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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Will Towbridge provided an ongoing blacksmithing demonstration during the Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 11.

## Fall Festival fills Salisbury with autumnal charm

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — The Fall Festival had one glorious day on Saturday, Oct. 11, with brisk, sunny weather. Friday, Oct. 10, wasn't too shabby either. The Salisbury Central School (SCS) middle school chorus got things started with a concert on the lawn of the Scoville Memorial Library. But the main action was Saturday. Salisbury village was packed with festivalgoers. Several people

opined that it was the largest Fall Festival crowd they'd seen. The SCS eighth grade class had a fundraiser going. The idea was for contestants to purchase chips and place them on numbers from 1 to 24. Then a wheel was spun, a number chosen, and the winner got a cake. Not a piece of cake. An entire cake. See FALL FESTIVAL, Page A10

## Kent School senior killed, parents hurt in car crash

By Riley Klein

SHARON — Shea Cassidy-Teti, 17, of Salisbury, died Saturday, Oct. 11, in a tragic car crash on Amenia Union Road in Sharon. Connecticut State Police reported Charles Teti, 62, was driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee northbound on Amenia Union Road when, for an unknown reason, the vehicle crossed the southbound lane and exited the roadway where it struck a tree and home. Airbags deployed. Teti and front seat passenger Aidan Cassidy, 63, sustained serious injuries. Teti was airlifted to Hartford Hospital and Cassidy was transported by ambulance to Sharon Hospital for treatment. Shea Cassidy-Teti was in the back seat and sustained fatal injuries. He was pronounced dead on scene. Cassidy-Teti was a senior at Kent School. He played on the football and tennis teams.



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

The residence at 35 Amenia Union Road in Sharon was damaged after being struck by the Jeep Grand Cherokee around 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. Temporary repairs were visible on the front of the home on Monday, Oct. 13. The residence that was struck is located at 35 Amenia Union Road. The case remains under open investigation. Witnesses are asked to contact Trooper Lukas Gryniuk at Troop B 860-626-1821.

## Fallen tree cancels Journal's jubilee

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News Jubilee Luncheon fundraiser at the Grove Sunday, Oct. 12 was can-

celed after a very large section of a tree fell on the caterer's tent at about 10 a.m. Most of the catering staff heard the tree breaking up and got out of the tent in time, but the chef was hit by the falling limbs and sustained non-critical injuries. A portion of the Grove's roof sustained damage and branches came through the tent.

The Lakeville Hose Company responded to the scene. The chef was transported to Sharon Hospital by the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service. "While we're deeply disappointed to cancel our annual fundraising event, our first concern is for our caterer's chef, who See JUBILEE, Page A10

## Rowing to recovery: Healing journey begins with shared strokes

By Ruth Epstein

What began as a frightening common experience has brought together a group of residents who have achieved an amazing feat. In 2004, Noreen Driscoll needed to do something to remember the friends she had lost to cancer and help others facing the disease. She'd held some memorials but decided to do more. She applied for and received a \$5,000 Peloton Award for \$5,000 and used that money to create Women Enduring Cancer, which transitioned into the Tri-State chapter of We Can Row. Originally eight women signed up to row every week from May to October. The activity has been em-

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Members of the We Can Row team that will be part of the Head of the Charles Regatta on Oct. 18 are, from left: coach and coxswain Anne Kelly, Donna DiMartino, Silvia Mueller, Michael Kelly, Benjamin Freund, Jacolyn Brown, Shelly Whitlock-Pope, Cicely Hajek and Jean Anderson.

## The hydrilla menace East Twin Lake tackles hydrilla, shares what worked

By Debra A. Aleksinas

SALISBURY — An aggressive and costly three-year battle to rid East Twin Lake of a genetically unique strain of hydrilla that chokes lakes and obliterates native plants appears to have finally paid off.

"The good news is, the hydrilla is pretty much gone. We have not found anything," George Knoecklein of Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR), the Twin Lakes Association's limnologist, reported during its fall coalition meeting of local, See HYDRILLA, Page A10

### 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 all with The Lakeville Journal's "Meet the candidates" series highlighting nominees by town ahead of the election. This week, meet Fall Village's candidates on Page A4.



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**Sharon considers changes to agriculture regs**  
The Planning and Zoning Commission discussed farm businesses, agritourism and animal regulations at a recent meeting. More at lakevillejournal.com

POLICE BLOTTER: TROOP B

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

**Driver flees after single-car accident**  
On the afternoon of Oct. 10, Simon Kirkby, 76, of Falls Village was driving south on Route 7 in Canaan, just south of Under Mountain Road, when he ran off the roadway while negotiating a left curve. His vehicle, a Honda Civic Sport Touring, struck a fence and several small bushes and trees before coming to a stop, after which Kirkby fled on foot into a swampy area. Kirkby was eventually located and was transferred to Sharon Hospital for suspected minor injuries. The case remains active so no action has been taken.

**Warrant served for evading responsibility**  
On Oct. 10, troopers served an active arrest warrant to Terry Coolbeth, 47, of New Milford for an incident dating to July 5, 2025 at a Route 7 location in Cornwall. Coolbeth was processed for

evading responsibility due to injury or property damage and failure to drive in proper lane. He was released on a \$1,500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Oct. 24.

**Sideswipe hit and run**  
On the evening of Oct. 11, Earle Tyler, 69, of Sharon was driving his Jeep Patriot Sport north on Route 125 in Cornwall just north of the intersection with Route 4. He slowed due to traffic, and was suddenly sideswiped by a silver Toyota SUV also heading north on Route 125. Tyler was uninjured and his car was able to be driven from the scene. The case remains under investigation, and anyone with information is asked to call Trooper Colon #1159 at jean.colon.carattini@ct.gov or Troop B at 860-626-1820.

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

Spotted Lanternfly presence more of a nuisance than a threat

By Nathan Miller  
The Millerton News

The Spotted Lanternfly, an insect native to Asia and first found in the U.S. in Pennsylvania in 2014, has made its way into northeast Dutchess County, New York, and the Northwest Corner of Connecticut.

Brent Boscarino, Coordinator of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, explained that the lanternfly is a nuisance pest, but it's not quite dangerous enough to trees and plants to kill them.

"Response is going to vary depending on where it is discovered," Boscarino said. He said the insects don't pose a threat to humans or even that large of a threat to local trees and plants except for vineyards and timber lots.

Spotted Lanternflies will breed and congregate in massive groups in a tree or a collection of vines, feeding on the plants leaves and stems with special mouths that pierce and suck out the insides. During this process the insects secrete a sticky substance known as honeydew. The added moisture can propagate sooty mold on the



PUBLIC DOMAIN IMAGE FROM USDA

**An adult lanternfly and nymphs in the final stage just before entering adulthood.**

bark of trees and plants.

But the insect is rarely solely responsible for killing its host plants, Boscarino said, and if they're out of sight there's no need to go search out the bug to eradicate it. Instead, focus on areas where large populations of the bug might be causing a nuisance, like in trees nearby to regular gathering areas.

"If you've got a big canopy tree that hangs over your deck

or a pool or a place where you congregate with your family, that is the area to focus on," Boscarino said.

Suggested management strategies focus on trapping the insect in its nymph stage, when it's flightless and continually falls off and climbs back up the trunk of its host tree.

Sticky traps can be used, but additional measures should be used to prevent mammals and birds from

becoming stuck to the trap, according to information published by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. CAES also has information about funnel-style traps, where a mesh is wrapped around the trunk of the tree to route the bugs through a funnel into a container.

Spotted Lanternflies prefer to congregate in the invasive Tree of Heaven, and removing that tree from property can go a long way in discouraging the insects, according to the CAES.

'No Kings' protests planned for Oct. 18

As part of a nationwide day of nonviolent protests, area organizers plan to participate in the No Kings Day of Action on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Rallies will be held at the following times and places:

- 15 Main St., Salisbury, CT — 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- 366 Furnace Brook Road, Cornwall, CT — 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- 80 North Main St., Kent, CT — 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- 334 Main St., Great Barrington, MA — 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- 10 Main St., New Milford, CT — 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 101 Litchfield St., Torrington, CT — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 46 West St., Litchfield, CT — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 210 Capital Ave, Hartford, CT — 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- South Parsonage Street & North Park Road, Rhinebeck, NY 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Our Towns

P&Z gives go-ahead to plan for 13 affordable housing units

By Ruth Epstein

KENT — Kent Affordable Housing’s application to construct a 13-unit affordable apartment house was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission following the close of a continued public hearing Thursday.

The single unit 2.5-story structure will be built on a 1.15-acre of land adjacent to South Common, another affordable housing plan, on land that will be given to KAH by the town.

At the hearing session last month, commission members voted to hold off making a decision until the town’s engineer could look at the plans. Kent Volunteer Fire Department Chief Alan Gawel also spoke about needing access for dealing with a structure that high and suggested a portion of the nearby park and recreation parking lot at Kent Common Park be designated for the aerial ladder truck when called out.

That proposal brought the most comment at Thursday’s session. Gawel said the issue was discussed by the department’s membership who agreed the request was warranted for the safety of the volunteer firefighters and rescue operations. The truck would be needed for one part of the building that is 30 feet



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

A rendering of the proposed 13-unit affordable housing building.

high.

Commission Chairman West Wyrick asked about designated parking for the aerial truck for Kent School dormitories. Gawel replied that this building would have higher concerns for mobility access, partially because of the possible age of the residents. “If the elevator is not usable, we have to make it safer to move people out, so we want access,” he said.

Commission member Daryl Cheniske asked if access over a stream, which would have to be crossed, is safe for a vehicle that size. Gawel said yes, since there is a plastic piping system on the stream in question.

First Selectman Martin

Lindmayer, as he did at the last hearing session, said having a designated spot for the aerial truck is not a requirement.

“I believe the loss of the park and recreation area parking hinders what park and rec wants to do. It’s not a requirement of the fire marshal and weighing it all, there is a state-of-the-art fire system and elevator. I, as first selectman, do not recommend we move forward with the easement for aerial equipment to come through the park and rec property.”

Asked by resident Matt Starr if the transfer station road was going to be used for temporary access for construction at the site, KAH President Justin Potter said it will. He said it will not be maintained as a fire lane, but it would not be blocked off after that if access is needed. He said KAH understands park and rec wanting to keep the area in question.

Selectman Lynn Worthington served on the fire department for 21 years and is supportive of it, but said, she has real concerns about taking land away from Kent Common Park. “There is so little land there. I urge the planning and zoning commission to be careful what they approve here.” She wondered if the park and recreation commission was approached about the matter.

Matt Busse, director of Park and Recreation, was next to speak, saying the commission was not approached on this issue.

“We’d have to look at eliminating a quarter to a half of our parking spaces to have fire trucks come through,” he said. “This proposal has caused a bit of a strive and I do respect the fire department, but I feel a little disrespected now. The commission would feel disrespected if this plan goes forth without any consideration or consultation from it.”

Roy Seelye of Cardinal Engineering, who was hired by KAH, said he’d addressed the runoff concerns expressed last month and changed catch basins to dry wells to help contain the runoff. “I’m glad we had the opportunity to make improvements,” he said.

Asked if any other changes to the plans had been made, Potter said an additional stairway and hydrant, as requested by the fire marshal, were put in.

Members said they felt all their concerns were addressed before voting in the affirmative.



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Skyler Ohmen, above, and sister Eden Ohmen, below, shared with their schoolmates what they do as junior firefighters.

Junior firefighters gear up for show-and-tell at SCS

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Members of the Lakeville Hose Company and the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service went to Salisbury Central School Thursday, Oct. 9, to show the students their equipment and explain what they do.

Among them were two SCS eighth grade

students, twins Skyler and Eden Ohmen, who are junior members of the department.

Eden Ohmen said as a junior member (since June) she and her brother learn about the equipment, how to put out fires, how to tie proper knots in ropes, and go on calls as observers.

“It’s lots of fun,” she said.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Set back from the road this ranch at 87 Gay Street sold for \$540,000 with 2,216 square feet on the main level plus an additional 480 square feet on the lower level.

Sharon September real estate sales

By Christine Bates

SHARON — Sharon real estate transactions in September all closed at less than September’s 12 month median price of \$600,000, well below the all-time high of \$880,000 in August 2024.

Inventory of single-family residences for sale as of Oct. 10 remained robust with 28 homes listed for sale with only two under the median price of \$600,000 and 20 above \$1,000,000. Furnished seasonal rentals, both summer and school year, dominate the rental market with only one unfurnished unit listed for rent in the beginning of October.

Transactions

92 Lambert Road – 2 bedroom/4 bath house on 5.07 acres sold by Robert H. Ewen Jr. to Robert H. Ewen Jr. and Carol Bello for \$243,950 transferred on Sept. 4.

15 Guinea Road – 1 bedroom/1 bath house on 10.98 acres sold by George Holden and Anne Cameron to Valerie and Lyman Casey for \$495,000 transferred on Sept. 12.

River Road – 1.47-acre vacant land parcel sold by

Estate of Allan Thomas Baker to Stephen Daniel Kallman and Roxann Roche Kallman for \$110,000 transferred on Sept. 8.

Jackson Road – Two properties sold in two transactions by Arcadia II LLC. One parcel to William and Sharon Tingley for \$115,770 and another to Jonathan Dorfman Trustee and Melissa Dorfman Trustee and Jonathan Dorfman Revocable Trust and Melissa Kaish Revocable Trust for \$547,976. Both were transferred on Sept. 11.

87 Gay Street – 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.1 acres sold by Carol Corey and Martin J. McWhirr to Douglas B. Olsen and Philip V. Lindquist for \$540,000 transferred on Sept. 25.

\* Town of Sharon real estate transfers recorded as transferred/sold between Sept. 1 and Sept. 30, 2025, provided by the Sharon Town Clerk. Property details from Sharon tax cards. Transfers without consideration are not included. Current market listings from Smart MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Hunger walk raises thousands for local pantries

SALISBURY — On Sept. 28, the 42nd Northwest Connecticut CROP Hunger Walk gathered 95 registered walkers and 32 area students who raised more than \$41,800 to help end food insecurity locally and worldwide.

More than \$10,000 of the funds will stay local and help

support our local area food pantries.

For the first time since the pre-pandemic CROP Walk of 2019, walkers gathered for one community-wide outing to express solidarity with neighbors, locally and worldwide, who struggle to feed themselves and their

families.

The route began on the Railroad Ramble in Salisbury, wound through Lakeville and circled back to Salisbury. Refreshments were offered by students Lily Siris, Winter Williams and classmates and parents from Indian Mountain School and

The Hotchkiss School.

The NWCT CROP Walk Planning Team of Pat Palmer, and the Revs. Heidi Truax, Marilyn Anderson and John Nelson gave hearty thanks to everyone who organized, participated, and donated, to help end hunger — one step at a time.

Elect  
**RAND & PRINZ**  
Selectmen  
**Steady Leadership**

**Fiscal responsibility**  
*We will continue to support* and administer our annual budget to ensure it reflects Salisbury’s economic vitality, town services, history and conservation, while keeping our mill rate low. Prudent management of **our budget** allows us to continue to provide an excellent level of services to our entire town and ensure our infrastructure is maintained and improved to meet all future needs.

**Support for all residents**  
*We will continue to support* education and extra-curricular programming for **our youth**, provide valuable services and programs for **our adult community** and support for **our town assets** like the Town Grove for all residents to enjoy. By continuing to offer a variety of educational, recreational and support opportunities for residents of all ages, Salisbury will continue to be a vibrant community.

**Housing, Conservation, and Economic Development**  
*We will continue to support* the amazing efforts of several local town organizations in the steady push to develop more affordable housing units while also supporting the entities that preserve and protect our environment. Providing a variety of **affordable housing options** to current and future Salisbury residents and **protecting our open spaces** will ensure our community continues to **thrive and provide** a welcoming home for young families, teachers, volunteers, retirees, small business owners, service industry employees and others who want to make Salisbury their home.

Paid for by: Salisbury Democratic Town Committee, Pamela Kelley, Treasurer, P.O. Box 465 Salisbury, CT 06068

# Meet the candidates: Falls Village

Get to know your candidates ahead of the 2025 municipal election. In Falls Village, incumbent Dave Barger (R/D) is running unopposed for first selectman. There are two incumbent selectmen candidates: Judy Jacobs (R) and Chris Kinsella (D). All three will be seated on the Board of Selectmen. Below, each candidate offered information about themselves and their goals for the town.

## FIRST SELECTMAN

### Dave Barger

Cross-endorsed Nominee for First Selectman

**Candidate profile:**  
AAS degree in criminal justice administration — SUNY (Ulster); served the State of Connecticut from 1976 to 2000 as member of the Connecticut State Police retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant; a member of the Quinnipiac University community from 2000 to 2015 retiring as the Chief of Public Safety; past President of the Housatonic Youth Services Board of Directors; served on both the Town of Canaan Recreation Commission and Fire Commission; joined the Town’s BOS in 2017; First Selectman 2023.



**Why are you running for selectman?**  
My life has revolved around public service, a strong desire to improve the community, to help others and give back to the town that has given so much to my family and me. I have had the opportunity to serve the town on commissions, as a Selectman and now as First Selectman. The experience that I have gained in serving the citizens of the town to this point will help guide me further as a First Selectman. There are many reasons to run for office, my primary reason is to be a public servant.

**What issues deserve the most attention?**  
The most important issue that faces our town is our critical infrastructure. Our current BOS has made it a priority to look at the con-

ditions of not only our roadways and bridges, but our buildings and equipment. If we do not give attention to this issue, the quality of life for our residents diminishes. In small towns it is not the idea of building something “newer and bigger”, but “updating, maintaining and preserving” what we have now and want we want for future generations in our town.

**How would you improve the town?**  
For one, continuing improvement in our efforts to communicate with our residents whether they utilize newspapers, sign boards or the internet for their sources of information. Second, the town should work to become a “bicycle and pedestrian friendly community”. This not only helps with the environment, but with building a healthy community. The nature and character of the Town of Canaan — better known as Falls Village needs no improvement, just some things to enhance it.

## SELECTMAN

### Chris Kinsella

Democratic Nominee for Selectman

**Candidate profile:**  
I am 65 years old and retired from a career as a construction superintendent. My wife, Eileen, and I have raised two children, Erin and Tim, who are both married and reside in Falls Village with their families. I am currently serving my first term on the Board of Selectmen. In this role, I have been dedicated to serving the residents of Falls Village with integrity, responsibility, and a commitment to sound decision-making.



**Why are you running for selectman?**  
In our first term as a board, we were able to accomplish a great deal for Falls Village. With the help of the Falls Village Grant Group, we secured over \$620,000 in STEAP grant funding to complete much-needed projects across town. Looking ahead, we’ve begun a comprehensive review of our roads, bridges, and public infrastructure. This is an area where I can apply my background and experience in construction to make sure we prioritize projects effectively and keep moving the town forward.

**What issues deserve the most attention?**  
Falls Village’s charm comes with challenges: a limited tax base makes it

difficult to fund road and bridge repairs, maintain strong schools, and support volunteer emergency services. Balancing our rural character with these needs requires open dialogue and clear priorities, so residents and the Board of Selectmen can work together to make thoughtful decisions for the town’s future.

**How would you improve the town?**  
I would work to promote the continued growth of our downtown, starting with getting 35 Railroad Street sold and put on to the tax rolls. In addition, I want to help coordinate an inclusive and community-driven approach to affordable housing. All of these efforts should be guided by the priorities and recommendations outlined in the most recent Plan of Conservation and Development.

## SELECTMAN

### Judy Jacobs

Republican Nominee for Selectman

**Candidate profile:**  
I have been a Falls Village resident for 53 years, married and have one son. My husband & I took over the family business, Jacobs Garage in 1990 and our son now runs the business with us. I am presently a Falls Village Selectman seeking a second term. I have been a board member of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society for 30 years, past chairman of the Economic Development Commission, past P&Z member, and organizer of the Falls Village Car Show.



**Why are you running for selectman?**  
I am running for a second term as a selectman because I truly care about Falls Village and want to see it run fairly and efficiently. I would like to continue working with our other two selectmen who are also running for another term. I feel we each bring something of value to our Board. We have made great strides in addressing many issues facing our Town and I would like to continue to focus on those issues and to also address the issues that we have just started to look at.

**What issues deserve the most attention?**  
Issues that I would like to focus on include keeping our small & historic town character, affordable hous-

ing, retaining and encouraging young residents to live here, economic development & support for existing businesses, improving our infrastructure, responsible budgeting and spending, protecting our historic and natural resources.

**How would you improve the town?**  
I was able to find a great candidate to lease the cafe space in the Town owned 107 Main St. building & I have been working with other prospective businesses to find suitable property for them, too, which would help increase our tax base and improve our vitality. I would like to work with the Recreation Commission on expanding recreational opportunities. I would also work to encourage more affordable housing. I enjoy showcasing our beautiful town and creating a sense of pride in our community.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

**Get to know each candidate before voting on Nov. 4**  
All 21 candidates for selectman in Region One towns shared information about themselves, their goals and vision for the town. See more online at lakevillejournal.com

## 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 the Registrars’ Office at 860-435-5175 or visit the registrars Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission**  
Notice is hereby given that the following actions were taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 6, 2025:  
Approved - Special Permit Application #2025-0298 by Albert Ginouves, for a detached apartment on a single family residential lot in accordance with Section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54 as Lot 43-2 and is located at 22 Meadow Street, Lakeville. The owners of the property are Albert Ginouves and Amy Lake.

Approved - Site Plan Application #2025-0297 by owner Anne Fredericks, to construct a new garage in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 64 as Lot 07 and is located at 29 Morgan Lane, Salisbury.  
Approved with the conditions recommended by the Town Engineer, and the condition that the discharge into the wetlands be moved back to the 738ft contour - Site Plan Application #2025-0301 by owner Salisbury School Incorporated to replace a septic system and associated drainage in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance

with section 404 of the regulations. The properties are shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 69 as Lots 18 & 18-1 and are located at 500 & 508 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury.  
Approved with the condition that Torrington Area Health District Approval is obtained - Site Plan Application #2025-0302 by Joshua Johannesen (Allied Engineering Assoc. Inc.) for additions in the Lake Protection Overlay District in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 64 as Lot 08 and is located at 410 Twin Lakes Road. The owner of the property is American School for the Deaf.  
Any aggrieved person

may appeal these decisions to the Connecticut Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes §8-8.  
Town of Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission  
Martin Whalen, Secretary  
10-16-25

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF ROBERT C. BRANDEGEE Late of Pennsylvania (25-00383)**  
The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 2, 2025, ordered that all claims must be

presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
The fiduciary is:  
Bear Brandegee  
c/o William O Riiska  
William O. Riiska  
3 Farnam Road  
PO Box 1340  
Lakeville, CT 06039  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
10-16-25

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF RODERICK C. LANKLER Late of Arizona AKA Roderick Conover Lankler (25-00368)**

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated September 30, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.  
The fiduciary is:  
Barbara M. Lankler  
c/o Neal Dennis White  
Cramer & Anderson, LLP  
46 West Street, PO Box 278  
Litchfield, CT 06759  
Megan M. Foley  
Clerk  
10-16-25

OBITUARIES

Shirley Anne Wilbur Perotti

SHARON — Shirley Anne Wilbur Perotti, daughter of George and Mabel (Johnson) Wilbur, the first girl born into the Wilbur family in 65 years, passed away on Oct. 5, 2025, at Noble Horizons.

Shirley was born on Aug. 19, 1948 at Sharon Hospital.

She was raised on her parents' poultry farm (Odge's Eggs, Inc.).

After graduating from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, she worked at Litchfield County National Bank and Colonial Bank.

She married the love of her life, John, on Aug. 16, 1969, and they lived on Sharon Mountain for more than 50 years.

Shirley enjoyed creating the annual family Christmas card, which was a coveted keepsake. She also enjoyed having lunch once a month with her best friends, Betty Kowalski, Kathy Ducillo, and

Paula Weir.

In addition to John, she is survived by her three children and their families; Sarah Medeiros, her husband, Geoff, and their sons, Nick and Andrew, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, Shelby Diorio, her husband, Mike, and their daughters, Addie, Lainey and Lyla, of East Canaan, Connecticut, Jeffrey Perotti, his wife, Melissa, and their daughters, Annie, Lucy and Winnie, of East Canaan. Shirley also leaves her two brothers, Edward Wilbur and his wife Joan, and David Wilbur; two nieces, three nephews, and several cousins.

At Shirley's request, services will be private.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Sharon Woman's Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 283, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Barbara Meyers DelPrete

LAKEVILLE — Barbara Meyers DelPrete, 84, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, at her home. She was the beloved wife of George R. DelPrete for 62 years.

Mrs. DelPrete was born in Burlington, Iowa, on May 31, 1941, daughter of the late George and Judy Meyers. She lived in California for a time and had been a Lakeville resident for the past 55 years.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, George, include son, George R.

DelPrete II, daughter, Jena DelPrete Allee, and son Stephen P. DelPrete. Grandchildren; Trey, Cassidy, and Meredith DelPrete, Jack, Will and Finn Allee, and Ali and Nicholas DelPrete.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Church, Lakeville, on Saturday, Oct. 4. May she Rest in Peace.

Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, is in care of arrangements.

To offer an online condolence, please visit ryanfhct.com



Veronica Lee Silvernale

MILLERTON — Veronica Lee "Ronnie" Silvernale, 78, a lifelong area resident died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut. Mrs. Silvernale had a long career at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, where she served as a respected team leader in housekeeping and laundry services for over eighteen years. She retired in 2012.

Born Oct. 19, 1946, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Bradley C. and Sophie (Debrew) Hosier, Sr. Following her graduation from high school and attending college, she married Jack Gerard Silvernale on June 15, 1983 in Millerton, New York. Their marriage lasted thirty-five years until Jack's passing on July 28, 2018.

Ronnie is survived by her daughter, Jaime Silvernale (Wm. MacDaniel, Sr.) of Millerton, her beloved grandson, Wm. MacDaniel, Jr.; two special nieces, Shannon and Rebecca and a special nephew Sean Hosier. In addition to her parents and husband, she was

predeceased by her brother, Bradley C. Hosier, Jr. and her dear friend Ruth Fullerton of Millerton.

Visitation was private. A celebration of Ronnie's life will be held in the future. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family or to plant a tree in Ronnie's memory, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Some members of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School's Arboretum and Landscape Committee pose in front of one the school's trees. From left are: Dave Moran, Kevin Wheeler, Tom Zetterstrom, Ron Dower and John Anderson.

HVRHS arboretum still growing strong

By Ruth Epstein

FALLS VILLAGE — Many forces contributed to Housatonic Valley Regional High School being named the most beautiful public high school in Connecticut by Architectural Digest in 2017. Among them was the Arboretum and Landscape Committee.

A committee of the Region One Board of Education, its members work to enhance the school's campus with native plantings and outdoor learning facilities, often with the help of student and volunteer support. It manages the diverse, sustainable teaching arboretum and promotes class trees on the core section.

It receives \$3,000 in the school budget and is the recipient of donations.

The school, which was built in 1939 as part of the work of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Project Administration, sits on the shores of the Housatonic River and has been a great source of pride not just for the alumni and staff, but the community as a whole. Maintenance of both the building and grounds has been a high priority.

During a recent meeting of the committee, members talked about the plantings that have taken place on the main campus, as well as what is referred to as the "north campus," which is near the tennis courts.

The impetus for much of the group's work can be traced back to the white oak that stood on the property for more than a century before the school was built. There was great care taken to preserve it, but unfortunately on July 5, 2004, it was irreparably damaged in a severe storm.

A display about the ALC in the hallway near the library at the school states, "This tree, which symbolically remains the school's signature logo and yearbook title, epitomizes the strength and resilience of our school community." The tree was eventually replaced in 2007, but that incident prompted the initiative to encourage classes to purchase and maintain trees to enhance the beautiful environment, said member Tom Zetterstrom.

Now more than 24 classes have done so. The latest to sign on is the class of 1975, which just had its 50th reunion.

Dave Moran, chairman of the agricultural science and technology department and committee member, said those trees, as well as the campus as a whole, have become meaningful for many

in the community. One family spread the ashes of their son who died in an accident around one of the trees. Many alumni come to visit to recall memories of their high school days. One alumnus just left \$70,000 in her will to help in the environmental preservation of the campus.

"It really provides a lovely environment," said Moran, talking about the beauty when the leaves are falling and the way the trees attract wildlife.

In 2020 the committee initiated the restoration of the school's original façade landscape design to showcase its architecture. Members spoke of the some of the oldest standing trees, including a European cooper beech, for which they will be seeking professional arborist help to maintain. They will also be contacting the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station for advice.

Moran announced to the group that a dreaded spotted lanternfly has been found on a tree of heaven down near the river. An invasive species, they serve as a host to destructive insects and can wreak havoc on trees. Members said eradicating it should be a high priority and they will attend to the problem.

Committee members at the meeting each expressed their reason for serving. Kevin Wheeler, an alum, said preserving the outdoor environment "is extending the look of the brick and mortar and adds to the overall aesthetics. A lot of people have connections to trees."

Zetterstrom, also a graduate of the school, said, "We're building on the original design of the school and the brilliance of the CCC and WPA. It provides us with a sense of beauty, craftsmanship and community."

For Chairman Ron Dower, another alum, the fallen white oak was a critical occurrence and he was very pleased to have it replaced. He talked of the school's history, saying, "This campus served to bring together six towns."

John Anderson, who has substituted at the school, said there are not a lot of arboreturns left. "It's important to me that the kids have a living lab around them and that indoor and outdoor classes can be integrated."

Moran said, "The connection to landscapes and trees is very powerful. They have a large impact on a large number of alumni. Reunions often gather around their class trees. How meaningful to have kids come back to see their trees years later."

OUR TOWNS

Falls Village bids farewell to Rev. Reifsnyder

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Rev. Rich Reifsnyder, pastor of the Falls Village Congregational Church, presided over his last service at the church Sunday, Oct. 12.

Reifsnyder took over in February 2018.

He said it started out as a temporary job. "A couple of Sundays here and there."

"Then it sort of developed."

He said the church will form a search committee and start looking for a replacement, with some guidance from the United Church of Christ organization.

He said he and wife Lynn would be moving soon back to Winchester, Virginia, where they lived previously and where their son lives.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

After nearly eight years presiding over services at Falls Village Congregational Church, Rev. Rich Reifsnyder retired Oct. 12.

Worship Services Week of October 19, 2025	
<b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	<b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
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<b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   allsaintsofamerica.us	
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Come to the Cornwall Fire open house

Everyone is invited to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's OPEN HOUSE from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday October 19th.

This festive event will take place at the Fire House (289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall). There will be a "Kids Zone" of games and activities, equipment and safety information, tour of the fire house and a chance to meet your fire and ambulance volunteers. Other highlights

include a visit from the LIFE-STAR helicopter (weather permitting) and lunch provided by The Cornwall Association. CVFD's New Fire Trucks Campaign will be explained. You'll see examples of the two new trucks CVFD is hoping to purchase courtesy of the Sharon and Falls Village volunteer fire departments. All ages are welcome to this free event.

**Dick Sears**  
CVFD President  
Cornwall

Gratitude to 21st Century Fund for athletic grant

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the 21st Century Fund for Housatonic Valley Regional High School for awarding me a Region 1 Athletic Fund grant. This grant made it possible for me to participate in the summer rowing session at Litchfield Hills Rowing Club. One of the highlights of my season was the Philadelphia Youth Regatta in July, where both my U17 Mixed Double and U17 Women's Quad placed first, earning two gold metals. I also competed in the Women's Varsity Squad, a boat composed entirely of freshmen racing against athletes heading into college, and finished with a second-place result. This challenge pushed me to race with determination and confidence.

The Fund's continued support of HVRHS student athletes makes a meaningful difference by encouraging us to pursue our goals beyond the classroom and to stay connected to our commu-

nity.

I'm truly honored to have been selected as a recipient, and I want to thank the board members and all who contribute to the Fund for investing in the future of local students.

Thank you again for the Fund's support and commitment to Housatonic students.

**Alison McCarron**  
Kent

Vote for Kiefer

I'm writing to support Kitty Keifer for Selectman in Salisbury. Kitty is currently in that role and I propose we re-elect her.

Kitty is very effective and hard working. She is authentic, open, focused on the town.

We are lucky to have her as a public servant.

VOTE FOR KITTY KIEFER!

**Janet André Block**  
Salisbury

Will a Republican please stand up?

In comparing Republicans and Democrats, one is reminded of the remark by the American humorist, Will Rogers who said in 1928, "I'm not a member of any organized political party — I'm a Democrat". Even now, while a joke, this observation makes sense whereas it would seem ridiculous applied to the Republicans. And what was true back a hundred years ago has become many times more so under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump. Today the Republican party speaks with near unanimity.

During the 1950s, Senator Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.) made a name for himself stirring up and exploiting the fear and hatred of communism. The demise of McCarthy began in 1950 when Maine's Republican Senator, Margaret Chase Smith made a memorable speech on the Senate floor denouncing her colleague:

"It is high time that we stopped thinking politically as Republicans and Democrats about elections and started thinking patriotically as Americans about national security based on individual freedom. It is high time that we all stopped being tools and victims of totalitarian techniques — techniques that, if continued here unchecked, will surely end what we have come to cherish as the American way of life".

In 1973, President Richard Nixon was being investigated by special prosecutor Archibald Cox who had been hired by Attorney Gener-

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER  
MAC GORDON

al Eliot Richardson. On a Saturday night, Richardson received a call from Nixon on demanding that Cox be fired forthwith. Richardson refused the President's direct order and resigned as did his second in command at the Justice Department, William Ruckelshaus (the next in line, Robert Bork complied). Both men were, and still are, considered patriots for refusing to implement Nixon's order.

One member of Congress who did stand up to Donald Trump was Liz Cheney, the former Republican Congresswoman from Wyoming and daughter of former Vice President Dick Cheney. An orthodox, conservative Republican congresswoman, she attacked President Trump during and after the 2020 election for trying to overthrow the election, thus triggering the enmity of a large portion of her House colleagues and Wyoming Republicans. She became vice chairman of The U.S. House Select Committee on the January 6th attack. Her performance on the Committee won her national acclaim but she was defeated in her re-election primary receiving only 29% of the Republican vote.

The tripartite division of power in our federal government was designed to

provide stability by limiting the power of the executive, to prevent a future president from assuming unintended powers. However, over time authority seems to have shifted to the executive branch.

More and more, members of Congress are unwilling to take positions that do not closely conform to those of their party's leadership. This is less true of Democrats who have a long tradition of independence. Republicans, on the other hand, have become ever more controlled by their authoritarian President.

Republican members of Congress have been totally silent about Trump and his administration's contempt for the law. A few notable examples include usurpation of the Congressional prerogative to levy tariffs, the sending of the military into American cities, the destruction of a boat full of Venezuelans in international waters, and the reckless misbehavior of ICE officers, one of which involved arresting and illegally deporting individuals to an El Salvador prison and refusing to correct this error. Such illegal acts are happening regularly. But not a single Republican official has stood up to denounce or even question these events. Do they really think such moves are OK?

On September 30, President Trump brought back from all over the world some 800 of the nation's highest ranking military leaders to a military base in Virginia to hear him give an extremely partisan political speech at-

tacking "radical leftists" and describing major American cities as "war zones" and telling the military leaders to "use US cities as training grounds". Despite the illegality of the president's sending troops into US cities and the total opposition of the various state and local leaders involved, the only member of congress to speak out against the sending of the military to our cities has been Sen. Jack Reed, a Democrat from Rhode Island; no Republican has spoken up; are they all cyphers?

During Trump's "Big, Beautiful Tax bill" formulation in Congress, Republican legislators hardly ever spoke of it lest ordinary citizens realize how favorable it was to the wealthy and how health and other programs were being cut to pay for it. The same with many business deductions and other favors. The vote in the Senate on Trump's "Big, Beautiful Bill was 51-50 with the Vice-president's vote breaking the tie.

Despite her fervent opposition, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R, Alaska) cast the deciding vote after pressure from her colleagues and the White House. In the House, only 2 very conservative republicans voted against it, both because they were against increasing the national debt. But had Senator Murkowski voted against the Bill, it might have been revised in a more bi-partisan way, likely avoiding the current shutdown of the federal government.

*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*

goofer;

Deescalation, not provocation;

Soldiers who serve with honor, not crafty draft dodgers;

Free and independent judges, lawyers, universities, and journalists, not your puppets;

A sound United States Dollar, not speculative cryptocurrency;

Fair trade, not tariff yoyo;

Public health policy based

on science, not whimsy;

A government at work, not off;

Loyalty to our allies, not disregard of our international obligations;

Disbursement of appropriated funds, not impoundment, and above all;

Understanding and adhering to the Constitution and the rule of law, not ignorance and disregard.

**G. A. Mudge**  
Sharon

Community goes above

Let me tell you what a great town we live in. During the first day of the Fall Festival I was volunteering at the Friends of the Library book sale. After my shift was over I went to Herrington's to pick up a few things. Then to Lakeville Wine and Spirits for some wine and spirits, and then to LaBonne's. Somewhere during my travels I lost my wedding ring which represented forty years of happiness. Needless to say I was upset and contacted the various locations to ask them to search for this very important symbol of my life. My wife and I retraced my footsteps. Nothing at the library. Nothing at Herrington's. Nothing at Lakev-

ille Wine, but LaBonne's had the ring. A young man had found it and brought it to management.

All four organizations had their personnel search for my ring. At Herrington's, two of the employees went to our car while I was inside searching and consoled my wife. How sweet and thoughtful is that?

That is the kind of town we live in... people who are concerned for others and who will go out of their way to help. I have my ring but I have something even more valuable in the people who share my life day to day. Is there anything better?

**Macey Levin**  
Taconic

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# Viewpoint

## TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

### 125 years ago — October 1900

A force of about 15 men are engaged in the work of improving the reservoir.

Last Saturday night Carl Stemm of Sharon Valley and James Clark of Sharon Station had a head and head bicycle collision near the old Reinhart blacksmith shop between here and the Valley, which resulted in the death of Mr. Stemm.

The Pawling Chronicle has bought out the Recorder of that place, the field not being large enough to support two local papers.

A.B. Landon started for Vermont Tuesday morning after another carload of cows. This makes the fourth carload he has had this Fall. Mr. Landon says the cows from that section give good satisfaction and sell like hot cakes.

### 100 years ago — October 1925

Married, October 8, 1925, Mr. Robert John Graham and Miss Mabel Russell, both of Falls Village. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Goddard at his home, By the Way, in Salisbury. The young couple left in their automobile, accompanied by the good wishes of all concerned.

They are still eating sweet corn at Hamlet Hill Farm and they say it is the best they have had yet.

One of the most interested fans in the World series this week has been Mr. William Conklin. Mr. Conklin is nearly 91 years of age, but he has been a keen listener in on W.P. Bishop's radio every afternoon. Nothing got by him, as he followed every play as it was made, and greatly enjoyed it.

The Scoville family expect soon to close Southaway cottage at Barack Matiff and return to New York for the winter.

Gov. Trumbull has selected Mrs. W.B. Rand to paint his portrait for the State Library. Mrs. Rand will begin the portrait in Hartford this month.

The hunting season opened last Thursday. They say the hunting is fine, but finding not so good.

### 50 years ago — October 1975

Cable television is still planned for Northwest Connecticut but will not become a reality until late in the summer of 1976, according to Nicholas Eddy, a principal of Haystack Cable television. Mr. Eddy said this week that Haystack has received both state and federal approval for cable television in the villages of Canaan, Lakeville and Salisbury. Additional approval for Norfolk and Sharon will be sought.

Gov. Ella T. Grasso visited Lakeville Sunday afternoon to pay her respects to John D. Briscoe, former chairman of the State Board of Agriculture and longtime owner of Silent Meadow Farm, who died Friday of cancer.

The Connecticut Bicentennial wagon will make a special appearance at Sunday's Blackberry River Riders 4-H show in East Canaan. The wagon, owned by Elmer Gladding of Southbury, will be one of several making a trek next year to Valley Forge.

### 25 years ago — October 2000

SALISBURY — The old perpendicular parking spots in front of the Village Store, the Salisbury Package Store, Salisbury Kitchens and OSCAR's are being removed this week, courtesy of the state Department of Transportation. Verdant plantings and a curbed sidewalk will be added in their place. The change will create a visual cue for truckers and other motorists, indicating they have entered a town center and should slow down.

SHARON — The Board of Selectmen plans to look into an ordinance concerning digging and excavation on town property. The decision to consider putting into place such an ordinance comes after some unidentified New York state residents found some 18th and 19th-century coins and artifacts along Route 41 in Sharon.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ‘All politics is local’

It's as true now as it was when Tip O'Neill was Speaker of the House 40 years ago. To serve their constituents best local candidates should concentrate on local issues. That's not to say we shouldn't be concerned about national political issues, but Salisbury Selectmen have to deal with our local problems.

Don Mayland recognizes the important problems we face in the Town of Salisbury. He knows we must have more affordable housing that is compatible with our town's character and zoning laws. Big city politicians will try again to pass a law to override our local zoning ordinances. We must beat them to it and make our town attractive to the younger people who work in local businesses, join local service organizations and maintain our fire and ambulance services.

Don Mayland has been president of the Lake

Wononscopomuc Association. He is keenly aware of the threat that the vicious weed Hydrilla poses to our beautiful lakes. Don has the experience to know what our local issues are and how to deal with them.

Don Mayland served on The Board of Finance of the Town of Salisbury for 24 years. Don has served 3 terms on the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Salisbury. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Litchfield Bancorp for 26 years. He has years of service on the Water Pollution Control Authority, the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation and the Marketplace of Salisbury.

We need Don Mayland back of the Board of Selectmen to deal with the issues of the Town of Salisbury.

**Bill Littauer**  
Lakeville

### Ohler will bring positive changes

With the upcoming election in North Canaan, I would like to voice why I support the re-election of Brian Ohler as First Selectman.

I have known Brian for most of his life and have watched as he served first our nation, then our local area at a state level, to then become the leader of the town he has proudly called home. During the last two years I have watched him tackle budgets, residential grievances, difficult situations, and a host of other items I wouldn't take on for anything. And he has done it with grace and dignity. He has been empathetic and re-

spectful, supportive and encouraging. So many times, I know I would have thrown in the towel, but he just goes on with that quiet, dignified air. He has (along with others) been able to bring about significant changes to the town of North Canaan. Some changes were in the works when he was first elected, while others were done during this tenure. He has made a difference.

I know change is difficult and the town of North Canaan has gone through a number of changes over the last two years. But change is the essence of life. Roald Dahl wrote "Somewhere inside of all of us is the power

### Salisbury benefits from Democrats

Salisbury continues to be one of the best run towns in CT. The quality of life here is high with excellent town services and schools that attract a wealth of talented, community-minded people. Some step right up to volunteer for the elected and appointed positions that keep the town running smoothly and efficiently with the lowest mil rate in the state. People like Cori Daggett (Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate) and Jen Ventimilia (Planning and Zoning Alternate)

There are fifteen seats open to Democrats this year and the Democratic Town Committee has excellent candidates for each one. At the top of the ticket is Curtis Rand as First Selectman. His leadership has seen the town through many challenges and improvements. We look forward to another two years of the same as he continues working on

solid waste, modernizing and maintaining infrastructure, supporting the various groups that are building affordable housing, protecting our natural environment, and taking care of citizens of all ages.

For Second Selectman we have Barrett Prinz. He has served for nine-years on Salisbury Central Board of Education and is an active member of the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Squad. Barrett also serves on the board of Salisbury Family Services. He's an accomplished attorney with experience in private practice but more recently with international Non-Governmental Organizations helping smallholder farmers across East Africa and helping US and foreign governments strengthen their public health systems. I'm not making this up!

A newcomer to elected office but not to Salisbury

## Families: Get a globe

Those of us old enough, we remember our parents and our siblings asking questions about the world we lived in. "Where is Anzio and Normandy?" "Where is Inchon?" "Where is Cambodia and what's the Gulf of Tonkin?" And "Kuwait? What's Kuwait?" "Kabul? Where is that?" Sadly, you will be asking these questions again all too soon.

American youth, woefully undereducated, were always being sent "over there" to fight battles vital for our national interests and security. Parents desperately try to find out how far away they were going to be, what were the strange lands, strange peoples, strange customs they were going to encounter. And if all this is about to happen again, US education is still lacking in every possible geographic way.

In 1890-1910 the disparity between the worker and the very rich in all industrial societies including America was desperately evident. Natural resources (metals, oil, power, engineering) outstripped social balancing, allowing a handful to become so wealthy they make today's billionaires look like paupers. Meanwhile, new inventions across the world as a result of the industrial revolution made those very wealthy here and especially in Europe, to want to keep their power by expanding control and territory. Countries fought such unopposed expansion until, finally, they became embroiled in an all-out war — the first world war in 1914 (WWI) — to stop the expansion of these powers. American elites and the most wealthy, desperate not to chose sides and lose their own positions of power

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er and wealth, kept us out of the conflict until 1917 when American interests across the globe were threatened and we joined in to stop the Kaiser and his allies. That war was fought in 17 countries in Europe (can you name any of them?), 12 countries in Asia, 26 in Africa, and 12 in the Pacific basin. WWI killed about 40,000,000 people — about half of all the people in the USA at the time.

Just 20 years later, after the Great Depression, new inventions and manufacturing capabilities allowed nations to seek to return to strength through dominance — especially seeking to control oil, resources, and labor. The 3rd Reich started by building the industrial base, annexing neighbors, changing the social norms and birthright of its citizens to favor those in support of its moral codes. Japan invaded Korea and China. Soon, joined by other nations also wanting dominance over their neighbors, they were joined by Italy, and Russia and kicked off WWII. America, once again to protect the financial elite, stayed out of WWII for two years until Japan's direct attack on our protectorate of Hawaii (not yet a state). In the end, across the globe, on every continent, in almost every

country, millions perished, were tortured, executed, and died in battle. 70,000,000 to 85,000,000 people were killed — more than half of all the people in the USA at the time.

Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq — all followed since 1945. Why? Study history, but it usually boils down to powerful cabals wanting more.

Now, once again, there are potentates (domestic and faoreign) and several governments that seek superiority over their fellow citizens, are re-writing the moral codes of civilization, and are seeking to protect the wealth and prestige of the most wealthy. This time around it may be the rest of the world against a new cabal of financially elite rulers, desperate for power, desperate to secure dominance over people across the globe. And that battle, which will come — history always repeats — will take place in locations across the globe your children may never have been aware of, and you may find yourself asking, "Where is Panama? Where is Sandy Cay? Where is Bahrain? Where is Suriname and Paraguay? Where is Heimaey? What is Gaza? Why are our kids fighting there?"

Go get a globe and teach yourself and your kids before it is too late, to really know what is going on and where. Their lives are at stake.

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

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### There are solutions to ‘serious threats’

Full Disclosure: When first in New York City as a young Republican I stuffed envelopes and rang door bells for Nelson Rockefeller and Jacob Javits. On 9/26/2000, I changed my voter registration to "Unaffiliated." Recently I received a "Dear Friend" letter from the Salisbury Republican Town Committee that highlights "serious threats." One perceived threat is from "big city politicians" who wish to override our zoning laws and build "welfare housing", which the letter writers say will affect our property values. Those who study propaganda would have fun with this clearly fallacious scare scenario. But it is not funny when these writers underestimate how important it is for our town to find more affordable housing close to Salisbury businesses. Another stated threat relates to Hydrilla in our lakes and ponds. This is not news. Efforts to eliminate this inva-

sion are underway, and the Republican Town Committee fails to suggest any improved techniques or approaches to this costly problem. The third "threat" is the danger of walking on state roads. Again no solution is offered. Perhaps those walking or running on heavily trafficked state roads could be encouraged to make use of the town's recreational facilities or walk on less trafficked local roads.

The letter ends by extolling Republican candidates who "are working on these problems" while Democrats are focused on Washington and by implication neglecting matters locally. If these are the big "serious threats" we face, perhaps, like the democrats, the Town Committee should reflect on what is happening in Washington where some perceive existential threats to democracy.

**Philip V. Oppenheimer**  
Lakeville



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With fall comes the deer and turkey hunting season... with a major change that people should be aware of. The change is that, as of October 1st, hunting will be allowed on private lands on Sundays. Up until this year, hunting on Sundays was not allowed except for a few exceptions. So if you are out hiking or birdwatching, it is good to take this under consideration to stay safe. For more information, please visit the CTDEEP site at: portal.ct.gov/deep/hunting/2025-connecticut-hunting-and-trapping-guide.



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North Canaan reckons with Town Hall turmoil



Democratic Town Committee chair Chris Jacques added public comment at the Board of Selectmen meeting Monday, Oct. 6. From left, Jacques, First Selectman Brian Ohler, Selectman Craig Whiting and Selectman Jesse Bunce.

Residents fill Town Hall to hear from selectmen

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — At the Oct. 6 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, speakers had to use a microphone sound system so those in the back of the audience could hear them as residents filled the meeting room for the last selectmen’s meeting before the Nov. 4 election.

In the month leading up to the October meeting, state troopers were called to Town Hall to remove Town Clerk Jean Jacquier, whose return to work after nearly eight months of absence followed a judge’s decision to uphold her removal from the ballot as a candidate.

Democratic Town Committee (DTC) chair Chris Jacques spoke during the public comment period at the start of the meeting.

He said that First Selectman Brian Ohler deliberately waited until after the Aug. 6 deadline for nominating petitions to be filed to alert the Secretary of the State’s (SOTS) office about the faulty DTC paperwork and that the Republican candidate for town clerk, Krystian Segalla, had used a nominating petition because of a similar error on the Republican Town Committee’s part.

He said the Republicans were notified but the Democrats were not.

“When standard procedures for correcting errors are selectively applied there are serious questions about fairness in our electoral processes.”

Ohler then spoke for about 40 minutes about the controversies surrounding Jacquier and provided his timeline of events.

“This has been a long two years, I won’t sugarcoat it,” he said.

He said complaints about Jacquier’s conduct as town clerk go back to the previous administration and that he received at least six complaints early in his term.

He said he had no choice but to act on the complaints.

Ohler responded to charges that he or Paul Mattingly, who is the selectmen’s executive assistant and filling in as assistant town clerk, had manipulated Town Hall security video footage that was the subject of a Freedom of Information Act request from the DTC.

Ohler said the reason there are gaps in the footage is that the video system uses a motion sensor, which does not provide continuous footage.

“So yes, there are long periods with no recording.”

He said allegations that the footage was altered are baseless. “We don’t have the capability.”

Ohler said that he and Cheryl Duntz did examine the DTC endorsement form (missing the information for

Jacquier and Overby) shortly before 4 p.m. on July 23.

He said he did not have advance notice of the errors on the DTC form but did see the paperwork. “I went in on deadline day and took a photo.”

Ohler said candidates and party officials usually look at the candidate filings so they know who they are running against. “That’s how I found out you were running for First Selectman,” he said to Selectman Jesse Bunce.

Ohler said the Republicans were not notified of the missing signatures on the endorsement slates for candidates Krysti Segalla and Tucker Whiting. He told The Lakeville Journal that RTC secretary Cheryl Duntz noticed the missing signatures while double checking the forms on July 30. She then asked for advice from the SOTS office and learned the candidates could petition to remain on the ballot if enough signatures were attained and filed by Aug. 6.

As far as querying the SOTS office on Aug. 7 about missing information on the DTC slate, Ohler said he was within his rights as first selectman to do so.

Ohler said that in early February 2025 he assumed Jacquier had left her position. He said one person had asked her about an absentee ballot and Jacquier replied that she had received it but was no longer Town Clerk. He showed an email sent from Jacquier to the Adkins Printing Company on Feb. 7 instructing them not to send grant materials because she had left the job.

When asked about the email to Adkins, Jacquier confirmed she sent it and stated “there was a good reason for it. I knew I was not in the office for a time. There are reports that have to be filed on certain dates for that grant also, the grant has to be done by a certain date or the money has to be returned, and I did not want to take responsibility for that. And of course my assistant had never really done it on her own before so I was being very safe and saying, I just don’t want that responsibility since I’m not there.”

Ohler said he made contact with Jacquier’s husband who said she was finished with the job.

“So what would you assume?” Ohler asked the audience at Town Hall.

Moving on, Ohler said the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) was investigating Jacquier as of July 10 for soliciting for candidates in Town Hall, untimely stamping of documents and failure to fine candidates for late campaign filings.

The Lakeville Journal has confirmed the SEEC investigation is ongoing.

Ohler said Jacquier came

to Town Hall on Aug. 14 at 7:45 a.m. and found the locks had been changed, which Ohler said was done back in March.

Ohler described Jacquier as “enraged” and said she “proceeded to tear down all the signs” on the door of the town clerk’s office.

The state police were called. Ohler said Jacquier was ordered to leave and did so. He said he had to restrict Jacquier’s access to Town Hall until her intent could be determined, and that if Jacquier wanted to return to work she must have her legal team get in touch with the town’s lawyers to make that happen.

“To date this has not happened.”

Jacquier provided copies of emails to The Lakeville Journal that were sent by her attorneys to North Canaan town counsel Randy DiBella. On March 11 attorney Jeffrey Mirman wrote “Ms. Jacquier has not abandoned her office” and intends to return to work when she feels ready. On Aug. 14 attorney John Kennelly wrote Jacquier did not resign and cannot be locked out of the office. He requested a set of working keys be provided to Jacquier.

Ohler said Jacquier returned to Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 29, sat down at a computer and asked for a copy of the current key.

Jacquier told The Lakeville Journal she went to help prepare for the election.

The state police were called again, and again Jacquier left.

Ohler said he has an obligation to maintain the security of Town Hall, and particularly the Town Clerk’s office and the documents and records therein.

He noted that Jacquier is still technically the town clerk. “I did not remove her,” he said. “We’re restricting access until we know her intent.”

Breaking down the timeline

By Patrick L. Sullivan

NORTH CANAAN — The following is a timeline of events involving the North Canaan Town Clerk, Jean Jacquier. This timeline relies on public records and previous Lakeville Journal reporting.

November 2023: Brian Ohler (R) is elected First Selectman. Jacquier (R) is elected to her fourth term as Town Clerk.

January 2024: Ohler filed a complaint with state Attorney General alleging misconduct by Jacquier, including improper security of the vault, posting candidate campaign material in Town Hall and untimely stamping of documents.

August 2024: Jacquier filed a lawsuit against the Town of North Canaan seeking reimbursement for legal fees. The case is still pending.

Oct. 9, 2024: The Attorney General’s office released the results of its investigation, which “found evidence of misconduct and neglect of duty in three areas: (1) improper security of the vault outside of the Town Clerk’s hours of operation; (2) improper posting of campaign materials in Town Hall; and (3) untimely stamping of documents received by the Town Clerk’s office.”

No further action was taken by the AG’s office. The letter “strongly recommend” Jacquier implement changes to her practices and review standards governing vault security, political activity by municipal officials, and stamping or endorsing documents.

Feb. 3, 2025: Jacquier walked out of the Town Clerk’s office, “stating that she could not stand the turmoil and had conflicts with the first selectman and the clerk in the office of the building official. This has left [Marilysa] Camardi, the part-time assistant town clerk, to serve as acting town clerk, in charge of the town clerk’s office” (from Torrington Superior Court’s Sept. 24, 2025, decision in a subsequent lawsuit filed by Jacquier against Assistant Town Clerk Marilisa Camardi).

March 12: The Board of Selectmen vote to suspend Jacquier’s pay until she returns to work. Ohler and Selectman Craig Whiting (R) voted to suspend, Selectman Jesse Bunce (D) abstained (Bunce is a registered Republican endorsed by the Democrats to run against Ohler for First Selectman).

July 22: The North Canaan Democratic Town Committee (DTC) held its caucus and voted for a slate of candidates for the municipal election of Nov. 4, 2025. The candidates included Jacquier for town clerk and Carol Overby for the Board of Finance.

There is a form to be filled out and submitted to the Town Clerk’s office. On this form candidates supply their name, address, the office they are running for and the term, and a signature.

Overby, who was at the caucus, did not include that she was running for the finance board on the form.

July 23: North Canaan DTC chair Chris Jacques met with Jacquier, who was not at the caucus, to fill out the form. Jacquier also did not include the office she was running for. “Jacquier admits this was a mistake” (from the Sept. 24 decision).

The filing deadline was July 23, 4 p.m. At 3:34 p.m. Jacques filed the DTC endorsement form with Camardi, the assistant town clerk, who accepted it and stamped it as received.

From the decision: “This was Camardi’s first experience with municipal elections as she had worked in the office for only one and one-half years. Likewise, this was the first time Jacques had submitted a certification of party endorsement form.

“Shortly thereafter on July 23, 2025, the first selectman and Cheryl Duntz, a member of the Republican Town Committee, asked to see the [Democratic Town] Committee’s certification of party endorsement form. They reviewed the form and then left. Camardi left at 4 p.m. on July 23, 2025.”

July 24: Camardi, while preparing the legal notice of the candidates for the Waterbury Republican-American, noticed the omissions by Jacquier and Overby. Along with the certification of party endorsement forms, town committee chairs also file two forms with the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission. The missing information was on the SEEC Form 1, so Camardi edited the endorsement form to add “Town Clerk” to Jacquier’s information and “Board of Finance” to Overby’s.

Aug. 6: This was the deadline to gather signatures to petition to fill a party endorsement vacancy, which existed for the Democratic slate for Town Clerk and Board of Finance because of the faulty paperwork.

Aug. 7: Ohler emailed Heather Augeri at the Secretary of the State’s (SOTS) office and attached the DTC endorsement form as it was submitted before Camardi added the words “Town Clerk” and “Board of Finance” to the form. Ohler asked Augeri if the form was valid and Augeri responded it was not and Jacquier and Overby could not be on the November ballot.

Sept. 5: Jacquier and Overby filed a lawsuit against Camardi, the acting Town Clerk, and requested an accelerated court schedule because the election was coming up.

The case was tried Sept. 12, with Jacques, Jacquier and Camardi testifying. There were additional appearances in court on Sept. 15 and 16. On Sept. 16 both parties rested their cases.

Sept. 23: Camardi submitted her letter of resignation from the role of Assistant Town Clerk.

Sept. 24 Judge Ann E. Lynch of the Superior Court, Litchfield District ruled against Jacquier and Overby, stating, “The plaintiffs did not substantially comply with Connecticut General Statute 9-391 by filling out forms that pertain to completely different statutory requirements relating to campaign financing.

“This court cannot ignore the mandatory requirements of §9-391. Accordingly, this court finds that Camardi properly determined that Jacquier and Overby’s names cannot appear on the ballot for the November 2025 election.”

Sept. 29: Jacquier comes to Town Hall and is ordered to leave by state police.

For what followed, see accompanying coverage of the Oct. 6 Board of Selectmen meeting.

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Our Towns

Arts space approved in Sharon

By Alec Linden

SHARON — An arts development that has brought some contention to town hall during the past few months was approved with conditions at the Wednesday, Oct. 8 meeting before ten minutes had passed, kicking off a notably busy agenda for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The proposal, which calls for an office space and events center on Low Road in Sharon's commercial district, met some opposition from neighbors during the public hearing, which began in July and closed in September. Opponents were primarily concerned about impacts to Lovers Lane, which runs along the backside of the property, such as increased traffic and light pollution among other disruptions to the half-paved, narrow roadway.

The applicant, Low Road Sharon, is the nonprofit planning to create an artist colony on property in town belonging to painter Jasper Johns, 95, after he dies.

Low Road Sharon parried criticism of the project by assuring that impacts to the road will be minimal. Since the hearing began, the applicant has removed lighting fixtures adjacent to Lovers Lane, shortened a proposed walkway meant to

connect Low Road to Lovers Lane so that it ends midway across the property and affirmed that the downtown facility will remain separate to functions on other properties owned by the property to keep traffic low.

Conditions imposed by the Commission at the Oct. 8 meeting were primarily aimed at protecting Lovers Lane property owners. P&Z stipulated that the walkway must end at a concrete pad overlooking a brook at the property's edge, and that any event advertisements instruct guests not to use Lovers Lane to access the property. Parking for the facility will be accessed from North Main Street and Low Road.

Additional conditions solidify the applicant's proposal: 1 Low Road will be the address for both proposed new structures; 15 Low Road remain a single-family residence; and 29 Low Road will provide additional parking for the facility. The proposed south building is planned to contain offices for Low Road Sharon staff, while the north building will be a multi-use structure that will provide a downtown venue for arts-related programming, such as performances, readings and exhibits. Low Road Sharon has promised these events will be open and free to the public.

P&Z's decision was tabled from the Commission's September meeting to allow the town's attorney time to review a dispute over a possible right-of-way easement existing between the applicant's property and a neighboring plot where Thomas and Margaret Youngberg live.

Low Road Sharon has questioned the existence of the easement and claimed it shouldn't have an impact on the project even if it is present on the property. The Youngbergs, on the other hand, are adamant that the easement does exist, and have sought answers on how the development will impact it.

At the Oct. 8 meeting,

Attorney Steven Byrne's verdict was presented: that P&Z does not have the authority to judge the legitimacy of an easement. Byrne affirmed any dispute over the easement will have to be settled in court outside of P&Z deliberations.

Conley Rollins, representing Low Road Sharon, stated his gratification with P&Z's decision and said he hopes construction will begin early in 2026.

"We are grateful to the P&Z and Inland Wetlands Commissions, and to the neighbors and other residents who provided input during the public approval process," he said.



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Housatonic Valley FFA students prepare for the upcoming convention with teacher David Moran.

Students prep for FFA National Convention

By Kellie Eisermann

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley FFA students are gearing up to head to the 98th annual National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1.

This year, students are preparing to take on the landscape, horse judging, creed speaking and extemporaneous competitions.

Creed speaking involves memorizing and reciting all five paragraphs of the FFA Creed (by E.M. Tiffany).

Contestants are judged on how well and uniquely the creed is presented, and the judges question the speaker on aspects of the creed.

For extemporaneous speaking, the student is given a topic relating to agriculture and has 30 minutes to prepare before answering questions from the judges.

Riley Mahaffey will be taking on her third year of

public speaking at the national level.

The landscape team consists of Madeline Collingwood, Michael Gawel, Hayden Bell and Byron Bell. The competition will include plant identification, a written exam, landscape practicums and a team event.

The equine judging team consists of Madison Melino, Darwin Wolfe, Hannah Johnson and Kellie Eisermann. The competitions will include a general knowledge test, judging horses in halter classes and under saddle, oral questions and a team event to wrap it all up.

Zayre Trail is advancing to the national level to represent the Housatonic Valley FFA chapter as the creed speaker.

*Kellie Eisermann is the FFA Reporter this year. She is a junior and lives in Lakeville and plans to go into the family business, Four Seasons Pool Service in Millerton.*

DEEP signs off on Lake Waramaug wakesurf ban

KENT — First Selectmen Marty Lindenmayer announced via an email to town residents on Oct. 8 that the state Department of Energy and the Environment has reviewed and approved the tri-town ordinance to ban wakesurfing on Lake Waramaug.

The draft ordinance, which was debated for months amongst town leaders and residents and stoked community tensions, was passed via three simultane-

ous votes in Kent, Warren and Washington on July 31. With DEEP's authorization, the ordinance is now on track to take effect in February 2026 upon the publishing of the CT DEEP Boater Safety Guide.

The ban will restrict the use of wake-enhancing technology on boats, such as the filling of ballast tanks to produce a bigger wave, and not other tow sports such as wakeboarding, water skiing or tubing.



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A group of Indian Mountain School students were determined to get a cake. They purchased 17 chips and spread them around.

Alas, their number did not come up.

At the Salisbury Hand-made booths on the White Hart lawn, a small girl was eyeing a toy bat as created by Liz Bucceri.

The little girl asked her grandmother about buying the bat.

The grandmother demurred.

Undeterred, the little girl disappeared, only to reappear holding a cell phone. She took a photo of the toy bat and dashed off again.

After a slightly longer wait, she returned with her grandfather in tow. Grandpa bowed to the inevitable, funds were exchanged, and the little girl pranced off happily, holding her bat aloft.

Bucceri said she started making the toy animals as a hobby and to give to friends with small children.

She only does one show per year, at the Fall Festival, because she is a teacher at a private school in Windsor and does not have vast amounts of free time.

On Library Street the traditional hayride was operating, and there was a new twist in the form of a ride in an antique car.

One of these was a 1930 Ford Model A station wagon, restored by Dave Heck and his son Dan some 15 years ago.

“We found it in pieces at Cape Cod,” Heck said. The



Left, Dave Heck gave a group a ride in his 1930 Ford Model A at the Fall Festival. Right, The NBT scarecrow was outside the Salisbury branch of the bank Oct. 11.



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restoration took about a year and a half.

The Salisbury Band Senior Hotshots struck up the familiar circus-y sounds of “Entry of the Gladiators” for the opening of their concert.

Behind the portable bandstand a sea of small children dashed about getting their faces painted or decorating pumpkins.

Looking on were Emma Foster of the Northwest Connecticut Prevention Network and Jessica Hawthorne of the Housatonic Youth Services Bureau. They were there to provide information about their respective organizations’ efforts to help people with substance abuse problems.

Moving east along Main Street, Will Trowbridge was demonstrating aspects of blacksmithing next door to St. John’s Episcopal Church, and right in front of the porch steps of the White Hart Inn, a group of dance students from Blue Studio Dance in Lakeville put on a



Sydney Howe, center, was the tallest of the Blue Studio Dance performers in front of the White Hart Inn on Saturday, Oct. 11.

show, featuring Sydney Howe of North Canaan.

A man with a dog on a leash and clutching a to-go coffee came out of the White Hart’s front door as the dancing was going on.

He looked somewhat taken aback. So did the dog.

There was tension in the air. Would the man and the dog try to go down the steps and awkwardly maneuver around the dancers?

The man looked to his left. No escape there.

He looked to his right. Aha! An exit!

Crisis averted.

Sunday, Oct. 12 was cold and windy. By noon even the diehards of the Salisbury Association were bringing their tables and stacks of flyers inside.

But there were still cars parked along Route 44 towards Salmon Kill Road and people milling about, admiring the scarecrows and grabbing something warm to drink.

JUBILEE

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was injured in the incident and is now recovering at home,” said James Clark, publisher. “We’re grateful there were no more serious injuries, and we deeply appreciate the understanding and support of our honoree, underwriters, and guests.”

The incident occurred during preparation for the event, which would have centered around the presentation of the Estabrook Community Leadership

Award to Bunny Williams. Food that The Marketplace had prepared for the event was donated to People’s Pantry in Great Barrington.

The roof of the Grove was damaged by the tree, the event tent was punctured, a chef was injured and the Jubilee Luncheon was canceled Sunday, Oct. 12.



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HYDRILLA

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state and federal scientists, environmentalists and stakeholders on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at O’Hara’s Landing Marina.

The meeting’s location — several yards from where the first strand of the pernicious plant was discovered at the marina in May of 2022 and where a large sign now warns boaters of the threat — was a fitting backdrop for the 90-minute coalition meeting focused on managing the aquatic invader.

It is believed that the invasive weed, known as the Connecticut River Hydrilla, was introduced by hitching a ride with an unsuspecting boater.

Three years ago East Twin became the first lake to discover the novel Connecticut River strain of hydrilla in its waters. Since then, it has been identified in 10 additional state lakes.

**Herbicide’s impact**  
The meeting centered on this past summer’s success as well as collateral damage to a native plant, water marigold, following the TLA’s whole-lake treatment with the herbicide fluoridone.

Domenic Meringolo, environmental engineer and project manager with SOLitude Lake Management, said this summer’s treatment

with Sonar, SePRO’s flagship aquatic solution, was more successful than prior spot treatments using the systemic herbicide ProcellaCOR.

While the ProcellaCOR failed to kill hydrilla, it was “beautifully effective” on ridding the lake of Eurasian watermilfoil, said Knoecklein. “It became pretty clear that the whack-a-mole strategy wasn’t going to work” on hydrilla.

The SOLitude project manager noted that the two-to-five parts per billion (ppb) concentration of fluoridone used throughout this summer at East Twin was to selectively control hydrilla while minimally affecting native aquatic plants at low concentration.

While the Sonar destroyed the hydrilla, it had an unintended ecological impact on one of the lake’s native aquatic species, Bidens beckii, commonly known as water marigold. The Bidens is a state protected plant that had been growing profusely in East Twin.

“This year, we couldn’t find it,” reported NEAR’S Knoecklein.

Of the 54 species of aquatic plants documented in East Twin Lake, the Bidens beckii was the only one adversely

affected by the treatment, he explained. “We have more of it in Middle Twin, and there’s a very good indication that nothing else was impacted here.”

Knoecklein said he has been in contact with DEEP’s Natural Diversity Database (NDDb) regarding the loss of Bidens beckii.

“It was not completely unexpected, but we’ll be watching very closely next year,” he said. “I am hoping for some recovery.”

A diver is expected to re-inspect the lake this week.

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ROWING

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braced by dozens of women over the past 20 years.

“There are so many benefits to rowing,” said Driscoll. “And being with people who are literally in the same boat with whom you can share stories is wonderful.”

Meeting with several of the members last week, the humorous banter was contagious; sometimes even irreverent. They can now joke about their diagnoses and as Juliet Moore said, she was originally turned down when she wanted to participate, but was told she didn’t qualify. “Then I had my first bout, and someone tapped me on the shoulder and said, ‘Now you qualify.’”

Over the years, the women, most of whom had never before rowed, have participated in several regattas, but on Oct. 18, they are heading to one of the most prestigious, and grueling of them all — the Head of the Charles in Boston.

The event is organized by the Survivor Rowing Network, coordinated with the Head of the Charles Regatta giving an opportunity for cancer survivors to row at the regatta in the Survivor Rowing Exhibition. This race is not restricted to women, so there are men among the eight who will be rowing the distance of 4,702 meters. Silvia Mueller contacted the network and received the information. The team applied and was accepted.

Donna DiMartino is proud of the group’s participation in regattas, saying “We have a lot of experience to give.”

Also rowing will be Ben Freund, the first male to join the group. He suggested to his cousin Jacolyn Brown that she consider becoming part of the team and she has since become an active member. “It’s been so much fun,” she said. “At first, I was scared out of my wits, but now I find it exhilarating. We don’t sit around and talk about cancer. We laugh a lot.”

When Freund was diagnosed, he was first tapped to help carry the boat from the boathouse to the water. “Now that they accept men, I broke the glass ceiling,” he said.

Everyone in the group made mention of Washinee Lake on which they row and the magical powers it seems to hold for them. Moore, who is not among those going to Boston, described the beauty of the lake when the sun is setting and an eagle is spotted flying overhead.

She became a bit teary, saying, “This is the most incredible support group. They are such an important part of my life. I think of who we are and what we’ve done. We are there for each other 24/7.”

Pauline Moore, who also is not taking part, described the overwhelming feeling of coming down the path and first seeing the lake. “It’s so inviting and encouraging.”

The idol of the team is Cicily Hajek, who will be rowing at age 84. She is ranked third in the world of rowers in her age bracket. Her determination and enthusiasm are evident from the many races she’s been in.

Others who have been central to the program are Carl Jenter, who lost his wife to cancer and has been a loyal driver of the motorized launch that accompanies the boat out on the water, and Dick Curtis, who coached the women for years.

The team is deeply indebted to Salisbury School for providing use of the boathouse and shell. In a note of thanks by member Jean Anderson, she said, “This isn’t a team that any of us tried out for. We individually showed up with our scars and our fears and our dreams. And you have provided us with a few hours each week of tranquility from our lives, our jobs and from cancer. The lake is teaching us to be whole again, reminding us to take it all in. It is all too perfect — really. We are very grateful.”

Driscoll, who is on vacation, wrote a note to the team. “To say that I am proud is truly an understatement. It’s more like I am overwhelmed with what a tiny spark of memories of some of my dearly lost friends has grown into. But the loss of those special friends has generated something that was unfathomable as I was going through my grieving stage. It has become a group of friends, and family support members, who truly embody the spirit of survivorship. The strength that we all get from each other is what carries this group forward on the lake, and in our personal lives and friendships that have been formed through WCR.”

The team will be made up of DiMartino, Mueller, Michael Kelly, Freund, Brown, Shelly Whitbeck Pope, Hajek and Anderson. Anne Kelly is coach and coxswain.

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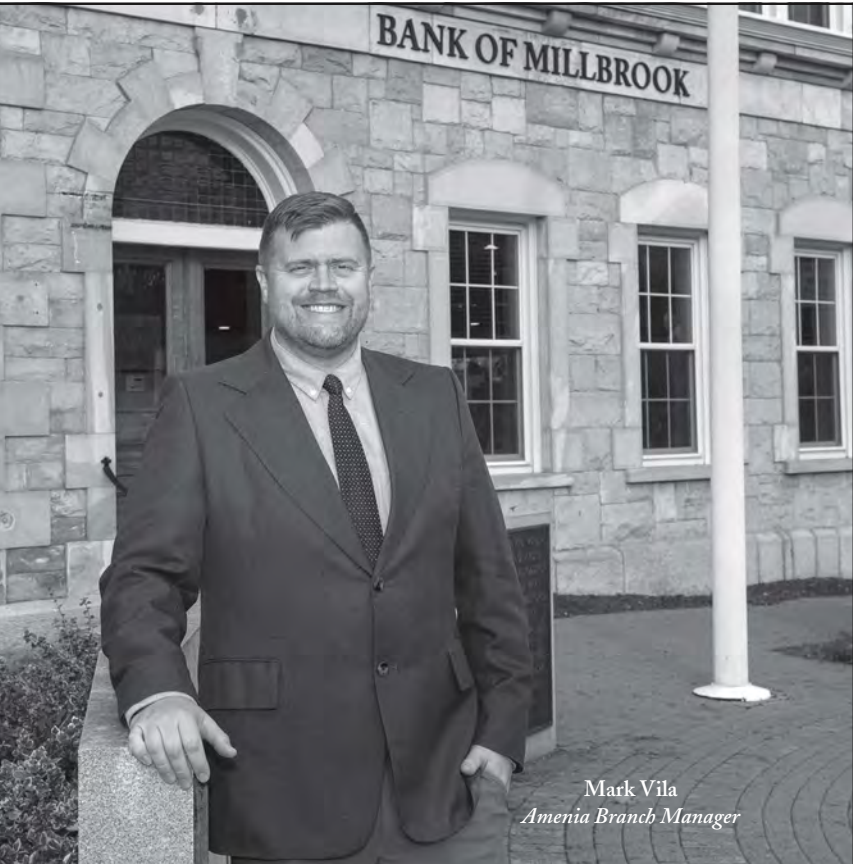


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## Crescendo launches 22nd season

Christine Gevert, Crescendo’s artistic director, is delighted to announce the start of this musical organization’s 22nd year of operation. The group’s first concert of the season will feature Latin American early chamber music, performed Oct. 18 and 19, on indigenous Andean instruments as well as the virginal, flute, viola and percussion. Gevert will perform at the keyboard, joined by Chilean musicians Gonzalo Cortes and Carlos Boltes on wind and stringed instruments.

This concert, the first in a series of nine, will be held on Oct. 18 at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, and Oct. 19 at Trinity Church in Lakeville.

For those unfamiliar with Crescendo, the award-winning organization was founded in 2003 and brings lesser-known works from the Renaissance and Baroque periods — along with contemporary fusion pieces — to new life. Its performances often blend classical composition with nontraditional instrumentation for a refreshing new take on an established body of work.

Gevert, who is German, Chilean and American, is a conductor, keyboardist and musical scholar. As the multi-national, multi-lingual (German, Spanish and English) creative director, she is a veritable whirlwind of talent, professionalism and inspiration who conceives of new musical treats for her audiences. She also hires and nourishes local



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Christine Gevert, artistic director of Crescendo

talent, sources internationally known vocal and instrumental professionals, and provides her audiences with well-researched program notes for each concert, packaged in lush, full-color programs that resemble illuminated manuscripts.

“It is the excitement about and dedication to the music, along with the prerequisite vocal and instrumental talent, that characterizes a Crescendo member,” said Gevert. “I don’t care about things like how old or young you are or where you’re from — it’s all about bringing these performers together to provide unforgettable musical experiences for its audiences.”

“Traditional audiences for classical music performances tend to skew older,” Gevert continued. “For that reason, I’ve embarked on an effort to reach younger listeners, and have done things like taken a Crescendo choral group to perform at Housatonic Regional High School. I’ve also launched an effort to recruit and train young singers in Baroque singing techniques so they can perform with our existing choral group.”

The upcoming 2025-26 season includes, among other performances, a solo recital and benefit concert on Nov. 22 by the international Baroque opera star and counter-

tenor Nicholas Tamagna. The curated program will include works by Handel, Vivaldi, and Monteverdi.

Two dazzling Christmas concerts follow: on Dec. 6 and 7, Crescendo presents J.S. Bach’s “Sweet Comfort” cantata and Mass in G minor, featuring the full chorus and soloists with a period instrument orchestra. On Dec. 21, the annual Holiday Concert will be presented: “A Tapestry of Traditions: Unraveling the History of Christmas Carols,” with the entire Crescendo vocal ensemble and Gevert on organ.

For the full schedule, concerts details and ticket information, visit: [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org)

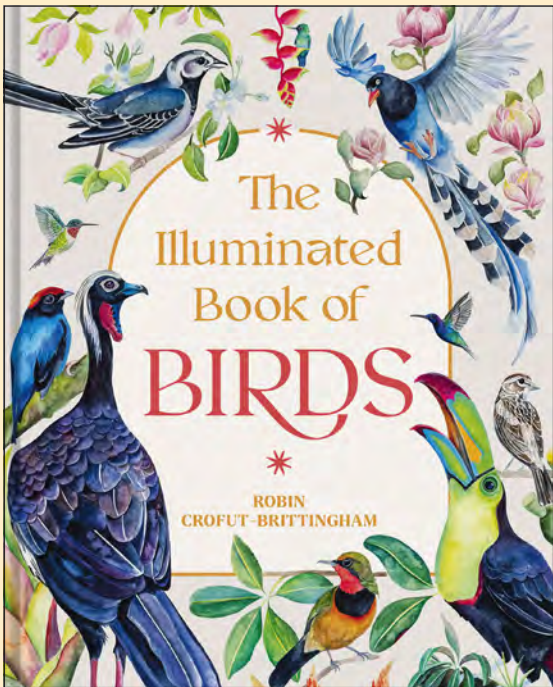


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## Robin Crofut-Brittingham brings bird art to life in new book and show

Robin Crofut-Brittingham, a native of East Canaan, is an established artist living in Montreal. Her new book, “The Illuminated Book of Birds” will be published Oct. 21 by Timber Press, and there is an accompanying art show at Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, “Flock: Watercolor Paintings by Robin Crofut-Brittingham,” on view from Oct. 18 through Nov. 30.

The paintings in the book look as if they are from a 19th century book. In a phone interview with Crofut-Brittingham,

the artist said the traditional look is intentional.

“I’m always combining over antique natural history books.”

In her travels around the world (including France and Russia), she has made a point of observing the local birds.

She describes herself as “an amateur naturalist.”

Now working as a full-time artist, and “selling enough to make it work,” it occurred to her that while regional bird guides are fine for their purpose, she could do something

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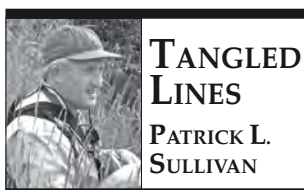
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Low water, bad hip, no fish

This is the autumn of my discontent. There are two problems disrupting my fall fishing. The first is the drought. I'm not sure it's been officially declared but I have eyes. My main stomping grounds, the Housatonic and Esopus watersheds, are super low and have been for weeks. These main rivers are just barely fishable, and forget the tributaries. This is disappointing because fall fishing is my favorite time. Trout put on the nosebag in anticipation of the long, bleak winter, and the chiller temps chase off the more casual anglers. Not that I'd be able to fish much right now, which brings me to the second problem. Fate has given my right hip the gang gong. In early September I could hardly walk. With the aid of a steroid shot about a month ago, I slid back into the convalescent class and could do a bit of controlled hobbling, but surgery seems inev-



TANGLED LINES  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

itable. A few weeks back I took a week off in the Catskills and on day one limped out into the Esopus, where I played with the switch rod rig my main Catskill fishing buddy Gary Dodson assembled for me and managed one small rainbow before declaring victory and making my painful and awkward way out. I spent the rest of the week chopping firewood, which doesn't involve the hip much, and watching bad cinema, which doesn't involve the hip at all. So I am in the unenviable position of getting my fishing kicks vicariously. Gary has been out in Pulaski chasing salmon in similarly low flows. As per usual on the Salmon River, it's hit or miss. Lately more hitting than



Left, Gary Dodson managed this Coho salmon in the Salmon River in western New York two weeks ago despite low flows in that watershed. Below, he also coaxed this smallmouth bass out of the very low Esopus Creek two weeks ago, using a Clouser pattern. He was trying for a spawning brown trout but was happy to get anything.

missing, and he keeps me updated with photos and cryptic text messages such as "Had a good one come unbuttoned last second. Nick said it was at least 25 pounds." Nick is Gary's favorite guide, because he is a fearless wader and gets Gary's salmon in the net. He also went all the way down to where the Esopus empties into the Ashokan Reservoir with the idea of throw-

ing streamers for big browns. He got smallmouth instead. Still, it's better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick. On the other hand, what would be worse than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick? Leprosy?

Meanwhile, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection stocked the two Trout Management Areas of the Housatonic recently, and with the flow low but water temperatures acceptable this is the time to get out there and practice stuff with willing participants. I would be doing two things. The first is playing around with dry-dropper rigs. This is when you attach a nymph on a dropper tied to the bend of the hook of a very visible dry fly. It is very similar to indicator nymphing except the fish might hit the dry fly instead of the nymph. It also appeals to my inner traditionalist in a way a bright orange bobber most decidedly does not. I usually go with short droppers, no more than two feet, but I got to thinking about maybe adding a foot or



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two more and using an unweighted nymph or a wet fly. The idea is the extra length would allow the thing to sink a bit more and wiggle around in a way that suggests it is not in fact tied to that bug bushy thing that just floated by. Suggestions: Stimulator for the dry, and a leadwing coachman wet fly on the dropper, thus imitating the stone fly and isonychia. Or the almost unsinkable Chubby Chernobyl for the dry, and an unweighted Prince or Zug Bug trailing behind. In deeper runs, assuming you can find any, I might go with a beadhead nymph, but probably not a tungsten head or Perdigon, as I think they'd just get hung up. The other thing I want to try is using the switch rod rig and a slow-sinking leader to chuck out teams of three

wet flies, swinging them downstream. The 11 foot rod and the elaborate combination of running line, shooting head and long leader (15-18 feet once it's all assembled) requires at a minimum a well-controlled roll cast, a high stick, and a lot of mending. But it also allows the angler to cover a lot of water without moving around much, which suits my present state. And it would allow me to work on my roll cast, not the strongest part of my game. As I peck this out on Sunday, Oct. 5, I've had three straight days of walking almost normally, indicating the steroid shot has finally kicked in. So if you see someone on one of the more easily-accessed sections of the Housatonic making bad roll casts and cussing profusely, pull over and say hello.

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overwhelmed the eye. By editing and layering, we allowed their favorites to shine while storing others for later rotation. The result was a home that breathed. When they hosted friends, guests noticed not the size of the house, but the warmth of its atmosphere. Creating that kind of feeling doesn't require an interior designer — or a big budget, to be honest. It often comes down to intention. A well-placed lamp that softens the evening light. A textured throw across a sofa. A dining table, however small, always ready to fit one more chair. These touches whisper "welcome" in ways oversized square footage never can. Fall is the perfect season to reassess. A room that felt breezy in July can seem stark in October. Adding layers — pillows, rugs, curtains — grounds a space. But restraint is just as

important. Too many seasonal touches, and a home tips into clutter. Too few, and it feels unfinished. Somewhere in the middle lies the sweet spot, where comfort and style meet. I often suggest what I call the "guest test." Imagine a friend stopping by on a chilly evening. Would they feel comfortable settling in with a cup of tea or a glass of wine? If the answer is yes, you've likely found the balance. Homes don't need to impress physically. They need to express emotionally. Guests won't remember if your bookshelf was perfectly styled, but they will remember how your home made them feel — cozy, cared for and welcome. That's the magic. My Ottawa friend's city house proved it best. Under twinkling lights, with dough stretched by hand and endless laughter in the night air, it wasn't about size at all. It was about warmth, generosity and connection — the true heart of every home. In Lakeville, that same spirit shines through smaller cottages and rambling homes, where charm, character and care create spaces people love to linger in. Because in the end, a home isn't measured in square feet, but in the memories it holds. Kerri-Lee Mayland is an Emmy award-winning news anchor and designer. She lives in Lakeville.

Correction

In the Oct. 9 article about the upcoming art show at Hunt Library, the ending date for the show was wrong. The show "Face Time" opens on Oct. 25 and runs through Nov. 21. There will be an art talk on Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

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OCTOBER 16

Art Talk: Rika Laser and Gail O'Donnell

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

Thursday, Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Art Talk: Rika Laser and Gail O'Donnell in conversation about their art and their dual exhibition at the library, closing on Friday.

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

Art Talk

The Good Gallery, 23 South Main Street, Kent, Conn.

Greg St. John's current exhibit "Traces of Time" continues with artist talk scheduled for Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. at The Good Gallery in Kent.

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Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Darlene Kascak, a member of the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation, will lead "Schaghticoke: Stories of Survival" on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. in Sharon Town Hall. This free program will immerse participants in the lifeways of the Schaghticoke people, both past and present. Visit tinyurl.com/SSSOct18RSVP or call (860) 364-5137 to register.

Art Show Opening

Birdie and Hall, 12 Cornwall Road, Warren, Conn.

Oil and canvas painter Steven Miller's new exhibit opens at Birdie and Hall Saturday, Oct. 18, with a reception from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the exhibit runs through Jan. 10.

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, haystack prize search, pumpkin carving, food, vendors and kids karaoke.

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

Grand Opening: Whistle Pig Books

Whistle Pig Books, 62 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Whistle Pig Books invites the community to its Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 18th, from 10 a.m. to noon. Refreshments served from Rosie's Kitchen. The bookstore will remain open until 3 p.m. for browsing and shopping.

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

Honeychurch, 35 Church St., Lenox, Mass.

12 to 2 p.m.

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.

Take Back the Hike

Skiff Mountain South Preserve, Kent, Conn.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

Join Project SAGE, Kent Land Trust, and Kent Parks & Rec for the third annual Take Back the Hike at Skiff Mountain South Preserve. This 3-mile community hike raises awareness about domestic violence, personal safety, and the healing power of nature. Inspired by the Take Back the Night movement. Free; registration encouraged: bit.ly/registerforhike

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 4 to 5 p.m., join Claudia Cayne for a lively and informal discussion of the novel Clear, by Carys Davies, a best book of 2024 choice by the New York Times, Vogue, the Guardian, Washington Post, and NPR. No need to register. Learn more at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/15140695

OCTOBER 19

Framed: The Murder of Beulah Simons – A Play Lab Work-in-Progress

Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Route 7, Ancram, N.Y.

Join Outer Critics and Drama Desk Award-winner Mary Murfitt for a staged reading of Act One from her new musical Framed at 4 p.m. Based on true events, the story explores a love triangle, a murder, and a controversial trial. Book and lyrics by Mary Murfitt; music by Mary Murfitt and Pam Drews Phillips.

CVFD Open House

West Cornwall Firehouse, 289 Sharon-Goshen Tpke., Cornwall, Conn.

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department is having an Open House Sunday, Oct.,19 from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy some family fun, lunch and snacks along with an opportunity

to see all the fire trucks including examples of the new vehicles the department is looking to purchase.

Tommy Mesa & JP Jofre in Concert

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

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m.

Cellist Tommy Mesa and bandoneón master JP Jofre present a genre-blending program of tango, classical, and original works in an unforgettable afternoon of music. Hosted by Clarion Concerts.

OCTOBER 21

What's Happening with Healthcare in the Northwest Corner?: A Talk with Joanne Borduas, CEO Of Community Health and Wellness

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

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join us for a dynamic talk by Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health and Wellness (CHWC). Learn how CHWC, the only federally qualified health center in the Northwest Corner, is providing much-needed health care to the residents of the region. All are welcome. Registration is recommended at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14920154

OCTOBER 22

Boondocks Film Society Presents: Donnie Darko

Story Screen Cinema, 160 Fairview Avenue, Suite 78, Hudson, N.Y.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Join Boondocks Film Society for a screening of Donnie Darko at Story Screen Cinema. The evening includes a pre-film happy hour with live music by King in Yellow, themed food and cocktails, and a free commemorative poster by Dan Hamilton.

Film starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: storyscreenpresents.com

OCTOBER 24

The Afterlife of Trees: A Science Conversation with Amy Zanne - In-person (Lovejoy Auditorium at the Cary Institute) + Livestream

2801 Sharon Tpk., Millbrook, N.Y.

Oct. 24 at 7 p.m.

What happens after a tree dies? Join Cary Institute scientist Dr. Amy Zanne and Cary President Josh Ginsberg for a fascinating look at the hidden life of deadwood. Learn how fallen trees shape ecosystems, store carbon, and support a host of creatures—from glowing mushrooms to wood-loving termites.

Free and open to the public. Registration required for in-person or virtual attendance.

Register: norfolklibrary.org/events

Witkowski Piano Duo: Four Hands, One Amazing Performance

Hotchkiss School, Salisbury, Conn.

Join The Hotchkiss School for a special recital by the internationally acclaimed Witkowski Piano Duo on Friday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Katherine M. Elfers Hall. This concert celebrates the 20th anniversary of the hall and features works by Gershwin, Rachmaninov, and Villa-Lobos. Free and open to the public.

Haunted Mill and Monsters Ball

Wassaic Project, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Oct. 24 & 25, 4 to 7 p.m., Oct. 26, 2 to 5 p.m.

Immersive haunted art installations in a multi-level mill, featuring works by over a dozen artists. Tickets: \$8–\$10 individuals, \$15–\$20 families.

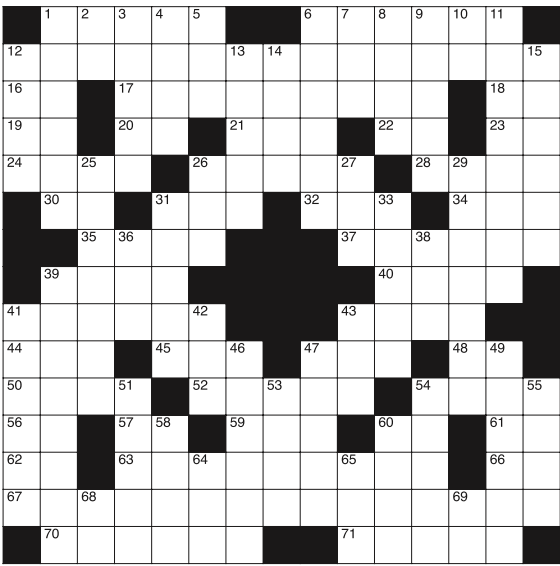
Monsters Ball Oct. 25, 7 p.m. to late.

Costume-required dance party with live music at The Lantern's garden. Advance tickets only; no door sales.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Martial arts in China  
6. The butt of jokes  
12. Nevertheless  
16. Sportscaster Michaels  
17. A firm believer  
18. Atomic #18  
19. One's bestie  
20. Of I  
21. Hamburger accessory  
22. Thus  
23. Partner to Pa  
24. Scottish tax  
26. Cuts away  
28. Require  
30. Government lawyer  
31. Own (Scottish)  
32. Body cavity  
34. Brew  
35. Young woman (French)  
37. Platforms  
39. Pair of points in mathematics  
40. Attack suddenly  
41. Aviators  
43. Make perfect  
44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
45. Neither  
47. The center of a city  
48. Sacrifice hit in baseball  
50. Singer Redding  
52. Dragged forcibly  
54. Puncture with a knife  
56. Belonging to me  
57. Expresses surprise  
59. Haul  
60. The Golden State  
61. Biblical Sumerian city  
62. Integrated circuit  
63. Opposed to certain principles  
66. Sodium  
67. Qualities  
70. Walk  
71. It awaits us all



14. Speak indistinctly  
15. Students get them  
25. Japanese warrior  
26. Dessert  
27. Doleful  
29. Most cushy  
31. Moon crater  
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree  
36. Something fugitives are "on"  
38. 007's creator  
39. Paintings on hinged panels  
41. Type of bomb  
42. Japanese classical theater  
43. U.S. gov't department  
46. Flightless bird  
47. One who cuts wood or stone  
49. Buttock and thigh together  
51. A way to gather

53. Body part  
54. Argentinian city  
55. Undergarments  
58. Jai \_\_, sport  
60. Container for shipping  
64. Type of screen  
65. Get free of  
68. Indicates position  
69. Business department

October 9 Solution

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Level: Intermediate

October 9 Solution

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

Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters.

Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week.

Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place.

Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.


1. Arcade game \_\_\_\_-a-mole  
2. Leafy lunch option  
3. Recorded sound; speaker output  
4. To shower with affection  
5. Oct. 18 Run & Wag 5K message



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Sports

Torrington football defeats GNH 55-21

By Riley Klein

TORRINGTON — Torrington High School football won 55-21 against the Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op under the lights Friday, Oct. 10.

More than 500 spectators were in attendance for Torrington's first home game of the year. Weather was cool, about 58 degrees and windy as the sun set just before the 6 p.m. kickoff.

Torrington capitalized on early penalty trouble for GNH and quickly opened up a lead. RB Aiden Hansen rushed for four touchdowns in the first half to help give



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Torrington RB Aiden Hansen scored seven touchdowns against GNH on Friday, Oct. 10.

Torrington a 34-0 lead after two quarters. GNH generated offensive

momentum in the second half with big breakaway plays from the full-house backfield. The Yellowjackets battled with three touchdowns, but Torrington responded in kind and ultimately won 55-21.

The Raiders were led by Hansen with a total of seven touchdowns. Torrington's RB in jersey No. 5 rushed in one touchdown.

GNH QB Trevor Campbell completed four of six pass attempts for 100 yards including a 48-yard touchdown throw to Owen Riemer. Airyn Berube returned a kickoff 88-yards for a TD. Jadiel Perez rushed in a four-yard TD for GNH.



Wes Allyn reaches for Torrington RB Evan Roman.



Airyn Berube returned a kickoff 88-yards for a TD.

Torrington's season record advanced to 3-2 and GNH moved to 1-4.

Both teams will have a bye week before returning to their home fields the following week. Torrington hosts

Oxford High School (2-3) Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at Robert H. Frost Sports Complex.

GNH will play at Van Why Field in Winsted Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. to host Wolcott High School (3-2).



PHOTO PROVIDED

Copey Rollins excitedly crosses the finish line Oct. 10 as The Hotchkiss School's record holder for the cross country course.

Copey Rollins breaks Hotchkiss 5K course record

By Riley Klein

LAKEVILLE — Copey Rollins is the new Hotchkiss School record holder for the campus 5-kilometer cross country course with a time of 16 minutes and 19 seconds.

The feat occurred Friday, Oct. 10, at a varsity meet between Hotchkiss, Millbrook School and Trinity Pawling School. Rollins, a senior at Hotchkiss, placed first among the boys nearly two minutes ahead of second-place finisher Will Volmer of Millbrook (18:16).

Hotchkiss's previous course record holder was Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff with a time of 16:22 in 2018.

When not running or studying, Rollins worked as an intern at The Lakeville Journal in 2024 and 2025. He plans to continue running cross country at Wesleyan University next year.



PHOTOS BY SIMON MARKOW

Soccer squads keep rolling

Housatonic Valley Regional High School girls and boys varsity soccer continued to rack up wins last week. The girls' record advanced to 10-3 after back-to-back wins, first with a score of 5-0 against Terryville High School on Oct. 6 and then 5-3 against Thomaston High School on Oct. 9. The boys' record moved to 8-3-1 with a 2-0 win against Terryville on Oct. 7 and then won 7-0 against Thomaston on Oct 9. With just a few regular season games remaining, both squads will qualify for the Berkshire League playoffs and the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S postseason tournament.



Kingswood-Oxford girls soccer takes down Kent 2-1

By Lans Christensen

KENT — Cool weather blessed the Oct. 8 meeting of Kent School and Kingswood-Oxford School girls soccer teams.

The evenly matched squads promised a tough match-up. The first half ended scoreless despite Oxford putting endless pressure on Kent's defense.

The second half showed both teams equally aggressive, and Oxford's Mackenzie Kahill scored early in the period.

With eight minutes left in game time, Kent's Lorenza Phail scored a tying goal.

With time running out, Naomi Diffenderfer scored Oxford's winning goal and took home a 2-1 victory.



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Sydney St. Clair and Paige Saunders race to the ball.

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