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Honoring Veterans Day

Students in Region One paid tribute to veterans of the armed forces on Monday, Nov. 10, during school ceremonies. In Cornwall, as seen above, former servicemembers received handmade tokens of appreciation. For more, see Page A8.

Voters turn out in force amid North Canaan cliffhanger

By Christian Murray,
Alec Linden and Riley Klein

Northwest Connecticut delivered some of the state's strongest voter participation — and one of its closest contests — in last week's municipal elections.

North Canaan's first selectman race was decided by just two votes, prompting an automatic recount that confirmed Jesse Bunce's win. The town also led the region in turnout, with 53.5% of voters casting ballots, ranking 10th statewide among 169 municipalities.

Turnout across the rest of the Northwest Corner remained well above average. Kent followed with



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Brian Ohler, left, and Jesse Bunce shake hands after a recount confirmed Bunce as the new first selectman, 572 votes to 570.

47.7% (27th statewide), while Falls Village reached 44.2% (56th). Sharon, Cornwall and Salisbury hovered around the state average of 40%, posting 42.7%, 42% and 41.3%, respectively.

Even with few contested races, participation remained strong as voters returned many familiar faces

to office.

Incumbents dominate across the region

In Kent, Democrat Eric Epstein was elected first selectman for the first time in an uncontested race. He takes over from Marty Linden-

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Route 44 construction on track for September 2026 completion

By Jennifer Almquist

NORFOLK — The construction of massive retaining walls on Route 44 in Norfolk, known as Project 97-95, has created challenges for motorists and the Connecticut Department of Transportation team alike.

The work involves stabilizing the slope and replacing the old masonry retaining walls with two new retaining walls.

Reducing the busy east-west

highway to one-way alternating traffic, controlled by temporary signal lights, has caused delays to drivers and added time to truck routes.

Project 97-95 began in April 2024 and was originally slated to take five years to complete. Amy Hare, DOT's chief engineer on the project, said changes to the original plan have reduced that time by two years. "We anticipate meeting the September 2026 project completion date." The current con-

struction budget is \$37,546,399.

Hare explained, "Driver behavior is still one of the toughest challenges we face. We've collaborated with State Troopers to provide traffic calming presence periodically, we revised signal timing several times to create a safer traveling path and utilized flaggers when on-site activities require additional driver direction."

Old Colony Road, a side road

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Kent Transfer Station set for major upgrades with \$408K grant

By Alec Linden

KENT — The Kent Transfer Station is set to undergo a series of major renovations meant to modernize and streamline its waste management operations after receiving a state grant of \$408,500 in a recent round of funding.

Town, state and regional officials gathered at the facility on Tuesday morning, Nov. 4, to celebrate the award and discuss the future of recycling, composting and waste reduction in Kent and across western Connecticut.

Among the speakers was Jennifer Heaton-Jones, executive director of the Housatonic Resource Recovery

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PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Outgoing first selectman Marty Lindenmayer thanks Kent's leaders and employees for their commitment to waste management. Behind, from left: First Selectman-Elect Eric Epstein, transfer station staff Rob Hayes and Rick Osborne, State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), and HRRA Executive Director Jennifer Heaton-Jones.

Recount confirms Bunce as new First Selectman

By Riley Klein

NORTH CANAAN — A recount held Monday, Nov. 10, at Town Hall confirmed Democrat Jesse Bunce's narrow victory over incumbent First Selectman Brian Ohler (R) in one of the tightest races in town history.

"A difference of two votes," said recount moderator Rosemary Keilty after completing the recanvass, which finalized the tally at 572 votes for Bunce and 570 for Ohler.

"It's overwhelming," said Bunce after the result. To the poll workers he said, "Thank you everyone for your hard work. It's been an honor." And he thanked Ohler for his service to the town.

The two men shook hands.

"Congratulations," said Ohler. "Wish you all the best. When you succeed, the Town of North Canaan succeeds and that's why we're all here."

Ohler will continue on the board as a selectman. Newcomer Melissa Pinardi (R) will fill the third seat on the board.

The recount was required by state law after the initial count on Election Day showed a difference of three votes (572 to 569).

Ohler gained one vote in the recount and Bunce's total was unchanged. Keilty said the extra vote was likely from a ballot that the



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Patricia Keilty, Democratic Registrar of Voters in North Canaan, collects the tabulator tape during the recount for the first selectman race between Jesse Bunce (D) and Brian Ohler (R).

tabulator did not read properly last Tuesday.

There was a single ballot that was not counted because the voter selected both Ohler and Bunce for first selectman.

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Veterans Day coverage

Northwest Corner towns honored veterans of the armed forces with ceremonies on Nov. 11 and 12. More at lakevillejournal.com



PHOTO BY TOM CARLEY
A truck owned by Qc Dry Bulk LLC, a freight hauling business, rolled off Lower Road Thursday, Nov. 6.

Structure fires, truck crash keep emergency crews busy Nov. 6

By Riley Klein

Rescue crews were called to several emergencies around the Northwest Corner Thursday, Nov. 6.

Allyndale Road in North Canaan was closed in the morning as fire departments battled flames at a hay barn in the vicinity of Sodom Road. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

On Lower Road, between Route 7 and the quarry in North Canaan, a triaxle dump truck overturned. Troop B reported the vehicle exited the roadway on the right-hand side, struck a wire rope guardrail and a tree, then rolled over down an embankment. The driver, Joseph Baldarelli, 39, was found at fault and issued a citation for failure to maintain lane. Crews worked to pull the truck up onto the road.

At about 9:30 p.m. that night, multiple emergency crews responded to a structure fire at Lime Rock Park. The fire began in the Outfield Kitchen and was contained by firefighters from several area departments. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



PHOTO PROVIDED
Lakeville Hose Company was first on the scene at Lime Rock Park to respond to a structure fire that began in the Outfield Kitchen Thursday, Nov. 6.

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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.

Larceny warrant served

On Nov. 3, troopers arrested Shawn Keefner, 36, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts on an arrest warrant regarding an incident that occurred in 2017 at Salisbury Bank. After being charged with fifth degree larceny and third-degree forgery, Keefner was released on a \$1,000 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear at Torrington Superior Court on Nov. 17.

Vehicle stuck on train tracks

On the afternoon of Nov. 3, Craig Scott, 75, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts made an improper turn off Orchard Street in North Canaan onto the railroad tracks, where his Chevrolet Malibu became stuck. His vehicle was towed from the tracks,

Car rolls on Warren Hill Road

At around 1 a.m. on Nov. 6, troopers responded to a single-vehicle accident on

Route 45 in Cornwall resulting in a rollover. Upon arriving, troopers evaluated the driver, Kristy Weber, 29, of Amenia, New York for injuries, but she was uninjured and declined medical attention. Her vehicle, a Chevrolet Equinox, was towed from the scene. Weber was issued a written warning for failure to maintain lane.

Unsafe passing accident

At around noon on Nov. 7, Vanessa Wallen, 41, of Torrington was attempting to turn left into the Citgo gas station off Routes 4 and 7 near Cornwall Bridge when a vehicle behind her attempted to pass on the left, side-swiping the driver side of the Acura TI Wallen drove. The vehicle was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. Brittany Galante, 27, of Torrington was found at fault for the incident and was issued a citation for unsafe passing and improper passing on left. The Subaru Forester she drove was able to be driven

Fence strike remains under investigation

Early in the afternoon on Nov. 7, a vehicle traveling west on Route 4 near the intersection with Cornwall Bridge Road veered off the shoulder and struck approximately 40 feet of fence at 530 Cornwall Bridge Road. There is no description of the driver or the vehicle, which is purportedly a Toyota Camry, and the case remains active. Anyone with information may contact Troop B at 860-626-1820 or Trooper Colonel #1159 at jean.colon.carattini@ct.gov.

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 to editor@lakevillejournal.com

Salisbury selectmen thank outgoing officials

By Patrick L. Sullivan

SALISBURY — At its regular monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 3, the Board of Selectmen recognized the service of several outgoing officials: Selectman Chris Williams, John Landon of the Inland Wetlands Commission, and Marty Whalen and Michael Klemens of the Planning and Zoning Commission. All four chose not to seek reelection.

During the meeting, First Selectman Curtis Rand reported that after numerous and lengthy discussions with state officials, it has become clear that the state will not cover any costs related to relocating the train station building on Ethan Allen Street.

Rand said the cost of digging a new foundation and moving the building back several feet from its current position (away from the buildings on the other side of the street) would be in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

Williams said further action would require the Board of Finance to weigh in and a town meeting, and Rand agreed.

Once the building is moved, Rand continued, the town would be “very competitive” in getting a state grant to restore the train station.

The selectmen have been talking about moving the train station for years, mostly because it is frequently hit by trucks trying to maneuver in an awkward roadway.

Rand said that the town will be getting a new resident trooper as of Nov. 15. Former resident trooper Will Veras took a new job with the State Police, and the position has been filled temporarily by troopers.

Rand said he has been in touch with garbage haulers that recently started serving customers in town and were unaware of the Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station, sticker fees, and the town’s overall policies on waste disposal.

And Rand requested anyone willing to help out with the town’s Christmas decorations to get in touch with his office.

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Built around 1900, the home at 15 Lakeview Avenue has been renovated while retaining its historic charm. The 2,739-square-foot property on 0.7 acres sold for \$1.15 million, marking Salisbury’s highest-priced sale in October.

Salisbury’s October real estate sales

By Christine Bates

SALISBURY — Only four single family homes were recorded as sold in Salisbury in October ranging in price from \$470,000 to \$1,150,000. The median price for homes sold in the past 12 months fell to \$750,000, the lowest point this year, compared to May’s all-time high of \$1,145,000.

There is ample current inventory in Salisbury with 33 single family homes listed for sale: 21 are over \$1 million and none are indicating price adjustments.

Of the available rentals, eight are furnished seasonal rentals and two are offered unfurnished on an annual basis.

Transactions

285 Millerton Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath ranch on 1.9 acres sold by Vicki Horton to Paul E. and Allison R. Bryant for \$470,000.

215 Taconic Road — 13.05 acres of residential vacant land sold by Josh and Stephanie Weismer to Brett and Stacie Smith for \$950,000.

60 White Hollow Road — Garage condo unit sold by

LRP Garages LLC to Douglas J., Cushnie for \$250,000.

15 Lakeview Avenue — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 0.7 acre lot sold by Janet K. Graaff to 15 Lakeview LLC for \$1,150,000

143 White Hollow Road — 4 bedroom/2.5 bath home built in 1890 on 10.82 acres sold by Eleanor A. Sternlof Estate to 143 White Hollow LLC for \$875,000.

55 Woodland Drive — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.14 acres sold by Jacqueline A. Rice to Sarah Lankton and Eliza Statile for \$595,000.

40 Stateline Road — 2.32 acres of vacant residential land sold by Richard Horton and Ellen L. S. Palmer to Amy Yang for \$119,000.

** Town of Salisbury real estate transfers recorded between October 1, 2025, and October 31, 2025, provided by the Salisbury Town Clerk. Transfers without consideration are not included. Market information from CT MLS and infosparks. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.*

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Habitat for Humanity and the Falls Village Housing Trust are close to finalizing the deal that will create affordable housing and recreation space on River Road.

The Planning and Zoning Commission asked representatives of the two groups to come to a special P&Z meeting to answer questions from the commissioners and the public. The meeting was held at the Emergency Services Center Wednesday, Nov. 5.

P&Z chair Greg Marlowe opened the meeting by saying “we are not going to rehash the past,” and the audience respected that.

Jandi Hanna, for the housing trust, said the group owns five apartments on Miner and Prospect streets, and renovations are under way.

The River Road development calls for 16 rental units.

During the discussion, Denise Cohn pointed out that in the P&Z documents dealing with the River Road development, the number of units is 14. Jocelyn Ayer of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity said she would check with the state Department of Housing on the matter.

Bob Whalen from Habitat for Humanity said the group has owned the 80 acres on River Road for “quite a while.”

Habitat started with about 100 acres and built three homes across the street from where the new construction will be.

What was new in the discussion was that Habitat will retain two acres for what Whalen described as “as many as five duplex units.” He emphasized the planning is in the very early stages.

The housing trust development will take up 10 acres. The remainder, Whalen said, will be devoted to recreation — especially providing access to the Blue Trail, a popular hiking trail.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Greg Marlowe, right, opened the special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission Nov. 5 with, from left, Amanda Branson, Bob Whalen and Janell Mullen.

Hanna said the FVHT is ready to break ground in spring 2026, starting with wells and the access road. The development should be completed in 2027.

Whalen said Habitat will be submitting an application to P&Z next year, and break ground at some point in 2026-27. “Our goal is to hold on to two acres and build whatever we can on it,” either up to five duplexes or two homes. He said this is new territory for Habitat. “We’re used to scattered sites, not rentals.”

Asked about any modifications to the River Road application, FVHT’s Dave Mallison said the group is planning to ask for a reduction in lighting, and Hanna said the trust has agreed to an easement for the Habitat housing and for the recreational users.

Asked about the biggest obstacles, Ayer, speaking for the FVHT, said that while it might seem as if things are proceeding very slowly, the pace is actually typical for affordable housing developments.

The biggest obstacle is getting the four or five different sources of funding coordinated.

Whalen said the first thing is getting approval

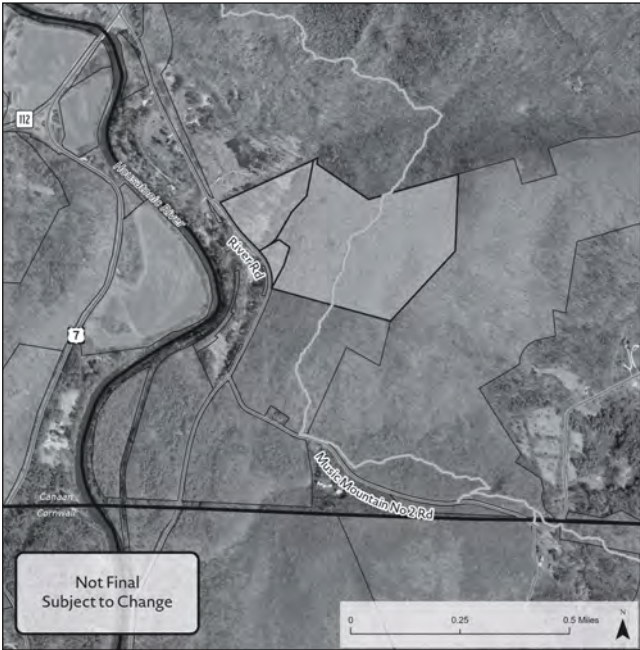


IMAGE PROVIDED

In this planning map provided by the NCLC, the large shaded triangle represents the site of the Falls Village Housing Trust development, the small shaded triangle marks two acres retained by Habitat for Humanity, and the largest shaded area will remain undeveloped.

from the Torrington Area Health District.

Asked about total cost, Ayer said the cost per unit for affordable housing, whether a “simple home” or an apartment, is between \$400,000 and \$500,000 “all in.”

Whalen said Habitat built three identical 1200 square foot homes for between \$210,000 and \$280,000 “in the last few years.”

He said for planning purposes a figure of \$300 per square foot would be “a fair estimate.”

Asked if the new housing can be earmarked for Falls Village residents, Ayer said “I wasn’t a resident of my town until I moved there.”

She said federal and state fair housing laws “apply to everyone.”

In practice, she continued, “locals find out first and apply first.”

Kent auto shop agrees to stop street parking after cease-and-desist order

By Alec Linden

KENT — A longstanding parking dispute between Elizabeth Street residents and antique auto restoration shop and dealership Motoriot may finally be coming to an end, First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer reported at the Board of Selectmen’s Nov. 5 meeting.

“I think we have worked out the issues that were really causing the problems at this point,” reported Lindenmayer, saying that he had received an email from Motoriot that evening that “[expressed] their interest in being a better business.” The concession from Motoriot comes after P&Z authorized a cease and desist order against the Bridge Street establishment on Oct. 28.

The conflict centered on Motoriot employees parking along Elizabeth Street during business hours, which residents said blocked mailboxes, left oil stains and caused traffic congestion during Kent Center School’s drop-off and pick-up times. At the Oct. 28 meeting, Alyssa Helm, president of the Riverview Condominium Homeowners Association on Elizabeth Street, said Motoriot owner Jason Doornick had been consistently rude

and antagonistic when approached about the issue.

For his part, Doornick has argued that parking on Elizabeth Street is public, so his employees have the right to park there if they choose. Kent’s zoning regulations, however, state that a business must provide adequate parking for its employees and customers.

Land Use Administrator Tai Kern stated at that meeting that the issue has history: “I’ve tried for two years to bring him into compliance.”

Since the cease-and-desist order was issued, Doornick has been cooperative, Lindenmayer said, noting that the business owner has pledged to follow the parking plan outlined in Motoriot’s zoning permit, which designates specific on-site spaces for employees.

Lindenmayer said that he would remove temporary signs installed on Oct. 27 banning all parking on the northwestern side of Elizabeth Street, confident that the compliance from Motoriot will continue in the wake of the cease and desist order.

Selectman Glenn Sanchez stated his satisfaction with the outcome: “Too bad that it came to that but it had to.”

Selectman Lynn Mellis Worthington concurred,

stating that she was “glad there’s cooperation.”

Swimming hole update

The BOS was joined by Housatonic River Commission Chair Jesse Klingebiel at the Nov. 5 meeting to discuss options to address an overcrowding issue at a North Kent Road swimming hole that ultimately left the popular riverfront spot closed for the latter part of the summer.

Klingebiel reported that grant funding through the HRC’s community grants program does exist for projects that promote “safe ac-

cessibility” to the river, and proposed several ideas to help mitigate the impacts of overuse and littering at the site, such as a gate with a hired attendant to monitor access to the site or an on-site dumpster.

The selectmen agreed that before any permanent solution can be sought, the various stakeholder groups of the site need to come together to work out a collective plan. The site and its access route are owned and managed by several interest groups: the town, the Kent

Land Trust, the Housatonic Railroad, Eversource Energy, the Housatonic Valley Association and the state’s Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

DEEP has been particu-

larly slow to respond, Lindenmayer reported, but was optimistic that he could get them in the room sometime over the winter for a productive discussion: “We’ll bang on the door.”

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DeMay steps down from role as director of Douglas Library

By Ruth Epstein

NORTH CANAAN — The Douglas Library exudes a warm, cozy feeling — thanks in large part to Director Norma DeMay, who for 28 years has welcomed visitors to the Main Street building. DeMay recently retired and was succeeded by Laura Moran, another familiar face who plans to continue that tradition.

DeMay recently reflected on the many changes during her tenure, particularly in technology. She recalls when the library had just one computer with dial-up internet. Since then, high-speed access and other innovations have arrived, allowing patrons to enjoy the same resources offered at larger libraries.

The library’s inviting atmosphere, — with its armchairs found among the nooks and crannies, and its extensive collection of books, magazines and audio materials, numbering about 20,000 volumes— is a focal point of the town.

While smaller than many of its counterparts in the Northwest Corner, the Douglas Library operates on a tight budget. It receives \$100,000 annually from the town, which is supplemented with grants and revenues from fundraising. DeMay said understanding that North Canaan is not a wealthy town, and the mill rate is high, there were years she didn’t ask for an increase. “I like to be frugal,” she said.

But that doesn’t preclude the library’s ability to have many of the offerings of a modern-day media center. It has Bibliomation, which is a non-profit consortium in Connecticut that provides a wide range of technical and automated services to its member libraries, such as shared online cataloging



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

Norma DeMay, left, has retired as library director of the Douglas Library in North Canaan. She is with her successor, Laura Moran.

for searching and borrowing materials, IT support and a unified computer network for libraries across the state. The Canaan Foundation helps to fund this service.

It has the use of the inter-library loan system, which enables readers to get books from other libraries. There are children’s programs, events for adults, Scrabble evenings and a book group. There’s a plan to add mah jong to the offerings. The upstairs houses the Charlie H. Pease Museum of Natural History featuring examples of taxidermied birds and animals.

Asked about what types of books circulate well, DeMay said prolific author Robert Patterson’s are always a favorite. Mysteries, literary fiction, works by foreign authors, especially British, and graphic novels for the young are all popular.

DeMay was raised in Wethersfield and graduated from the University of Connecticut as an art and English major. She’s taken some on-line library courses over the years. She plans to stay on to

do the book ordering. “I’ve loved my job,” she said, full of praise for her staff and board members. “I love chatting with the people who come in. And you can’t beat a 9-minute commute.” The mother of three, with a young granddaughter, plans to spend time with her family, read, garden and hopefully do some traveling.

The beginnings of a North Canaan library can be traced back to William Douglas, a bookworm of sorts, who, when he died in 1821, bequeathed \$800 to the town to establish a library. According to Kathryn Boughton, town historian, he split the money, with \$400 going for the purchase of books and \$400 for an endowment to build a future collection. At that time, the books were housed in the old town hall, a building close to the Douglas home, near the entrance to Geer today. The Douglas Library became a true library in 1895, when books circulated free.

There is much history involving the library when Falls Village and North Canaan split in 1858. In 1890, Mrs. Edmund Lawrence erected a small brick building on Railroad Street. When that space became too small, Samuel Eddy negotiated the purchase of Hattie Peet’s house on Main Street which was given to the town with the provision that the municipality maintain it. Since 1927, Douglas Library has stood at that site.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Musicians playing together Thursday evening, Nov. 6, at The Music Lab in North Canaan.

Open mic night rocks Music Lab

By Robin Roraback

NORTH CANAAN — At The Music Lab Thursday, Nov. 6, the softly-lit, cozy space hosted 10 musicians with instruments including guitars, a banjo, an electric bass, a flute, keyboard and drums.

Every Thursday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. a dedicated group of local musicians enter through the back of the Lab at 93B Main Street for what is billed as Acoustic Night Live.

All musicians were welcome to participate. Other visitors are welcome to come

and listen. As Sean Claydon, founder and CEO, said, it is “really a musicians’ jam — pretty unique actually.”

The music was played indoors on this chilly November night, but Claydon has built an outdoor listening and performance area for warmer weather, leading into the Lab, with board flooring, a raised stage and colorful paint. On milder days, musicians play there too.

“Families come down, listen, hang out,” said Claydon.

They keep the sound to acoustic level and have reportedly never had any noise complaints — the opposite in fact, with neighbors enjoying what they hear.

The musicians played and sang each other’s original songs, working as a team, and played other songs too: Bob Dylan, Neil Young and The Grateful Dead.

Jason Tindall, who is in charge of Acoustic Night, led on guitar and many of the vocal parts.

The Lab also offers music lessons and can be rented for recording sessions, private parties and workshops.

“I enjoy it so much,” remarked Claydon. “Hanging out with kids and teaching them.” He also teaches adults and “anyone who is interested in learning.”



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Little Guild facility nears completion

The Little Guild’s new animal shelter in West Cornwall is expected to open in January or February 2026. By early November, the exterior looked ready for winter.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Pursuant to CT State Library, Office of Public Records, Form RC-075, regarding the disposition of public records, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, CT, announces plans to dispose of students’ cumulative records for the following years of graduation: 1997, 1998, 2000-2015. Please contact the Registrar at (860)824-5123x1170 to arrange a time if you wish to pick up records prior to the disposition. A government issued photo ID will be required for verification. All forementioned records will be disposed of no earlier than Friday Dec 19, 2025.

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Legal Notice

The Planning & Zoning Commission of the Town of Salisbury will hold a Public Hearing on Special Permit Application #2025-0303 by owner Camp Sloane YMCA Inc to construct a detached apartment on a single family residential lot at 162 Indian Mountain Road, Lakeville, Map 06, Lot 01 per Section 208 of the Salisbury Zoning Regulations. The hearing will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:45 PM. There is no physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom where interested persons can listen to & speak on the matter.

The application, agenda and meeting instructions will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/agendas/. The application materials will be listed at www.salisburyct.us/planning-zoning-meeting-documents/. Written comments may be submitted to the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, P.O. Box 548, Salisbury, CT or via email to landuse@salisburyct.us. Paper copies of the agenda, meeting instructions, and application materials may be reviewed Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Land Use Office, Salisbury Town Hall, 27 Main Street, Salisbury CT.

Salisbury Planning & Zoning Commission
Martin Whalen, Secretary

11-06-25
11-13-25

Notice of Decision Town of Salisbury Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission of the Town of Salisbury, Connecticut on October 27, 2025:

Exempt - Application IWWC-25-75 by Elaine Watson for/to “Install a dock adjacent to the ordinary high-water mark of Lake Wononscopomuc. The proposed dock will be 4

feet wide and 45 feet long projecting into the lake. The dock will be assembled offsite and floated to the property location from the Town Grove where it will be secured by steel posts anchored into the lakebed. The dock will be positioned within one foot of the shoreline to provide stable and convenient access to the water”. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s map and lot 47 11 and is known as OSHARON ROAD. The owner of the property is WATSON PAUL SURV & ELAINE SURV.

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

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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 November 3, 2025:

Approved - Site Plan Application #2025-0304 by Paul Bushey (Carraig Design Build LLC) for an attached accessory apartment on the second floor of an existing single family residence in

accordance with section 208 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 54 as Lot 66 and is located at 46 Library Street in Salisbury. The property is owned by Bear Mountain Realty LLC.

Approved conditioned on proof of prior approval #2024-0264 being extinguished and the proposed lot line adjustment being filed - Site Plan Application #2025-0305 by Robert Stair for development activities in the Lake Protection Overlay District associated with an addition to a single family residence in accordance with section 404 of the regulations. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 67 as Lot 07 and is located at 300 Between the Lakes Road in Salisbury. 8-24 referral deemed consistent with the Plan of Conservation and Development - For the Relocation and Reconstruction of Multiuse Sport Courts at 6 Sharon Road (Community Field), Lakeville. The property is shown on Salisbury Assessor’s Map 49 as Lot 103.

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

11-13-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF CAROL L. KASTENDIECK Late of Salisbury AKA Carol Kastendieck (25-00400)

The Hon. Jordan M. Richards, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Litchfield Hills Probate Court, by decree dated October 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 fiduciaries are:
Dorothea Naouai
c/o Linda M Patz
Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Paul Arcario
c/o Drury, Patz & Citrin, LLP
7 Church Street, P.O. Box 101
Canaan, CT 06018
Megan M. Foley
Clerk
11-13-25

RESOLUTION
WHEREAS Martin James Whalen (Marty) joined the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission on December 13, 1993 as an Alternate Member;
WHEREAS Mr. Whalen

became a Full Member on March 10, 1998;

WHEREAS Mr. Whalen has served as an officer of the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission in the capacities of Vice Chair and Secretary, the latter a position which he currently holds;

WHEREAS Mr. Whalen has selflessly served the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission for more than three decades;

WHEREAS his colleagues have greatly benefitted from his extensive local knowledge, as well as his wisdom and common sense approach to balancing the interests of individual citizens with the overall rights of the community, encouraging (in his own words) “orderly growth in the town”;

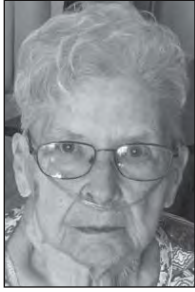
RESOLVE D THEREFORE that his colleagues on the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission wish to acknowledge and gratefully thank Mr. Whalen for his decades of dedicated service to the people of Salisbury, and to wish him well on all his future endeavors.

November 3, 2025.
Dr. Michael W. Klemens,
Chair
Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission
11-13-25

OBITUARIES

Muriel McEathron

WASSAIC — Muriel “Minnie” McEathron, 85, of Forest City, Penn-



sylvan-ia, passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, at the Forest City Nursing and Rehab Center. Born on Aug. 30, 1940, in Wash- ington, New York, Minnie was the beloved daughter of the late James Ferris and Winifred Somers. She dedi- cated much of her life to caring for others, first as an aide at the Wassaic Develop- mental Center and later as a babysitter from the late 1970’s through the mid-1990’s. Over the years, Minnie also opened her heart and home to many foster children, pro- viding them with love, stabil- ity, and compassion.

In 2004, Minnie moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to her son, Stephen McEathron, and his family. She cherished her annual trips “out home” to visit relatives and friends, always enjoying the chance to reconnect with those she loved.

Minnie was an avid yard-saler and thrift shopper, known for her sharp eye for a good bargain and her delight in finding hidden treasures. Those who knew her will re- member her for her caring nature, her fiery spirit, and her unwavering strength and independence.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by a son Stephen McEathron and wife Kathy of Vandling, Pennsylv- ania; a sister, Lorraine Phil- lips of Millerton, New York; a brother, Irving “Bobby” Ferris of Millbrook, New York; foster daughter Mi-

chelle Brown of Florida; step sons, Larry and David Brill; grandchildren, Jordan, Kayci and Nolan McEathron and their mom Michelle Battle; Carson, Julia, Robert, Seth; Jamie Jaquish, Charles “Chucky” Jaquish, Melanie Toohey; Aaron, Robert and Lindsey Fowler.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert W. McEathron and her compan- ion of 15 years Robert Hou- man; daughter Teri Jaquish; brothers James “Snuffy” Ferris Jr., Leonard Ferris and Danny Ferris; sisters Ida McEathron, Catherine “Chink” Wendover, Diane Hall and Mildred “Tosh” Birdsall.

Visitation will be held on Friday Nov. 14, 2025, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kevin M. Lesjack Funeral Home, 513 Main Street, Forest City, Pennsylvania.

Calling hours will take place on Saturday, Nov., 22, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave- nue, Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at the funeral home. Pastor Wm. Mayhew will officiate. Burial will take place in the spring at Garri- son Cemetery, Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County, New York.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, flowers to the service or to plant a tree in Minnie’s hon- or, please visit www.conklin funeralhome.com

Laura S. Wright

LAKEVILLE — Laura S. Wright, 77, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, at her home with her devoted dog Hux- ley by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late David A. Wright.

Laura was born in Sharon on Jan. 21, 1948, daughter of the late Terrence and Armil- la (Rossiter) Solan. She grew up in Lakeville and moved to Burlington, Vermont in 1966 to attend the Mary Fletcher School of Nursing.

In 1968, Laura met Dave, and they married in July 1970. Just a month later, the couple moved to Chicago where Laura became the head nurse of the neurosur- gery department at the Uni- versity of Chicago Hospital. After two years, they relo- cated to Canada where she continued her nursing career.

In 1979, Dave and Laura settled in Lakeville where they would spend the rest of their lives and raise their family. Laura continued her nursing work at Sharon Hospital and also served as a private home nurse. After retiring from nursing, Laura founded and managed her own home-based business called Northwinds Uphol- stery.

Laura had many talents and if you looked carefully in her home, you’d see that every drape, curtain, com- forter, chair and sofa was hand-made or upholstered by her, and every ceiling and wall was painted or wallpa- pered by her skilled hand. She had an incredible talent for sewing and a knack for

crafting and fixing anything in her home. She also en- joyed reading, baking and loved animals. Her children grew up in a household that was always bustling with any assortment of dogs, cats, chickens, horses, and even frogs. In her house there was always a homemade dessert ready to be enjoyed, and a home improvement proj- ect in progress. Her endless kindness, nurturing soul, compassionate nature, cre- ative spirit, and homemade meals will be very deeply missed.

Survivors include three children; Jessica Wright (Chris Yerton) of Berlin, New York, Alison Le (Hong Le) of Severna Park, Maryland, and David Wright (Kira Cos- tanza) of Lakeville. She also leaves behind three grand- children, Michael, Harrison and Augusta; a brother, Ter- rence Solan (Helen) of Ocala, Florida; two sisters, Maureen Erickson and Natalie Solan, both of Salisbury; and sev- eral nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wright was predeceased by two sisters, Christina Teixei- ra and Theresa Carlson.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Salisbury Cemetery, Undermountain Rd., Salisbury. Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakev- ille, is in care of arrange- ments.

In lieu of flowers, memo- rial contributions may be made in Laura’s honor to 13 Hands Equine Rescue, Inc. (https://13handsequine.org), 50 Tuscan Way, Clinton Cor- ners, NY, 12514.

Jesse L. Cooper

CANAAN – Jesse L. Coo- per, “Coop,” 44, of 62 New Street, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 23, 2025. He was the longtime companion of Amy Labshere. Jesse and Amy shared almost 20 years together.

Born in Waterbury, Con- necticut on Aug. 15, 1981, Jesse was the son of Lee A. and Beth (Maxwell) Cooper. A graduate of Oliver Wolcott Technical High School in Torrington, he was a skilled mechanic and welder who worked for Tru-Hitch in Torrington. Jesse was an automotive genius with a rare gift for seeing potential where others saw only scrap. He could breathe life back into any engine and took pride in restoring what oth- ers had given up on. Finding old cars in need of care and turning them into something remarkable was not just a hobby for him—it was his passion, craft, and calling.

He loved spending time with his daughter, Jasey Chevelle Cooper, his com- panion, Amy, and their dog, Precious. Metal detecting, watching scary movies with Jasey, and time spent with his family brought him the greatest happiness.

In addition to his mother and father and his compan- ion, Amy, Jesse is survived by his loving daughter, Jasey Chevelle Cooper of Canaan; his stepson, Tristan Soule of

Kent; his two sisters, Ann Cooper of Ellington and Tr- isha Cooper of Thomaston; his grandson, Clayton Soule of Kent; his niece, Morgan; and nephews, Aiden and Silas.

He is also survived by his father-in-law, Layne Lab- shere; his sister-in-law, Jes- sie Laine, and her husband, Kristopher Laine, and their children, Laynie, Reece, and Gunnar; and his brother-in- law, Joshua Labshere, and his wife, Julie Labshere, and their children, Callie and Cohen.

Jesse will be remembered for his strength, resilience, humor, and willingness to help his family with what- ever they needed. He faced life’s challenges with cour- age and grace and found his greatest happiness in the love of his family. His memory will live on in all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of Jesse’s life will be held on Sunday Nov. 16, 2025, at the Couch-Pipa VFW Post #6851 104 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, CT 06018 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made in Jesse’s memory to the North Canaan Volun- teer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 178, Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of Newkirk-Palm- er Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

William Searby Leicht

GREAT BARRINGTON — William (“Bill”) Searby Leicht passed away on Oct. 1, 2025, at the age of 89, sur- rounded by his lov- ing family.

Bill’s life en- compassed science, art, and Quaker activism. Born in Winona, Minne- sota to Margaret and Robert Leicht, he attended the University of Chicago at the age of 16. After serving in the Army, he earned an MA in Fine Arts Education through Teachers College at Columbia Uni- versity. Following an early ca- reer in neurochemistry, Bill taught ceramics at Albert Einstein College of Medi- cine, Hunter College, and Bronx Community College. He dedicated many years to sculpting, and in 1968 Audu- bon Artists awarded him a national medal of honor for one of his sculptures.

Bill’s passion for social activism took form during the Civil Rights Movement, when he heard Dr. Martin Luther King preach peace- ful resistance at a church in Baltimore. The next day, King delivered his “Dream” speech at the Washington Monument. Bill, his wife, and his baby daughter joined the desegregation protest at Gwynn Oaks Amusement Park in Baltimore. He later supported the South Bronx community through his peacemaking work with the United Bronx Parents, The Phoenix School, and Logos. Bill participated in the evo- lution of the Ghetto Broth- ers as they changed from a street gang to community leaders and musical innova- tors during the early days of Hip-Hop. During those years he founded Urban Visions, a non-profit helping young people obtain arts industry apprenticeships and careers in graphic design.

He also became involved

in the Alternatives to Vi- olence Project, a program training ex-cons and prisoners in conflict resolution skills. Inspired by AVP, his de- cades-long prac- tice of Aikido (a non-violent Japa- nese martial art), and Quaker prin- ciples, Bill created Aiki Workshops, a conflict resolution train- ing technique he brought to schools and community groups. A passionate peace- maker, Bill remained an activist into his elder years, supporting peace-seeking groups around the U.S.A., Ecuador, Colombia, and Palestine.

After many years in New York City, Bill relocated to Ancramdale New York, and later, Great Barrington, Mas- sachusetts.

Bill is survived by his children, Cara Marie Vera of Lynchburg, Virginia and Paul Leicht of New York City. Their mother, his former wife, Carol “Carrie” Leicht, passed away in 2009. He is also survived by his stepchil- dren Sarah Getz of Sharon and Kurt Gubrud of Canaan, whose mother and Bill’s wife, Winifred “Anne” Carriere, passed away in March 2025. Bill is also survived by his sis- ter Morgan and his brother John.

His family wishes to thank the East Mountain House Hospice in Lakeville, where Bill spent his final days. Their compassionate, professional staff offered kind support not only for Bill, but also for his family and many devoted friends. Donations to East Mountain House in Bill’s honor would be warmly ap- preciated.

A memorial service will be held this spring at Bull’s Head - Oswego Friends Meeting House in Clinton Corners, New York, date TBA.

Grace Cranmer Miller

CANAAN — Grace Cran- mer Miller, cherished daugh- ter, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away peace- fully at home in the early hours of Sun- day, Oct. 26.

Grace was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on Sept. 16, 1939.

She was prede- ceased by her loving hus- band, Robert, and her cher- ished daughter Sue Ann, who both held special places in her heart. She is survived by her two sons, Robert (Deb) and Rick Miller, who were a great source of love and pride in her life.

Grace and her husband owned and operated an antique store, Way Back When, in North Canaan for quite some time, where they shared their love of history and beautiful treasures with the community. Above all, she adored her family —



her seven grandchildren, Tommy, Dara, Amanda, Sa- mantha, Shanna, Rebekah, and Mi- chael, and her six- teen great-grand- children.

Grace was a true lover of cats and music — mel- odies were always playing softly in the background whenever you visited her home or her an- tique shop, filling the air with warmth and charm. She took great pride in her appear- ance, faithfully getting her hair and eyebrows done once a week and never leaving the house without wearing her finest jewelry and the perfect shade of lipstick. She carried herself with poise and style, a reflection of the beauty and care she brought to every part of her life. Grace will truly be missed. May she rest in peace.

Service details will be an- nounced at a later time.

For another obituary, see Page A7



Worship Services

Week of November 16, 2025

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info@congbethdavid.org

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School
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The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse
860-435-9496
Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

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sharonumc5634@att.net

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In-Person and on YouTube
www.stjohnssalisbury.org

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For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoui@gmail.com
All are Welcome

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We hope you will join us!

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Memorial Service

Rhys Bowen

A memorial service for Rhys V. Bowen will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m. at The Hotchkiss School Chapel.



Teacher Sheri Lloyd and FFA student Riley Mahaffey at the FFA convention.

FFA students return from Indianapolis with awards

A group of 18 Housatonic Valley FFA students, joined by two American Degree recipients, two chaperones and four advisors, took part in the 98th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, Oct. 29 to Nov. 1.

The event brought together 73,000 FFA members from across the country to compete, learn and celebrate agricultural education.

Four Housatonic students - Hannah Johnson, Madison Melino, Darwin Wolfe and Kellie Eisermann - competed in the horse evaluation competition, where the team won a bronze placement. The nursery landscape team, made up of Byron Bell, Hayden Bell, Madeline Collingwood and Michael Gawel, earned a silver placement overall in their competition.

In the leadership development events, Zayre Trail competed in the Creed Speaking with an overall bronze placement. Riley Mahaffey, in her third national public speaking event, advanced to the semifinals in Extemporaneous Speaking. Tyler Anderson represented our chapter by applying for and receiving a two-star national chapter award.

Two recent HVRHS alumni, Emma Crane and Will Star, earned their American FFA Degrees. The American Degree is the highest degree an FFA member can achieve, recognizing exceptional leadership and dedication to agricultural education and supervised agricultural experience projects.

In addition, Levi Elliott and Daniel Moran were honored with the Brian Parker Award, sponsored by the Housatonic Valley FFA Alumni. This award is given

HVRHS TRAVELOGUE KELLIE EISERMANN

to hardworking members who have not yet had the opportunity to attend the National Convention.

Other chapter representatives included Hayden Bachman, Christopher Crane, Daphne Paine, Logan Padelli and Taylor Green, who were all recognized for their dedication and involvement in FFA activities.

During the trip, students participated in “Days of Service,” including projects with Servants at Work (SAWS) to build wheelchair ramps for homes, volunteer in food kitchens and organize clothing donations. Members also attended leadership workshops to strengthen their leadership skills.

Students participated in other fun activities such as a rodeo with broncs and bull riding, a concert by Ernest and Ella Langley and of course the National Convention Expo, which is always a big hit. They also attended sessions at Lucas Oil Stadium, featuring keynote speakers, retiring addresses from national officers and performances from FFA talent shows.

Our chapter’s goal was to exchange information from different chapters across the country to set up exchange trips in the future.

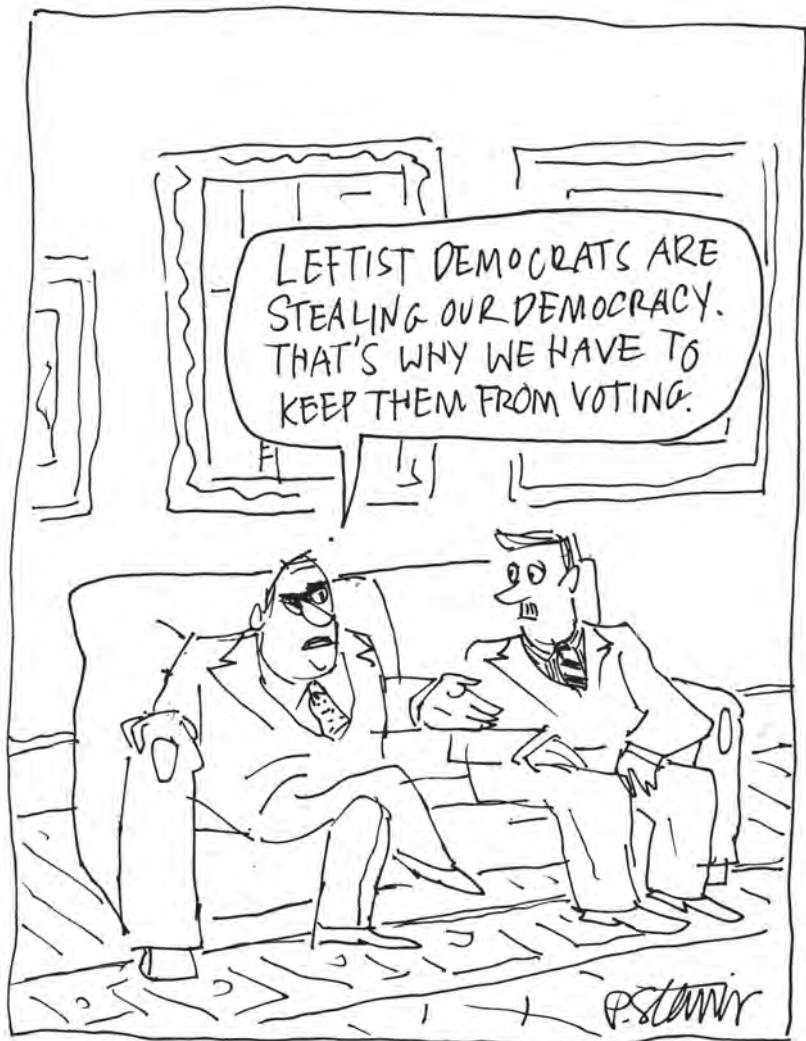
Overall, everyone had a great time competing, meeting new members from across the country, and making unforgettable memories.

Kellie Eisermann is the FFA Reporter this year. She is a junior and lives in Lakeville.



Housatonic Valley FFA built wheelchair ramps for homes during the FFA convention.

Opinion



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A hearty ‘Welcome Home’ to our veterans

I think most of us know that Veterans Day originated to commemorate the end of WWI on November 11, 1918. It was changed to honor veterans from all wars in 1954, but who are these folks? Some join the military to honor family tra-

dition. Some are looking for order out of backgrounds that were ‘less than ideal’. I know two generals who joined the military to go to medical school, and they did. Whatever the reason, all knew that they were also serving something beyond

their own ambitions.

Having come to know many of these men and women I now understand that beneath the medals and uniforms of each is a human being who signed an oath to the Constitution, was willing to go anywhere in the world

and agreed to follow orders, from the Commander in Chief to whoever was above them in rank, no quitting, no discussion. And, when they finally come home, the journey of returning to civilian life is a long one.

One other thing I’ve learned is that when you meet a veteran who has come back from any post or any era, give them a hearty, ‘Welcome home.’ I find that to be warmer and more personal than, ‘Thank you for your service.’

So, WELCOME HOME to all of you who signed a blank check that included your own lives to Uncle Sam.

Jane Strong
The Equus Effect

Sharon

Celebrating Lynne Stanton

Two weeks ago, when Lynne Stanton passed away, Salisbury lost a remarkable member of our town and our family lost a dear friend. Lynne created The Hills to help people find items or services, but her readers found in its pages our community and its history as well. Through photos and postcards we discovered that

blizzards of legend actually happened, that “gas stations” provided fuel and fixed cars, and that our lakes had the same view we enjoy today.

Lynne’s “community” was more than a publication. She and her husband Bill shared three decades with our mother, Ann Scoville, and helped her live the life of independence and creati-

ty so essential to her spirit. They laughed; they let her be; but they were always nearby. I see, with awe, this personal support aspect of “community” in Salisbury and in family after family. As I celebrate Lynne Stanton, I celebrate our community.

Tom Scoville

Taconic

Ghosting Republicans

The letter (Oct. 30) from Tom Shachtman demonstrates all that is destructive in the views of our so-called “Progressives”.

Mr. Shachtman writes: [N]ow is not the time to trust any local Republican, no matter how qualified a candidate, in public office. Every vote for a local Republican is an affirmation of the national Republican Party’s undermining of our democracy and our way of life.”

Putting aside the fact that over 77 million Americans — including 580 voters in Salisbury, at least 250 of whom were not Republicans — voted for the president and that he is doing pretty much what he told everyone he would do if elected, Mr. Shachtman’s desire to freeze Republicans out of participation in local government raises troublesome issues.

If Salisbury Republicans are to be banned from participating in local government, should we also be banned from holding leadership positions in local organizations such as the Salisbury Association, the Rotary Club, the Ambulance Corps, Music Mountain and countless other organizations where we work alongside Democrats and Unaffiliateds for

the good of the community?

And perhaps our participation in the work of various service groups, such as the Lakeville Hose Company, the Ambulance Corps, the Salisbury Winter Sports Authority and Youth Hockey — should also be banned. After all, who wants to have a Republican show up to help put out a fire that threatens to burn down their house? Or provide emergency CPR while you are on your way to Sharon Hospital?

And what about our donations to the dozens of worthwhile organizations that we routinely support?

If Republican money is “tainted” because of the national administration, why would the Lakeville Journal, the Scoville Library, the Visiting Nurse Association, the fire and ambulance corps, and the various Affordable Housing organizations want to accept our donations?

Perhaps the solution to this “progressive” anger is for all Republicans to be required to pin a scarlet “R” on their outerwear whenever they appear in public. That way enlightened Progressives could cross the street whenever they see us coming. And they could avoid sitting next to us in our churches

and synagogues and at local restaurants, concerts and school events

Mr. Shachtman, a historian, should be aware of the slippery slope he wishes to lead the citizens of Salisbury down.

Tom Morrison
Chair, Salisbury
Republican Town
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Viewpoint

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

NORMA BOSWORTH

125 years ago — November 1900

Engineer George Austin, very well and favorably known here, died at Canaan last Friday night at ten o'clock. He was taken sick on his engine while running the train arriving here at 5:40; coming over the mountain from Winsted to Norfolk he did not feel well; at Norfolk he felt worse, but continued at his post; nearing West Norfolk he called his fireman, Fred Wooden, to take the engine. -- Wooden went to him; he fainted and fell upon the cab floor.

The last three days have furnished weather to suit the most fastidious. On Wednesday and Thursday nights severe thunderstorms occurred. On Thursday the day was fair and warm more like a day in May, and on Friday morning we were greeted with a hard sleet storm which later turned to snow. Surely no one can claim a lack of variety in the matter of weather.

The foundation for a large new dormitory at the Gilbert Home, Winsted, is done, and the bricklayers will begin work in a few days. There are now over 200 children in the home, and applications for admission are constantly coming in.

The other day at Canaan we saw a couple of hunters get on the eastbound train carrying a monstrous string of gray squirrels. Upon being questioned they replied that the string contained 56 squirrels. The men thought that he had done something smart, but the truth of the matter is this. They were pot hunters; they did not know when they had overreached the decency mark, and belonged to that class which by their wholesale slaughter are hastening the day when hunting of game will be prohibited by law and when that happens these same game hogs will be the highest kickers.

LIME ROCK — Sim. Sylvernale dropped his “roll” containg twelve or fifteen dollars last Thursday noon. Lost it in Barnum’s store o upon the street going home. He offers a reward.

LIME ROCK — The new reservoir for supplying the furnace with water is completed. It took some little time to build it, but it is evidently there to stay.

During the heavy thunder storm of Friday morning, lightning struck a large tree near Judge Jerome’s residence, and reduced it to matchwood.

100 years ago — November 1925

SALISBURY — Miss Lena Sartoris has gone to Hartford, where she will take a course in nursing.

This morning a mass of fire blackened ruins mark the spot that yesterday was the magnificent home of Walter S. Halliwell. Fire was discovered a little before 5 o'clock last night and spread with amazing speed throughout the upper story of the entire building. Considerable delay getting water on the blaze ensued, owing to the fact it had to be taken from the lake about 1800 feet distant. The pumper carries about 1100 feet of hose. The Millerton, Sharon and Canaan fire companies soon reached the spot and by combining hose, three lines were laid from the lake, and a stubborn fight followed.

LIME ROCK — Mrs. Lorch is visiting in Cornwall.

ORE HILL — A telephone has been installed at Michael Moore’s residence.

Did you know you must pay your personal tax of \$2.00 by Nov. 15th. This has nothing to do with the tax you paid last spring, but is a tax for 1925.

The Spurr Co. saw mill has resumed operations. It is now operating by electric power.

50 years ago — November 1975

Police still have not been able to identify the man who carried off one of the biggest supermarket heists in Dutchess County history. An armed robber made off with over \$30,000 in cash and checks Saturday night, Nov. 8, after holding up a female employee of the Millerton Super Inc. as she was about to deposit the weekend revenue in the bank. The amount stolen involved \$26,000 in checks and \$5,200 in cash.

More than 125 friends and relatives gathered last Friday night to honor retired State Police Lt. Stanley Szczesiul at a dinner at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury. Among those who paid tribute to Szczesiul for his 21 years of service to the people of Connecticut were former Gov. Thomas J. Meskill, whom Szczesiul served as an aide for 3½ years, and Mrs. Meskill.

The Canaan Volunteer Fire Company will move this Friday to its new firehouse on the intersection of routes 44 and 7. The company has been laboring for over a year to prepare the former Getty Oil garage for its new role as a firehouse. The company purchased the property last fall for \$60,000 and has since spent an additional \$70,000 to convert the building to its new use.

25 years ago — November 2000

The Northwest Corner voted Tuesday in huge numbers. The lines at the polls in Salisbury, for instance, went out the door of the upstairs voting room and down the stairs at one point and, when the polls closed, 84 percent of the voters in that town had pulled the levers of their choice. Cornwall, usually the town with the highest percentage of voters voting and proud of its record, had 87 percent for its tally this year, beaten, however, by Norfolk with its 89 percent. Local voters had definite preferences: Al Gore and Joe Lieberman who won in all the towns in the Corner; Andrew Roraback romping to the job of state senator by winning in 15 Connecticut towns; and Lakeville resident Roberta Willis, a newcomer to political office who captured the state representative seat being vacated by Mr. Roraback.

Shohreh Farzan of East Canaan has begun her first year at Mount Holyoke College, the oldest institution for women in the United States. She is the daughter of Pamela and Ali Farzan and is a 2000 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

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



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Beaver Moon

OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Palmer

FALLS VILLAGE — Barbara A. Palmer, 71, of 312 Music Mountain Road passed away on Nov. 8, 2025, in the company of her loving family, at the Village Green in Bristol Connecticut. She was born June 24, 1954 in Great Barrington, Massachusetts ,daughter of the late Martin F. and Hazel (Markham) Palmer Sr.

From her early years at Wassaic State School to her most personal commitment, Barbara dedicated her life to others. She didn’t just retire; she embraced the full time calling of nurturing her beloved nieces and nephew.

Her defining characteristic was the unwavering, lifelong support she provided to all members of her family.

Barbara was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Litchfield.

Barbara is survived by her sisters, Jane Martel and her husband John with whom she lived in Falls Village, Mary Ostrander of Massachusetts, and Cynthia Brown of Bristol; her brothers, Michael Palmer and his wife Susan of Falls Village, and Donald Palmer of Torrington. Barbara is also survived by her nieces, Lisa Lynch and her husband Harold of Falls

Village, Tammy Martel of Canaan, Emily Downs and her husband Jeremy of Oakdale, Autumn Lynch of Falls Village, her nephew Matthew Lynch and Cassidy of Canaan and many other nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Martin R. Palmer and two sisters, Carol Tubbs and Diane Briska and half brother Martin F. Palmer Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15,

2025, at 12:30 p.m. at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, North Canaan, CT. 06018. Burial will follow in Mountain View Cemetery, Sand Road, North Canaan, CT. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at 12:30 p.m. Flowers may be sent or memorial donations may be made to the Friendship Baptist Church, 441 Torrington Road, Litchfield, CT 06759.

For more obituaries, see Page A5

‘Roundabouts’ help improve traffic

Back in my architectural student days I had two professors, both English and one a city planner, constantly talking about “roundabouts.” Roundabouts? I learned they were an English term for what we Americans called rotaries or traffic circles. In the U.S. hardly any had been built since before the War whereas in England they were rediscovered in the late 1950s and updated, improved variations were being designed and constructed by architects, landscape architects, city planners and traffic engineers throughout Great Britain. In addition to rebuilding war-torn urban areas, Britain had also embarked on a program of constructing a series of new towns, and designers tried to employ the most advanced techniques including roundabouts.

Within a few years other European countries started to follow suit; and several others began intensively rebuilding. France, Italy, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands and several other countries began major road building campaigns, all of which featured new roundabouts.

A roundabout (or rotary or traffic circle) is a type of traffic intersection in which traffic travels in one direction around a central island; priority is given to the circulating flow. Signs usually direct traffic entering the circle to slow and to give way to traffic already on it.

Roundabouts have several advantages over ordinary intersections. They are much safer with many fewer places where crashes might occur. A study of five roundabouts by the Connecticut Department of Transportation found an 81% reduction in severe crashes and a 44 % reduction in total crashes. Driving speeds are reduced and the basic geometry rules out the possibility of any head on or T-bone crashes. Vehicles (nearly always) enter and exit without completely stopping thus reducing noise, pollution, and fuel consumption. The cost of construction of a roundabout is balanced against that of installing and maintaining sophisticated traffic lights, signs and signals.

Roundabouts do have a few disadvantages. Large, high traffic installations may need a lot of space to function ideally and to look right in their place in the landscape. Some of the largest, multi-lane roundabouts may be confusing for some drivers leading to hesitation or incorrect lane use; however, this confusion is over after one or two encounters for most drivers.

Older traffic circles such

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MAC GORDON

as Columbus Circle in Manhattan (1904) are not considered by modern traffic designers as roundabouts (they’re just thought of as traffic circles) .

An older, small traffic circle with which readers are familiar is the one at the intersection of Routes 4 and 63 in Goshen. A precursor to the large modern roundabout, although much smaller, it functions much like its contemporary cousins moving traffic smoothly and efficiently. But plans are underway to convert the Goshen traffic circle into a much larger, carefully planted roundabout with a pedestrian crosswalk.

After years of community conflict, the intersection of Routes 7 and 41 at the south end of Great Barrington was finally converted into a roundabout. Construction faced political delay for years; only after it was built and local citizens got used to it did it become accepted, even popular.

Most estimates for the number of roundabouts in the U.S. today indicate there are more than 13,000. In Connecticut there are only about 30, but many more are in the works. Carmel, Indiana a city of roughly 100,000 people, has an astonishing record number of roundabouts, more than 150! Apparently, the city’s mayor and many of its citizens fell in love with roundabouts and kept converting more and more intersections.

Roundabouts have become popular all over the world, especially in Europe (which tends to be more congested than North America). France has the largest number: more than 43,000. And in poorer developing countries with fewer motor vehicles but exploding populations the roundabout boom is only just beginning.

More and more, architects, landscape architects and other artists are getting into the act, right from the beginning to turn these constructions into actual art works, something usually overlooked in the past. The center islands were often the obvious place to start with huge sculptures. But more attention is now being paid to all of the surrounding landscape. This could be a route to a really improved segment of our public space.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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With the Federal government shutdown and the White House denying SNAP payments for food to millions of Americans, it is necessary for communities to step up their support to ensure families have food on their table. We are blessed in the NW Corner to have a number of excellent food banks staffed by volunteers and right now they need our support more than ever. With Thanksgiving around the corner, here is the contact info for a few to send donations to: The Corner Food Pantry in Lakeville: thecornerfoodpantry.org/. Fishes and Loaves in North Canaan: www.fishesandloavespantrynorthcanaanct.org/, and the Kent Food bank at: www.townofkentct.gov/social-services/pages/kent-food-bank-and-diaper-bank. Thank you!



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Veterans Day

Cornwall pays tribute to former servicemembers

By Riley Klein

CORNWALL — The student body of Cornwall Consolidated School hosted six veterans of the armed forces at a Veterans Day ceremony Monday, Nov. 10.

Eighth graders shared breakfast with the vets before migrating to the gym for the full assembly.

Veterans of the Army included Huntington Williams, William Berry, David Cadwell, Jake Thulin and Tony Sterzl. Representing the Navy was Max Ule. Combined years of service ranged from the 1950s to the 2010s.

Sharing a memory from his time in the service, Williams recalled a “first class” Thanksgiving dinner while stationed in Korea in the 1950s.

“We had turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, nuts and shrimp cocktail,” Williams said. “The one thing that was missing was ice cream.”

Each grade created unique ways to thank the veterans including poems and hand-made crafts.

CCS Principal Leanne Maguire closed the ceremony in gratitude. “You deserve this recognition. You deserve our thanks,” she said. “How fortunate we are to live in a country with freedom.”



The 4th graders of Cornwall Consolidated School read an acrostic poem during a school assembly Monday, Nov. 10, for Veterans Day. PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN



Region One Superintendent Melony Brady-Shanley greets veterans at Lee H. Kellogg School Monday morning, Nov. 10. PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Kellogg students recognize veterans

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Ten Falls Village veterans came to the Lee H. Kellogg School Monday morning, Nov. 10, for a Veterans Day breakfast in their honor.

The veterans gathered in the library, enjoyed coffee and doughnuts, rose for the Pledge of Allegiance, and smiled broadly as the students in grades K-2 sang

“You’re a Grand Old Flag.” Afterwards the veterans posed for photos with their children or grandchildren.

The following veterans were in attendance at the assembly: Doyle Barger, Eric Carlson, Lou Timolat, Robert Christinat, William Fox, James Gulyas, Roy Jensen, Peter Pixley, Mike Poole and Sandy Rhoades. (Hope Gallagher was unable to attend.)



Troop appreciation

Former First Selectman Martin Lindenmayer visits with students of Kent Center School Monday, Nov. 10, as part of the school’s Veterans Day ceremony. Lindenmayer served as a member of the U.S. Navy and later specialized in defense intelligence and technical special operations. PHOTO PROVIDED

Salisbury salutes those who served

By Patrick L. Sullivan

LAKEVILLE — Fourteen veterans came to Salisbury Central School on a rainy Monday afternoon, Nov. 10, for a Veterans Day ceremony.

The middle school chorus sang “God Bless America” and, with the K-5 chorus, “Thank You Soldiers.”

Donna Begley took a moment to remember David Bayersdorfer, a Marine Corps veteran who died earlier this year.

“He was always the first to arrive and the last to leave” at the Veterans Day event.

“He was the kind of person every community is lucky to have.”

Peter Oliver, introduced by his grandson, thanked the school “for inviting us back, 19 years in a row.”



Salisbury Central School recognizes Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 10. PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The veterans attending were: Peter Oliver, Jerry Baldwin, Larry Conklin, Jason Pennella, Jay Rogers, Chris Ohmen, Jim Kennedy, Randy Cannon, Marc Dittmer, Bruce Sangster, Troy Ramcharran, Carl Jenter, Peter Becket and Dan Rashkoff.

Sharon Center School observes Veterans Day

By Alec Linden

SHARON — Sharon Central School students took the lead in welcoming nine of Sharon’s military veterans to the school’s gymnasium for its annual Veterans Day assembly dedicated to honoring the community members who have served the nation.

After SCS pupils and staff filled the gym at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10, teacher Jill Pace offered a brief introduction before promptly turning the podium over the student council, whose members handled the morning’s proceedings. Overall, 12 members of the council — Amaira Rashid, Franklin Galvin, Chris Galvin, James Smith, Charlotte Olsen, Jack Flanagan, Sam Norbet, Jack Plouffe, Paige Bailey, Colin Bailey, Eivin Peterson and Guiseppe Socci — took turns leading the assembly through the Pledge of Allegiance, a brief history of the “Star Spangled Banner,” and several encomiums to the veterans in the room.

The servicemen were then called one by one to the stage to briefly share their stories, with several even fielding



Former members of the United States armed forces warmly receive tokens of gratitude from Sharon Central School students during a Veterans Day ceremony held on Monday, Nov. 10. PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

questions from the enthusiastic crowd of elementary and middle schoolers. Tate Begley shared that he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1994-1998 and was a military police officer on U.S. bases on the west coast.

“How did you become a veteran?” came a voice from the crowd when he opened the floor for questions. “By serving my country,” he replied.

Other questions were slightly less topical. “What’s your favorite food?” asked one student of John Perotti after he had finished explaining the meaning of his decoration from a year spent serving in the Vietnam War. “Burgers!” he replied enthusiastically.

Jim Hutchinson, Bob Loucks, Brian Kenney, Ray

Aakjar, and Dave Peterson also detailed their time in service in places like Vietnam, Africa, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Robert Hock relayed that he had spent 1963 to 1965 in the Navy stationed in Turkey where he “never saw a ship.” Instead, he intercepted communications from communist countries in the Eastern Bloc.

The final veteran to take the podium was Justin Rios, whose daughter sat amongst her peers in the crowd. Rios has been in the Army for 14 years, and was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait. He had a message to the students: “If you see a Vietnam veteran, let them know they’re welcome.”

ELECTION

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mayer, who did not run. The town also passed a local cannabis measure, 400 to 308, banning recreational cannabis dispensaries.

Salisbury voters again backed longtime Democratic First Selectman Curtis Rand, who ran unopposed.

In Falls Village, cross-endorsed incumbent Dave Barger (D/R) won another term as first selectman, maintaining a board that includes Chris Kinsella (D) and Judy Jacobs (R).

Cornwall residents re-elected Democrat Gordon Ridgway, who has led the town for more than three decades. Ridgway ran unopposed and remains one of Connecticut’s longest-serving first selectmen.

Sharon voters returned First Selectman Casey Flanagan (D) and selectmen Lynn Kearcher (D) and John Brett (U).

Smooth Election Day across towns

Poll workers throughout the region described Election Day as steady and orderly, aided by new state tabulators that flagged errors on ballots but required absentee votes

to be processed separately. In Salisbury, a brief detour on Route 44 caused by a downed tree did not affect turnout.

In Kent, petitioning selectman candidate Ed Matson said he was encouraged by voter participation: “I was surprised by how busy it was, especially with the number of people who voted early.”

In Sharon, resident Suzanne Oliver summed up her reason for voting simply: “Participation.” Another voter added, “Everything that has a vote, you should vote for — it’s the only power we have.”

Cornwall
First Selectman:
Gordon Ridgway (D) 402

Selectman:
Rocco Botto (D) 332
John Brown (R) 123
Town Clerk:
Kathryn Lee (D/R) 469
Town Treasurer:
Richard Bramley (D) 434
Board of Finance:
Gary Steinkohl (D) 392
Carl Hermann (R) 201
Board of Finance (2 year):
Kate Sandmeyer Ward (D) 439

Board of Finance (Alternate):
Richard Wolkowitz (D) 389

Cody Gillotti (R) 134
Board of Education:
Martha Buehl (D) 392
Anna Kallman (D) 366
Katherine Scoville (R) 200

Kathleen Bodwell (R) 134
Board of Assessment Appeals:
Richard Wolkowitz (D) 344

David Cavalier (R) 124
Planning and Zoning Commission:
Phillip West (D) 346
Stephen Saccardi (R) 313
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Lynn Scoville (R) 316
Christi Bodwell (R) 234

Falls Village
First Selectman:
Dave Barger (D/R) 300
Selectman:
Chris Kinsella (D) 202
Judy Jacobs (R) 112
Board of Finance:
Ginger Betti (D) 215
Andrea Downs (R) 146
Richard Berzine (D) 154
Karl Munson (R) 111
Board of Finance (2 year):
Martin Deeg (D) 210
Marisa Ohler (R) 102

Board of Finance (Alternate):
Vanessa Pereira (D) 177
Henry Todd (R) 129

Board of Finance (Alternate, 2 year vacancy):
Hazel McGuire (R) 239
Board of Education:
Adam Sher (D/R) 281
Patricia Allyn Mechare (D) 222

Scott Miller (R) 88
Board of Assessment Appeals:
Hazel McGuire (D/R) 297

Tami Reid (D/R) 274
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Louis Timolat (R) 232
Stephen Dean (R) 232
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate):
Vance Cannon (D) 237
Lee Baldwin (R) 77
Constables:
Timothy Downs (R) 199
Thom Wilson (D) 181
Dennis Jacobs (R) 168
Donna Heinz (D) 159
Louis Timolat (R) 152
Elizabeth Pierce (D) 140
Matthew Hansen (R) 128
Regional Board of Education:
Patricia Allyn Mechare (D/R) 371

Kent
First Selectman:
Eric Epstein (D) 844
Selectman:
Lynn Mellis Worthington (D) 657
Lynn Harrington (R) 208
Edward Matson (U) 116
Town Clerk:
Darlene Brady (U) 622
Tax Collector:
Deborah Devaux (D) 843
Board of Finance:
Glenn Sanchez (D) 769
Nancy O’Dea Wyrick (R) 442

Board of Education:
Heather Brand (D) 686
Anthony DiPentima (R) 291
Board of Education (2 year):
Cinda Clark (D) 794
Board of Assessment Appeals:
Gary Ford (D) 679
David Yewer (R) 252
Planning and Zoning Commission:
Darrell Cherniske (D) 740

Karen Casey (R) 466
Donna Hayes (R) 461
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Stephen Pener (D) 722
Justin Potter (D) 707
John Johnson (D) 637
Nick Downes (R) 331
Mark Cowan (D) 221
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate):
Adam Manes (D) 756
Sewer Commission:
Elissa Potts (D) 764
Catherine Mazza (D) 718
Carmel Karina O’Meara (R) 266
Cannabis Regulation:
Yes 243
No 201

North Canaan
First Selectman:
Jesse Bunce (D) 572
Brian Ohler (R) 570 — will become Selectman
Selectman:
Melissa Pinardi (R) 559
Joe Sebben (U) 374
Town Clerk:
Krysti Segalla (R) 750
Town Treasurer:
Melanie Neely (D) 632
Emily Minacci (R) 487
Tax Collector:
Rebecca Mochak (R) 707

Board of Finance:
John Jacquier (R) 633
Emily Bottum (D) 518
Christian Allyn (U) 352
Brian Allyn (WI) 159
Board of Education:
Amy Dodge (R) 698
Gina Terwilliger (D) 628
Chris Jacques (D) 541
Caitlin Tomko (R) 541
Amy Helminiak (D) 536
Board of Assessment Appeals:
David Jacquier (R) 754
Planning and Zoning Commission:
Dalton Jacquier (R) 710
Cooper Brown (D) 679
Walter Schneider (R) 595
Planning and Zoning Commission (Alternate):
Brian Allyn Jr. (R) 738
Tucker Whiting (R) 660
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Matthew Freund (D) 709
Brian Allyn (D) 702
Scott Zinke (R) 676
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate):
Joe Cieslowski (D) 690
Regional Board of Education:
Craig Whiting (R) 765
Shall Treasurer be appointed?
No 743
Yes 355
Shall Town Clerk be appointed?
No 743
Yes 350
Shall Tax Collector be appointed?
No 741
Yes 349

Salisbury
First Selectman:
Curtis Rand (D) 1,071
Selectman:
Barrett Prinz (D) 935
Kitty Kiefer (U) 516
Don Mayland (R) 457
Board of Finance:
Emily Vail (D) 1,064
Board of Education:
Lauren Brown (D) 999
Elizabeth Dittmer (D) 979

Natalia Smirnova (WI) 36
Board of Assessment Appeals:
William Tedder (D) 962
Peter Becket (R) 244
Planning and Zoning Commission:
Cathy Shyer (D) 994
Allen Cockerline (D) 930
Danella Schiffer (D) 926

Planning and Zoning Commission (Alternate):
Beth Wells (D) 984
Jen Ventimilia (D) 925
Zoning Board of Appeals:
Roxanne Belter Lee (D) 1,020
M.E. Freeman (D) 925
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate):
Cori Daggett (D) 1,001
Regional Board of Education:
Flora Lazar (D) 1,021

Sharon
First Selectman:
Casey Flanagan (D) 647
Selectman:
Lynn Kearcher (D) 606
John Brett (U) 344
Town Clerk:
Biance DelTufo (D) 643
Town Treasurer:
Tina Pitcher (D/R) 686
Tax Collector:
Donna Christensen (D/R) 692
Board of Finance:
John Hecht (D) 593
Mary Robertson (D) 312
Board of Finance (4 year vacancy):
Mary Anne Toppa (R) 388

Board of Finance (2 year vacancy):
Michele Pastre (R) 402
Board of Education:
Terry Vance (D) 496
Pam Jarvis (D) 484
Cathy Winburn (R) 191
Chip Kruger (R) 168
Board of Education (2 year vacancy):
Peter Birnbaum (D) 612
Board of Assessment Appeals:
Debbie Hanlon (D) 628
Planning and Zoning Commission:
Stanley MacMillan Jr. (D/R) 668
Susan Lynn (D) 590
Planning and Zoning Commission (Alternate):
Andrus Nichols (D) 622
Zoning Board of Appeals:
James Wexler (D) 593
Scott Pastre (R) 296
Zoning Board of Appeals (2 year vacancy):
Theodore Coulombe (D) 613
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate):
Pauline Moore (D) 620
Regional Board of Education:
Sara Cousins (D) 618

Key:
D: Democrat
R: Republican
D/R: Cross endorsed
U: Unaffiliated/Petitioning
WI: Write In

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PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN
Recount Moderator Rosemary Keilty, at right, leads the team of poll workers during the recount in North Canaan Town Hall Monday, Nov. 10.

Looking ahead to the coming term, Bunce said he was ready to get to work. “We have a good game strategy of how we’d like to handle the first 90 days and I look forward to executing that,” he said. “I think we can do lots of fun, exciting things for the town that’ll benefit all sorts of people.”

In a follow up statement, Ohler wrote, “The future of North Canaan is bright.” He

continued, “Now is not the time to wish failure or misstep upon any elected official. We will all serve each other and our town, just as your votes intended them to do. It has been an immense honor to serve as your First Selectman... We are North Canaan.”

The first meeting of the new Board of Selectmen will be held in Town Hall Monday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.

Norfolk elects new first selectman

By John Coston

NORFOLK — Selectman Henry Tirrell, a Democrat, was elected Norfolk’s first selectman with 402 votes in the Nov. 4 election. Tirrell ran unopposed.

Tirrell, who will take office mid-November, has been working with outgoing First Selectman Matt Riiska, who decided to step down from the job after eight years in office.

Democrat Leo F. Colwell, Jr., who had served as a selectman for 14 years in the past and who has volunteered on many committees over the years, was returned to the post with his election as selectman with 383 votes. Alexandria “Sandy” Evans, a Republican, was reelected to a fourth term with 223 votes. She also has a strong record as a community volunteer and has been an EMT with the ambulance squad for more than two decades and currently is president of the Lions Club.

In other voting, Deborah M. Nelson was elected town clerk with 397 votes and Chelsea DeWitt was elected town treasurer with 402 votes.



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Swearing in ceremony

Eric Epstein (D) being sworn in as the first selectman of Kent Saturday, Nov. 8, by Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz during an inaugural ceremony honoring all newly elected officials. Epstein succeeds Martin Lindenmayer, who stepped down after one term in office.

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off Route 44 that became a shortcut for impatient drivers, has been closed to through traffic at the discretion of the Town of Norfolk due to safety concerns. Hare added, “From what I understand from the Town representatives, the observed speeds were unacceptably high, and there were several near misses.”

“Another challenge we are anticipating facing is the classic ‘Icebox’ weather this winter,” continued Hare. “We anticipate winter activities to include forming the front face of both retaining walls, setting rebar, and then pouring the concrete face.”

Hare and her team have worked closely with the Town of Norfolk.



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Traffic on Route 44 in Norfolk remains reduced to one lane as construction continues on the large retaining wall.

“As a team, we are saddened to see First Selectman Riiska leave his position but are looking forward to working with the incoming First Selectman Henry Tirrell to bring this project to success.”

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OUR TOWNS

Forum examines role of libraries in artificial intelligence era

By Patrick L. Sullivan

FALLS VILLAGE — Anthony Marx, president of the New York Public Library, said the country’s largest library is maintaining its core values while encountering serious challenges.

Marx spoke at Housatonic Valley Regional High School Friday evening, Nov. 7, in a Salisbury Forum presentation.

Marx started working at the NYPL in 2011. He said that until he took the job he didn’t realize that while the library has almost 100 branches, none of them are in Brooklyn or Queens.

“We are not a city agency,” he said, while acknowledging that some 60% of the library’s revenue comes from city coffers. “It makes for interesting conversations at budget time.”

The library has a \$1.48 billion endowment and raises between \$80-100 million in private fundraising per year.

Marx said one big challenge is misinformation, which “spreads faster than truth.” He cited discouraging trends, such as a national

decline in reading in general and long-form reading in particular, and shortened attention spans driven by the use of smart phones.

He said that despite the radical increase in communications capabilities, isolation is on the rise.

The good news, he continued, is that people are using the NYPL more than ever, in different formats (books, audiobooks, podcasts).

A related challenge is artificial intelligence. Marx said “for the first time in 130 years” people are checking citations with the NYPL’s librarians, only to find the citations are phony.

“AI is hallucinating,” Marx said, and the designers care more about speed than accuracy.

“We care a lot about truth and accuracy.”

He said the solution for the NYPL is to provide training in AI and to use it to enhance the services the library already provides.

He noted the NYPL has 65 million books, give or take. The goal is to make as much of the collection as possible available online.

Many books are out of

print but still under copyright protection. In these cases, Marx argued that the library isn’t harming the copyright holders, since the book isn’t available anyway.

And if enough people request a certain title, perhaps a publisher would be willing to bring out a new edition.

“AI can help with that.”

Ultimately the NYPL will create its own AI, “based on our collection so you can trust it.”

Marx said the NYPL’s branch libraries have historically functioned as outposts of education and community involvement. The NYPL is the largest provider of English as a Second Language classes in the city.

“And yes, we teach immigrants, and we don’t ask about their status because we don’t want them found through us.”

Marx said the library is also trying new things, such as building 175 units of affordable housing over one branch, and using branch libraries as a hub to broadcast free broadband wifi because “between 1.5 to 2 million New Yorkers do not have broadband at home.”



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Anthony Marx

And the branches themselves are being renovated. “We’ve spent a billion so far.”

Marx said, despite the headwinds, “we don’t change what we do. We double down.”

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Authority (HRRRA), a regional government agency that manages waste and recycling programs for 14 municipalities in western Connecticut. “Waste is not a partisan issue — it affects all of us every day,” she told the assembled group.

The funding will support key infrastructure upgrades designed to improve the transfer station’s efficiency and safety. Planned improvements include the construction of a retaining wall to separate waste streams and reduce cross-contamination, a new shed to safely store motor oil, paint and shredded paper, and new canopies over waste and recycling containers to improve material quality and reduce litter. The grant will also fund the installation of a new scale to support Kent’s nascent “pay as you throw” unit-based pricing program.

The “pay-as-you-throw” initiative — made permanent last fall after a successful pilot — charges residents by the bag rather than a flat annual fee, incentivizing lower waste generation. Heaton-Jones said the new scale will help “build on that momentum” by providing data to refine the program and expand composting efforts.

Kent’s award represents nearly one-third of the HRRRA’s total \$1.5 million allocation from the second round of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) grant program. In late October, DEEP announced \$7.5 million in total funding to support municipalities and regional waste authorities across Connecticut.

The grant money comes

in the midst of what Heaton-Jones described as a “waste crisis” in the state where, since the dissolution of the Hartford MIRA facility in 2022, about 40% of Connecticut’s municipal solid waste is exported to out-of-state landfills and recycling centers.

Heaton-Jones thanked Conservation Commission Chair and former First Selectman Jean Speck, who spearheaded Kent’s earlier waste reduction initiatives, and current First Selectman Marty Lindenmayer, who helped continue and expand them, praising both for their “consistently demonstrated leadership in waste reduction despite limited resources.”

The attendees, which included State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), State Sen. Stephen Harding (R-30), First Selectman-Elect Eric Epstein, transfer station staff members Rob Hayes and Rick Osborne, and the majority of the Kent Conservation Commission, agreed with Heaton-Jones’s assessment.

During his own speech, Lindenmayer said that Kent had “set the tone in how we can continue to improve.” He thanked Hayes and Osborne for their contributions and ongoing hard work: “These guys do it with humor and good will and in all types of weather.”

Horn similarly lauded Kent’s commitment to waste reduction, describing it as a town “that has really stuck its neck out,” while Harding admired the town’s ability to come together and work as a team with various groups: “It’s a shining example of addressing our waste crisis efficiently.”

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Kent cannabis regs allow medical marijuana sales, bans rec shops

By Alec Linden

KENT — With 400 voters in favor and 308 opposed, Kent residents adopted an ordinance regulating the sale of marijuana in town.

The ordinance bans recreational cannabis establishments but allows for medicinal dispensaries with P&Z approval. Regulations surrounding hemp cultivation and agriculture will be dealt with separately by P&Z as a

zoning issue.

The decision comes near the end of a year-long moratorium on retail establishments in town, meaning P&Z has been unable to accept any applications regarding cannabis sales. The ordinance writes into town code that this prohibition will be permanent.

The results of a town survey were used to inform the ordinance. Of the approximately 500 respondents,

44% indicated disapproval of recreational marijuana retail in town, while 29% were in favor.

Subcommittee Chair and P&Z member Sarah Chase stated, “The data reflects a cautious but open-minded community.”

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ART: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Farewell to a visionary leader: Amy Wynn departs AMP after seven years

When longtime arts administrator Amy Wynn became the first executive director of the American Mural Project (AMP) in 2018, the nonprofit was part visionary art endeavor, part construction site and part experiment in collaboration.

Today, AMP stands as a fully realized arts destination, home to the world's largest indoor collaborative artwork and a thriving hub for community engagement. Wynn's departure, marked by her final day Oct. 31, closes a significant chapter in the organization's evolution. Staff and supporters gathered the afternoon before to celebrate her tenure with stories, laughter and warm tributes.

"We had such a fun party for her," said AMP founder and artistic director Ellen Griesedieck. "I am excited for what is next for Amy and grateful for every moment she has invested in her work at AMP."

Wynn, who previously led the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, said her decision to step down came after careful reflection.

"It's time for me to shift into the next phase of my career, which will call upon my 40-plus years of nonprofit experience to do project work," she said. "I've absolutely loved my time at AMP."

Under Wynn's leadership, AMP expanded education programs, deepened community partnerships and oversaw key milestones in the creation of its monumental centerpiece — a three-dimensional mural stretching 120 feet long



PHOTO BY SKY JOHNSON

Visitors to the American Mural Project.

and five stories high — celebrating American ingenuity, industry and collaboration.

"Through all these years, Amy has worked with tireless enthusiasm for AMP, running day-to-day operations and guiding the overall direction of our mission," Griesedieck said.

During Wynn's tenure, AMP evolved from a concept into a dynamic cultural campus. She helped professionalize its structure, solidify its funding base and develop programs that drew visitors from across the state and beyond.

"The work she has accomplished, the hours of overtime she has logged, the mountains we have climbed together since that moment are many and miraculous," Griesedieck said.

AMP also weathered challenging times, including the pandemic, which forced arts organizations to rethink audience engagement. Wynn guided the team during that uncertain period



PHOTO COURTESY AMP

Amy Wynn, who has served as executive director of the American Mural Project in Winsted, has stepped down from her position after seven years with the nonprofit organization.

with a steady hand.

To ensure a smooth transition, AMP has brought on Renee Chatelain of RMCreative Solutions, LLC, an experienced consultant, attorney and arts administrator who previously worked with AMP on its capital expansion planning.

Chatelain will serve as interim executive director while a national search is conducted for AMP's next leader.

"A longtime friend, Renee comes to us with

a depth of knowledge on executive transition," said Griesedieck. "As an attorney, a leader of several arts organizations and a classically trained dancer, she is particularly well-suited for this interim role."

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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Let them eat cake: 'Kings of Pastry' screens at The Norfolk Library

The Norfolk Library will screen the acclaimed documentary "Kings of Pastry" on Friday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. The film will be introduced by its producer, Salisbury resident Flora Lazar, who will also take part in a Q&A following the screening.

Directed by legendary documentarians D.A. Pennebaker ("Don't Look Back," "Monterey Pop") and Chris Hegedus ("The War Room"), "Kings of Pastry" offers a rare, behind-the-scenes look at the prestigious *Meilleurs Ouvriers de France* (Best Craftsmen of France) competition, a prestigious national award recognizing mastery across dozens of trades, from pastry to high technology. Pennebaker, who attended The Salisbury School, was a pioneer of cinéma vérité and received an honorary Academy Award for lifetime achievement.

Established in 1924 and overseen by the French Ministry of Labor, the competition challenges professionals to create a "masterpiece" that demonstrates skill, precision and artistry. Winners receive a lifelong title and medal, presented at a ceremony in Paris attended by the president of France.

In this documentary, 16 pastry chefs spend three grueling days in Lyon crafting delicate chocolates, towering sugar sculptures and

exquisite pastries, all in pursuit of perfection — and the honor of being recognized by then-President Nicolas Sarkozy, as one of France's best craftsmen. The filmmakers were granted exclusive access to capture this intense, emotional and visually stunning event.

Producer Flora Lazar came to filmmaking via an unexpected route. Trained as a historian and psychotherapist, she has had a lifelong love of French pastry, a passion she eventually pursued through formal training at a pastry school in Chicago.

"It was run like a military operation," she recalled of the school. "You could eat off the floor. Everything had to be meticulous, precise."

Lazar's father, a first-generation Harvard graduate who grew up in the Borscht Belt, pushed his children toward high achievements in academia and "looked down on the trades," Lazar admitted. "I loved French pastry my whole life," she said. "But my dad wasn't going to send me to pastry school."

After her father's passing — with her children grown and financial responsibilities eased — Lazar finally returned to that early passion.

At the pastry school in Chicago, Lazar met two chefs, one who had won and one competing for

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A night of film and music at The Stissing Center

On Saturday, Nov. 15, the Stissing Center in Pine Plains will be host to the Hudson Valley premiere of the award-winning music documentary "Coming Home: The Guggenheim Grotto Back in Ireland." The screening will be followed by an intimate acoustic set from Mick Lynch, one half of the beloved Irish folk duo The Guggenheim Grotto. The film's direc-

tor, Will Chase, is an accomplished and recognizable actor with leading and supporting roles in “Law & Order,” “The Good Wife,” “Rescue Me,” “Nashville,” “The Deuce,” “Stranger Things” and “Dopesick.” After decades of acting on television and on Broadway, Chase decided to take the plunge into directing his own short films and documentaries.

Chase follows one of his favorite bands, The Guggenheim Grotto, on a reunion tour in Ireland. Founding members Mick Lynch and Kevin May have not played together in more than a decade, and the reunion may also serve as a farewell tour for the band. The film captures not just the music, but the friendship and shared history between Lynch and May, set against the homeland that shaped their songs.

"I'm just a huge fan," Chase said. "It's a big 45-minute love letter to the guys. They really dive into why they didn't make it as a band, whatever that means," noting that many acclaimed musicians struggle to find mainstream recognition. "I look at them and they're very successful. They were on television shows, they won some awards, but it also makes people go 'Oh, right. There are other bands out there other than the ones that I just read about.' There are all these wonderful artists that we don't necessarily know about."

Over the years, The



Kevin May, left, and Mike Lynch of The Guggenheim Grotto.

Reflecting on his collaboration with the band, Chase said, “I was very fortunate and thanked them profusely for being so open and honest in the documentary. No one had done this with them before, and thank God they’re just affable, funny, great guys. They really love the piece. I think it touched them in very different ways.”

Immediately following the screening, Mick Lynch — one half of The Guggenheim Grotto and current Hudson Valley resident — will take the stage for an intimate acoustic set. The documentary, coupled with the live performance, offers a rare chance to see and hear what goes into the making of great music, art, and film.

Tickets are available
at thetissingcenter.org

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Guggenheim Grotto earned major critical acclaim. Their 2005 debut album "Waltzing Alone" was hailed as "one of the most beautiful records of the year" by LA's KCRW. An Independent Music Award followed in 2007 for best folk song/

songwriting. The band grew quite popular in their native Ireland, but Lynch eventually moved to New York while May remained in Ireland. Though the band's future seemed uncertain, there was always hope for a reunion of some

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PHOTO BY SKY JOHNSON

A group of visitors to AMP took time out to meet with the mural's artist, Ellen Griesedieck.

Though stepping down, Wynn said she will continue her work in the nonprofit field in a more flexible, project-based capacity.

"I'll be seeking consulting projects with other nonprofits, assisting with grant work and strategic planning," she said. "What I enjoy most is leading a collaborative effort and finding solutions to challenging problems."

Even as AMP bids farewell to Wynn, its focus remains on the future. The next phase of development will focus on converting a second mill building into expanded programming and community space.

"The next step has got to happen," Griesedieck said. "It's absolutely what the Northwest Corner needs — a place for the community to congregate."

The proposed expansion would create flexible areas for performances, workshops and public events, further establishing AMP as a cornerstone of the regional arts scene.

With community support and grants, AMP hopes to carry forward Wynn's momentum into a new era.

"She is not leaving," Griesedieck said. "Amy will always be here for us."

Founded in 2001, the American Mural Project was conceived as a tribute to the American worker — a celebration of skill, creativity and perseverance. The mural, the largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world, was created with contributions from thousands of children, artists, teachers, tradespeople and volunteers nationwide.

Today, AMP offers tours, workshops, lectures and performances, all rooted in its mission: to inspire, invite collaboration and reveal the contributions people of all ages can make to American culture.

As Wynn turns the page, her legacy — from her calm, strategic leadership to the collaborative spirit she fostered — remains woven into the fabric of AMP's story.

...‘Kings of Pastry’ *Continued from previous page*

the Meilleurs Ouvriers title. Lazar set out to write an article about the competition and what it could mean for American education and industry.

Lazar, who knew Pennebaker and Hege-
dus from her years in
New York, invited them
to Chicago to meet the
chefs. That meeting
sparked the idea of
“Kings of Pastry,” which
was born.

For Lazar, though,
the meaning has always
been personal.

"The purpose of the film wasn't just to show the high level of craftsmanship in French pastry but to illuminate a larger political, economic and educational issue."



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A scene from “Kings of Pastry.”

The screening will also serve as a promotion for the Norfolk Historical Society's 11th Annual Cake Auction, to be held Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Historical Society president Barry Webber will give a

brief introduction to the auction before the film.

And yes, there will be cake.

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Music Mountain and Wethersfield present Ulysses Quartet in concert

Music Mountain is partnering with Wethersfield Estate & Garden in Amenia to present the acclaimed Ulysses Quartet, joined by clarinetist and Music Mountain artistic director Oskar Espina Ruiz. The performances, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 15 and 16, will open Music Mountain's Winter Concert Series — an extension of the beloved summer festival into the colder months and more intimate venues.

The program features Seth Grosshandler's "Dances for String Quartet," Thomas Adès's

"Alchymia for Clarinet Quintet," and Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E Minor, Op. 44, No. 2. Adès's 2021 composition draws inspiration from Elizabethan London. Each movement is "woven from four threads," writes the composer with titles that refer to Shakespeare's "The Tempest," John Dowland's lute-song "Lachrymae," variations on the playwright Frank Wedekind's "Lautenlied" and more.

Praised for their "otherworldly magic" (The Millbrook Independent), the Ulysses Quartet brings a remarkable chemistry to the stage,

one honed through years of international accolades and residencies. Espina Ruiz, known for his "tender warmth" and "rhapsodic ease" on clarinet, will join the quartet for Adès's modern masterpiece.

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Ulysses Quartet

THEATER: RICHARD FEINER AND ANNETTE STOVER

'Death By Design' charms at Warner Theatre

Take your seats in the spacious Nancy Marine Studio Theatre at the Warner Theatre in Torrington to be transported to a cozy 1930s English country manor house, the setting for "Death By Design," a farcical murder mystery by playwright Rob Urbinati and presented by the resourceful volunteer-run Stage @ The Warner.

A pleasing amalgam of classic drawing room English comedy and Agatha Christie-style murder mystery — with sharp dialogue, eccentric characters, and suspenseful plot twists — the play keeps the audience guessing and laughing until the final curtain.

The premise involves playwright Edward Bennett and his actress wife, Sorel (played by Darrel Cookman and Christiane M. Olson), who withdraw to the country after a particularly disastrous evening. Unexpected guests arrive, much to the dismay of the couple and their staff, and a murder takes place. Their sassy, smart and resourceful Irish housekeeper, Bridgit (Marilyn Olsen), is determined to



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Gabriel Sousa as Jack and Marilyn Olsen as Bridgit in "Death By Design."

solve the mystery instead of just reading about them in novels.

Playwright Rob Urbinati has a clear love of his source material and his writing often out-Cowards Noël Coward with witty wordplay (Coward's famous line from "Private Lives," "Don't quibble, Sibyl," here becomes "Mustn't quarrel, Sorel") and other delightful turns of phrase and aperçus. Under Jonathan Zalascki's able direction, the production's game cast dives gleefully into their over-the-top characters, including, in addition to those previously men-

tioned, an inquisitive chauffeur (Gabriel Sousa); a conservative politician (David Macharelli); a bohemian, free-spirited artist (Adriana Medina); a high-strung revolutionary (Ron St. John III); and a nearsighted ingénue (Zazzy Cores).

The creative team includes David Verdosci

(set designer), Renee Purdy (costume designer), Chris Lubik (lighting designer), Nicole D'Amico (props master), Alyssa Archambault (production stage manager), Kyla Madore (assistant stage manager), Charlene Speyerer (production manager), Lee Evans

(technical director), Marianne Parks (choreography), Tracy Liz Miller (intimacy coach), Chet Ostroski (fight coordinator), and Melissa "PK" Tonnig-Kollwitz (dialect coach).

The cast's enthusiasm and the play's inherent wit provide ample laughs and intrigue to keep the audience amused, engaged and guessing until the end. Though not a play, as one character puts it, of "social significance," "Death By Design" definitely sets its sights, as another character says, on "cocktail and caviar." It makes for a fun evening of murderous mayhem.

"Death By Design" runs through Nov. 16th, with an ASL-interpreted performance at 2 p.m. on Nov. 16.

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

Correction

An article published last week (Hotchkiss presents 'Pippin') was incorrectly attributed to Natalia Zukerman. The story was written by Matthew Kreta.

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NOVEMBER 15

Wild Elegance: Copper Tritscheller

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

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The Good Gallery in Kent presents *Wild Elegance*, a new exhibit featuring the bronze sculptures of local artist Copper Tritscheller. Known for her distinctive bats and burros, Tritscheller's work combines movement, grace and timeless elegance. Opening reception at 3 p.m.

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David Foster on the History, Ecology, and Future of the New England Landscape

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Join us for CCT's Annual Meeting featuring forest ecologist David Foster, Director Emeritus of the Harvard Forest and President Emeritus of the Highstead Foundation. Foster will discuss the history, ecology, and future of the New England landscape, drawing from his work with the Wildlands and Woodlands initiative and books such as *Thoreau's Country* and *A Meeting of Land and Sea*.

Registration required. us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/F0c0EpmvQnaIdJgiM5gD5g#/registration

Community Quilt Workshop with Natalie Baxter

Wassaic Firehouse, Wassaic, N.Y.

Nov 15, 1 to 5 p.m.

Join the Wassaic Project for a free afternoon of sewing with artist Natalie Baxter. Learn to design, cut, and piece a quilt square—no experience needed. All materials provided. The finished community quilt will be displayed at the Wassaic Project and raffled to benefit the Wassaic Fire Company.

In Search of the Whey: Tracking Down a Balkan Cheese on the Verge of Extinction and Why It Matters to Us in NWCT

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

2 p.m.

"In Search of the Whey: Tracking Down a Balkan Cheese on the Verge of Extinction and Why It Matters to Us in NWCT" with Babs Perkins. Perkins shares her 12 years of research and photography documenting traditional Balkan cheese producers. Cheese samples will be available after the talk.

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, Nov. 15, 4 to 5 p.m., for a lively and informal discussion of the novel I'll Come to You, by Rebecca Kauffman, "A warm-hearted new novel about a complicated family" (The New York Times Book Review). Sugar Skull! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure

The Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Nov. 15, 2 p.m.

The Stissing Center presents *Sugar Skull! A Día de los Muertos Musical Adventure*, a vibrant bilingual performance that brings the cultural traditions of Día de los Muertos to life through music, dance and storytelling. The family-friendly show follows 12-year-old Vita Flores and a candy skeleton named Sugar Skull on a magical journey exploring the meaning of memory and family.

A free Día de los Muertos dance workshop follows the performance.

Tickets and information: thestissingcenter.org

West Cornwall Holiday Market

The Wish House, 412 Sharon-Goshen Tpke. (Route 128), West Cornwall, Conn.

Vendors selling crafts, gifts, baked goods and more 11 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Ulysses Quartet and Oskar Espina Ruiz

The Carriage House at Wethersfield, 257 Pugsley Hill Road, Amenia, N.Y.

Nov. 15 and 16, 3 p.m.

Join Music Mountain and Wethersfield for an afternoon of chamber music with the Ulysses Quartet and clarinetist Oskar Espina Ruiz. Due to high demand, two performances will be offered. Tickets: wethersfield.ticketspice.com/ulysses-quartet-2025-performances

Last week's WotW

T	R	I	B	E
S	C	E	N	T
C	H	E	A	T
E	J	E	C	T
E	L	E	C	T

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. Tank-based diving method
2. Bit of seasoning, small amount
3. Kid
4. Bowl of red (in Texas)
5. Cold weather arrives

Wish You Were Here Exhibition at The Hotchkiss School's Tremaine Art Gallery

Tremaine Art Gallery, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

Nov. 15, opening reception 4 to 6 p.m. (through Jan. 25) A collaborative exhibition featuring works by Fern Apfel and Colleen McGuire, Wish You Were Here explores themes of place, memory, light, and loss through still life and landscape painting. Curated by Joan Baldwin.

Coming Home: The Guggenheim Grotto Back in Ireland

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

Join us for an evening of film and music as Director Will Chase premieres his award-winning film "Coming Home: The Guggenheim Grotto Back in Ireland" to our Upstate friends and neighbors. The forty-five minute film will be followed by an acoustic set of some of the band's fan favorites.

Woodcrafts for a Cause

Irondale Schoolhouse, 57 S Center St., Millerton, N.Y.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 15 to Nov. 30

Grow Against Poverty's annual Woodcrafts for a Cause fundraiser returns to Irondale Schoolhouse weekends in November beginning Nov. 8.

NOVEMBER 16

Is the Food Good? by Heather Dell'Amore

Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: \$12, including fees. Pine Plains' own Heather Dell'Amore presents a new play exploring identity, fad diets and disordered eating. Performed as a play-in-development, followed by a Q&A with the playwright/performer. Tickets: ci.ovationtix.com/36784/production/1250010?performanceId=11687114

Fall Author Series

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

Up your baking repertoire on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. with Aleksandra Crapanzano and her new cookbook, *Chocolat: Parisian Desserts and Other Delights*. The bestselling, James Beard Award-winning food writer and author of *Gâteau* will discuss the French love affair with chocolate and demonstrate one of the book's elegant recipes. Learn about her take

on gâteau au chocolat, profiteroles, éclairs, and buches de Noël. These are user-friendly recipes for bakers of all abilities. Ruth Reichl calls *Chocolat* "deliciously dangerous."

NOVEMBER 18

Nature Book Group

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

The Cornwall Nature Book Group will be at the Library on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. The book to be discussed is "*What If We Get It Right?*" by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

NOVEMBER 20

Feeding Local Families: Food Drive & 50/50 Raffle

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Drawing Nov. 20, 2 p.m.

Donations accepted daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

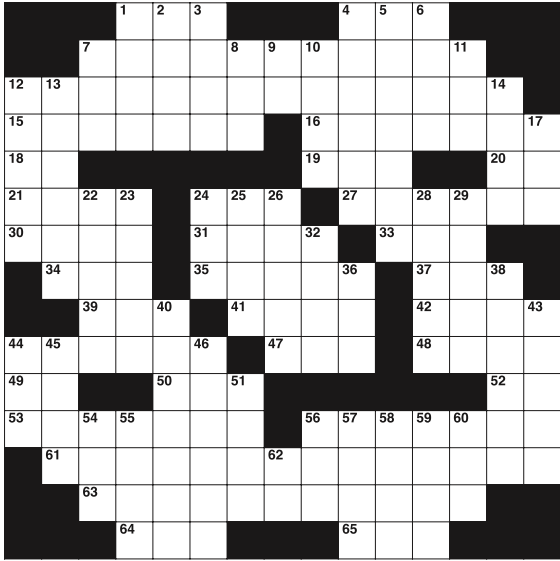
Support local families facing food insecurity by donating nonperishable items or purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets at the front desk. All proceeds help put food on community tables. Tickets available until the drawing on Nov. 20.

To advertise your event, call 860-435-9873 or email advertising@lakevillejournal.com

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Keyboard key
7. One who works on lights
12. Notable children's story
15. Fall back into a bad pattern
16. Eye parts
18. Atomic #18
19. Of she
20. Farm state
21. One point south of southeast
24. British media entity
27. Asian garment
30. Drench
31. Expressions of pleasure
33. Turf
34. UK trade union (abbr.)
35. Bleated
37. Fifth note of a major scale
39. Paddle
41. Monetary unit of Italy
42. American classical pianist
44. Shuts down for the day
47. Seize
48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
49. Greeting
50. Some cars still need it
52. Atomic #22
53. Let go
56. Marched in public
61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
63. Hostilities
64. Speak aloud
65. River in NE Scotland



12. Volcanic ash
13. Of this
14. American jazz drummer Watts
17. Drop down
22. English dialect
23. Predatory seabirds
24. Imams' deputies
25. Fertility god
26. Fence material
28. Parks and DeLauro are two
29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
32. Protein-rich liquids
36. Touch lightly
38. Season for Catholics
40. Boat race
43. Police actions
44. Chinese river
45. Waterfall (Scottish)
46. Walk ostentatiously
51. Type of carpet

54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
55. Sea eagles
56. An enclosure for confining livestock
57. Dry
58. An increase in price or value
59. The highest point of something
60. Government lawyers
62. Larry and Curly's pal

November 6 Solution

H	A	R	D	S	A	M	P
S	E	R	I	E	S	J	U
P	R	O	B	L	E	M	P
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C	A	R	L	O	R	E	M
L	O	O	T	A	R	I	S
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Sudoku

			7	9			4	
				5	6			3
3		4				6		
8							1	
2	1		8					
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Level: Intermediate

November 6 Solution

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



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

Above, Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s girls soccer team celebrates a goal in the quarterfinal game Nov. 7. Below, Ava Segalla lines up a shot.

Mountaineers keep kicking in state tournament

By Riley Klein

FALLS VILLAGE — Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s girls soccer team advanced to the semifinals of the state tournament. The Mountaineers were the highest seeded team of the four schools remaining in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class S playoffs. HVRHS (3) got matched against Morgan High School (10) in the semifinals. On the other side of the bracket was Canton High School (4)

versus Old Saybrook High School (9). The winners of both games will meet in the Class S championship game. To start the tournament, HVRHS earned a first-round bye and then had home-field advantage for the second-round and quarterfinal games. In the second round Tuesday, Nov. 4, HVRHS won 4-3 against Stafford High School (19) in overtime. Ava Segalla scored three goals for Housatonic, including the overtime winner, and Lyla Diorio scored once. Bella Coporale scored twice for Stafford and Gabrielle Fuller scored once. HVRHS matched up against Coventry High School (11) in the quarterfinal round Friday, Nov. 7. In the 2024 tournament, Coventry eliminated the Mountaineers in the second round. Revenge was served in 2025 with a 4-2 win for HVRHS. Segalla scored her second hat trick of the tournament and Georgie Clayton scored once. Coventry’s goals came

from Jianna Foran and Savannah Blood. “The vibes are great,” said HVRHS Principal Ian Strever at the quarterfinal game. The semifinal games were played Wednesday, Nov. 12, on neutral ground. HVRHS and Morgan met at Newtown High School. Morgan was the runner-up in last year’s Class S girls soccer tournament, losing in penalty kicks to Coginchaug High School. Results will be on Facebook and Instagram @lakevillejournal



FILE PHOTO

GNH football wins third game in a row

By Riley Klein

WATERBURY — The Gilbert/Northwestern/Housatonic co-op football team record improved to .500 after defeating Waterbury Career Academy 16-12 on Saturday, Nov. 8. It was the third consecutive win for GNH. After bouncing back

from a 1-4 start, the Yellowjackets moved into fourth place in Naugatuck Valley League standings. Two games remain for the Yellowjackets: at home Saturday, Nov. 15, against Holy Cross High School (5-3) and then away at St. Paul Catholic High School (2-5) for the Turkey Bowl on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

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