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Covering The News In Connecticut's Northwest Corner And Its Environs Since 1897

Sharon breaks ground on new affordable homes ahead of housing summit

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — The turning of the dirt signaled the hope for four families to find their dream of affordable housing.

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on Sept. 29 at the former Community Center on Gay Street (Route 41) where the Sharon Housing Trust is planning to place four affordable units. Dignitaries, including Commissioner of Housing Selia Mosquera-Bruno, were in attendance, along with many Sharon residents and members of affordable housing organizations from around the region.

Richard Baumann, chairman of the trust, began by explaining the trust already owns three buildings contiguous to the center, each containing two affordable apartments.

"The former owner kept them affordable and we're building on that," he said, emphasizing the generosity of so many people. "He sold them to us below market value and then took the mortgage. We still had a shortfall of \$100,000 and an



PHOTO BY RUTH EPST

Breaking ground for the project that will convert the Community Center in Sharon into four affordable apartments are, from left: Richard Baumann, chairman of Sharon Housing Trust, First Selectman Casey Flanagan, Commissioner of Housing Selia Mosquera-Bruno and State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64).

anonymous person gave us a bridge loan that we were later able to pay back." Several times Baumann talked about the remarkable way in which this is all coming together.

The building was the former Masonic temple, which is owned by the town. It has leased it to the trust for 99 years.

"The next remarkable thing was that the town applied for a \$1 million grant from the state and didn't get it," he said. "We rolled the projects together (rehabbing the center and upgrading the six apartments) and the state doubled

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Assistant Town Clerk resigns amid Town Hall turmoil

Soccer showdown

The Region One middle school boys soccer team hosted

Indian Mountain School Wednesday, Oct. 1, for a non-

league game. Above, No. 3 Shane Higgins and No. 10

Brody Ohler race to the ball. More on Page B5.

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — Marilisa Camardi, assistant town clerk in North Canaan, has resigned her position effective Oct. 16.

Camardi was recently the defendant in a Torrington Superior Court case regarding a ballot dispute for the upcoming municipal election.

The plaintiff was Town Clerk Jean Jacquier: Camardi's boss and one of two prospective Democratic candidates who sued to have their names included on the ballot despite errors on the endorsement paperwork. The other candidate was Carol Overby for Board of Finance. Overby and Jacquier did not

PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

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LaBonne's Markets responds to outcry over shrimp label

By Alec Linden

SALISBURY — Within a day of Salisbury shoppers complaining about a frozen shrimp label bearing the federally-mandated "Gulf of America" place name, LaBonne's Markets had already had it changed.

Rob LaBonne III, president of the four-location grocery store chain, said the label alteration had actually been ordered long before complaints began in town.

"As a grocery store, we have to be everything to everybody," La-Bonne said. "We have people from all walks of life and political backgrounds who work for us, shop with us."

LaBonne explained that although a flood of emails and calls – about 20, he reported — came in on Monday, Sept. 22 to complain about the packaging, the store had actually ordered the label to be changed about a month prior in response





PHOTO BY AMY LAK

The label bearing the hotly disputed "Gulf of America" designation was changed via an order by LaBonne's Markets to its wholesaler.

to a complaint from a customer at the Prospect location, one of the grocery store's three other locations in Connecticut.

The concentrated outcry in Salisbury came as the result of Sharon resident and political organizer

Jill Drew writing about the shrimp label in her twice-per-week email blast "Today's Action," which reaches hundreds of subscribers across the region. The outrage stems from President Trump's January executive order to rename the body of water, which has been referred to as the Gulf of Mexico for more than 400 years and is not owned by any one nation. Only federal agencies within the U.S. are legally bound to use the title.

LaBonne said that while the response was intense, he called back everyone who reached out and found that they quickly appreciated

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Tracing Canaan's canals that never came to be

By Robin Roraback

FALLS VILLAGE — Saturday afternoon, Oct. 4, was a good day for a walk from the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society at 44 Railroad Street in Falls Village down to the Amesville Bridge.

The walk, led by Judy Jacobs, president of the historical society, and Bill Beebe, society curator, stopped at six points along the way to discuss the history of Falls

Village.

The walk focused on an unfinished canal meant to bring water from the Housatonic to local mills.

The first stop was the orange caboose from the New Haven Railroad which Jacobs said was restored by her husband Denny and Beebe.

Continuing down the hill on Railroad Street in the direction of the river, the twenty or so people on the tour next stopped at the intersection of Railroad and Water Street. Beebe said that this was where a hotel, The Arch, once

It was named for the arched stone underpass beneath the rail-road tracks, which was replaced by the current, plainer one. The hotel and stone arch were torn down in 1944.

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Meet the candidates

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

There are 21 candidates for Boards of Selectmen in the Northwest Corner. Before casting your vote, get to know them with The Lakeville Journal's "Meet the candidates" series highlighting nominees by town ahead of the election. This week, meet Cornwall's candidates on Page A4 and Sharon's candidates on Page A9.

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Online This Week

North Canaan residents pack BOS meeting

Following a lawsuit and state police presence at Town Hall in the past month, residents filled the meeting room to hear from the Board of Selectmen Monday, Oct. 6. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

Asleep at the wheel accident

Just after 8 a.m. on Sept. 27, Steven White, 38, of Litchfield was driving north on Ashpohtag Road in Norfolk in a Cadillac Escalade ESV premium when he fell asleep at the wheel, running off the road and colliding with a culvert retaining wall. He suffered suspected minor injuries from the incident and was issued an infraction for violating the state's "restricted turns" statute, which regulates safe turning practice.

Restraining order violation arrest

On the morning of Sept. 28, troopers arrested Patrick Redmond, 37, of North Canaan for an incident dated to Sept. 2, 2025, at a North Main Street address in Sharon. Redmond was processed for second degree harassment and criminal violation of a restraining order and

was released on a \$50,000 cash bond. He was scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court the next day.

Main Street fender bender

On the morning of Oct. 3, David Wheeler, 47, of Sharon was driving east on Main Street in downtown Salisbury in a Chevrolet Silverado K1500 when another vehicle, a Ford Escape driven by Anthony Bright, 78, of Lakeville, struck his passenger side. Bright stated that as he was attempting to turn left onto Main Street from Academy Street, another vehicle was blocking his view and he did not see Wheeler's truck. Neither driver was injured, and both vehicles were able to be driven from the scene. Bright was found to be at fault for the accident and was issued a written warning for improper left turn.

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

Guilty plea in fatal 2023 Christmas crash

By Riley Klein

The driver in a deadly car crash pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Sept. 30, to second degree manslaughter charges.

Samuel Simmons, 22, of North Canaan, admitted he was under the influence of marijuana at the time of the single-car crash that killed the passenger in his vehicle on Dec. 25, 2023. Per the plea agreement, he will be sentenced to four and a half years in prison with five years of probation.

The victim, Avery Nelson, 24, of Norfolk, was the passenger in Simmons' 1995 Volvo 850T5R. She was pronounced dead on the scene as a result of injuries sustained when the Volvo struck a fourfoot, two-inch tree, a fence and a railing in front of a residence on Twin Lakes Road just west of the intersection of Canaan Road (Route 44) in the Town of Salisbury on Christmas Day afternoon.

A collision report issued by the Collison Analysis and Reconstruction Squad concluded that Simmons, while traveling between 74 and 79 miles per hour, attempted a left-steering maneuver that exceeded "the handling ability of the Volvo."

His sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2026.

Upcoming flu vaccine clinics

Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Litchfield County

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

Falls Village Senior Center, 107 Main St., Falls Village on Friday, Oct. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30

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

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

Self-Pay (cash or check): Regular dose for ages 18

and older \$50; High dose for adults over 65 \$100 Call 860-379-8561 or

visit www.vnhlc.org **Kent Station Pharmacy**

Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cornwall UCC Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5

Bring all insurance cards. Short sleeve shirt or loose-fitting top is recommended.

KSP will offer other vaccines including COVID, RSV, shingles and pneumonia. Pre-registration required. Contact 860-927-3725 or info@kentstationpharmacy.com



The thermometer outside of the firehouses in Cornwall will be updated as progress is made toward the truck fundraising goal.

CVFD tracks truck fundraising progress

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL - Red thermometers appeared last weekend displaying the progress of Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's fire truck fundraising campaign.

Money is being raised to replace two outdated rescue response trucks. With an expected total cost of up to \$1.6 million, CVFD launched a fundraising effort to meet the need.

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

The thermometer signs outside of the firehouses in Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall will be updated as donations are received.

Coming up Sunday, Oct. 19, will be the department's Open House from noon to 2 p.m. in West Cornwall. Meet the crew, see the trucks, have lunch and learn about the life-saving work performed by volunteers first respond-

For more information on the Open House and the truck fundraising campaign, visit www.cornwallfire.org.



Police offer reward for info on factory fire

High Street in Torrington was still closed more than a week after fire claimed and abandoned factory Sunday, Sept. 28. The smell of smoke lingered near the scene on Monday, Oct. 6. The investigation is being treated as a possible arson. Torrington Police Department is offering a \$2,500 reward for information. Call the TPD tip line at 860-489-2065 or the Connecticut Arson Hotline at 1-800-842-7766.

'No Kings' protests planned for Oct. 18

SALISBURY — As part of a nationwide day of nonviolent protests, residents in Salisbury plan to participate in the No Kings Day of Action on Saturday, Oct. 18.

The gathering will take place on the lawn of the White Hart Inn from 11 a.m. to noon to protest President Trump's administration.

There will be public speakers and songs. Families are welcome.

Send news tips to editor@lakevillejournal.com

PROJECT to end relationship violence

ANNUAL COMMUNITY VIGIL

Join Project SAGE tonight, October 9, at 6:30pm at Community Field in Lakeville, where we will honor the lives lost to domestic violence last year in Connecticut and reaffirm our commitment to building a safer and healthier community for all.

project-sage.org 13a Porter Street Lakeville, CT 06039



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Our Towns



Johan Johnson is the new minister at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

Salisbury School chaplain joins St. Johns Church

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — Rev. Johan Johnson is the new priest at St. John's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

He is also the chaplain at Salisbury School.

A native of New York, he is married to Gabriela Johnson. The couple have two daughters, Elizabeth and Madeline.

Johnson attended Clark University, where he studied psychology. He attended seminary at Columbia University and received a Ph.D in education from Fordham University.

Johnson said when he first came to Salisbury School in the summer of 2024 he attended services at St. John's. "It was the first place I came to, and it had a nice feel."

As luck would have it, there was a vacancy within six weeks.

Johnson filled in for six or eight months and then took

then deciding to get married"

The late David Bayersdorhis decision.

that had energy."

Johnson started in August. He said he is getting to know the parish and looking at how best to communicate "the good news we believe exists in Jesus."

Coming up in November is a fundraiser for Haitian relief efforts. This will take the form of a trivia game, helmed by Bruce Paddock, and co-sponsored by St. John's and the Salisbury Congregational Church.

"That way we can connect the two churches and develop the linkages between two faith communities."

"It was like dating, and

fer was active at St. John's, and helped Johnson make

"He was so encouraging and welcoming," he said. "Such a good spirit. He made me feel like this was a place

GOSHEN — At summer's end in Goshen, the eight real estate transfers in August and September included the sale of the Village Market for \$1,000,000, three land sales, two houses in Woodridge Lake and two in the town.

By Christine Bates

The median price of a single-family residence at the end of September hit a historic high of \$649,700. Goshen's real estate market is less bifurcated than some towns in the northeast of Litchfield Couty with a range of homes at all price points.

In early October there were 17 homes listed for sale with six offered under the median price of \$649,700 and six over a million. Land parcels can also be affordable with seven of the 10 listed parcels under \$300,000.

Transactions

59 F Torrington Road — Retail gas mart on 2.88 acres



Goshen late summer real estate

The Village Market Place on 2.88 acres with a gross area of 4,564 square feet was sold for \$1,000,000 in August.

was sold by 6645 Village Market Place LLC to Nemco LLC for \$1,000,000.

Tyler Lake Heights — Two parcels of land sold by Edward G Breakell to Don-

ald G. Breakell and Sheila H. Marmion for \$230,000.

277 East Hyerdale — 5 bedroom/4.5 bath home built in 2024 in Woodridge Lake sold by ED & AJ Building and Remodeling to Ross and Madeline Yudkin for \$1,400,000.

81 Milton Road — 1 bedroom/1 bath home built in 1932 sold by Erla L. and Michael L. Sheridan to Michael S. O'Gorman for \$330,000.

Meadow Crest North — Vacant land sold by Lori Izzo to Melissa Grocki for \$123,000.

274 Sharon Turnpike - 4 bedroom/4.5 bath home on 4.87 acres sold by Matthew Saunders to Robert M. Dodenhoff Jr and Alyssa C. Dodenhoff for \$895,000.

Hall Meadow Road — Va-

cant land sold by Neil Franklin Jenney Jr. to Stephen and Lauren Nickel for \$200,000.

36 Buefort Court — 4 bedroom/3 bath house in Woodridge Lake sold by ED & AJ Building and Remodeling LLC to Vance J. and Jennifer L. Kusaila for \$910,000.

* Town of Goshen real estate transfers recorded as sold between August 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025, provided by Goshen Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Note that recorded transfers frequently lag closed sales by a number of days. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Sharon Audubon invites students to participate in leadership group

By Riley Klein

SHARON — High school students in Connecticut have the opportunity to learn more about conservation legislation through Sharon Audubon's new youth leadership program.

Beginning this month and running through April 2026, the first year of the program will enroll up to 10 students.

The program aims to teach students how to identify pathways to initiate local conservation work.

Volunteer Coordinator

Bethany Sheffer explained the participants will "receive training during the winter prior to legislative sessions in the spring, where they then accompany our states' policy director to the state capitol and speak with state legislators about Audubon conservation priorities."

Sheffer noted that participants will not engage in active lobbying.

For more info or to apply, Connecticut high school students can contact bethany. sheffer@audubon.org or call 860-364-0520

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Hunt Library adds fresh energy to youth programs

FALLS VILLAGE -Anna Pattison is the new Assistant Director and Youth Programing Coordinator at the David M. Hunt Library.

The irrepressibly cheerful Pattison lives in North Canaan with her husband Sean and daughter Fiona. She graduated from

Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 2004 and the University of Connecticut in 2013, with a degree in En-

"I wanted to be a writer, but my pediatrician said it wouldn't pay my bills."

So she spent the last 12 years "doing anything but" using her degree.

The Pattisons run Northern Appliance, an appliance repair service. "We do everything: washer, dishwasher, stove, fridge."

Then she saw the library was looking for help.

Pattison said she is bringing back a monthly Saturday edition of Story Time, starting Oct. 25, to complement the regular Tuesday and Thursday versions.

She is working on programming with the Lee H. Kellogg School in grades K-4, both at the school and at the library.

She has started a once-aweek afterschool program with groups of children making things out recycled books, and a middle school book club.

"It's super-exciting" she said. "I love reading and writing and crafting and that's what I do here."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Anna Pattison is the newest employee at the Hunt Library, concentrating on children's programs.







Meet the candidates: Cornwall

Get to know your candidates ahead of the 2025 municipal election. In Cornwall, Gordon Ridgway (D) is running unopposed for his 18th term as first selectman. There are two party candidates for selectman: Rocco Botto (D) and John F. Brown (R). All three nominees will be seated on the Board of Selectmen. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

SELECTMAN

John Frederick Brown

Republican Nominee for Selectman

Candidate profile:

I have lived in the Northwest Corner my entire life, I have served two terms on the Board of Finance for Cornwall and in my profession, I frequently facilitate communication between associates and management to troubleshoot issues that arise and reach conclusion that benefits all parties.

Why are you running for selectman?

To help foster and create a community for not only the current but future community members.

What issues deserve the most attention?

I believe that affordable housing, creating potential for small businesses to develop/grow and transparency



are issues that need attention.

How would you improve the town?

I would improve the town by being an unbiased and transparent representative for all townspeople. So that they could bring their concerns and grievances to attention without worry.

Election basics

Election Day is Nov. 4. Early voting begins Oct. 20.

Cornwall's polling station will be at Town Hall, 24 Pine 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 Cornwall are elected to two-year terms. They are seated on the board two weeks after Election Day. The first selectman's salary is budgeted for \$68,217 while the other two selectmen are paid \$4,961 each.

As unopposed candidates, Gordon Ridgway, Rocco Botto and John F. Brown will be elected to serve on the Board of Selectmen through 2027.

SELECTMAN

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

Rocco Botto

Candidate profile:

My first term as selectman has been a rewarding journey. Serving as the BOS representative to the Economic Development Commission, I have helped advance key projects, including village center revitalization and the West Cornwall Wastewater Treatment Project. I also worked to bring high-speed fiber internet to town buildings and served on the Cornwall Housing Corporation board, focusing on affordable housing. Together, we can build a thriving future for Cornwall. I appreciate your support!

Why are you running for selectman?

I am running for selectman because I believe in the importance of community involvement and effective leadership in our local government. I want to ensure that our town continues to thrive by supporting initiatives that enhance our quality of life, promote economic growth, and address the concerns of our residents. With my background in digital marketing and strategic planning, I am equipped to bring innovative solutions to the table and shape a brighter future for our town.

What issues deserve the most attention?

If elected, I will prioritize key areas that deserve our attention. First, I'll focus on improving infrastructure for safety and quality of life. I aim to tackle affordable housing to make a difference in our community. Supporting local businesses and attracting

new ones will be central to my economic strategy. Environmental sustainability will be key as we confront climate change. Lastly, I will invest in schools and youth programs for a vibrant future. I welcome your thoughts on these issues.

How would you improve the town?

To improve our town, I would prioritize upgrading our village centers and enhancing community engagement. Investing in infrastructure and promoting economic development are essential for growth, while expanding recreational opportunities will enrich residents' lives. Strengthening education, investing in sustainability, and implementing public safety initiatives will create a safer, more dynamic community for everyone.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Gordon Ridgway

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

Candidate profile:

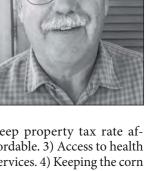
I have been in Cornwall since Kindergarten. Married to Jayne (best decision ever) and First Selectman for 34 years. I have three children living in Town who are also active in the CVFD/EMS. I am a partner in our family's farm on Town Street.

Why are you running for selectman?

My main goal is to encourage more people to sustain our strong sense of community here. Cornwall has seen a revitalization here since the pandemic. New arrivals are pitching into the town's long time volunteer traditions and organizations to create a vibrant place to live, work and play. We have a dedicated team in Town government that is responsive to current challenges and opportunities. My institutional knowledge often comes in handy. Helping people to get involved is rewarding.

What issues deserve the most attention?

1) Encouraging Cornwall to remain a place where a variety of people can live and work. A lot of is being done to mitigate the housing crisis that is occurring across the region. 2) Balancing increasing costs, need for town services and trying to



keep property tax rate affordable. 3) Access to health services. 4) Keeping the corn in Cornwall. 5) Bears. 6) Sustaining our volunteer 24/7 1st responders. 7) Infrastructure, WC wastewater, roads, bridges, town facilities, 8) Communications. 9) Other.

How would you improve the town?

Our business centers could use some assistance. We have some grants to make improvements to address issues like traffic speeds and pedestrian safety. There are some exciting projects underway that need encouragement. The Town is on the cusp of joining a regional effort to improve our garbage disposal methods through composting, recycling and more. I will continue to encourage regulatory review to encourage people to live and work in this fun place.

More online

There are 21 candidates for selectman in the Region One towns. Through The Lakeville Journal's "Meet the candidates" series, they shared information about themselves, their goals and vision for the town. More at lakevillejournal.com

LEGAL NOTICES

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 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-appealsmeeting-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

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF SALISBURY, CT WARNING OF **TOWN ELECTION**

In accordance with Section 9-226 of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Public Act 23-5, The legal voters of the Town of Salisbury are hereby warned to meet at the Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 for the purpose of electing Town Officials. The polls will be open from 6a.m. to 8p.m. Absentee

ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office, Monday through Friday from 9a.m. to 12:30p.m. and 1:30p.m. to 3:30p.m. During the 14-day early voting period before said election the location of early voting is Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury, CT the hours are October 20th-27th, 29th, 31st, November 1st and 2nd are 10a.m to 6p.m. and October 28th and 30th 8a.m. to 8.pm. Dated at Salisbury, this 9th day of October 2025.

Kristine M Simmons Salisbury Town Clerk 10-09-25

Town of Salisbury **Inland Wetlands** & Watercourses Commission

Notice of Decision

Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on September 29, 2025:

Exempt - Application IWWC-25-70 by Gregory Murphy for "A 10 x 20 run in shed on the horse field for the horses." The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 03 lot 06 3 and is known as 157 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville. The owner of the property is Gregory R Murphy. Approved subject to final Town Consulting Engineer

review - Application IWWC-25-68 by Dawn Marti to "Replace failed septic systems including failed curtain drain at 500 & 508 Twin Lakes Road." The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor's map 69 lot 18 1 and is known as 500 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury. The owner of the property is Salisbury School Incorporated.

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

Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Sally Spillane, Secretary 10-09-25

TAX COLLECTOR **TOWN OF SALISBURY CT** LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 12-145 of the Connecticut Statutes, the taxpayers of the Town of Salisbury are hereby notified that the second installment on the Grand List of October 1, 2024 is due and payable on October 1, 2025. Payments must be received or postmarked by

November 3, 2025. If said Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are not paid on or before November 3, 2025 interest at the rate of 1 (18% per year) will be added for each month or a fraction thereof which elapses from the time when such tax becomes due and payable until the same is paid. Minimum interest charge is \$2.00.

Taxes can be paid by mail addressed to: Tax Collector, P.O. BOX 338, Salisbury CT 06068 or Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT. There is a drop box in the vestibule of the Town Hall available 9am-4pm, Monday-Friday or the 24-hour drop box on the back side of the building off Factory Street. Tax Office is open Mon, Wed, Fri, 9am-4pm, closed 12:30pm-1:30pm. The Town is urging taxpayers to use the option to pay by credit card or e-check. Please go to the Town website salisburyct.us, View/PayTaxes Tab. Dated at Salisbury, CT this 9th day of September, 2025.

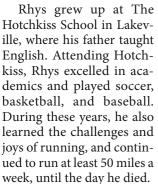
> Jean F. Bell **CCMC** Tax Collector 09-18-25 10-09-25 10-23-25

OBITUARIES

Rhys V. Bowen

Bowen, 65, of Foxboro, Mas-

sachusetts, died unexpectedly in his sleep on Sept. 15, 2025. Rhys was born in Sharon, Connecticut, on April 9, 1960 to Anne H. Bowen and the late John G. Bowen. His brother, David, died in 1979.



In 1982 after graduating summa cum laude from Harvard College, Rhys returned to Hotchkiss to teach biology, where he met his wife of 35 years, Rebecca (Becky) Snow. After two years of teaching, he worked at a research field site in Borneo, then went on to the University of California. Davis where he earned a PhD in Animal Behavior

Rather than follow an academic tenure track, Rhys preferred the solitary focus of field ornithology, and he spent several decades researching the ecology of bird species in California and on Cape Cod and the Islands.

LAKEVILLE — Rhys V. Rhys believed passionately in supporting biodiversity

> through habitat preservation. His proudest achievements, therefore, came through his work for the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, in New Hampshire, where he served on committees and the

Board of Trustees for twenty years, including three years as Chair.

Deeply intellectual and curious, Rhys learned Homeric Greek so he could read The Odyssey and The Iliad in their original language. An amateur Melville scholar, he would wax poetic about reading Moby-Dick for the umpteenth time. Rhys's spirit was filled by the performing arts. Concerts by the Handel and Haydn Society and Boston Early Music Festival often brought tears to his eyes, while Boston Bluegrass Union shows delivered toe-tapping fidgetiness.

Rhys will be missed by his wife, Becky Snow, his mother, Anne Bowen, extended familv, friends, and anyone who had the pleasure of knowing

A service will be held at The Hotchkiss School chapel on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025 at 1 p.m..

In honor of Rhys's memory, donations can be made to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Eliot Warren Brown

SHARON — On Sept. 27, Eliot Warren Brown was shot

and killed at age 47 at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana, in a random act of violence by a young man in need of mental health services. Eliot was born and raised in Sharon, Connecticut, and attended Indian Mountain

School and Concord Acad- ations were designed to bring emy in Massachusetts. He graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He and his wife Brooke moved to New Orleans to answer the call for help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and fell in love with

In addition to his wife Brooke, Eliot leaves behind his parents Malcolm and Louise Brown, his sisters Lucia (Thaddeus) and Carla (Ruairi), three nephews, and extended family and friends spread far and wide.

Normally at this point one might list some interests, but in Eliot's case, it's easier to list what he wasn't interested in: watching sports.

Eliot made a living as a fine craftsman and carpenter, but at heart he was an artist. He was well versed in music, painting, literature, biking, travel, Mardi Gras costumes, poker, pranks, street performance and on and on and on. Having previously hiked the

entire Camino de Santiago in Spain and Portugal, he recently achieved another dream of summiting the highest stratovolcano in North America.

Eliot's creative ability was astounding. His cre-

joy to others. He didn't seek recognition or praise, and a large part of his work was anonymous. Pieces of art would appear in the community, encouraging people to think, connect and enjoy.

From the precociously funny and determinedly defiant boy that grew up in the Northwest corner of Connecticut, Eliot grew into a brilliant, gentle souled, boundlessly creative, ever mischievous, perpetually scraggly, and astoundingly wise and caring man who made an indelible impact on those who were lucky to have him in their lives.

In honor of Eliot, please consider making donations to organizations that work to end gun violence, support the arts, or provide mental health services. A service will be held at the Congregational Church in Salisbury on Sunday Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

Randall Osolin

SHARON — Randall "Randy" Osolin passed away on Sept. 25, 2025, at the age of 74. He was born on Feb. 6, 1951, in Sharon, Connecticut to the late Ramon (Sonny) and Barbara (Sandmeyer)

He was a dedicated social worker, a natural athlete, a gentle friend of animals, an abiding parish verger, an inveterate reader, and an estimable friend and neighbor. He was a kind-hearted person whose greatest joy was in helping someone in need and sharing his time with his family and good friends.

He was the beloved husband of Karen LaChance Osolin; the loving brother of Bruce Osolin and the late Gail Osolin Leo; the devoted uncle of Kyle and Andrew Osolin and Taylor LaChance; the brother-in-law of Debra LaChance; and the cousin of Brenda Curran, Jay Pickering and Audra Salazar.

To honor Randy's memory, do a good deed for another or send a donation to the Little Guild, 258 Sharon-Goshen Road, West Cornwall, CT 06796. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Kelsey K. Horton

K. Horton, 43, a lifelong children, Hunter Horton and

area resident, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Connecticut, following a courageous battle with cancer. Kelsey worked as a certified nursing assistant and admin-

istrative assistant at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, from 1999 until 2024, where she was a very respected and loved member of their nursing and administrative staff.

Born Oct. 4, 1981, in Sharon, she was the daughter of W. Craig Kellogg of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and JoAnne (Lukens) Tuncy and her husband Donald of Millerton, New York. Kelsey graduated with the class of 1999 from Webutuck High School in Amenia and from BOCES in 1999 with a certificate from the CNA program as well. She was a longtime member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church in Lakeville. On Oct. 11, 2003, in Poughkeepsie, New York, she married James Horton. Jimmy survives at home in Lakeville. Kelsey loved camping every summer at Waubeeka Family Campground in Copake, and she volunteered as a cheer coach for A.R.C. Cheerleading for many years. Kelsey also enjoyed hiking and gardening in her spare time and spending time with her loving family and many dear friends.

In addition to her husband and parents, Kelsey is

LAKEVILLE — Kelsey survived by her two beloved

Aryanna Horton, both of Lakeville; a step-brother, Jason Tuncy of East Hartford, Connecticut; her mother-in-law, Frances "Fran" Horton and her brother-in-law, Benjamin D. Horton III and his wife Penny of Blooms-

burg, Pennsylvania, and their son, Alec, and several aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her father-in-law, Benjamin D. Horton, Jr. in

There are no calling hours. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Millerton American Legion Post # 178, Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. A time to celebrate Kelsey and share stories and memories. Memorial contributions may be made to The Jane Lloyd Fund. Please make checks payable to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (please note in memo line, The Jane Lloyd Fund) and mail to: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 N. Main Street, Sheffield, MA

To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Kelsey's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY

William Daniel Royall

Daniel Royall, passed away

on Sept. 27, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Bill was born in Brooklyn, New York, on Sept. 22, 1940. He was the son of George Peyton Royall, Sr. and Catherine O'Leary

Royall. Bill was the younger brother to George P. Royall and the older brother to

Thomas J. Royall. After graduating St. Michael's Diocesan High School in Brooklyn, known as the school that would never die, with academic and athletic honors and a full scholarship offering to several colleges and universities across the country, Bill selected Holy Cross College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Upon receiving his bachelor's degree, he began his 30 year career with IBM, during which time, he took a leave to serve as First Lieutenant with the United States Army.

Once retired from IBM, Bill established a 25 year run

FLORIDA — William with Essex software, a small consulting firm in West-

> chester, New York, where he and his family lived for 46 years.

> Keeping the passion for athletics in his life, Bill joined the Hudson Valley Orienteering Club, participating in orienteering events

across the country.

Never giving up his love for track and field sports, Bill participated in the upstate **Empire State Senior Games** and the Long Island Senior Games annually.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Wilma Royall, son Michael Peyton Royall, daughter Julie Catherine Royall, grandsons Orin Duffy Royall and Emmett Walden Royall.

There was a small Military Service to honor Bill on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Homes, 41 Main Street, Sharon, CT. Burial was held at Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ on Friday, October 3, 2025 at 11:30AM.

Celebration of Life Jack Burcroff

A Celebration of Life will be held for Jack Burcroff at the Cream Hill Lake Association on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. The address is 238 Town St, West Cornwall, Connecticut. Bring your Jack stories and memories and join us for a retrospective of Jack's life.

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OUR TOWNS

Sharon Audubon bird seed sale returns this fall

SHARON — The Sharon Audubon Center, located at 325 Cornwall Bridge Road is once again offering Lizzie Mae's brand bird seed to customers at a special discounted price through a fall pre-order bird seed sale in order to stock up for feeding the birds over the winter.

Seed varieties include a special custom Northwest Corner Blend, black oil sunflower, sunflower chips, finch favorite, woodpecker favorite, cardinal favorite, chickadee and nuthatch favorite, shell-free medley, in-shell peanuts, and various types of suet cakes. Descriptions of each variety can be found on the online order form.

Orders can be made online through the link on the Sharon Audubon Center website (audubon.org/sharon) and Facebook page, or by mailing in a completed form and payment. All orders and payments must be received by Oct. 20.

Additional bags may be purchased on the day of pickup but will be sold at regular price.

Customers will be notified by phone or email when the orders are in, and seed can then be picked up during Audubon's current regular business hours (Thursday to Saturday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.) or by appointment by making arrangements in advance with a staff member.

All pre-ordered seed must be picked up by Nov. 29.

Contact Wendy at 860-364-0520 x105 or wendy. miller@audubon.org.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sorrow and gratitude for **David Bayersdorfer**

The 21st Century Fund for **HVRHS** Board of Directors would like to publicly express our sorrow at the recent passing of our board chairman, David Bayersdorfer, and to acknowledge his many years of service to the children of our community.

For 33 years, David was dedicated to the students at HVRHS. What is remarkable about David was his longtime commitment to the belief that Housatonic was a great place for our students. And he would know. He was a Housy teacher and a Housy parent first and foremost; then he became the athletic Director, then the Vice Principal and later served as an interim Principal.

But he did not stop there. After his retirement, his dedication to the students continued. Wishing to continue playing a role in education, he accepted an invitation to join the Board of Directors of The 21st Century Fund for HVRHS, a foundation dedicated to enriching the educational experience of our students. David invested a great deal of his life in serving our very special institution. He was so proud. He witnessed firsthand, in all of his roles,

the special place it is.

His role as the 21st Century Fund's Chairman often included official duties. At our public events, Dave's enthusiastic welcome to the visitors always reflected his pride in the accomplishments of our students. David was delighted to watch them sharing their projects with the guests. And the students appreciated his interest in them.

When the FFA (frequent grant recipients) sent a donation to the 21st Century Fund in memory of David, their treasurer noted that "Mr. Bayersdofer was a true advocate for agricultural education."

For 12 years, Dave inspired us to offer wonderful opportunities to inspire future generations. Therefore, in his memory, we have decided to create The David Bayersdorfer Career Lecture Series, with the hope that we can continue his efforts to help students reach for the future.

On behalf of The 21st Century Fund for HVRHS, **Carol Schulz** a current board member Roberta Willis a founding member

Thank you for East **Mountain House**

The Lakeville Journal's Local Matter/Health featured and welcomed The East Mountain House to our community.

It is a beacon to many near and far. It is a respite from the stressful responsibilities involved in end-oflife care.

Dear EarthTalk: Why

do eco-advocates consider

backyard gardens so crucial

Paul Murphy, Butte, MT

ackyard gardens

to conservation?

Our community is opening doors to new residents and offering a dignified departure for those leaving us

Thank you to Craig Davis and Keavy Bedell for bringing this to fruition.

Linda Robertson

Backyard gardens offer

biodiversity — food for

pollinator population

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mayland the best choice for Selectman

Tuesday, November 4th is Election Day. Don Mayland will be on the ballot seeking the office of Selectman for the Town of Salisbury. For many, his name is a familiar one. He has been a part of our community's fabric for over 50 years.

Don was an economics teacher at The Hotchkiss School, a member and Chairman of Litchfield Bancorp, and served almost a quarter century on the Salisbury Board of Finance. There is no doubt that he has financial

His qualifications to serve our Salisbury community doesn't stop there. He has been a member and is currently the President of the Board of SVAS, and also

serves as Chairman of the Salisbury Water Pollution Control Authority. He has volunteered his time and energy in a variety of other organizations over the years such as the NWCT Community Foundation, the Board of Sharon Hospital, the Board of Sharon Audubon Center and the Lake Wononscopomuc Association.

Don continued his dedication to this community by serving three terms as Salisbury Selectmen. He sought a fourth term in 2023 only to lose the race by two votes. Your vote in this November election can help him return to that position.

He understands the challenges of this community affordable housing, preservation of open land, protection of water quality in our lakes, ponds, and wetland area, and finding a balanced, sensible approach to future town development. Don has a trusted reputation for reaching across the aisle to work with town officials regardless of party affiliation.

Hard-working, dedicated and caring about this community... that is the Don Mayland I know. My vote will go to Don. I hope you will join me by voting for him as well. **Harriet Weiss**

A lawyer, former town

select person, grandmother,

Kitty understands our town's

history and where it needs to

go for the future. Involved,

open and approachable, she

represents a much needed,

"fresh" approach. Not 'an-

chored' in the past, She will

not reside in Town Hall but

will be "out there" fashioning

a path forward. Get to know

Kitty, vote for Kitty, support

Kitty. She is the candidate for

this time. She understands

where the Town needs to go.

Lakeville

Ward Belcher

Salisbury

Kitty Kiefer has all the qualifications for Salisbury

I am writing in support of Katherine "Kitty" Kiefer for Selectman in our Township.

Raised in the shadow of Mt. Riga, Kitty has all the qualifications to help move our town government for-

Becket

in the Town of Salisbury.

Peter is a man you can count on. His past and present responsibilities make him uniquely qualified for a seat on the board of Assessment Appeals.

When working in New York City, Peter was a bank officer and business appraiser. Later he served as a real estate and home manager. His unique background all leads to the fact that Peter is a natural to serve on our town board of assessment appeals.

a great sense of humor. It is stimulating to attend a meeting with him, because he is never dull. Vote for Peter, it will do you and the town of Salisbury a lot of

Salisbury

experience, dedication I wholeheartedly recom-

Becket has

mend Peter Becket for the Board of Assessment Ap-A long time resident of

Salisbury/Lakeville, Peter has been devoted to community service for our town that he loves.

Peter has served as President of Salisbury Youth Hockey for two seasons, currently serves on the local Board of Education, and was a member of both the Fire House Building Committee and the Transfer Station Recycling Committee.

His professional experience as a bank officer, business appraiser, real estate salesman, and home repairman uniquely qualify him to serve on the Board of Assessment Appeals. Peter previously served on the Board of Assessment Appeals from 2011-2016.

We are so fortunate to have someone of Peter's expertise, experience, and proven commitment to our town, so next month please vote for him.

Newt Schoenly Salisbury

qualified with a sense of humor

If you read the notes about Peter Becket in the previous Lakeville Journal, you will already know that Peter is highly qualified to run for local office in the coming election, right here

In addition, Peter has

Mieke Armstrong,

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might seem like just a hobby or a way to make a home look nice, but they actually play a much bigger role in conservation. As cities expand and natural habitats shrink, small green spaces like home gardens can provide essential food and shelter for wildlife. This idea falls under garden ecology. This is a field that looks at how gardens function as ecosystems. Homeowners can make a real difference in supporting biodiversity by choosing the right plants

Backyard gardens help is by supporting pollinators like bees, butterflies and birds, all which rely on plants for food. In return, they help plants reproduce. "Urban gardens can act as mini-refuges for pollinators, especially in places where natural habitat is disappearing," says Dr. Susannah Lerman, research ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service. First of all, without enough green spaces, polli-

and maintaining these

spaces with care.

EARTHTALK **RODDY SCHEER** & Doug Moss

nator populations decline. This then affects everything from wild plant growth to food production. Gardens also create small patches of habitat that connect larger green spaces. This makes it easier for wildlife to move around safely.

Not all plants offer the same benefits. Native plants that naturally grow in a specific area are the best choice for conservation gardening. They require less water and maintenance since they're adapted to local conditions, and they provide the right food and shelter for local wildlife. On the other hand, non-native or ornamental plants look nice but can do more harm than good, aggressively taking over native habitats.

Garden ecology research also shows that diverse gardens help improve soil health and support a wider variety of species. A mix of trees, shrubs, and flowers at different heights can create a more balanced ecosystem. The more plant diversity a garden has... the more kinds of insects, birds, and

small mammals it can support. Some homeowners even participate in citizen science projects e.g. they can track the species that visit their yards to contribute to conservation research.

Making a garden more wildlife-friendly doesn't require a complete overhaul. One can start by planting a few native species, reducing pesticide use, and letting part of their yard grow more naturally. Even small changes can make a difference. For example, leaving fallen leaves for insects to hide in or providing a water source for birds. Backyard gardens may not seem like much, but when enough people take the right steps they become an important part of conservation efforts.

CONTACTS: Residential yards as an opportunity for biodiversity conservation, phys.org/ news/2023-10-residential-yards-opportunity-biodiversity.html; What is Garden Ecology and How Does it Impact Your Life? www. metroparks.com/what-isgarden-ecology-and-howdoes-it-impact-your-life/.

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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

Norma Bosworth

125 years ago — October 1900

An electric car, one of the three running together and returning from the fair grounds, was derailed by the breaking of an axle on Wooster Street, Danbury, Sunday evening. The passengers became frightened and jumped from the car and several were cut and bruised but none seriously hurt.

SHARON — Miss Kathryn Hotaling is assisting Miss Fanny White at the bakery this week.

LIME ROCK — Carpenters are at work enlarging W.W. Norton's cottage on Elm Ave.

The remains of Andrew Brasie were brought to Lime Rock for interment last Friday from Middletown asylum, where he died a week since. It will be remembered that Brasie was the person who made the assault upon C.W. Barnum with a knife two years or more ago.

LIME ROCK — The Tire Setting Machine Company shipped, the first of the week, one of its new model tire machines to New York, where it will be exhibition at the Carriage Makers' Convention, which will convene next Monday.

Hon. Hubert Williams is driving these days in a very handsome rubber tred runabout.

Valuable Millerton Main Street business property for sale on easy terms. For particulars apply to Col Card, Millerton.

Quite a number took to the excursion to New York via the C.N.E. road and the Hudson river by boat on Wednesday.

It will make no difference in our fare to Chicago whether Mr. McKinley or Mr. Bryan is elected. You can go first class \$17.50, second class \$16.50 via the Central New England Railroad.

The first rain of any importance in many weeks arrived on Monday and gave the drought a pair of black eyes. More rain is needed before the ground freezes, but people are thankful for what we have had.

Large numbers of wild ducks are reported at Twin Lakes. They are the black variety and are more numerous than in years past, but are very wild and timid.

100 years ago — October 1925

J.G. Kimmerle of Salisbury has a new Cadillac 7-passenger sedan. Mr. Kimmerle went to Detroit to drive the car home arriving here on Saturday.

An oil stove became ignited at the home of Mrs. Margaret Norton last Friday evening and created considerable excitement for a short time. The floor was scorched and there was the makings of a serious fire. Prompt action on the part of those near at hand extinguished the blaze before it had gained great headway.

H. Roscoe Brinton and a friend flew from Mr. Brinton's flying field in Hartford to Mitchell field at Mineola Wednesday afternoon. Roscoe is fast becoming an efficient aviator and greatly enjoys it.

Boardman & Amundson of Lime Rock, who recently purchased the mercantile business of Charles Benjamin, took possession of the store on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Tobin of Highland Park, New Jersey, have purchased from the Salisbury Iron Corporation the two houses in which George W. Belcher and Mr. Bulman were living. They also purchased the furniture from Mr. Belcher and they moved into the Belcher house Tuesday. They also purchased some acreage in the Village and they expect to improve the properties at

James Goggin of Canaan left his car standing in front of Lyon's store Saturday night. When he came out the car could not be found, but was discovered in the morning in the meadow.

FOR SALE--- 5-tube radio complete. Price \$160. Will sacrifice for \$60. Magnivox speaker. 3 sets of ear phones, new tubes and batteries. Has to be heard and seen to be appreciated. Patrick Gibben, Salisbury School, Salisbury,

The electric current will be shut off this afternoon as the Power Co. are making changes in their lines in Lakeville and Salisbury.

Robert H. Scott of New York purchased three houses and 185 acres of land at Lime Rock from the Salisbury Iron Corporation, this also includes the quarries and the upper power dam. It is expected that Mr. Scott will start new activities in connection with his new holdings.

M.G. Fenn, the local telephone trouble expert, is working in Winsted this

50 years ago — October

1975 Dozens of teachers and students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School traveled to Yalesville Tuesday night to pay respects to the late Anthony J. Dichello, killed by a car Sunday night in Litchfield. Dichello was the popular and successful freshman basketball coach at HVRHS.

Conservation Officer Peter Begley gave an impressive display of his shooting ability last Sunday when he shot away a portion of the antlers of two deer locked together in combat. The deer were first observed by Dodie Clerk of Cornwall Bridge, who called retired conservation officer Gene Beeman who in turn called on Begley and Torrington-based officer Stanley Civco. Since it was a first for all involved, the officers remained on the horns of a dilemma for some time while they considered both lassoing the animals and tranquilizing them. Finally, [Begley] loaded his shotgun with a rifle slug and waited his chance. The bucks circled and fought for another half hour before they paused for a second where Begley had a clear shot. He blew away the offending portion of antler and the deer bounded away.

An early-morning ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday Oct. 14 will mark the official opening of the new Shagroy Market in the off-street shopping center in Salisbury village. Proprietor George Ernst has invited the Salisbury Selectmen to take part in the 8 a.m. ceremony and promises "all kinds of surprises" for visitors of all ages.

Salisbury's radar set has arrived and is now in operation, in the hands of Resident State Trooper Robert Smithwick. So, drivers had better keep a weather eye on their speed-

Pfizer Inc. workers returned to work last Thursday, less than 48 hours after they struck for the first time in the lime products plant's history. Thursday's settlement was brought about largely through the efforts of Calvin Kendall, GOP candidate for first selectman in Canaan, according to Steven Stupak, president of local 318 of the United Cement Lime and Gypsum Workers and Walter Lukkarila, plant manager. First Selectman Leo Segalla also visited the plant twice during the day, talking to both strikers and management.

Lakeville's Blagden family of well-known artists will share an exhibition at The Gallery in West Cornwall from Oct. 17 through Nov. 19. Thomas Blagden and his four children — Allen, Tom, Anne Blodgett and Irene Longstreth — will show oils, acrylics, watercolors, drawings and photographs. This will be the first time in this area that the five have shown their works under one roof. Thomas, who taught art at The Hotchkiss School for some 20 years, is represented in half a dozen museum collections.

25 years ago — October 2000

SALISBURY — An unofficial town landmark has disappeared on the eve of the annual Salisbury Fall Fair. "Little Nick," the almost-human fulltime resident of a green pickup truck parked by the Scoville Library has been missing since Saturday night. "Big" Nick Collins, owner of the Salisbury Antiques Center (and the model for the stuffed creature) said he suspects kidnapping. "I'm waiting for a ransom note," he said early this week. "It's probably kids or somebody who's having fun, but if they've had their fun I'd love to have him back," he said. "Just put him in the truck, no questions asked. You can even keep the chair."

SHARON — When children and collectors proudly display a toy version of the blue and gray 1963 Ford 4000 tractor from Franklin Mint, resident Roger Elwood will know just how much the tractor looks like the original. Last week, a small team from Franklin Mint arrived at his business, Sharon Auto Body, and began measuring, drawing and taking pictures of his tractor. Part of the reason his tractor is unique and was chosen as a model for the replica toy Franklin Mint plans to create, Mr. Elwood said, is that it still has many of its original parts. The tractor still has its original tires and has never been repainted, he said, adding that it also has not been modified.

These items were taken from The Lakeville Journal archives at Salisbury's Scoville Memorial Library, keeping the original wording intact as



Harvest Moon

Buying teacher union support doesn't make schools better

onnecticut is a case study of the falla**d** cy that spending on public schools correlates with student learning. The state has been increasing spending in the name of education since the state Supreme Court's 1977 decision in the school financing case of Horton v. Meskill, which prompted state government to increase financial grants to municipal schools, and again with passage of the **Education Enhancement Act** of 1986, which subsidized municipal governments for raising teacher salaries.

Ever since then student proficiency has declined or been stagnant. Indeed, education spending in Connecticut has correlated only with mediocrity and the support given to the majority political party by the teacher unions, the most influential special interest in the state. The political correlation, not the educational correlation, is what keeps education spending going up. For no one in authority in Connecticut cares much about educational results.

But the unions still seem terrified that maybe someday someone in authority

will care. The other day there was more evidence of what doesn't work when Open the Books, a nonprofit government transparency organization based in Illinois, reported, after examining the spending of more than 12,000 school districts throughout the country, that there is a

Status Report

SHARON — The Board of Selectmen voted at its Sept. 23 meeting to send a letter of support for the Sharon Land Trust in its pursuit of an Open Space and Watershed Acquisition grant from the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for 64.5 acres of forest on Red Mountain. The Trust is seeking letters of support from other boards and commissions in town.

NORTH CANAAN Most of North Elm Street was repaved last month. The road reopened for two-way traffic on Oct. 3. New drainage basins were installed near the intersection of routes 44 and 7.

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"mild inverse correlation" between spending increases and each state's performance on the National Assessment of Education Progress, a test administered by the U.S. Education Department to measure the reading and math skills of students in fourth and eighth grades.

That is, Open the Books found that higher school spending is associated with lower test scores.

Of course that doesn't mean that spending increases themselves cause student performance to decline. The study just suggests that other factors have far more bearing on student performance.

In June a study organized by the University of Virginia, titled "Good Fathers, Flourishing Kids," found that the academic performance gap between white and black students, a wide gap that is especially disgraceful in Connecticut, is completely closed when the fatherhood gap is closed. That is, the study found that black students do just as well in school as white students when their fathers live with them or are deeply involved in their lives.

Elected officials who cared more about educational results than supplicating the teacher unions might examine the correlations and lack of correlations here. The evidence is that the household poverty of students has far more bearing on their learning than school employee salaries. For raising school salaries doesn't raise students out of poverty or bring their fathers into their lives.

But maybe things would change if elected officials ever became more interested in per-pupil parenting than per-pupil spending.

Of course such a change isn't likely as long as teacher unions are more involved in politics than the public is. That's why it increasingly seems that the only way to restore basic education is to break government's near monopoly on it.

The private-school scholarship legislation recently enacted by the Republican majority in Congress and President Trump creates a mechanism for breaking that monopoly. The new law would give dollar-for-dollar tax credits to people donating up to \$1,700 to private schools that use the donations for student scholar-

But taxpayers in Connecticut can't participate unless Governor Lamont or the General Assembly signify formal approval, and the teacher unions are furiously opposed.

The teacher unions complain falsely that the scholarship tax credits would take money from public schools. But the tax credits would come only from the federal government, not state or municipal government.

Indeed, the tax credits stand to put more money into basic education altogether while reducing public school expenses by moving students into private schools even as the public schools might keep getting just as much money from state and municipal government as their enrollment declined. Enrollment has been declining gradually in Connecticut but state law actually forbids schools from reducing spending even then.

What the unions really object to with the scholarship tax credits is greater parental choice and more competition with the schools the unions control.

Chris Powell has written about Connecticut government and politics for many

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great events to celebrate the height of fall colors! First, Salisbury is having its 68th Fall Festival, which will be filled with wonderful food, music (think Joint Chiefs and the Salisbury Town Band), face painting hav rides, etc. The celebration will start on Friday the 10th and run through Sunday, so excellent family activities! To explore all the opportunities for the Fall Festival, please go to: www.salisburyfallfestival. org/. And, for the outdoor enthusiasts, Great Mountain Forest is hosting its Tour de Forest and Icebox Gravel bicycle events. The Tour de Forest is 13 miles and the Icebox Gravel is 30 miles, on both gravel and town roads. To register, please visit: www.bikereg.com/norfolkct-tour-de-forest. For more information on other events at the Great Forest, go to: greatmountainforest.org/mission-

This coming weekend is filled with



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Crafts and Games

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Library lawn SOAR, EXTRAS, Indian Mountain School, HYSB, SCS 8th Grade Class

Facepainting

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Library lawn

Sparkly Strands

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Near Salisbury General Store

Herbal Crafts

Saturday, 10a.m. to 4 p.m. Rosemary Rose Finery

Hay Rides

Saturday, 10 to 1 p.m. Beginning at the corner of Library Street and Railroad

Antique Car Rides

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On Library Street by Congregational Church

Magic Shows

Saturday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. By Peter James Outside Congregational Church

Jazz Guitarist

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Mark Phillips In courtyard behind Salisbury General Store

Hot Dog Tent

Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Outside Congregational Church

Comfort Food Tent

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chili, mac and cheese, baked potatoes by Lakeville Hose Ladies Auxiliary

Food Trucks

Saturday Street Tacos, Food 4 Friends, and Peter Doda's Softee Ice Cream.

Prime Rib Dinner Saturday, 5-8 p.m.

Lakeville Hose Company

Morgan's Dinner Discount

Friday and Saturday, 5 to 9 p.m. Interlaken Inn in Lakeville

Pet Parade

Sunday, 12 p.m. Lakeville Community Field

Annual Scarecrow Contest Friday, Saturday, Sunday Vote for favorites at Salisbury General Store, White Hart, and Grassland

Quilt Show Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friends of Scoville

Library

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Early bird \$10 on Friday, 9 to 10 a.m.)

Ongoing Events

Dessert Cafe.

Congregational Church

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: ½ price sale

St. John's Episcopal **Church**

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Baked goods, coffee, and Left Bank Bookstalls (outside)

Sunday, 12 to 2 p.m.: Left Bank Bookstalls

Congregational Church

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Treasure Trove Tag Sale, bake sale, raffle, and info about Repair Cafe Sunday, 12 to 3 p.m.: Treasure Trove ½ price sale

Salisbury Association

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. Learn about activities of the Land Trust, Historical Society, and Community Events. See exhibits about iron industry, pocket knives, and antique purses.

All Saints of America **Orthodox Christian Church**

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Congregational Church Greek pastries, pies, cookies, honey, maple syrup, cheese, olives, breads, donuts

Rosemary Rose Finery

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jewelry, home décor, vintage and antique items.

Johnnycake Books

Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All books \$100 or less are ½ price

Salisbury Handmade Group

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Group of local artisans in tents on the White Hart lawn.

Blacksmith Demo

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. William Trowbridge on lawn near St. John's Church

Booths

Visit the many booths lining Main Street for information about the organizations, maps, hats, t-shirts, kids crafts, raffles, cider, and candy. Several of the stores will have sales items outside.



Salisbury Band

Quickstep Hotshots

In the bandstand

on Library Street

Blue Studio Dance

White Hart lawn

Joint Chiefs Band

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

White Hart lawn

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

In courtyard behind

Salisbury General Store

Martha Graham Dances

In the Buttons Garden

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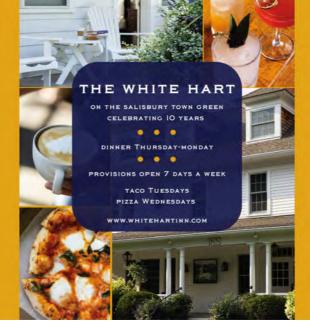


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Meet the candidates: Sharon

Get to know your candidates ahead of the 2025 municipal election. In Sharon, Casey Flanagan (D) is running unopposed for his second term as first selectman. There are two incumbent candidates for selectman: Lynn Kearcher (D) and John Brett (U). All three will be seated on the Board of Selectmen. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

SELECTMAN

John Brett

Unaffiliated Candidate for Selectman

Candidate profile:

I am running for a second term; the first term has served as hands on experience. I am involved in several local community organizations; Sharon Audubon, The Little Guild, and Artgarage among others. I am a hospice volunteer and I give time to the Sharon Land Trust as a trail volunteer. I am involved as well in the local music and art scene, especially my involvement in Artgarage. Finally, I have lived in Sharon for about 13 years.

Why are you running for selectman?

Having served a term in office, I wish to run for a second term. I've spent the last two years learning as much as I can about the workings of the town meeting form of municipal government. Paying close attention to the various committees and commissions and the processes they engage in has been revelatory and fascinating. My experience from the business world along with my more recent various non-profit organization involvement provides me an opportunity to continue to be of service to the town

What issues deserve the most attention?

I think the single biggest issue for our town (region, state and nation too) is accessible and affordable housing. The issue belies deteriorating demographics that our region is experiencing. Fu-



ture development can be purposeful and mindful while retaining the natural beauty that is the hallmark of where we live. Another issue that deserves attention is traffic safety in our village and town. As our population and traffic issues grow, we need to address this proactively.

How would you improve the town?

After serving my first term, I am in constant awe of the many people that serve in positions for the town and/or various boards and commissions which guide the town's management. The best single way to improve the town would be to find, develop and enlist new and existing local residents to serve the town in some capacity. As selectman in Sharon, people often come up to me with either a complaint, a request or a suggestion. I almost always decide things that affect the town. Get involved."

SELECTMAN

Lynn Kearcher

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

Candidate profile:

I was born and raised in Sharon. My parents purchased The Woodland Restaurant in the 50's and we lived in Lakeville before moving to Sharon. I attended Sharon Center and HVRHS then moved to San Francisco where I attended college and was employed as a Gallery Assistant for Vorpal Gallery. I moved to New York City in 1980 working as an editor for magazines. In 1987 we purchased a home in Sharon. Locally, I had the honor to work for several years for the artist Jasper Johns.

Why are you running for selectman?

It took me two years to understand how a municipality functions. I would like to try another two believing that we as a team of Selectmen can accomplish a great deal. I must give credit to our knowledgeable Town Hall employees, road crew and Town volunteers whom I rely on and who make my job easier. I continue to be astonished at what they know, and what they willingly teach me. Government is a collaborative effort, we don't always agree, but I believe we are all working for the common good.

What issues deserve the most attention?

Affordable housing, brant. Maintaining the rural nature of Sharon which de-

Sharon nominees come together

mands thoughtful planning. Keeping our Green historic, beautiful and uncluttered. It is the face of Sharon, and we are fortunate to have a Committee and Commission who overlook the Green. Engaging the community to volun-

How would you improve the town?

teer. Traditionally, volunteers

have made the most signifi-

cant impacts in Sharon; we

need our residents to help us.

This question stymied me two years ago and does so again. I think it's the verb "improve" that bothers me, as it implies a slightly negative connotation. The running of a municipality is fluid; our First Selectman is the governing force and he deals with the day to day and long-term projects. We collectively work on issues within the Town, and I like to think "improvement" comes before the Board, and following through on issues.

FIRST SELECTMAN

Casey Flanagan

Democratic Nominee for First Selectman

Candidate profile

I am a fourth generation Sharon resident. My wife, Meghan, and I are raising our 12-year-old son Jack here and like many families, we care deeply about the future of Sharon. Professionally, I managed the grounds and maintenance at the Weatherstone Estate for designer Carolyn Roehm, where I learned the value of hard work and attention to detail. I also hold a bachelors degree in finance and economics, which I have put to use while serving on the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

Why are you running for first selectman?

I am running for re-election because I believe our town deserves a leader who is hardworking, dedicated and experienced. I believe in the power of local government to make a real difference in people's lives. I am running because I care deeply about this community, and I want to make sure every resident feels heard, valued and respected.

What issues deserve the most attention?

We need to invest in modern, resilient infrastructure

Election basics

Sharon's polling station will be at Town Hall, 63

Voting tabulators will be used. Absentee ballots are available from the Town Clerk. Absentee bal-

lots can be placed in the ballot box outside Town

Selectmen in Sharon are elected to two-year

terms. They are seated on the board two weeks

after Election Day. The first selectman's salary is

budgeted at \$84,821 while the other two select-

As unopposed incumbents, Casey Flanagan, Lynn

Kearcher and John Brett will be re-elected to

serve on the Board of Selectmen through 2027.

Hall and will be counted at the polls.

men are paid \$6,221 each.



from safer roads and bridges to updated facilities. I will continue to prioritize upgrades that serve us today and will withstand the test

How would you improve the town?

With a decade of experience in local government, I understand how to get things done. I am running for re-election to continue the work we've started. I will focus on identifying problems and working with my fellow selectmen, town employees and dedicated volunteers to find practical, lasting solutions — all while keeping Sharon a place we're proud to call home.

respond with a statement: comes with thoughtful con-Mudge Pond, speeding/ traffic, keeping our school visideration of everything that "The people who show up, **Election Day is Nov. 4.** Early voting begins Oct. 20.

By Ruth Epstein

SHARON — The residents of Sharon eschew the divisiveness and polarization of today's politics. Each municipal election cycle, they hold a candidates' gathering at which all those on the ballot are invited to come and be introduced to the public.

Co-hosted by the Democratic and Republican town committees, this year's event was held on Sunday afternoon at Town Hall. The meeting room was filled in an atmosphere of camaraderie and good will.

After much mingling, Jill Drew, Democratic chairman, and Brent Colley, Republican chairman, spoke to the guests. Drew told them she was so glad for the turnout to meet those running, noting there is no contest for any position. Colley, the former first selectman, said in Sharon both parties have always worked together.

In his address, First Selectman Casey Flanagan said, "This is a unique event for our area. I don't know of any other town that has this forum. We're all working for what's best for the town. I'm glad we can keep that tradition going."

He spoke of the high caliber of all the candidates and, looking around the room, noted several new faces that have thrown their hats into the ring. "It's nice



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Sharon residents attended Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 5, to hear from the candidates running in the Nov. 4 election.

to see a new generation has taken up the call to give time to their communities. That makes me feel good. Some of the veterans can now sit back, knowing the town is in good hands.'

But, he reminded the audience, even though there are no challenges, they still need to get out and vote. "I need at least one to win," he said, eliciting laughter.

Flanagan spoke highly of the other two selectmen, Lynn Kearcher and John Brett, saying they make a good team. They may not always agree, but they support each other. He acknowledged there are a lot of projects on the horizon, many that will come with high price tags.

Later on in the session he was asked about those projects. He replied they involve roads, bridges and sidewalks. He said the town has received some grants, but has to determine how it will come up with the remainder of those

Among them is the need for a new town garage, which has preliminary estimates of \$6.5 million. He and others are working to come up with a 10-year capital plan.

Selectman John Brett said he's learned a lot from many of those in the room, describing how he is approached on the street for either requests or complaints. He advised people to come to meetings to express their concerns. "I have only one vote," he said. Selectman Lynn Kearcher used the baseball analogy, saying government is run a lot like a team. "You get up to

bat. You have to keep going. You can't get stuck on first. Sometimes Casey doesn't get out of the dugout." She talked about how

she loves the town in which she was raised. "I've moved around, but realize there's not a better place."

Biana Del Tufo is running for town clerk, seeking the seat Linda Amerighi, who is retiring, has held for 36 years. DelTufo said she qualifies as someone with fresh blood.

Candidates for all other offices introduced themselves and gave short statements.

Register to vote ahead of Election Day Nov. 4

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Registrars of Voters will hold a registration session in Town Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 17.

This registration session is for unregistered residents who wish to vote in the upcoming election Nov. 4. Early voting begins Oct. 20.

Residents who have just turned 18, just moved into town or have been on military leave one will still have the ability to register on Monday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info call 860-435-5175 or visit the registrars Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

Meet Falls Village Dems Oct. 15

FALLS VILLAGE — All three of Falls Village's selectmen are running unopposed for reelection this year.

First Selectman Dave Barger was cross endorsed by both parties. The Republicans nominated Judy Jacobs for another term and the Democrats nominated Chris Kinsella for another term.

The Democratic Town Committee will host a meet and greet Oct. 15. It will be held in the Senior Center at 108 Main St. beginning at

The Republican Town Committee has not scheduled a meet and greet.

Housing

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our money. We now have \$2 million to do them."

He then introduced Sharon resident Lyden Miller, a world-renowned landscape designer, who will donate her expertise in creating the look of the grounds.

First Selectman Casey Flanagan, looking up at the structure, said it has served the community for nearly 100 years and now will continue to do so in a different form

"Sharon is a town that values its character, its history and most importantly its people," he said. "We recognize that for our community to thrive, we must ensure that families, seniors and young professionals can afford to live here. Whether it's through renovation of existing properties thoughtful development or creative use of town-owned land, we're committed to solutions that preserve Sharon's charm while making it more accessible to those who want to call it home."

He said this project is a creative solution that reflects both fiscal responsibility and compassion.

State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, said, "I get such pleasure out of the frequency of these groundbreakings."



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Those attending the annual Housing Summit in Sharon view the displays of affordable housing organizations around the county.

Mosquera-Bruno, after some ribbing from Baumann, promised she'd try to expedite the funding.

"Congratulations to this milestone and we thank the governor and legislature for their support of housing," said Mosquero-Bruno. "The reality is we're putting more shovels in the ground than ever before."

Following the ceremony, the annual Housing Summit, sponsored by Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity was held next door at Sharon Center School. Affordable housing organizations manned booths on the

school grounds, showcasing their projects in great detail.

The program then moved indoors where Jocelyn Ayer, director of LCCHO, addressed the crowd and said they are working on 18 projects in 12 towns. Water bottles with the slogan "Put US back in housing" were distributed.

Mosquera-Bruno gave statistics about all the affordable units that have, or are going up, around the state. Nandini Natarnjan, CEO of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, who works closely with the commissioner, said solutions to housing have to fit the size and scale of the people and towns here.

"Home ownership is a dream for so many," she said. "Our purpose is not just about giving mortgages, but sustaining civic life. It's about creating futures for the young and older populations."

Horn spoke about housing on a personal level, saying "Some people we know and love are getting bounced out of their homes. They are intricate pieces of our community and it's important to remember them."

The dialogue than shifted to House Bill 5002with Horn expressing her disappointment that it was vetoed by Gov. Ned Lamont. The bill aimed to implement reforms to make it easier for affordable housing initiatives. Horn and others see this as a setback and she hopes there will be a special session of the legislature to address the matter.

An informal survey on the most engaging display by an affordable housing group and the most informative was held. Norfolk captured the first and Salisbury the second.

SHRIMP

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the misunderstanding.

"Everyone I talked to was like, 'no, we knew you guys wouldn't do this," he said. "We don't want to get mixed up with people thinking we're making a political statement with bagged shrimp," he added, reiterating that the company had acted on the issue well before the Sept. 22 complaints came in.

He explained that the label, which had actually been on the shelves since June, was not LaBonne's doing but the result of the distributor following Google Maps' usage of the title as well as an attempt to indicate that the shrimp were harvested in the U.S. rather than abroad. LaBonne said that the store requested the label change immediately after the complaint at the Prospect location, but that the distributor had to sell through the remaining stock bearing the "Gulf of America"

Even so, the day that the complaints came in, the store had the distributor print blank labels to cover the ones still in the aisle. The new labels, which are circulating now, eliminate the "Gulf of America" title and simply say "Product of the USA" to indicate their origin.

Salisbury resident Amy Lake, who was the first to bring the issue to Drew's attention, said she was surprised to see what she saw as nationalist overreach showing up in LaBonne's, which is a cherished community Lake said that she was "kind of shaken by what [she] saw as jingoism in the aisle," and was moved to act. She emphasized that the residential voice, and consumer choice, are the "tools of democracy."

"It's an act of courage to speak out as a public citizen and say this doesn't fly here," she said, expressing her gratitude for all the other shoppers who made their opinions known.

She also thanked the grocery store for its quick action. "I just have to credit LaBonne's responsiveness to the community... within 24 hours they had addressed our complaint."

Drew similarly praised the store's handling of the issue and lauded its affirmation that "politics doesn't belong in the grocery aisle," in her words.

"I appreciate that he personally called members of the community who complained," said Drew. "We didn't have an argument; we had a conversation. Our country needs more of these conversations across many issues."

LaBonne said the personal conversations are what makes LaBonne's the community store that it is. "I encourage people to either reply or give us a call," he said.

"We're happy to hear everybody out. We never turn anyone away, and we want to always be better and make sure people feel comfortable shopping with us."

Town Clerk

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SCREENSHOT FROM ZOOM

The Board of Selectmen meeting on Oct. 6 included an announcement that Assistant Town Clerk Marilisa Camardi will resign effective Oct. 16. From left, First Selectman Brian Ohler, Selectman Craig Whiting and Selectman Jesse Bunce.

include the offices they were running for on the endorsement slate.

Democratic Town Committee Chair Chris Jacques said, "Suing the assistant town clerk was the only available avenue to secure Carol and Jean's place on the ballot. It was never a personal attack against Marilisa."

Prior to the Sept. 24 court ruling in favor of Camardi, on Sept. 23 she submitted her resignation to First Selectman Brian Ohler.

Camardi stated, "Though I am grateful for the chance to have been part of the Town of North Canaan staff, certain aspects of my experience here have made it increasingly difficult for me to contribute in a productive or positive manner."

Camardi initially agreed to stay on through the election. On Oct. 2, however, she cited an incident with Jacquier — after the judge's ruling — that caused her to end her employment with the typical two-week notice.

The incident she refers to in her resignation letter occurred on Sept. 29 when Jacquier returned to Town Hall and reportedly instructed Camardi to give her a key to the Town Clerk's office. Jacquier was ultimately escorted out by state troopers.

The following day, Camardi reported receiving a text message from Jacquier that she perceived as threatening.

Camardi offered to help transition to her successor "and assist in any way possible to ensure continuity for the office."

The Board of Selectmen are planning a special meeting next week to address the vacant Town Clerk's office. Ohler said there is a prospective candidate with "decades of experience" and all necessary certifications to step into the role.

The town's executive assistant Paul Mattingly was appointed an assistant town clerk earlier this year and is expected to help fulfill the duties of the office as needed.

Ohler said he reached out to the State Elections Enforcement Committee to request an election monitor be assigned to North Canaan's polling station.

Camardi's resignation was announced during the well-attended Board of Selectmen meeting Monday, Oct. 6. Additional coverage from the meeting will be available online at lakevillejournal.com

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He commented that the town had been known as Canaan Falls but gained the nickname of "Little Village by the Falls," which became Falls Village.

At the next stop, through the underpass and further down the hill to the right, a yellow gate now bars a pathway. This is where, said Beebe, a section of the canal was to be built.

The original idea, proposed in 1822, was to build a canal to transport iron and other items more quickly to the tidewater. This plan fizzled out.

Another canal was proposed in 1845 when Lee Canfield and Samuel Robbins, iron manufacturers, formed "The Water Company" and began a three-level canal which would give power to mills and factories.

Beebe said, "They built the wall with stone. There was a big fanfare. They opened the gates. Water rushed in and ... it leaked." This was because

they'd decided to "use no cement or binder."

Beebe commented, "It never worked. It is still here, unfinished. 1,900 feet is used by the power company." The walk continued to where water rushes down the hill from the part of the canal that is in use.

Opposite the nearby Amesville Bridge, Beebe continued, there was a store and, on the Amesville side, a tavern. Jacobs contributed, "This area was really, really busy. Only the power plant has survived."

On the Amesville side of the river there were iron works, including a blast furnace, and mills: a sawmill, a textile mill, a paper mill, and grist mills.

Beebe said, "The canal was to make the town, but that didn't work out."

The last stop was the old fairground on the way back up the hill past the power plant. A portion of the Appalachian trail led to a field. "All



PHOTO BY L. TOMAING Village-Canaar

Judy Jacobs, President of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, and Bill Beebe, Beebe Hill Schoolhouse Curator, led a group of about twenty people this Saturday on a walk from the Falls Village Historical Society to historic sites along the Housatonic River. The 1851 stone support wall shown here was built to contain water diverted from Great Falls to the north, and was part of a canal system, never completed, meant to bring water from the Housatonic to local mills.

the towns had fairgrounds which included a track for horse racing," said Jacobs.

The walk concluded with a trek back to the interesting

showcases in the historical society.

For more information visit www.fallsvillage-canaan-historicalsociety.org

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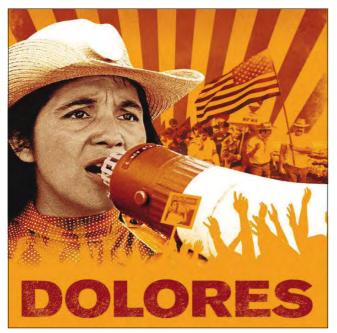
The radical legacy of Dolores **Huerta comes to Norfolk**

n Sunday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m., the Norfolk Library will host a free public screening of "Dolores," a critically acclaimed documentary about Dolores Huerta, one of the most important — and often overlooked — figures in American labor and civil rights history. Now 95, Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers union with César Chavez and helped lead the grape boycott of the 1960s, a powerful act of economic resistance that brought national attention to the exploitation of farm workers.

Directed by Peter Bratt and executive produced by Carlos Santana, "Dolores" presents an unflinching portrait of a woman whose voice, body and will shaped the political terrain of the United States.

In 1970, Huerta was organizing in Arizona when a group told her change was impossible.

"They said, 'Oh, Dolores, in California, you can do these things but here in Arizona, you can't," Huerta recalled in a recent interview by phone. "And my response was, 'Sí se puede in Arizona." When she shared that message at a rally, the crowd rose to



"Dolores," the documentary about legendary civil rights activist Dolores Huerta will be at the Norfolk Library on Oct. 19.

their feet, chanting "Sí se puede," and a call to action was born.

President Obama adopted the slogan for his 2008 campaign. "Yes We Can" posters and stickers were everywhere. Obama, having mistakenly credited Chavez with coining the phrase, later apologized as he honored Huerta with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012.

Huerta wears the badge of feminist icon with pride. "I always thought I was a feminist because my mother was a businesswoman," she said. "She divorced my dad because he was abusive and always taught me to have my own bank account, always pushed me to speak out."

But, like many raised Catholic, Huerta once believed birth control and abortion were sins. Through her friendships with Gloria Steinem and Eleanor Smeal, that changed. Huerta is a founding member of the Feminist Majority Foundation, led by Smeal, which promotes nonviolence, equality, and women's empowerment.

"There are two big issues in the Feminist Majority Foundation," Huerta explained. "One is a woman's right to abortion - women must control their own bodies. The second is back in 1987, we launched the Feminization of Power campaign to get more women elected. With one campaign, we succeeded in getting the largest number of women of color into California's state legislature."

How does she feel

about the word feminist now?

"Well, now we have to use the word. There's a difference between women's policies and feminist policies. Look at the Trump cabinet there are many women, but the policies don't protect women. Our goal is to get more feminists elected. We will never have peace in the world until feminists take power."

There are few moments more urgent than now to gather in community to reckon with these powerful words and the rest of Huerta's radical legacy. This film offers not just biography but revolutionary remembrance — telling the story of a leader, a mother, an uncompromising feminist and a visionary who still fights

for liberation. Huerta still believes deeply in the power of economic pressure and solidarity. "We saw it with the Target boycott," she said. "They were going to drop DEI policies, so people stopped shopping. No picketing — just word of mouth. And it worked. Shares dropped. The CEO resigned. Now we have to be bigger and more coordinated in our efforts."

She also praised recent community resistance to ICE raids. "In L.A., people stood in front of a business to stop ICE detentions. What ICE didn't expect was the Anglo community to show up too. That kind of solidarity is

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

Sergei Fedorjaczenco, Garth Kobal, and Zoe Fedorjaczenco of the David M. Hunt Library's ArtWall Committee, standing in front of "Works on Paper" by Rika Laser and Gail O'Donnell which continues through Oct. 17.

ART: ROBIN RORABACK

Garth Kobal and Hunt Library's ArtWall

rts advocate Garth Kobal leads the ArtWall Committee at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village.

"We aim to engage and inspire individuals of all ages in the creative process through art exhibitions, art talks and workshops," Kobal explained, "in a welcoming public space."

Kobal schedules the shows, serves as artist liaison, writes the press releases and manages promotional materials. He shares curating duties with fellow committee members Zoe and Sergei Fedorjaczenco, who also install the shows. Rika and Sara Laser, Yonah Sadeh, Caitlyn and Brent Jenkins, and David Noonan complete the team.

Kobal grew up in North Plainfield, New Jersey, were he spent hours going through art books at the local library, his "imagination leaping higher and higher."

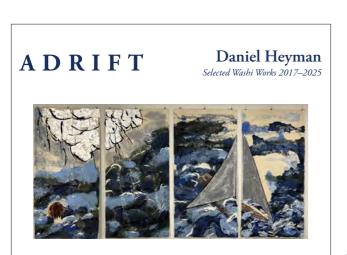
"I came to Falls Village in 1983 to work for Edward R. Hamilton Bookseller. That is where my knowledge of art and the art world exploded."

He moved to New York City in 1987. "It was at Jersey City's Grace Church Van Vorst where I began curating art exhibitions," Kobal said. Working there, he learned how to organize large group shows.

He moved back to Falls Village in 2006 and began volunteering at the library in 2009. He served a year as board president.

Sergei Fedorjaczenko came up with the

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Gallery founder reflects on 22 years as 'Transcendence' opens at Argazzi

rgazzi Art in Lakeville will ⊾open "Transcendence," a two-artist exhibition showcasing new works by Kathy Moss and Suzanne Onodera on Saturday, Oct. 11. The show brings together two accomplished painters whose practices, while distinct, both explore the sublime and ineffable through nature-based abstraction and symbolic

This will be the only major show of the year at Argazzi, lending "Transcendence" a heightened poignancy as the gallery prepares for an uncertain transition. With the building soon to be listed for sale, and programming for 2026 yet undecided, this exhibition may represent the culmination of a chapter in the

gallery's storied history under founder Judith Singelis.

Originally from California and now based in upstate New York, Suzanne Onodera bridges abstraction and realism in richly layered paintings that capture the complexity and chaos of the natural world. Her compositions offer "a sublime floating world, simultaneously chaotic and unsettled, exalted and sublime," she writes in her artist's statement. Her brushstrokes are lush, gestural and physical, evoking landscapes not as they are, but as they are felt.

Kathy Moss, known for her stark and symbolic botanical forms, brings eight new contemplative and minimalist pieces to "Transcendence." Her



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

"Transcendence": Kathy Moss and Suzanne Onodera at Argazzi Art.

work uses silhouetted flowers, seed pods, and organic shapes as archetypes, what she calls "a

poetic depiction of the internal self." Presented in glistening oil and chalk on luminous surfaces, Moss's paintings investigate dualities: beauty and darkness, fragility

and power, concept and representation. "She doesn't usually do that pink," said Singelis, pointing to one of Moss's larger canvases in the

show. "Kathy is really well known for the rosebuds and trees and there's a fragility to her work, but these are very graphic,

very solid."

Installed in the lightfilled rooms of Argazzi Art, with fall foliage just beyond the windows, "Transcendence" is a meditation on impermanence — of nature, of personal and artistic transformation, and perhaps of the space that houses it.

"The physical part is really hard," said Singelis, reflecting on the work that goes into preparing and hanging an exhibit. "It took me three weeks

to put this show together and there I am up on a ladder, just this morning. It's not easy," she contin-

There are the physical demands of curation but there is also the interdependent relationship between gallery and artist in an ever-changing and inconsistent art world. "Curating isn't just about hanging art," said Singelis, who said that she would love to find a successor, someone with whom she could share the vision and passion for Argazzi. "They have to really want to do this," she said. "They have to have a passion for it, because it's not easy."

And so "Transcendence" is not only a remarkable pairing of two wonderful artists, it is also a moment of reflection for the gallery itself. As Argazzi Art contemplates its next chapter, this show reaffirms what has made it such a beloved and enduring presence: a commitment to beauty, depth and meaningful artistic relationships.

"Transcendence" opens on Oct. 11 with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. The show will be on view until December 1.

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Indigo Room launches with weekend events

The Indigo Room is a new event space in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, adjacent to the Mahaiwe Theater, with a capacity of 50 to 100, depending on the seating arrangement. With a flexible stage, the venue can be set up to meet most production needs and is fully equipped with topnotch sound and lighting systems.

Though it has already hosted a few soft openings, The Indigo Room officially opens Sunday, Oct. 12, with a ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m., part of a weekend of grand opening events.

A traditional Chinese lion dance will be performed to bring good luck. Red envelopes will be available for attendees to present their good wishes, and an apple



PHOTO BY CHRISTINA LANE

Morgan James performing the first sneak preview event (with Doug Wamble) in March.

cider toast will be raised in celebration. Guests will receive a commemorative souvenir.

On Friday, Oct. 10, comedian Kevin McCaffrey performs at 7 p.m. Drag Bingo with Miranda Moirai will take place later that night at 9:30 p.m.

Tony-nominated jazz and pop singer

Ann Hampton Callaway will feature highlights from her hit shows "The Streisand Songbook, Ann **Hampton Callaway Sings** the '70s," "The Linda Ronstadt Songbook," "To Ella with Love," "From Sassy to Divine: The Sarah Vaughan Project"

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powerful."

Huerta's nephew, John Fernandez, who lives in Colebrook, Connecticut, will introduce the screening and share a personal perspective on her legacy.

Asked what advice she has for young activists, Huerta pointed to today's digital tools. "Social media, cell phones — people can organize fast. Look at George Floyd. That one video sparked a global movement."

Huerta reminds us

that organizing takes discipline, clarity, and a refusal to accept the violence of poverty, racism, misogyny, and xenophobia as inevitable. Economic resistance boycotts, strikes, direct action — remain among the most potent tools we have.

"You can't learn leadership by osmosis," she said. "You've gotta live it." And live it she has and does. At 95, Huerta still dances weekly at a jazz workshop in Bakersfield and leads her foun-

dation's work on voter turnout and redistricting reforms in California.

As always, she reminds us: "We have to stay active. We have to participate. Change doesn't happen by itself — we make it happen."

For more information about the work of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, visit: https://doloreshuerta. org. To RSVP for the Oct. 19 screening, visit: norfolklibrary.org/ events/documentaryfilm-dolores

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PHOTO BY CHRISTINA LANE

The Indigo Room has a capacity of 50 to 100, depending on the seating arrangement.

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idea of a permanent exhibition space in 2011, expanding the size and frequency of the library's exhibits. Art Talks, which give the exhibiting artists a chance to explain their work, were added in 2024.

Kobal observed, "The Hunt ArtWall has become a cultural hub in the Northwest Corner."

The library often collaborates with the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society on exhibits. The nearby Lee H. Kellogg elementary school visits frequently.

In November, students will meet with artist Vincent Inconiglios, whose show, "Face Time" runs Oct. 25 through Nov. 13. The students will make their own face collages, which will appear this January in the library's annual Emerging Artists show.

Kobal remarked, "The exhibition that generates the most significant community engagement is 12x12, our annual yearend fundraiser often featuring up to 50 artists and 70 pieces of art. 12x12

is a great opportunity for talented self-taught artists to show their work alongside well-known professionals."

This year's 12x12 show opens Dec. 6 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. (Artists who'd like to participate next year can email HuntArtwall@ gmail.com).

With the guidance of Kobal and his team, Hunt Library's work for the

arts continues to expand. Kobal stated, "We want to add a film component to our arts programing so film and video artists can show their short works on a video monitor accessible to library visitors. We also hope to have screenings where filmmakers can present their work and discuss it with the audience."

To find out more about Hunt Library's everchanging shows and art talks, go to: huntlibrary. org/art-wall/

and "Finding Beauty: Inspired Classics and Originals" on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m., there will be a free family concert with Arlo Guthrie's longtime drummer, Terry A La Berry. Also on Sunday, blues musician Guy Davis will perform at 8 p.m. Davis is a two-time Grammy nominee for best traditional blues. A musician, actor, author and songwriter, Davis uses roots, blues, folk, rock, rap, spoken word

and world music to address social injustice, touching on historical events and common life struggles.

Tickets are available at mahaiwe.org, or by calling or visiting the box office at 14 Castle St., Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. The phone number is 413-528-0100.

The Indigo Room will also leave space in its programming for local artists — a welcome addition to Great Barrington's cultural

scene, especially since the departure of smaller venues like Club Helsinki in recent years.

"It is a continuation of the high-caliber work and customer care that audiences expect of the Mahaiwe, while expanding what we can do. It's an intimate social space where you can find live comedy, an array of musical performances, as well as family-friendly entertainment and everything in between," said Executive Director Janis Martinson.

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OCTOBER 9

Author Talk

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

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, Hunt Library hosts local author Heather A. Campbell. In her new book, "Good Is Amazing: Stop Overstriving and Celebrate Being Enough!", Campbell shares relatable, hilarious, and heartfelt moments from her life that anchor a deeper message: the constant pressure to aim higher, do the most, and be the best is exhausting-and it's not working.

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

Haunted Works of Art [ages 9 and up]

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

Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

Get in the spirit as we dive into the world of shadows and skeletons to craft chillingly creative works of art. We'll paint, draw and use collage to create ghostly and eerie mixed media artwork.

Register Here: hotchkisslibrary.libcal. com/event/15438090

Salisbury Fall Festival

Salisbury, Conn

Oct. 10 to 12

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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 musicmaking. She will be joined by Dan Franklin Smith, piano, Ben Russel, violin and Clarice Jensen, cello.

Friends of the Scoville **Library Giant Book Sale**

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

On Oct. 10 through 12, take a break during Fall Festival and browse among the Friends of the Scoville Library's vast selection of books. Make great finds and help support the library's free programs. Learn more at: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/15291930.

38th Annual Autumn Arts and Fine Crafts Show

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Oct. 10, 11 to 13 and 17 to 19

Oct. 10 gala preview party, 6:30 p.m. featuring live music from Mama Train; Show continues Oct. 11-13 and 17-19; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., offering works for sale by many local artists and artisans, \$3 donation, members and children under 10 free, Info: 860-350-4443 or www. merwinsvillehotel.org

OCTOBER 11

Matt Finley & Rio Jazz

Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y.

Oct. 11, 3 p.m. Brazilian jazz with Matt Finley (flugelhorn), Larry Ham (piano), Jeff Ciampa (guitar), Lou Pappas (bass), Jeff Siegel (drums) Presented by the Bang Family Concert Series \$20 suggested donation at the door Info: 518-598-8276 | thesmithfieldchurch.org/ concerts

Floral Film Night at **Foxtrot**

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An evening of films that explore the intersections of art and agriculture through community, film and conversation. Films: "Flower Punk" by Alison Klayman, "Eat Flowers" by River Finlay and "The Flower Farmer's Year" by Oriel Denaielson. Panelists: Kate Farrar, Noa Woodley, Josh Nathanson, Alisa Javits. 6 p.m. is open house and picnic. 7 p.m. screenings followed by panel discussion at 8 p.m. Project is made possible with funds from the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

The Oldtone Music Festival Fall Benefit Bash

Chaseholm Farm, 115 Chase Road, Pine Plains, N.Y

A night of music and dancing featuring Roochie Toochie and the Ragtime Shepherd Kings, Olivia Ellen Lloyd Band and more. Tickets: www.oldtone. org/fall-benefit?mc_ cid=261c6950b1&mc_ eid=e5414546ee

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OCTOBER 16

Women's Health Dinner

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Rd., Sharon, Conn

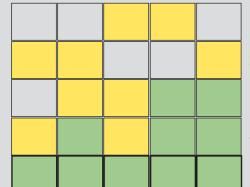
Join Sharon Hospital Thursday, Oct. 16, from 3:45 to 5 p.m. for a special dinner and presentation on women's health. Topics include menopause, post-menopause, healthy aging and cancer screenings. Register by calling (860) 364-4507 before Oct. 14.

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- 4. Internet fame
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OCTOBER 17

Coat Sale and More Benefit

St. Joseph School gym, 25 St Joseph Drive, Millbrook, N.Y. Uncle Al's Thrift Shop

in Millbrook will have its annual COAT SALE and More on Friday & Saturday (Oct. 17 & 18) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive. The event will feature coats & jackets, sweaters, boots, handbags and other cold weather accessories. The Coat Sale is a popular annual event that benefits St. Joseph-**Immaculate Conception** Church in Millbrook. For more information, call Uncle Al's Thrift Shop at 845-677-5002.

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Class will discuss the impact of Sicily's unique terroir on its wines, and delve into the specific traditions and foods on the island.

OCTOBER 18

Evening of Song Celebrates Country Life and Farming

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, presents an evening of songs about farming, rural living and the harvest, Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m.

All ages are invited to celebrate the area's agricultural heart and soul by drawing from a long tradition of songs about working the land.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 or what you can afford. Reservations are not required.

Book Signing with Frances Palmer for her book. "Life with Flowers"

Honeychurch, 35 Church St., Lenox, Mass.

12 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 18 visit Honeychurch in Lenox for a book signing with Frances Palmer, author of "Life with Flowers."

Run & Wag 5K

Village Green, Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn

The Little Guild animal shelter's Run & Wag 5K brings runners, walkers and tail-waggers together to support animals in need. Festivities begin at Cornwall's Village Green at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct 18, and the race begins at noon. Registration is available online only at www.littleguild.org through Friday, Oct. 17, at noon.

Pumpkin Fest

Bunny McGuire Park, Main Street, North Canaan, Conn...

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, Pumpkin Fest will take place at Bunny McGuire Park. Scarecrow contest will award prizes for scariest, funniest, most creative and best use of recyclables. There will be a haystack prize search, pumpkin carving, food, vendors and kids karaoke. Free entry. A shuttle will run from the municipal parking lot on Railroad Street to the park.

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Sports

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IMS soccer wins vs. Region One

The Region One middle school boys soccer team hosted Indian Mountain School Wednesday, Oct. 1. It was a fine afternoon for soccer in Falls Village, about 65 degrees and sunny. The game was competitive in the first half with clutch saves by both goalies. IMS took over in the second half and ultimately won 8-1. Peabo Hill (above) scored five goals for IMS. Region One's goal was scored by Harold Pascual (below).



GNH falls to Naugatuck 35-14

By Riley Klein

WINSTED — Naugatuck High School football left Winsted with a 35-14 win over the Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op team Friday, Oct.

Naugatuck's dual threat backfield of QB Jeremiah Cruz and RB Qwentarvous Lee combined for 327 rushing yards and four touchdowns to give the Greyhounds their first win of the season.

GNH started the game strong with a defensive stop. The Yellowjackets scored first with a 3-yard rushing touchdown by RB Cole Linnen. GNH scored again when Owen Riemer ran in an 8-yard TD.

Naugatuck responded with a 3-yard rushing touchdown from RB Keegan Minopoli and a breakaway 72-yard run TD from Lee.

At halftime the game was tied 14-14. At this time, the game announcer reported, "Bad news. The snack bar is out of buffalo chicken dip."

Naugatuck took over in the second half. Cruz scored three long rushing touchdowns — runs of 49, 55 and 40 yards.

The Greyhound defense came up with critical stops including a 4th-down denial on the 1-yard line to keep GNH scoreless in the second half.

Both team records moved to 1-3 for the season.

Naugatuck will host Waterbury Career Academy Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

GNH travels to Torrington High School the same night for a 6 p.m. kickoff.



Naugatuck's Kerone Hall gets wrapped up by a GNH defender while running down the sideline at Van Why Field in Winsted Friday, Oct. 3.



Naugatuck QB Jeremiah Cruz ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns Oct. 3.



Above, Owen Riemer extends toward the endzone. Below, Logan Labshere celebrates a GNH tackle in the Naugatuck backfield.



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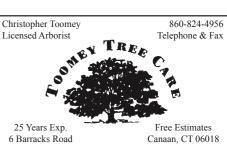
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