Democratic nomination for President for the 1976 election, she had what she thought was an inside track

She told her bosses that Carter was worth their attention and was proved correct when he came in second in the New Hampshire primary.

But being the third-string political reporter, she “got knocked off” the campaign but kept hanging around, developing contacts within the Carter team and playing in the softball games between the campaign staff and the press.

It was during one of those games — “I was playing second base” — that she met her husband, Al Hunt.

Between her Carter contacts and consistent pushing on her part she finally landed a job as White House correspondent.

She said it took a while to find her feet. “I had to play catch-up.”

She said the Carter team came to Washington “believing they had the keys to the kingdom.”

Having received minimal help from the Democratic establishment during the campaign, they thought they didn’t need the party’s help in governing.

“It was called the ‘Georgia Mafia.’ Carter relied heavily on his original team.”

Woodruff gave Carter credit for the Camp David agreement between Israel and Egypt, a pact that has lasted to the present day.

Ross asked about left-of-center “groupthink” within

the press corps.

“It’s very competitive,” Woodruff said. “You want to get it right, get it better and you’d love to get it first.”

She said she thinks news organizations pay too much attention to the White House “and not enough on the agencies.”

“We have given the White House the ability to set the agenda.”

As to the groupthink, she said “It’s a hothouse environment, no question. I call it a ‘bubble.’ We don’t get out in the country enough and talk to people.

“I do think there is a kind of groupthink that sets in,” she continued. “But if everybody else is reporting a story and we don’t...”

Ross asked about the recent defunding of public television and radio, and President Trump’s remarks about “left-wing lunatics.”

“Lumping us in with ‘left-wing lunatics’ is absolutely not true,” said Woodruff.

She said the PBS Newshour is “straight down the middle journalism. It’s in our DNA.”

She said the loss of funding is a problem, and public broadcasting is reacting.

“We are not calling it quits. We are here to serve the American people.”

Ross asked about young journalists who are more familiar with new media such as Tik Tok and podcasts, which are heavy on opinion.

Woodruff said “there’s nothing wrong with having strong feelings but we always need straight factual reporting.”

So when she is asked about what she thinks about a particular issue, Woodruff said her reply is “That’s for others to say. I’m a reporter.”

WILLIAM TONG

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compliant with federal law, “but we don’t have to be nice about it.”

The need to bring suits, said Tong, is not OK since it involves spending resources and time, but it’s necessary to protect such things as healthcare, children, roads and bridges. He touched on the positions promoted by Trump and Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert Kennedy, Jr., who want to eliminate teaching young people about sex and healthy human relationships, and the erasure of DEI.

“They want us to deny who we are,” Tong said.

“They’re not making us less diverse,” he said. “You have a Chinese-American A.G., for Christ’s sake,” he said, eliciting laughter from the crowd. “They’re not stopping us from hiring immigrant families. America runs on Dunkin’ Donuts and immigrants. They’re not stopping us from supporting LGBTQ+.”

As the first-born American citizen in his family, Tong has taken the lead on such matters as birthright. “The 14th Amendment of the Constitution says I’m a citizen. We’ve had success

in working on that and on tariffs. I feel good about that. We’ve got him pretty boxed in.”

He said the attorneys general throughout the country are in constant communication and he works closely with many of them. “Connecticut is strong and mighty, but it helps to have California and New York at your back,” he said.

Asked by an audience member what gives him hope in these dark times, Tong responded, “It’s about a lot of people being heard and how strong the American people can be. We’re not just the sovereign people of Connecticut. We’re one of 13 who stood up to the original tyrant.”

But he decried, “Where are the young people?” He laments their lack of involvement and attachment to social media, which he labeled “a poison they consume every day.”

Tong’s message to the coalition members was strong. “We have prevailed before and if Donald Trump thinks he can send troops to Connecticut, he’ll have to come through me and others. I’m not afraid of him.”

LAND LAB

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Bruce Bennett, chairman of the ASTE advisory board. Just that morning, the area was an impenetrable “wall of vines and shrubs,” he said while gesturing at the now spacious expanse, partially shaded by a smattering of cigar trees, maples, white pines and cedars. Eventually, the property, which is owned by Eversource Energy but signed for use by the school, is planned to also host plots for horticultural learning and practice, landscape construction learning, a flower garden and shop, a farm-to-table garden, and other uses.

“All day the kids have been chipping, moving branches... ignoring us,” said Megan Gawel with a joking smile as she glanced at her son Michael, an HVRHS junior, who was moving roots and shrub debris with an excavator some hundred yards away.

Megan and her husband Mike run M&M Excavating out of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and had donated their time and equipment on Monday — plus an hour of brush mowing on Sunday — to help the project get up and running. In addition to the excavator, they had brought along a skid steer, a mulcher, brush mower, and a dump truck to move wood chips that will eventually surface an interpretive pathway through the educational woodland.

Along with their son, the family had been at it since 8 a.m., but Megan figured Michael wasn’t too upset about the change of curriculum — “he got a field trip today,” she said with a grin.

Both Megan and Mike are graduates of HVRHS and the ASTE program. Megan was an officer of the school’s FFA chapter, which she said taught her valuable skills that apply as much in meeting



PHOTO BY MEGAN GAWEL

ASTE students load cut vegetation into a wood chipper. The resulting material will be used to surface pathways throughout the natural forest zone of the property.

rooms as they do in the field.

Bennett said the land lab concept was designed to promote the type of hands-on learning that solidifies long-lasting and far-reaching knowledge and teaches real-world problem solving. “We’re trying to create a space where students can experience hands on examples of what they learn in the classroom,” he explained.

“They don’t know what it’s like to plant a row of tomatoes and have it get phytophthora disease.”

The agriculture and technology program, which is over 80 years old and one of only 21 curriculums of its kind in Connecticut, already reaches every student in the school when they take the Life Skills course as freshman, explained ASTE educator Sheri Lloyd, who was present at Monday’s inaugural landscaping project.

She said the new facilities will be a valuable asset to the program’s already formidable

offerings, which include a farm-to-table kitchen, mechanics shop, animal care centers, greenhouse, and a forest laboratory. Essentially, it will help the program teach students how to be “informed stewards” of the land, Lloyd explained.

Even on the land lab’s unofficial first day in action, the students are already gaining valuable experience. One student in the ASTE department spent the day cutting problematic trees and branches with a chainsaw – certified by the program, of course. He’s already aspiring to be an arborist, which are “much needed” in Connecticut, said Bennett.

The next step for the property is to seed the forest floor

that Monday’s undergrowth exorcism had left bare. This process will be handled by Matt Schwaikert, longtime ASTE advisory board member and graduate of the program himself.

He emphasized that the loyalty of ASTE graduates is its strength. “That’s the best part of this community — always available to help.”

HVRHS Principal Ian Strever came to admire the progress as Mike and Michael cleared the last of the woody debris from the forest floor. “It just adds to what is already a beautiful campus,” he observed.

“This would be impossible without the volunteers,” he said, glancing around at the soil-stained laborers.

JACQUIER

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and leave the premises. Jacquier was verbally notified of the trespass order in place and left without further incident.”

A lengthy statement from Town Hall later that day states Jacquier was removed to protect town staff and documents “from any potential malice.” It states she “caused a great disturbance” and was present “against stated orders.”

Jacquier said she did not receive a court order barring her from Town Hall.

When asked about the “stated orders,” North Canaan’s legal counsel Randy DiBella clarified it is not a court order but rather an order by the selectmen.

Town Hall’s statement notes that Jacquier similarly returned to the Town Clerk’s office on Aug. 14, at which time CSP was notified “and Jean was told that

if she wanted to return that her legal team would need to communicate that intent with the Town of North Canaan’s legal team. There was no such effort made on Jean’s behalf as of that incident.”

The full statement from Town Hall was posted on Facebook on the “Town of North Canaan, Connecticut” page.

A Sept. 30 press release from the Democratic Town Committee condemns the actions of Ohler, stating, “The First Selectman has no jurisdiction over the office of the Town Clerk” and “he grossly overstepped his authority.”

Jacquier’s current term as Town Clerk ends in November. She said she has continued to perform job duties in her time away from the office.

The story was written by Riley Klein with reporting from Ruth Epstein.

HOUGHTALING

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team,” Houghtaling said.

When the camp ended, the pros informed Houghtaling that he earned the invite.

It wasn’t through sheer luck, he explained. It was the result of discipline, skill and effort.

“I showed a good mentality and helped out after the camp,” he said. “And I had some good goals.”

His eight-day visit to England will include training and playing with the team at Emirates Stadium. He was also invited to attend three games with the club.

“I’m very excited” to partake in the opportunity, Houghtaling said. Although

as a supporter of opposing club Manchester United, he acknowledged there are some mixed emotions.

“It feels a little bit bad at the same time,” he said. “It’s like playing for your rival.”

Not all costs of the trip were included in the invite, but HVRHS 21st Century Fund offers a grant to help the family with expenses. He began the grant application process in September.

Athletic Director Anne MacNeil expressed her joy in Houghtaling’s opportunity and stressed “how important soccer is to him.”

Houghtaling’s London visit is planned for November.

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COMMUNITY: RUTH EPSTEIN

Project SAGE hosts events for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

With October designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Project SAGE, based in Lakeville, will host three events to shine a light on the issue.

Kicking off the initiative is the annual Vigil and Red Sand Project Action, scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9. Supporters will gather at 6:30 p.m. at Community Field, 10 Sharon Road, where a candlelight remembrance walk will proceed to the Project SAGE office at 13A Porter St.

The vigil is dedicated to honoring individuals who have lost their lives to domestic violence in Connecticut over the past year, while reaffirming Project SAGE's commitment to ending relationship violence. Discussions and reflections on sensitive topics will take place. Staff will be on hand to provide support as needed. A small reception will follow the memorial ceremony. The event is sponsored in part by National Iron Bank.

Fifteen minutes prior to the start of the vigil, Red Sand Project Action members will conduct an activity to raise awareness of human trafficking. More information about the program is available at redsandproject.org/about.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the third annual Take Back the Hike will be held to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault, spur discussions about personal safety in public spaces, and highlight the therapeutic and healing power of nature. The event is sponsored by Project SAGE, the Kent Land Trust and Kent Park and Recreation.

Hikers will gather at Skiff Mountain South Preserve at 10 a.m. to embark on a three-mile hike across Skiff Mountain to the Harrison Overlook, embracing both the beauty of the outdoors and the strength found in community action.

"The partnership between Project SAGE and the Kent Land Trust has created an event that resonates deeply with the values of community,



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

"The Red Sand Project" from 2024 will once again open this year's annual vigil.

safety and conservation," said Melissa Cherniske, program manager of the land trust. "We are looking forward to this year's Take Back the Hike and are excited to continue building on this meaningful tradition."

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/register-forhike?r=qr>.

The final event will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, when Project SAGE launches a new partnership with The Moviehouse in Millerton. A screening of the documentary "Another Body" will begin at 7 p.m. This award-winning film follows an American college student's search for answers and justice after she discovers deepfake pornography of herself circulating online.

Following the screen-

ing, Virginia Gold, Project SAGE's director of client services, and Linda Ciano, director of community engagement, will hold a talkback, moderated by executive director Kristen van Ginhoven.

This event is part of Project SAGE's Year of Digital Safety offerings. Ciano said, "Nearly every relationship today has some sort of virtual component, whether that means meeting new love interests through dating apps or staying connected with family and friends on social media. Building the skills needed to have healthy interactions online and knowing what to do if things go awry are vital."

Moviegoers should note the film includes language and images

that may be difficult to watch. Staff will be on hand to provide support if needed.

Tickets are \$18 and available for purchase at themoviehouse.net.

"We are looking forward to a full Domestic Violence Awareness Month this year," said van Ginhoven. "With new and ongoing events that are accessible to all, we look forward to uniting with advocates, sister agencies and coalitions across the country to raise awareness and uplift efforts toward our common goal of ending domestic violence."

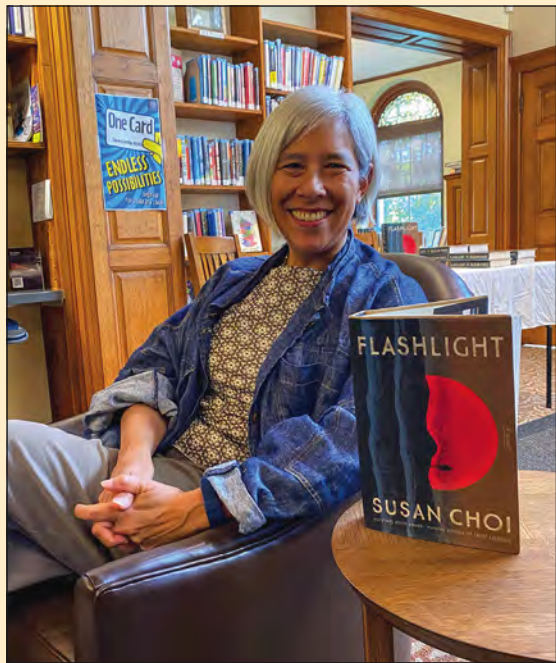


PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Acclaimed author Susan Choi opened the Hotchkiss Library's fall series, reading from her new novel, "Flashlight."

BOOKS: LEILA HAWKEN

Author Susan Choi opens Hotchkiss Library's Fall Author Series

A rare opportunity to engage with the studied, meticulous process through which a recognized, award-winning author turns a core idea into a full-length work was the order of the day when the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon invited Susan Choi to speak on Saturday, Sept. 27. The program kicked off the Fall Author Series planned by the library, with two more authors scheduled for October and November.

A winner of the National Book Award, Choi based her talk on her recently published work, "Flashlight," and the happy news that it has moved from the longlist to the shortlist for a Booker Prize.

"We'll just be here together," was the tone set by Choi in the informal talk. She spoke without notes and welcomed audience questions in

conversation.

Choi began by reading an excerpt from the very beginning of her book — what had once been a short story published in The New Yorker. A father disappears. The story unfolds over time, memories, and the culture of nations, examining mysteries and catastrophe, all acting in concert to impact characters over decades.

"How memories shift over time" was something Choi said her book explores.

"It was challenging," Choi said of the writing process and the research involved in depicting 1970s Japan, not yet westernized. "Mysterious things had happened in that era," she said.

"I was interested in how long these things had gone unexplained and whether the characters who populate

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Exhibit will stay open weekends 11-4 until November 23rd



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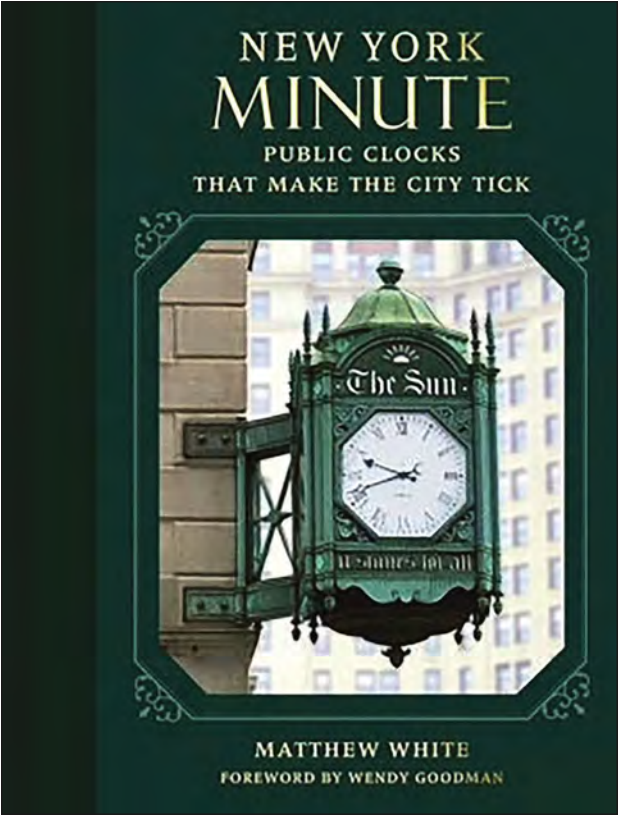
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“New York Minute” by Matthew White contains over 150 images and illustrations by the author.

BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

‘New York Minute’: a book signing with Matthew White at Hillsdale General Store

On Saturday, Oct. 4 at Hillsdale General Store, design devotees, urban romantics, and those who’ve ever glanced up at a clock tower in New York City will find their time well spent. Literally. Designer and author Matthew White will be on hand to celebrate the launch of his new book, “New York Minute: Public Clocks That Make the City Tick” (Abbeville Press), a lavish ode to the unsung sentinels of the city: its public timepieces.

If the title sounds nostalgic, that’s intentional. In “New York Minute,” White — one half of the storied design firm White Webb — turns his discerning eye to more than fifty clocks scattered throughout the five boroughs. Think sidewalk-level curiosities, soaring church towers and those quietly majestic lobbies. It’s architectural tourism with a personal twist.

The book, featuring a foreword by New York magazine’s design editor Wendy Goodman, is gorgeously produced, but it’s White’s storytelling that elevates it and makes it, shall we say, timeless. These clocks aren’t just decorative; they’re witnesses. “Every time I went out photographing, it was a

perfect New York day,” said White. “It made me fall in love with New York again, in a different way.”

His chapters unfold not by neighborhood, but by where the clocks live architecturally — on façades, rooftops, or nestled within unexpected public spaces — offering a fresh look at a city already so mapped and mythologized. White’s favorite? The Grand Central Terminal clock. He describes it with reverence: “It’s not just a clock. It’s a public art piece. It’s the largest sculptural group in the city and home to the largest installation of Tiffany glass in the city,” White explained, his three years of research evident.

White weaves personal narratives throughout, transforming the text into an intimate exploration of time’s cultural and personal significance. Among the photographs, some historical and most taken by the author, White has added his illustrations of each clock, quiet interludes that invite the reader to pause.

Originally from Texas, White moved to New York City at eighteen to attend the School of American Ballet. After

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COMMUNITY: ROBIN RORABACK

Mariann Edgar Budde, Marilynne Robinson and Paul Elie offer voices of courage

On Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, a full audience eagerly gathered to hear authors Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Marilynne Robinson and moderator Paul Elie discuss what is happening in the United States.

The talk was part of the 2025 Words, Ideas, and Thinkers Literary Festival (WIT), presented by the Authors Guild.

Mary Rasenberger, CEO of the Authors Guild, introduced the panel, saying, “With the growing tyranny and attacks on democracy, what can we do? Budde and Robinson will give us reason to hope.”

The day after the inauguration on Jan. 21, Budde ascended to the pulpit at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., to ask the new president “to have mercy upon the people in our country who are scared now.” She is bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C., and author of three books.

Marilynne Robinson, well known for her four-book Gilead series, is the recipient of many awards for her fiction and nonfiction, including a Pulitzer Prize.

Moderator Paul Elie, a regular contributor to The New Yorker and author of several books, has twice been a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Elie began the talk by asking Budde what considerations she had when speaking to the current president.

Budde said she “worried about the consequences of speaking to a country that had been barreling toward division.” She wanted to “speak for those being dehumanized” and to offer “a gentle exhortation” on their behalf.

Elie asked Budde to define bravery and Robinson to define courage. Robinson said, “Courage celebrates all the other virtues.” Courage answers the question: “How generous can you be at



Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde (foreground), Paul Elie, and Marilynne Robinson sign books for attendees.

your own cost?”

Budde answered, “At times in life, you may be called upon to do something you haven’t done before which involves a risk. At those times, we are invited to be brave.” She continued, “Courage is of the heart, when we become aware of that summons that beckons us.”

Elie commented, “Courage is a learned trait, but courage is not encouraged.”

Robinson said, “People need a meaningful measurement of courage and honesty on which to judge themselves.”

“People that should be traditional guardians of democracy continuously backpedaled. We need courage,” she continued. “We should be screaming in the streets about people starving who counted on us. We’ve made concessions until we feel there is nothing left to defend.”

Budde said, “Movement-building is critical.” She spoke of a “quiet network working to protect people” in Washington, D.C., including lawyers, people helping with food and those walking children to school when their parents are afraid to — fearful of being detained.

She advised, “I try to never violate the dignity of people who see the world differently. This is part of the solution. We have to overcome the reflex to see people in the

worst possible way who oppose us.”

Elie asked, “How can we make more pointed recommendations for action? What can we do now?”

Budde said to ask ourselves, “What is being summoned from me now? What should I be

doing? The next right thing will be revealed to us.”

Robinson said, “No one has power now except the people. There is no salvation now except democracy, and that is what I hope for.”

For more information, go to authorsguild.org

...Susan Choi

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the narrative would come to understand those real mysteries,” Choi said.

“How lives are formed by circumstances we don’t understand” was an idea that invited exploration as Choi wove her narrative.

A background as a professional fact-checker informs and influences Choi’s meticulous research and writing process, with a strong emphasis on historical accuracy.

“If we are exploring our shared human history, I can’t get it wrong,” Choi said.

Next up in the Fall Series at the library is

Peter Kuper, insect illustrator, who will describe his creative process that led to “Insectopolis: A Natural History.” The talk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m.

The final program in the series will feature Aleksandra Crapanzano speaking about her cookbook, “Chocolat: Parisian Desserts and Other Delights,” and offering a cooking demonstration on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m.

Advance registration is advised and can be made on the library’s website: www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

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OCTOBER 1

Spooky Salisbury Story Contest!

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

Oct. 1 to 31

Enter the Scoville Library's Spooky Salisbury Two-Sentence Story Contest anytime from October 1- 31. Prizes in each category: Kids 6+, Teens 13+, Adults 19+. Our top winners in each category will be featured in a Best of Spooky CT collection! For more information and to submit a story, visit scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15336116

OCTOBER 4

Modernism in Litchfield County: A Tour of Historic Home Interiors

Litchfield County, Conn.

Oct. 4, 11 a.m. 5.5 hours (approx.)

The Northwest Corner of Connecticut, Litchfield County is known for its colorful fall foliage. Another delight of its landscape is its modernist architecture. Join us this autumn to enjoy both on our Modernism in Litchfield County tour!

Modernist architecture in America flourished from the 1930s through the 70s and encompasses Midcentury Modern, Brutalist, International, and other movements that produced a wide range of expressions. What they all have in common, as described by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is "a design language with an emphasis on form rather than ornament; structure and materials rather than picturesque constructions; and the rational and efficient use of space."

This tour is offered one day only. Space is limited.

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histoury.org/historical-tour-calendar-and-tickets/

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

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.

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music with renowned Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai and percussionist Will Clipman, featuring selections from their album *Awakening the Fire*. Experience a powerful blend of tradition and innovation that bridges cultures and genres.

OCTOBER 5

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Fall Author Series: Peter Kuper – Insectopolis: A Natural History

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

Oct. 5 at 4 p.m.

Kuper is an award-winning illustrator and graphic novelist whose work appears regularly in The New Yorker and The Nation. His new book, "Insectopolis," is a stunning blend of visual storytelling and natural history that promises to fascinate readers of all ages.

Meet Artist Marilla Palmer and Press Fall Flowers

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

On Sunday, Oct. 5, 3 to 4 p.m., join artist Marilla Palmer for a talk about her work, her inspirations, and her process of creating exquisite art that combines watercolor, pressed flowers and foliage, elegant fabric, embroidery, sequins, and gold leaf. Then press some late summer flowers to take home for your own art or enjoyment. Registration is required. Learn more at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15032501.

Annual Dog Show and Blessing of Animals at Christ Church Episcopal

Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Christ Church Episcopal will host its Annual Dog Show and Blessing of Animals on Sunday, Oct. 5. The event will take place on the front lawn of the church, located at 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Schedule of Events:

- Blessing of the Animals: noon
- Dog Show: 12:30 p.m.

All animals, regardless of type, size, or species, are welcome to receive a blessing. For the safety of all participants, animals must be appropriately contained: dogs must be on a leash, and other pets must be in a carrier or caged. Muzzles may be used if necessary.

Dog Show Details: Dog owners will present their dogs in a ring, and prizes will be awarded. No special training is required. All ages of handlers are encouraged to participate. If your dog can perform a trick, that is a bonus!

Participation Guidelines:

- All dogs must be leashed.
- Other pets must be contained in a carrier or cage.
- Dogs will be judged on obedience, grooming, and conformation.

For any questions, please contact the church office at (860) 364-5260.

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This Word of the Week was inspired by WotW player Simon Markow

Word of the Week

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

1. Not working; out of money
2. Follow in hot pursuit
3. Part of a play
4. Of pizza
5. Pumpkin flavor takeover

Fall Author Series

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

On Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m., Kuper will offer a presentation of his amazing illustrations and discuss his creative process and his fascination with insects. Hailed by both artists and scientists, Insectopolis: A Natural History is a stunning graphic history of 400 million years of insects and the remarkable entomologists who have studied them.

OCTOBER 7

Designing the Future to Drive Your Success

Belvedere Lenox Event Space, 21 Housatonic Street, Lenox, Mass.

Oct. 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join interior designer Casa Marcelo, architect Charles Matz, and Hyalite Builders for a cocktail reception highlighting their new partnership. Learn how integrated design, architecture, and construction can provide turnkey solutions—from elegant remodels to custom builds—that give your business a competitive edge. Evening includes cocktails, conversation, and spotlight sessions. RSVP: clientservices@casamarcelo.co

OCTOBER 8

Future of Weather Forecasting

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

6 to 7 p.m.

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library is pleased to welcome journalist and author Thomas E. Weber for an evening talk on his new book, *Cloud Warriors: Deadly Storms, Climate Chaos—and the Pioneers Creating a Revolution in Weather Forecasting* (St. Martin's Press, 2025).

This program is free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 9

Annual Project SAGE Vigil & Red Sand Project Action

Community Field, 10 Sharon Road, Lakeville, Conn.

6:15 to 8 p.m.

Join Project SAGE for the Annual Vigil honoring victims of domestic violence, beginning with a Red Sand Project Action at 6:15 PM, followed by a candlelight Remembrance Walk to the Project SAGE office. A memorial ceremony and small reception will follow. Open to all.

OCTOBER 10

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Oct. 10, at noon at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. For this month's program, Soprano Francesca Federico Ó Murchú presents a recital promoting her new album "Visions and Ecstasies," which highlights Irish music-making. She will be joined by Dan Franklin Smith, piano, Ben Russel, violin and Clarice Jensen, cello.

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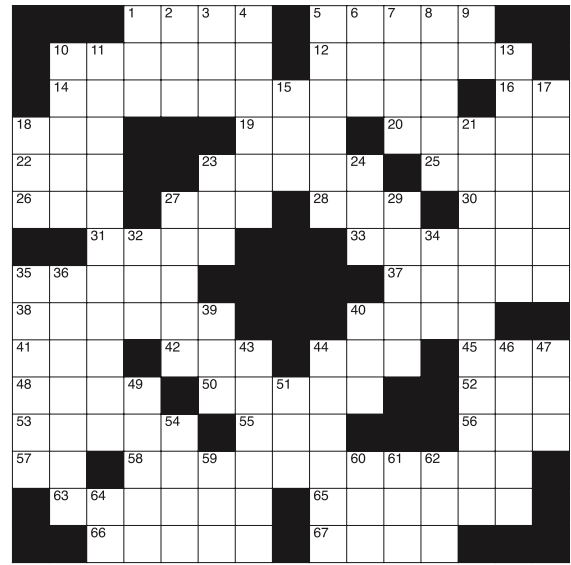
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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people of CA
5. Long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Classroom tool
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. They start the alphabet
18. Periodical (slang)
19. Smooth singer Cole
20. Dorsal sclerites in insects
22. One from Utah
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Mafia head
27. Wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark olive black
33. Places to sit and eat
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Banned fuel type
40. Actor Damon
41. What thespians do
42. A polite address for a woman
44. Disallow
45. Swiss river
48. A banana has one
50. Afrikaans
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Journalist Tarbell
56. One-time tech leader
57. Incidentally (abbr.)
58. Intestinal bacterium
63. Loose sheats around the spinal cord
65. Accompanies nook
66. Vogue
67. Highly excited



13. Humorous critiques
15. Cool!
17. Worst
18. Wet dirt
21. Useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. Internet device
29. City in India
32. A place to rest
34. Chat responder
35. A way to move on given
39. Digital audiotape
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Church building
47. Georgia rockers
49. Surgeon's tool

51. "Much __ about nothing"
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

September 25 Solution

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CAMA Fall Fest displays marvel of old machines

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Connecticut Antique Machinery Association's annual Fall Festival was as lively as it gets over the weekend, with the September sun sparkling on a motley collection of steam engines, tractors, locomotives and more.

John Norcross, co-director and show chair for the festival, said that Saturday's crowds brought the 13-acre parking field that sits below the Association's bucolic museum grounds to full capacity, which is a notable feat.

While Saturday saw the biggest turnout, the whole weekend, including Friday, brought thousands of the machine-curious to the festival to hear the hiss, whistle and chug of CAMA's facilities in full swing.

"This weekend you see



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Onlookers gaze at the 1875 C.H. Brown Stationary Steam Engine in the Industrial Hall, originally con-

signed to run a lumber mill in New Hampshire. everything in action," said Norcross, ranging from blacksmithing and saw-milling demonstrations to runs of CAMA's treasured "No. 5" Baldwin locomotive steam engine, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Diesel exhaust fumes and the cozy smell of wood smoke wafted through the air as fascinated attendees wandered

from the extensive exhibits of the Hubbard of Mining to the McCarthy Forge, where blacksmith and coppersmith Ian McCarthy pounded away at a red-hot metal rod over an anvil. Throughout the grounds, over 75 vendors touting both antiques and newly handcrafted goods alike, and likewise well over 75 exhibitors demonstrating equipment. The bright

reds and greens of dozens of well-maintained tractors and other machines made for an eye-catching centerpiece to the core circuit of the showcase.

The Industrial Hall is fully operational for only four events throughout the year, with its over 20 stationary steam engines eating 22 gallons of fuel and 245 gallons of water each hour during a show day. CAMA's Chief Stationary Engineer Frank Vopasek is proof that these machines are not simply a vestige of the past, but living history.

"He's a book of knowledge," said Norcross, explaining that he still works in the steam industry in New Jersey when he's not moonlighting as Santa in the Macy's Day Parade.

Concessions, ranging from candy apples and ice

cream to hamburgers, were offered by the Kent Lions Club, St. Luke's Masonic Lodge No. 48, and Kimberly Farm, with breakfast provided thanks to the #11 Kent

Boy Scouts.

Collaboration is the key, Norcross explained. "This is a team effort," he said. "Everyone's a volunteer and it just comes together."



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Jammin' at Cornwall Days

Live music filled Cornwall's commercial centers from Sept. 26 to 28 for Cornwall Days. Sponsored by the town Economic Development Commission, bands performed in Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall throughout the weekend. At the Wish House on Saturday, a crowd gathered on the lawn in the afternoon to take in the sounds of Crown Back Funk Trio, seen above.

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